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County braces for statewide budget cuts

Judge says biggest cuts will be to community mental health services

By Kathleen Thurber
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County Judge Mike Bradford said the Commissioners' Court is bracing for higher costs in the coming fiscal year with cuts to funding sources coupled with additional requirements for counties.

Bradford said the biggest impact will come through cuts to community mental health services, which could see $228 million cut statewide, but smaller things like having to pay for jail inspections and covering more of the cost of local elections will have an impact, as well.

"We're blessed in Midland County that we have a good economy," Bradford said, explaining that while they're upset with what he called unfunded mandates, the situation could be worse. "That's not the case throughout the state."

Sheriff Gary Painter said 20 to 30 percent of the jail population suffers from mental health issues. If funding is cut, he said it's anticipated more people will end up in jail, where costs are significantly more per day than for a typical inmate.

Bradford said despite state funding cuts, the county will continue to employ mental health deputies to help divert people from jail and connect them with services. Even with that program, though, he said, they're planning to see costs go up.

Additionally, he said lawmakers have proposed decreasing the state disaster funds from $42 million level to less than $200,000.

Because of the loss, he said, the county will have to budget for disaster relief, which will cause the county's budget to increase. If no disaster happens, he said, those funds will go unspent.

"Counties are required to budget all possibilities," he said. "It doesn't mean we'll use it."

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County extends burn ban

■ County to pay costs of fighting fires after FEMA relief denied.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

With 22,964 acres and 40 structures scorched by fires in Midland County since Jan. 1, commissioners voted Monday to extend the burn ban an additional 90 days.

Fire Marshal Dale Little said because forecasters continue to predict dry conditions for West Texas and no significant rain has been recorded since late September, such a move was imperative to the safety of the county.

"It's getting worse every day," Little said. "It's an extreme time."

The burn ban was first enacted in December when Midland County was at just more than 500 on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index. The ban was extended in March and then extended again Monday. It was set to expire this weekend.

This week, Midland County has a rating of 670 on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index, which Little said signifies how dry the conditions are continuing to become. A rating of between 700 and 800 represents the highest level of risk on the index.

"We've not improved any," he said.

All outdoor burning will continue to be restricted. Those found in violation of the ban can be fined up to $500 in the county and up to $2,000 if within the city limits, officials said.

Little said he has continued to see people in violation of the order through the burning of trash and that they ask people to

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Drought descends on Texas

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — With much of the nation focused on a spring marked by historic floods and deadly tornadoes, Texas and parts of several surrounding states are suffering through a drought nearly as punishing as some of the world's driest deserts.

Some parts of the Lone Star State have not seen any significant precipitation since August. Bayous, cattle ponds and farm fields are drying up, and residents are living under constant threat of wildfires, which already have burned across thousands of square miles.

Much of Texas is bone dry, with scarcely any moisture to be

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Texas Senate approves voter ID bill

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Senate gave its final approval Monday to legislation requiring Texas voters to show photo identification before casting a ballot.

Monday's 19-12 vote moved the bill a big step closer to becoming law. Gov. Rick Perry has declared the voter ID bill an "emergency" item for the session, and the bill now needs only a final House vote to be sent to his desk.

That would give Republicans a major victory in a bitter partisan debate that has raged for several years. The vote broke along party lines, with all Senate Republicans voting for the bill and all the Democrats against it.

Republicans say photo identification is needed as a safeguard to prevent voter fraud. Democrats say it will make it harder for poor and minority Texans to vote and is designed to boost Republican margins in elections.

The Senate and House had already approved similar versions of the bill and spent the last month working out a compromise on minor provisions.

The bill requires voters to present valid state or federal photo IDs. A driver's license, personal ID card, military ID, passport or concealed handgun permit would be accepted.

The last change approved by the Senate on Monday allows the state to issue free IDs to be used specifically for voting if someone does not have another acceptable form of identification.

Voters without ID could cast provisional ballots but would have to show identification within six days to have their votes counted.

At least eight states have strict photo ID requirements, according to a late 2010 study by the National Conference of State Legislatures. The Texas bill is modeled after similar laws in Georgia and Indiana.

Texas lawmakers have been fighting over the issue for several years.

Republicans rammed a voter ID bill through the Senate in 2009, but it stalled in the House in the final weeks of the session. Senate Republicans again pushed the bill through that chamber back in January.

Outnumbered 19-12 in the Senate and 101-49 in the House, Democrats knew they were likely to lose the fight this year.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, leader of the Senate Democrats, has predicted the U.S. Justice Department will block implementation of the bill under provisions of the Voting Rights Act.

But Republicans have said the U.S. Supreme Court has already blessed the kind of legislation proposed for Texas and predict it will survive any legal challenges.

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comply for the safety of the county. "We're seeing violations every day," he said.

Judge Mike Bradford said the extension of the ban was an automatic decision for the court. He said they're thankful for surrounding counties that have assisted Midland County, as well as to the Texas Forest Service and personnel it has brought in from other states to help the region.

"We need to be grateful to have them here," he said.

Without assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Bradford said Midland and other Texas counties involved in fighting fires will have to absorb the cost in their own budgets. He said Midland County has no current estimate on how much has been spent.

"How do you not qualify if you have the worst drought on record, which means you have the worst fire possibility on record?" he said.

He said they're more worried about smaller surrounding counties that have been helping out in Midland and other parts of the region but will not be provided federal dollars to cover those expenses.

"Our concern is for our fellow counties that came to our aid, but thank God they were available," he said. "Yes, it will have some effects on us, but it won't keep us from going to their aid and hopefully it won't keep them from coming to ours."

Midland County has assisted in the Fort Davis area and in Ector and Martin counties, among others, Bradford said.

"We spent money that we will not be reimbursed at this time," he said.

Little said the state has said it will provide some relief to families who've lost structures. Dozens of Midland County residents lost their homes during the April 9 Hickman fire.

Individuals will have to apply for assistance through the housing authority. He said there won't be funds to cover the full replacement of homes, but that some money will be available.

Fire danger is expected to remain high this week with temperatures forecast in the high 80s and 90s and winds of up to 45 mph predicted for Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Meteorologist Ryan Barnes said the one-month forecast calls for a 40 percent chance of below average precipitation and above average temperatures.

Midland County has received just 0.11 inches of rain since Jan. 1. The normal value for this time of year is 2.67 inches and by this point in 2010, Midland had received 6.12 inches of rain, according to the National Weather Service.

With such circumstances, Jimmy Smith, commissioner for Precinct 1, wanted to know when they need to start setting restrictions for firework sales. Little said they'll have to make a decision by June 15. Any decisions will be based on the conditions at that time, he said, and no formal discussions have taken place yet.

"The long-range forecast says no rain," he said.

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Texas House passes 'sanctuary cities' bill

Associated Press

AUSTIN — After an emotional and sometimes racially explosive debate, the Texas House passed a bill Monday night that would allow local police to help enforce federal immigration laws.

The so-called "sanctuary cities" bill was declared an emergency legislative item by Republican Gov. Rick Perry. It would give most police officers the right to question detained people about their immigration status.

Supporters say it's needed to crack down on illegal immigration.

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Ethan Dawson, 8, takes a break from soccer practice Monday to get a swig of water to try to beat the afternoon heat.

BUDGET

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The County Elections office also may have to budget for additional expenditures as the state has indicated it will reduce finances provided to conduct elections, Bradford said. The Midland County Detention Center, as well as other jails, also will have to pay fees when they are inspected, which the state covers presently.

The Texas Department of Transportation's road and bridge fund, which counties can use to work on roads or add bridges, likely will be eliminated, Bradford said. In the past, more than $5 million has been available for such projects, he said. Other losses will impact counties, as well, but Bradford said they'll have to wait for a final budget to be approved before knowing precisely what to expect.

County departments have been submitting their budgets and proposals will be turned into Bradford on Friday, Auditor Veronica Morales said.

Bradford said typically they like to have a draft of the county budget available for the public to see by July but that could get pushed back because it will depend so closely on what is allocated from Austin.

He said they're working to keep tax rates as low as possible while still providing services. Midland County had the second lowest tax rate in the state in 2008, the last year data was published, according to the Texas Association of Counties, and Bradford said they'd like to stay among the lowest.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved overtime of up to $3,000 for the Midland County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Gary Painter said the funds are needed to pay staff to go through and move 5,000 to 6,000 warrants into the records department. The move is required to meet Department of Justice standards and is the first in what Bradford said could be some costly changes as they may have to shift infrastructure at some county facilities to be in compliance.
- Voted to not redistrict county precincts because population changes happened in a way that doesn't require them to redraw lines.
- Acknowledged a $10,000 donation from COG Operating to the Midland County Emergency Management office. Some of the funds are to be used to host a lunch to thank firefighters. Other money will go toward costs at the emergency management office.
- Approved a three-year contract with the Texas Workforce Commission to complete background checks for law enforcement.
- Accepted the donation of display cases to the Midland County Historical Museum in honor of Donna Kay Stephens by the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Blind Services.
- Acknowledged the retirement of Sgt. Tom Elder from the Midland County Sheriff's Department.
- Acknowledged a $500 donation from Johnson County for an upcoming training of the Midland County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol.

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found in the top layers of soil. Grass is so dry it crunches underfoot in many places. The nation's leading cattle-producing state just endured its driest seven-month span on record, and some ranchers are culling their herds to avoid paying supplemental feed costs.

May is typically the wettest month in Texas, and farmers planting on non-irrigated acres are clinging to hope that relief arrives in the next few weeks.

"It doesn't look bright right at the moment, but I haven't given up yet," said cotton producer Rickey Bearden, who grows about two-thirds of his 9,000 acres without irrigation in West Texas. "We'll have to have some help from Mother Nature."

That the drought is looming over the Southwest while floodwaters rise in the Midwest and South reflects a classic signature of the La Nina weather oscillation, a cooling of the central Pacific Ocean.

This year's La Nina is the sixth-strongest in records dating back to 1949.

"It's a shift of the jet stream, providing all that moisture and shifting it away from the south, so you've seen a lot of drought in Texas," Mike Halpert, deputy director of the federal government's Climate Prediction Center in Silver Spring, Md.

He said the pattern is "kind of on its last legs," and he expects a neutral condition for much of the summer.

Victor Murphy of the National Weather Service in Fort Worth said the location for the wet weather and the drought "is textbook."

"You tend to get real strong demarcation, and this year the magnitude of the extremes is exaggerated," Murphy said.

Texas' state climatologist, John Nielsen-Gammon, said the state's average rainfall from October through April was 5.82 inches. The previous seven-month record came at the end of March 1918, when the statewide average was 5.85 inches.

Houston has received only 1.5 inches in the last three months — just 15 percent of its normal amount and less than some parts of the Sahara desert get during the same period of time.

"There's not much drought outside of the states that directly border Texas. And unfortunately, Louisiana and Mississippi are going to have to deal simultaneously with droughts and floods," Nielsen-Gammon said. "That's like the worst of both worlds."

Texas is now drier than in 1951, the first year of a six-year drought. But it's not nearly as dry as 1956.

The current dryness is close to the surface, affecting plants with shallow roots. Last summer, heavy rains drenched most of the state, but the faucet shut off in September.

Now the ground is cracking in parts of many drought-stricken states, including Oklahoma, where it's exceptionally dry in the west and wet in the east.

The town of Boise City has gone 227 days with no more than a quarter-inch of rain in a single day and then only rarely. Farmers are watching as their crops die.

"They make the best of what they have to deal with and go right on because, unfortunately, in agriculture you can't stop," said Cherrie G. Brown, a conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. "You just have to keep going on."

In eastern Oklahoma, heavy rains caused flooding over the past few weeks.

"While it may have seen too much rainfall, it was important they saw any rainfall," said Gary McManus, the associate state climatologist for Oklahoma.

The parched landscape means the threat of fire is never far away. On Monday, the National Weather Service issued "red flag warnings" — meaning conditions are ripe for fires in portions of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Texas firefighters have battled hundreds of wildfires that have charred more than 3,500 square miles since November. Humidity of less than 10 percent and wind gusts up to 45 mph across most of West Texas could lead to more blazes.

In addition to the drought, this year's fires are also being fueled by the heavy vegetation that flourished in last year's rains, then died and dried out.

In Kansas, firefighters have managed to keep a grass fire within the boundaries of the Cimarron National Grassland. The flames have been fanned by winds up to 40 mph and have consumed about 30 square miles since Sunday.

"We recommend everyone be extremely cautious," Kansas Division of Emergency Management spokeswoman Sharon Watson said Monday. "Wind conditions can make things extremely dangerous given the drought."

In addition to numerous small blazes handled by local firefighters, the state in the past couple of months has battled several large grassfires in parched western Kansas that have charred more than 118 square miles.

In New Mexico, the first three months of the year have marked the second-driest start to any year on record. On Monday, a couple of new fires started, adding to the more than 400 that have scorched more than 490 square miles.

Officials plan to close Lincoln National Forest in southeastern New Mexico on Thursday. At least two other national forests have imposed various stages of fire restrictions, and the New Mexico State Forestry Division has enacted restrictions across all but parts of four northern counties.

Colorado forest officials said Monday that crews were fighting a wildfire about 100 miles southwest of Denver on about 125 acres in the Pike National Forest near Kenosha Pass. The flames forced hikers and campers out of the area Sunday.

UT president touts importance of campus research

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Once again defending academic research against proposals that question taxpayer funds not being spent on classroom teaching, University of Texas President William Powers said Monday that the state's flagship campus is receptive to change but not at the expense of research.

"The result of an unfettered, curiosity-driven research model is that it expands knowledge for society," Powers said. "If we try too hard to direct research from the top, we'll diminish our overall returns."

Powers spoke to about 200 invited university officials, UT alumni and faculty, many of whom are concerned with ideas to revamp higher education that Gov. Rick Perry has endorsed. Among them is scrutinizing the role of research at Texas colleges and universities, which critics argue doesn't always give the state enough bang for its buck.

Powers did not directly mention the controversy or name the most recent outspoken critics of academic research during his speech on the UT campus, the timing of which school officials called rare. The UT System Board of Regents is scheduled to meet later this week.

But Powers did mention the word "research" at least 47 times — or about once every minute.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

- Eighth annual Permian Basin Senior Celebration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Horseshoe. For more information 800-491-4636 or 262-4938.
- National Tourism Week travel rally, 2 p.m., Centennial Plaza, 105 N Main St. The rally will honor the "faces of tourism" in Midland and celebrate the impact of tourism on the Midland economy.
- Classic Movie Club presents "Adam's Rib," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's

Meetings schedule

City Council
10 a.m. today
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

MISD
5:30 p.m. today
First Floor boardroom
615 W. Missouri Ave.

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

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to participate in the development of the city's 2011-12 Community Development Program. Past usage of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, community development and housing needs and proposed uses of 2011-12 CDBG funds will be discussed.

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

Nonprofit meetings, events

- Newcomers Club will meet Thursday at the home of Lori Morrison, 2403 Storey Ave. For more information call Margé Frank at 218-9207 or Susan Cepero at 699-0111.
- Members of the group Sons of Confederate Veterans are planning a presentation to Midland and Odessa students in conjunction with the anniversary of the start of the Civil War.

This "living history" presentation is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday at the CAF museum. For more information, call 697-6955.

- The eighth annual Bad Boy Blast will be Friday and Saturday at Jake's Clays.

The event is a fundraiser for the Midland and Odessa police departments and Midland and Ector County sheriff's offices. Halliburton and ConocoPhillips organize and sponsor the event with all proceeds benefiting the departments.

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, May 10, the 130th day of 2011. There are 235 days left in the year.

On this date

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, along with Col. Benedict Arnold, captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y.

In 1865, Union forces captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Irwinville, Ga.

In 1869, a golden spike was driven in Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was given the job of FBI director.

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, during World War II, German forces began invading the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. The same day, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

Ten years ago: The Justice Department handed over thousands of documents it said should have been provided to Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh's attorneys; because of the blunder, McVeigh's execution, set for May 16, 2001, was postponed for a month.

One year ago: President Barack Obama introduced Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan, billing her as a unifying force for a fractured court.

Today's birthdays: Sportscaster Pat Summerall is 81. Rock singer Bono (U2) is 51. Rapper Young MC is 44.

Thought for today: "What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar." — Thomas R. Marshall, U.S. vice president (1854-1925). (To which American humorist Franklin P. Adams replied, "What this country really needs is a good five-cent nickel.")

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DEWHURST IN MIDLAND In this undated file photo, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst talks to the Midland Reporter-Telegram editorial board about issues legislatures will face in the upcoming session.

Is David Dewhurst goofy — or goofy like a fox?

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

It's funny that you can win four statewide elections and still have people think you're a goofball, in over your head. But maybe Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's fumbles leading to the Texas Senate's budget vote give the lie to that. Maybe he's goofy like a fox.

Passing a budget with no Democratic support and with Republicans chafing at the leash might have caused some momentary discomfort in the Senate, but it doesn't appear to have hurt Dewhurst's standing with conservative voters. For a guy on the verge of running for higher office, that's the standing that counts.

Last week, while state Sen. Steve Ogden, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was shopping for votes, Dewhurst told reporters he was baffled that the senators had included a portion of the state's rainy day fund in their budget. That came as a huge surprise to the senators, who said Dewhurst was in on that deal. And then Dewhurst wrote a letter to the senators — a letter he made public — saying he was OK with that provision but would have preferred that they relied on "non-tax revenue" to make the budget balance. That two-day conversation lit up the conservative Internet-phone-bank-email machine outside the Capitol, and the quick admonitions against drawing down the state's savings account spooked enough senators to undermine Ogden's effort.

In an interview the next day, Dewhurst blamed "two or three" Democratic senators (he wouldn't name them) for undermining Ogden with their protests that the Senate budget, while better than the one approved by the House, left schools and social services with too little money to do a good job.

In and around the Senate, the lieutenant governor's behavior was criticized as inept, unhelpful and unaware. At a news conference this week after the first of several budget debates, Republican senators assembled behind Ogden and Dewhurst did everything but a synchronized eye-roll when their presiding officer was speaking to reporters. Their crankiness could be troublesome when the senators lunch with their leader, but it's not the thing that plays publicly. What plays publicly is the result.

The Senate approved a budget that cuts $11 billion from current spending and ignores population growth and inflation. It doesn't rely on new taxes. It does not, in fact, use the Rainy Day Fund. It gives public education all of the money that Robert Scott, the state commissioner of education — and an appointee of and former aide to Gov. Rick Perry — said is absolutely necessary to run the schools. It includes a Medicaid subterfuge that gets the state in position to spend what federal law requires on that program without actually putting the full dollar amount into the 2012-13 budget right away.

It is the Republican Senate's attempt to mollify the voters who want certain services preserved — education and nursing home care, to name two — and also the voters who want to park state government next to a liposuction machine.

When Ogden's committee voted out the budget, with nine Republicans and two Democrats in the majority, it immediately came under criticism from outsiders who said they preferred the House version, which cuts $23 billion from current spending and doesn't use the rainy day Fund. Senators had somehow managed to cut current spending by 5.9 percent in a fast-growing state and to be labeled as spendthrifts. That's no way to start a negotiation.

Two weeks later, after the Democrats were painted into the partisan corner, the Senate defied its tradition of getting two-thirds support before debating the budget, allowing 19 Republicans to take out that pesky rainy day provision and to vote out a budget over the objection of their minority-party brethren. They even lost the two Democrats who had voted for the budget in committee, including Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa of McAllen, Ogden's vice chairman.

In the end, if you stand back and ignore the personal and internal frictions between Dewhurst and the Republican senators, they are in much better political shape with the conservatives outside the building. And they enter the conference committee process — which will reconcile the House and Senate versions this month — in a position to argue about education and nursing homes instead of defending what was seen as the Republican Senate's appeasements to the Democrats.

Maybe it was a happy accident. Maybe Dewhurst is a sort of Chauncey Gardiner type amiably bopping through Texas politics. Or maybe he knows what he's doing.

Texas Senate votes to let lawmakers carry guns

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Whether they're praying or politicking, Texas senators want to be able to pack heat wherever they go.

The Senate voted 25-6 on Monday to let legislators, statewide elected officials and some other federal and state employees who are licensed to carry concealed handguns take their weapons into places the rest of the public cannot. Those places would include churches, bars and other places that serve alcohol, businesses and sporting events.

Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun, says lawmakers, judges and prosecutors are potential targets for assassins and should be allowed to carry lethal protection at all times.

On Jan. 8, a few days before the start of the Texas legislative session, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was severely wounded when she was shot at a campaign appearance in Tucson. Six people were killed and 12 others were wounded.

A handful of senators said lawmakers should not create special privileges for themselves that they are not willing to give the public at large.

"If we are going to expand when and where Texans can legally carry a concealed firearm, we should start with our citizens, not our lawmakers," said Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury.

The bill is supported by the Texas Rifle Association and the National Rifle Association. It now goes to the House for consideration.

Texas lawmakers are considering concealed handgun bills this session. A measure to allow people to carry weapons into parking lots where they work has already passed the Senate.

A few hours after the lawmaker exemption bill, the Senate also voted to allow concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons into public university buildings and classrooms.

One of the six senators voting against the special exemption for lawmakers was Sen. Jeff Wentworth, the San Antonio Republican who is sponsoring the campus guns measure.

Bill limiting lawsuits passes Texas House

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Powerful business interests scored a big victory in the Texas House on Monday with final passage of a bill restricting lawsuits, a top priority for Republican Gov. Rick Perry and the influential group Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

The bill, which passed on a 96-49 vote, pitted the business lobby against trial lawyers and Republicans against Democrats. The deliberations got so intense over the weekend that Republican leaders attempted a lockdown of the House chamber over fears Democrats would leave en masse. In the end, Republicans simply used their supermajority to ram the legislation through Saturday without accepting amendments or debate.

That made final passage a foregone conclusion Monday. Perry said the bill would "help expedite legitimate legal claims and crack down on junk lawsuits."

The governor had declared the issue a legislative "emergency" last week, which allows legislators to pass it more quickly.

The bill, which now moves to the state Senate, would make it more difficult for Texans to bring civil lawsuits. The "loser pays" legislation also would allow defendants to collect legal fees if they prevail in breach of contract cases.

Supporters say it will cut down on frivolous lawsuits. Opponents say it will discourage people from bringing suits because of the fear of paying huge legal costs if they lose. Texans for Lawsuit Reform, which poured millions of dollars into the 2010 elections, played a prominent role in pushing the bill through the House. Texas trial lawyers and a small contingent of Democrats left in the Republican-led House fought in vain to stop it.

Under the legislation, even the winner in a lawsuit could end up losing money in some cases. In particular, if a plaintiff won from a court less than 80 percent of a defendant's settlement offer, the winner could owe more in legal fees than the award.

A powerful Republican lawmaker, Rep. Burt Solomons of Carrollton, broke from his party and said the provisions were too onerous for people who filed legitimate lawsuits but don't win enough to their cover costs. Solomons, a lawyer and former municipal court judge, registered his protest by voting "present" instead of casting a vote for or against it.

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"We had been having drain problems since last November," says Midlander Steve Dunkley. "I'd had a number of contractors look it, each of them telling me it was a different problem. And, of course, the insurance company wanted to minimize the possibilities."

The problem mostly manifested itself in obnoxious smells coming from several sinks—creating a situation where the Dunkleys were hauling buckets of gray water out into the garden for several months.

"No one else had identified the problem," Dunkley continued. "TRS removed a toilet and ran a camera down into the main sewer line and from there into every single drain pipe. From that, they were able to determine that the washer drain line and the main drain line were cracked." They also determined that gray water was leaking into the return air ducts under the house.

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Frequently, homeowners won't notice areas of rotting brick until they try to sell the house. Then, when the damage is noticed, the real estate agent often recommends that the homeowner call George Rood.

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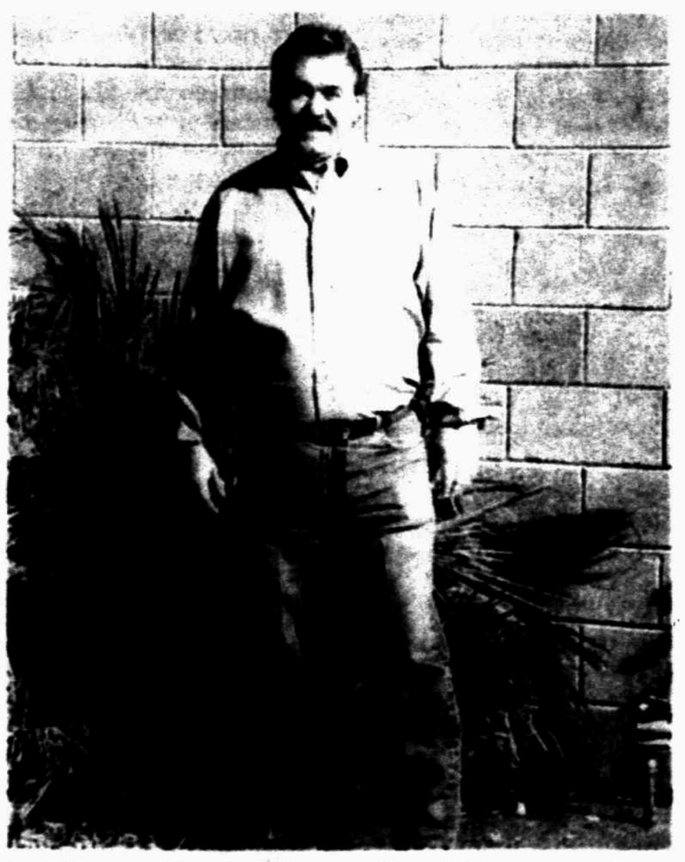

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Heritage Foundation provides a solution to the debt menace

■ Group takes on the entitlements, government spending reform to balance the budget and solve the debt crisis

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Here's a safe prediction: The "bipartisan" group of congressmen led by Vice President Joe Biden will fail to solve the $14 trillion debt crisis.

Here's another prediction: The Heritage Foundation (www.heritage.org) has developed a formula, made possible by a grant from the Peterson Foundation (www.pgpf.org), that could balance the budget in 10 years, reduce the debt to 30 percent of gross domestic product within 25 years, cut the size of the federal government in half by 2036, reform the tax code, restructure Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, while protecting the most vulnerable, and not increasing taxes if — and it is a very big if — politicians prefer the solution to continued bickering.

Social Security: The plan's centerpiece foresees "a gradual transition over many years to a flat benefit system ($1,200 per month in 2010 dollars that would be indexed in future years) to protect seniors from the risk of living in poverty." Higher income seniors would see gradual reductions in their benefits, based on their non-Social Security income. Benefits for single seniors earning $100,000 and couples earning $165,000 would be phased out.

The minimum retirement age would increase to 68, reflecting today's longer life expectancy. "Those who work past their full retirement age would receive a special annual tax deduction of $10,000, regardless of income level." The tax on retirement income would be eliminated.

The plan would make seniors less dependent on income from Social Security by offering them savings options. "A new savings plan would automatically place 6 percent of a worker's income in a savings plan they own and control, unless they voluntarily opt out of enrollment. This money would not be double-taxed, unlike today's Social Security payments and other savings options."

Medicare: "Transformed from its current unsustainable and open-ended system into a defined contribution that helps those who need it most." Medicare eligibility would be determined on non-Social Security income, with a similar means testing of allotments. It would be completely phased out "for seniors receiving $110,000 (single) and $165,000 (married)." The program would be put on a long-term budget.

All seniors would be allowed to choose from traditional Medicare fee-for-service coverage, as well as expanded options in private plans, ensuring competition and controlling costs.

Unlike the current program, the reform would offer catastrophic health coverage as a standard feature in both Medicare and private plans.

All of this is linked to full repeal of the euphemistically titled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," which, says the Heritage proposal, "centralizes decision-making over health care services within the federal government, thereby limiting choice and options for affordable care." The Heritage plan proposes to create a health care system driven by consumers, not managed by government.

Medicaid: Tailored to focus on the disabled and vulnerable elderly. "States would be given greater flexibility to experiment with health programs" and would "cap Medicaid spending at 2007 levels."

Tax reform: A single, flat tax for individuals, lowered overall rates, elimination of taxes on gifts and transfer. All deductions would be eliminated, except for mortgage interest, charitable contributions and education.

Federal spending: Nondefense discretionary items would revert to 2008 levels. Federal spending has jumped 21 percent faster than inflation in just the last three years.

What's the difference between the Heritage Foundation plan and the one proposed by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan? Stuart Butler, who headed the team that drew up the Heritage proposal, tells me the Ryan plan "can't balance the budget any time soon. Ours does."

Heritage president Ed Feulner says, "We have come to a time of decision. For too long, Congress has been on an unsustainable binge of spending, taxing and borrowing. Our nation is going broke, and we are passing the costs of these misguided politics to our children and their children. America is on the verge of decline — economically stagnant and permanently debt-bound, heavily regulated and bureaucratic, less self-governing and less free."

Knowing what must be done and not doing it is not just irresponsible, but deplorable.

The Heritage plan offers a way out if politicians put the welfare of their country ahead of their own.

OUR VIEW

MISD faces tougher road with accountability ratings

When Ryder Warren came to Midland Independent School District, we knew there was going to be a hole to dig out of when it came to accountability ratings — we just didn't know how deep it was.

One month after taking over as the district's superintendent, we learned of the latest round of Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) scores. The district's overall rating improved from academically unacceptable to acceptable, but there were three unacceptable campuses. With the attention paid to the overall rating, we were pretty happy to see the overall improvement.

We also knew the Texas Education Agency put in place the Texas Projection Measure (TPM) — which used a formula in 2010 to give credit to students who didn't pass TAKS. We just didn't realize its true impact. Across the state, districts saw dramatic increases in campuses reaching the TEA's top levels — recognized and exemplary. It wasn't until last week that we learned the real impact TPM had in Midland. In an interview with the Reporter-Telegram, Warren said without TPM in place, Midland could have seen as many as 10 academically unacceptable campuses (and zero exemplary campuses instead of two).

The hole Warren inherited apparently was deeper than we thought.

We will watch with great interest as late July/early August approaches. This year, the TPM will not be used when accountability ratings are determined. Politicians correctly decided to show a more accurate representation on how our schools measure up.

The good news at MISD is early TAKS results show improvements in a combined three of four categories based on preliminary scores from fifth- and eighth-grade math and English.

The bad news is that step forward we thought MISD had taken was not what it seemed.

There are reasons many call for a true accountability system when it comes to education. How much of an emphasis we put on whether a campus is acceptable, recognized or exemplary is up for debate. What we know is that no matter the system, unacceptable is not acceptable. We believe the superintendent believes this, too. We hope he will communicate with the public his strategy for dealing with our deficiencies when it comes to accountability ratings — and that he will lead us out of the hole he inherited.

GUEST EDITORIAL

San Antonio Express-News

Manipulating schools' accountability ratings distorts facts

The Texas Education Agency made the right decision in dropping the use of the controversial Texas Projection Measure policy it has used over the past two years in assessing ratings for campuses and districts.

Texas needs some accountability ratings that reflect a true picture. The projection measure, adopted in 2009, allowed school administrators to use a statistical model to determine whether students would pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills within the next few years. Under those rules, schools were given credit for students' improvement in their scores even if they did not pass.

Schools should be given credit for improvement, but there needs to be a better way of doing that. Use of the projection measure served only to inflate the ratings to such a degree that no one was taking them seriously. It offered no real measurement of how students are doing at the time of testing.

Use of the Texas Projection Measure affected 632 districts and 3,869 campuses in 2010. In its first year of use, 78 school districts and 355 campuses went from academically unacceptable to acceptable. The number of schools earning the state's top academic rating increased from 12 percent to 31 percent during the two years it was in effect.

The change in policy will probably mean some schools have their coveted state ratings drop, but it will present a more accurate and realistic picture.

Parents, educators and the lawmakers who set funding for public education need to have true performance measures. They don't need statistical manipulation of the facts.

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Sonogram rule doesn't apply to budget process

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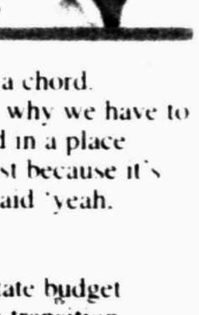

Peggy Fikac
San Antonio Express-News

Texas lawmakers voted to require women seeking abortions to have a sonogram first. Sen. Eddie Lucio wishes lawmakers faced a similar requirement forcing them to weigh the consequences of their budget decisions.

The Brownsville senator, like every other Democrat, voted against the Senate's budget-cutting plan. He also voted for the sonogram bill because, he said, people "should understand the gravity of their decisions."

"Unfortunately, there is no sonogram provision in our budget process," Lucio, a Finance Committee member, told his colleagues. "No one is going to force us to visit people with special needs and say, 'The services you need are being cut.' No budget provision compels politicians to tell single mothers working to get by that full-day pre-K has been cut."

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said almost a quarter of a million Texans would be left on waiting lists for health and human services programs under the Senate version of the budget, which is expected to be trimmed back in negotiations with the House.

That would be a lot of conversations, if Lucio had his way.

"This session we have already passed bipartisan legislation out of this chamber that protects life," he said. "But this budget is not one of those bills."

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That's not to say lawmakers don't listen to Texans.

They have private conversations and, sometimes, town-hall meetings. Budget-writers spend countless hours in hearings and discussions with constituents before making decisions they think best. Sometimes those conversations make a difference.

Senate Finance Chairman Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, nixed a provision calling for closure of one of the state schools for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities after talking to a family who felt their child was best served in such a facility.

Ogden had other concerns as well about the proposal, but the family's plea struck a chord.

"They said we don't understand why we have to fight our own state to put our child in a place where we know he is better off, just because it's called a state school," he said. "I said 'yeah, you're right.'"

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Note to teachers caught in the state budget crunch: You're not fired. You're in transition.

Gov. Rick Perry may lay the blame for teacher layoffs at the feet of school district decision-makers, but The Texas Workforce Commission is ready to help. It has got a special page on its website entitled, "Teachers in Transition." It offers information about applying for unemployment benefits, job listings and that increasingly important area, "translating teaching skills into non-teaching occupations."

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Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst talked tough in an interview with the Associated Press's Jim Vertuno about how the budget vote may not be the last time Senate Republicans bypass Democrats this session to pass priority bills. He said he'd been planning the budget play — using an obscure rule to avoid a two-thirds vote — as a backstop since last October.

And he wouldn't say if he'd appoint any Democrats to the committee that will negotiate differences in the House and Senate versions of the budget, since no Democrats voted for the spending plan. If he doesn't, Rep. Sylvester Turner of Houston will be the lone Democrat on the conference committee. Dewhurst is eyeing a race for U.S. Senate in 2012 or governor in 2014. He recently added a new political adviser, Dave Carney, long the top political consultant to another tough talker, Gov. Perry.

DOONESBURY By Garry Trudeau

Gingrich, with experience and baggage, joins race

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Newt Gingrich, the House speaker who led a national GOP resurgence in the 1990s before facing ethics questions and resigning, is running for president.

Gingrich's announcement, made on social networking websites Monday, came after months of public flirting with a bid. He enters a slow-to-form GOP presidential field that has left some Republicans craving more options as they search for a nominee strong enough to credibly challenge President Barack Obama.

The former Georgia congressman, well-known to most Republicans, brings to the race a years-in-the-making political machine with ties to early nominating states as well as a network of supporters and donors. But his personal baggage — he's acknowledged marital infidelity and has had two divorces — could hinder his chances of winning the party's presidential nomination more than a decade after leaving the House.

Still, he spoke confidently of wide support.

"I have been humbled by all the encouragement you have given me to run," Gingrich said in a Facebook posting that urged supporters to watch Fox News Channel on Wednesday. "I will be on to talk about my run for president of the United States."

Gingrich, 67, has spent months raising money; assembling a campaign team and visiting early primary-season states. He already has opened a headquarters in a suburb of Atlanta, and he will make his first speech as a candidate on Friday to the Georgia Republican Party Convention.

He is trying to position himself in the race as a policy heavyweight who used his time in Congress to overhaul welfare, balance the federal budget and cut taxes. Earlier this year, he outlined an energy policy overhaul, proposed an Environmental Solutions Agency to replace the Environmental Protection Agency and described Obama's policies as a "war on American energy."

Gingrich is among the field's best-known candidates; only 14 percent of Republican or GOP-leaning voters said they didn't know him in an Associated Press-GfK poll in March. Among Republicans and those who lean toward that party, 61 percent had a favorable opinion of him.

So far, several Republicans have formed campaign exploratory committees, including former Govs. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota and former Sen. Rick Santorum, of Pennsylvania. And several others, including Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, are considering running.

"The more the better," Daniels told reporters in Indianapolis when asked about Gingrich. He said the former speaker's announcement would not affect his own decision.

Gingrich abruptly left office in 1999 after seeing his popularity plummet and Republicans lose big in midterm elections a year earlier. Since then, he has patched together a mini-empire of business and not-for-profit ventures and has pocketed hefty fees for writing books, making speeches and appearing as a contributor on Fox News, which last week ended his contract because of his expected candidacy.

He's spent decades building lists of supporters and donors, earning goodwill among activists and advising his party leaders on political strategy. His tax-exempt American Solutions for Winning the Future is a money-making powerhouse, bringing in $13.7 million last year, according to financial disclosures. A sizable chunk of that money has been used to ferry Gingrich around the country on a charter jet to appearances that have kept him in the public spotlight.

His presidential bid could be the culmination of a political career that began with his election to Congress in 1978.

More than a dozen years later, Gingrich led House Republicans to power in the 1994 elections with a "Contract With America," the first time the GOP had won control in four decades.

While in power, he used the political action campaign GOPAC to recruit, train and finance Republican candidates for offices from the House of Representatives to city halls.

But Gingrich's tenure at the helm of the House was turbulent.

A budget showdown with Democratic President Bill Clinton led to partial shutdowns of the federal government in 1995 and 1996. Gingrich shouldered much of the political blame at the time but now argues that the tactic led to deep cuts to federal spending and set the stage for welfare reform.

He spent much of his time in office dogged by ethics complaints. Nearly all, brought by Democrats, were dismissed.

But his Republican-led House reprimanded him in 1997 after he admitted misleading congressional investigators probing allegations that he misused tax-exempt dollars for a college class.

Memphis residents told to leave

N.Y. Times News Service

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Mississippi River was approaching levels it has not reached in over 70 years as it rolled through here on Monday, attracting a festive crowd of spectators to its banks but also sending residents from their homes in some parts of the city as the river shoved its tributaries aside to make way.

By this morning, the river is expected to reach 48 feet, 14 feet above flood stage, said Susan Buchanan of the National Weather Service. It is expected stay at or near that level for several days before receding as the crest moves downriver.

Despite the parade-like atmosphere along the Memphis riverfront, county officials urged residents to take caution, offering the same advice one might give in the presence of a mad dog: keep your distance until it moves on.

"There is a lot of fascination with the mighty Mississippi, but it's a river in rage right now," Bob Nations, the director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, said at a Monday afternoon briefing. "It's a love-hate relationship we have with it."

Nations emphasized that the real flooding concern was not necessarily with the Mississippi itself but with tributaries like the Wolf and Loosahatchie rivers that feed into it. The levees along the river itself were holding up, officials from the Army Corps of Engineers said on Monday.

But the tributaries and creeks, deluged with backwater flowing from the Mississippi, are escaping their banks in suburbs and mobile home parks in Memphis and surrounding Shelby County.

Using maps and modeling, county emergency officials estimated that roughly 3,000 properties were likely to be affected by the flooding. And 2,000 more could be affected if the river rises another few feet, city officials said.

The authorities in Memphis have been going door to door for days in flood-prone parts of Shelby County, urging hundreds of residents to move to higher ground. By Monday, about 400 people were staying in three shelters in the area, though others have also left their homes.

"I couldn't see myself being rescued from a rooftop," said Lanette Coleman, who left her home in north Memphis on Friday and was staying in a hotel.

Coleman did not believe her house would flood, but with water starting to pool in parts of her neighborhood, she did not want to be trapped.

She was also wary of having to face down snakes, stray dogs and other uninvited guests that already are starting to show up with the floodwaters.

"I've never seen so many cats," she said.

Among the pets at emergency shelters, the Shelby County Office of Preparedness reported, are 65 dogs, 18 cats, 15 puppies and, curiously, two ducks.

As the crest of the river rolls into Memphis, it has begun to recede in other hard-hit areas. Upriver in Tiptonville, Tenn., officials are waiting for the water to come down a little further so they can check on the estimated 75 homes damaged by flooding.

In Arkansas, where the crest of the White River is slowly moving south, 16 towns have been affected by flooding, said Renee Preslar, a spokeswoman for the state emergency management agency.

The recent flooding has been responsible for at least three deaths in Arkansas, bringing to 18 the toll of people who have died in the state since a wave of heavy rains and storms came through on April 23.

Downriver, anxiety and preparations continued to mount. As some state prisoners were filling sand bags in Mississippi and Louisiana, about 200 inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, which is bordered on three sides by the Mississippi, have been evacuated and more will move soon.

On Monday morning, before a crowd of onlookers, the Corps of Engineers partly opened the Bonnet Carre spillway, allowing some of the river to flow into Lake Pontchartrain and, thus relieving pressure as the Mississippi approaches New Orleans.

But with that not likely to be enough, corps officials have requested permission from the Mississippi River Commission, a federal advisory agency, to open the Morganza spillway in Louisiana. That spillway has been opened only once, in 1973, and even a partial opening would result in widespread flooding that would affect thousands of people in parts of southern Louisiana.

"It's not a light decision," said Bob Anderson, a corps spokesman, adding that certain measurements on the river would determine if and when the opening should take place. But, he said, "it's the way the system was designed."

Parish officials have been going door to door in communities that would flood, urging residents to move to higher ground.

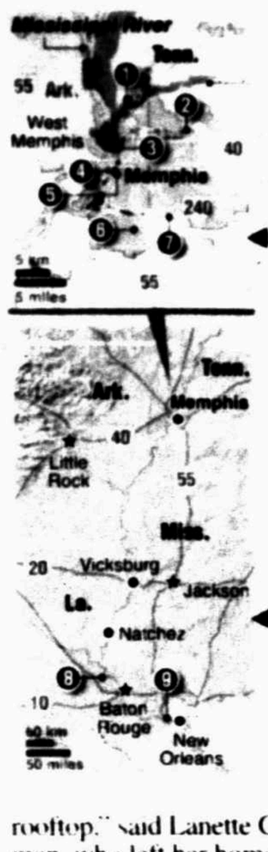
But on Monday, the crest was having its moment in Memphis, bringing out-of-town gawkers and business people on their lunch breaks to the riverfront to watch the river as it made its lazy way through town.

Even some whose homes sit in uneasy proximity to the floodwaters insisted on a front-row seat.

Cornelius Holliday, 62, who still lives in the house on North Stonewall Street where he was born and raised, said he was not about to move out now. The Wolf River has settled into his backyard, where it has swallowed an old Chevy Corsica and the makeshift kennel for his hunting dogs.

Two beagles, a coon hound and two 8-month-old pups have been evacuated, Holliday said, and if the Wolf makes a move toward the house, he will box things up and wait it out with his wife in the attic.

"In 62 years," he said, "I've never seen it that bad."



Flooding update

The Mississippi River was expected to crest near record levels at Memphis, Tenn., on Monday night. More rain is in the forecast

Areas projected to likely be affected by flooding by May 11

States of sites around Memphis

1. **Loosahatchie River** Flows into the Mississippi north of Mud Island; expected to flood some homes along its route
2. **Wolf River** Flooding expected
3. **Mud Island** Homes near mouth of Wolf River may see some flooding
4. **Beale Street** Western end of street flooded; nightlife venues still on dry ground
5. **FedEx Forum** Home to NBA's Grizzlies not currently at risk for flooding
6. **Graceland** Not at risk
7. **Nonconnah Creek** Some flooding expected along its route

Downriver concerns

8. **Morganza Floodway** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers asking permission to open it
9. **Bonnet Carre Spillway** 28 of 350 gates opened Monday

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AROUND THE GLOBE

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ISLAMABAD

PM: Failure to find bin Laden not Pakistan's alone

Pakistan's prime minister defended his nation's military and intelligence services Monday and said Pakistan was not solely to blame for the failure to detect Osama bin Laden's presence in a garrison town close to the capital.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, in his first address to parliament since the covert U.S. raid that killed the al-Qaida chief a week ago, lashed out at allegations Pakistan knew where bin Laden was hiding, though he offered no details on what the country did know about his location. He also warned the U.S. that any unilateral raids in the future would be met with "full force."

CHILE

Patagonia could see $7 billion dam project

SANTIAGO — A $7 billion project to dam two of the world's last remaining wild rivers for electricity was expected to receive environmental approval Monday from a Chilean government commission, despite a groundswell of opposition.

At stake is a mostly roadless region of remote southern Patagonia where rainfall is nearly constant and rivers plunge from Andean glaciers to the Pacific Ocean through hidden green valleys and fjords. The decision also is key to the future of Chile, which has a booming economy, vast mineral wealth and a determination to join the elite group of first-world nations.

SAMOA

Island nation to go Back to the Future, shifting date line

APIA — Samoa plans to leap 24 hours into the future, erasing a day and putting a new kink in the Pacific's jagged international date line so that it can be on the same weekday as Australia, New Zealand and eastern Asia.

It'll be Back to the Future for the island nation, offsetting a decision it made 119 years ago to stay behind a day and align itself with U.S. traders based in California.

13 killed in lake gunbattle in northern Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican marines patrolling a lake along the border with Texas discovered a drug gang camp on an island, provoking a gun battle that left 13 people dead, the navy said Monday.

Investigators in a different northern state reported finding 11 decapitated bodies and exhumed 17 remains from mass grave sites where they have found 174 dead people since last month.

One marine and 12 suspected gunmen of the Zetas drug cartel were killed in the battle Sunday on Falcon Lake in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas, the navy said in a statement.

The navy said the gunmen opened fire first when the marines discovered the camp, which the gang is believed to have used as a launching point for smuggling marijuana into Texas by speedboat. Marines seized more than 20 guns after the shootout, including several assault rifles.

Falcon Lake, a dammed section of the Rio Grande, is where U.S. citizen David Hartley was presumably chased and gunned down by pirates Sept. 30. His body has not been found and Mexican investigators have reported no leads in the case.

His wife, Tiffany Hartley, told authorities she and her husband were using personal watercraft on Falcon Lake when they were approached by pirates who shot and killed her husband. The couple, who lived in nearby McAllen, Texas, at the time, were returning to Texas after photographing a historic church on the Mexican side of the lake, Hartley said.

Mexican officials called off a search for David Hartley on Oct. 14, but the case remains open.

The search was hampered when authorities received threats, presumably from the Zetas. The Tamaulipas state police commander and chief investigator of the Hartley case, Rolando Flores, was killed while the search was under way, his decapitated head delivered in a suitcase to a local Mexican army post.

Mexican authorities say they don't know whether Flores' killing was related to the Hartley case because he had been in charge of several investigations.

The Zetas are locked in a fierce turf battle with the Gulf cartel that has turned much of Tamaulipas state into a virtual war zone. Last month, security forces discovered more than 40 clandestine graves containing 183 bodies. Many of the victims had apparently been pulled off passenger buses by Zetas gunmen trying to recruit them.

A similar discovery was made last month in the northern state of Durango, another drug cartel battleground. Soldiers unearthed 17 more bodies — one woman and 10 men — from mass graves in the capital of Durango city over the weekend, bringing the rapidly mounting toll to at least 174, according to a statement Monday from the Durango state attorney general's office.

The Mexican army will continue excavating at a mass grave site Tuesday.

President Felipe Calderon's security spokesman, Alejandro Poire, said Monday that "the finds were a result of a capture made by federal forces."

Poire said investigations into the mass grave sites revealed that the motives of the Durango killings were different than in Tamaulipas, but he did not explain or give any specifics.

Besides mass grave sites, there is public display of drug violence in the vast, mountainous state. The decapitated bodies of 11 men were found Monday in two places in Durango, the state attorney general's office said.

Agents first discovered six decapitated men across from a middle school in the capital, which is also named Durango. Investigators then found five decapitated men on a highway that connects Durango to the Pacific resort of Mazatlan. The heads lay next to the bodies.

The attorney general's office has not identified the bodies or the motives for the killings.

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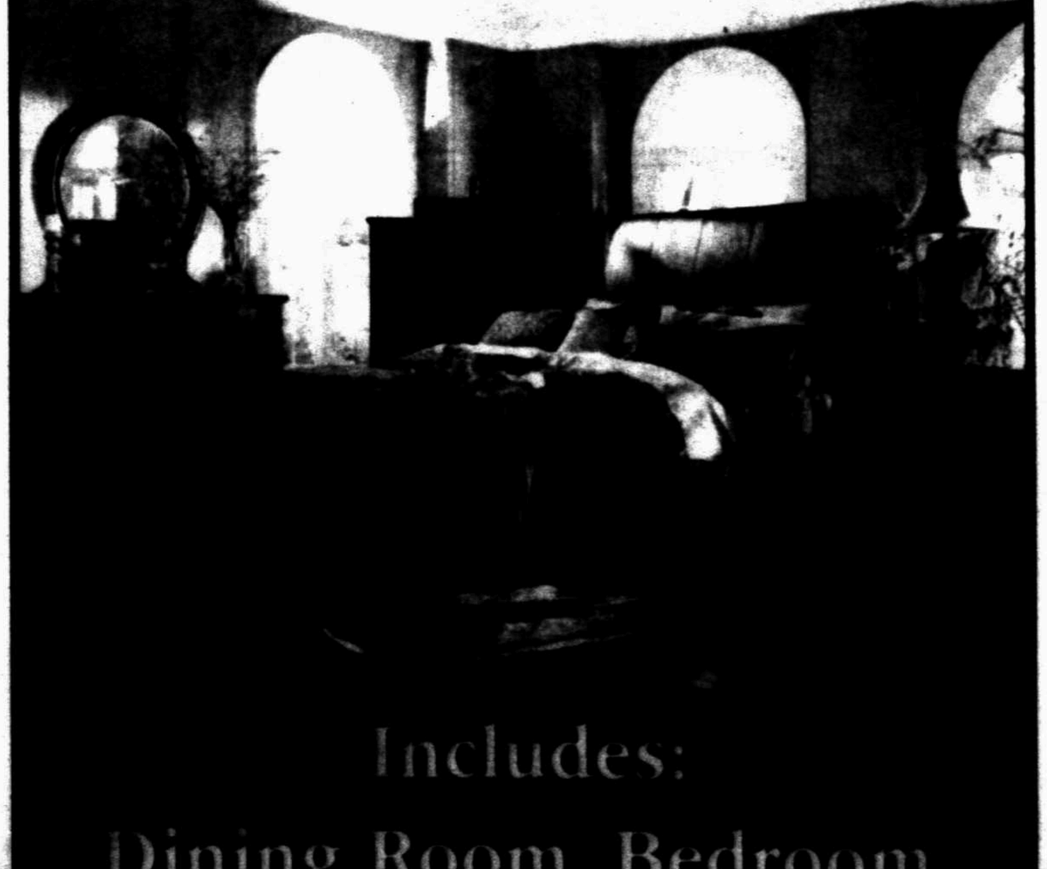

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Council to take first walk-through at Blue Ridge

No vote on occupancy certificates until July

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

City Council members today will get their first look at the fixes being added to the Blue Ridge Apartments.

Though the developer still has two months remaining before the additions that were agreed upon in January have to be added, the council is taking an initial look to ensure they're moving in the right direction.

"We want to make sure that we follow through and make sure that they do what they said they're going to," said Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1, where the apartments are located.

The council agreed in January to hold the certificate of occupancy on two of the buildings at the apartments near Loop 250 and Midkiff Road after it was discovered parts of the complex were built in a different configuration than initially was approved by council members. Neighbors complained the shifting of some of the buildings to face north-south rather than east-west resulted in an invasion of their privacy because it left apartment dwellers with the ability to look into their backyards.

In a 4-3 vote, the council agreed the structures could remain if several additions were made to the buildings that were constructed along the back of the property near the homes on neighboring Caldera Boulevard.

Mayor Wes Perry said he'll simply be looking to see if those line-of-sight issues are being fixed.

"We're making sure they're on track," he said. "I felt like that's the only way I could determine that, was to physically experience it. The final

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

WORK IN PROGRESS Covered parking structures are in the process of being built at the back of Blue Ridge Apartments in accordance with City Council overview.

PRESENTING THE PAST

Kathleen Thurber/Reporter-Telegram

After picking out and measuring her fabric, Mercedes Serio, a Girl Scout with Juliette Troop 210, sews the first hem line on her skirt. Serio and her troop are making replica skirts circa the 1800s to wear for a re-enactment day taking place on May 14.

Girl Scouts' projects to culminate in Frontier Fort Day

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

As her peers finished measuring and cutting fabric around her one evening, Mercedes Serio leaned in to get a closer view and added the first row of stitching to her skirt.

The Juliette Troop 210 member said she hadn't had much experience sewing — or doing any other frontier-era activity — before the group embarked on their list of projects this year. Now, she said, pausing as she stopped the sewing machine at a recent meeting, she's hoping she knows enough to share her skills with others.

She'll be one of several girls from the troop to participate in a Frontier Fort Day this Saturday at the Commemorative Air Force Museum. The group will set up along with war re-enactors and teach activities such as soap making, sewing and playing games from decades ago, said Margaret Peterson, who leads the troop.

"I think they learned an incredible amount," Peterson said, of her troop. "Last month, with the sewing, that was really rewarding. Some of them with great trepidation were approaching it, but I think all of them were successfully able to make a skirt."

Jeff Wood, director of the museum, said they've long had a partnership with

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Kathleen Thurber/Reporter-Telegram

MEASURE TWICE Troop leader Margaret Peterson shows Girl Scout Nicci Carter how to measure and pin a piece of fabric Carter would use to create a skirt.

Police: Man set mom aflame, held teacher hostage

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A Texas man set fire to his mother, then went to a nearby school and tried to sexually assault a teacher at knifepoint before the superintendent broke down the door to help free her, police and school officials said Monday.

George James Bradley, 32, was arrested on attempted murder, aggravated assault and attempted aggravated sexual assault charges after the morning incident at Rise Academy, Lubbock police spokesman Sgt. Jonathan Stewart said. Bradley was to be arraigned after being transferred from the city's holding facility to the county jail later Monday, and he does not yet have an attorney, Stewart said.

Bradley's mother was able to run to a neighbor's apartment after he poured a flammable liquid on her and set her on fire, according to Lubbock police. She was listed in critical condition with third-degree burns at a Lubbock hospital.

Bradley walked into the school office about 9 a.m., announced that he'd killed

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State Senate Republicans approve guns on campus

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republicans in the Texas Senate on Monday approved allowing concealed handgun license holders to carry weapons into public college buildings and classrooms, moving forward on a measure that had stalled until supporters tacked it on to a universities spending bill.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, had been unable to muster the votes he needed under Senate rules to pass the issue as its own bill after the measure met stiff resistance from higher education officials, notably from within the University of Texas system.

The measure seemed all but assured easy passage when the legislative session began in January. The Senate had passed

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Visiting prison is not always an intimidating affair

SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

It's difficult for most of us in the bone-dry Permian Basin to imagine areas of the country flooding or bracing for deluge right now.

Reading a wire story Monday about communities evacuating along the cresting Mississippi River, I noticed even some Louisiana State Penitentiary inmates at Angola were being evacuated. That's just north of my hometown of Baton Rouge, La.

It reminded me of many years long ago when I went inside the walls of that famous prison farm, which houses death row inmates and others who work on what was once a pre-Civil War era plantation. Angola is the largest maximum security prison in U.S., also known as "Alcatraz of the South" or simply "The Farm."

On that day, a friend and I were meeting with Warden Burl Cain during pre-production of a promotional video we were creating for state employees. Upon arrival at the guard gate, my companion was a little taken aback. We didn't know what to expect.

"Any weapons?" the guard asked.

"One," I replied, while retrieving my silver pistol from the glove compartment. We were, after all, entering a maximum security institution and wouldn't want that gun in the wrong hands.

As far as prisons go, the scenery on the working prison farm is unrivaled by any other I've seen. Of course, I haven't visited that many prisons. Hard-working inmates cultivate crops, and guards patrol on horseback.

The warden believes if prisoners labor strenuously during the day, they'll be tired at night and not cause as many disruptions.

Inside the warden's office, place settings with fine dishes sat on top a linen tablecloth. With southern hospitality at its finest, we were treated as honored guests.

A silent inmate trustee served lunch, waiting on us in a fashion likened to the best of restaurants. And I would imagine the convict who served us in the warden's office was among the most trusted from thousands on the premises. The food, as I recall, was extraordinarily tasty. Those inmates who work in the kitchen seemed to take great pride in preparing meals.

Many years later, as a journalist, I vis-

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Obituaries

J. T. Britton

J. T. Britton, a decorated World War II pilot, died May 7, 2011, at 91. He was the last member of the most highly decorated aircrew in U.S. history to die. Jay Zeamer, the pilot, and Joe Sarnoski, were awarded the Medal of Honor; Britton, the copilot, and seven other crew members were awarded the second highest medal for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross. The photographic reconnaissance mission was off the Solomon Islands, in the South Pacific, and was featured on the History Channel and in numerous books including Martin Caidin's book, Flying Forts: The B-17 in WWII.

J. T. was born February 3, 1920, in Gadsden, AZ. His family farmed the Yuma Valley. After graduating from Yuma High School, he went to the University of California-Davis, where he was active on the boxing team and earned extra money playing pool. When the war broke out, he joined the Army Air Corps.

J.T. began his training at Rankin Air Academy in Tulare, CA, had basic training in Merced, CA, then on to Luke Air Force Base in AZ for more training. He soon found himself on a ship headed to Hawaii to join the 5th Air Force 43rd Bomb Group where he searched for subs from a B-18. Shortly afterwards, J. T. learned to fly B-17s and was assigned to the 43rd Bomber Group and headed to Australia, then on to New Guinea. J. T. participated in the Battle of the Bismarck Sea where he became skilled in a new technique developed by the Allied Air Forces, called skip-bombing.

The day of that fateful mission began June 16, 1943 when two members of the "Eager Beavers" crew were grounded with malaria. J. T. volunteered to copilot the photo/recon mission over the Bougainville Island in the Pacific. Mapping the terrain was imperative for the best site for an amphibious landing and discovering how many enemy troops and aircraft were reinforcing the island, before the ground troops were sent in. The mission was deemed so dangerous that no one would be ordered to fly – the crew was made entirely of volunteers.

The B-17, "Old 666," was heavily armed with extra machine guns. The first part of the mapping mission was without incident, but as they began the mapping run along Bougainville's west cost, they saw 22 enemy fighters taking off from the island's airfield. Just seconds after completion, the B-17 was attacked head-on by Japanese fighters.

Sarnoski, shot two zeros down and was mortally wounded in the attack. Zeamer and the crew shot down four more. The B-17's oxygen and hydraulic systems were destroyed and the flight instruments were knocked out. More that 120 pieces of ragged steel had torn into the pilot - shattering his feet and knees and paralyzing his legs. He used the last of his strength to dive the B-17 to 10,000 feet above sea level where 17 more enemy fighters resumed the attack from all sides. Zeamer forcefully maneuver the plane while the crew fought back. The fight lasted over 45 minutes, until the enemy fighters, who were low on fuel and ammunition, pulled away.

With the pilot drifting in and out of consciousness, J.T. headed "Old 666" home, with only a magnetic compass; all the other instruments, including the brakes and flaps, were gone. When they reached New Guinea, the crew in the cockpit would tell Britton how high he was as he brought "Old 666" in and landed without incident. He said that he made quite a few landings before and after that, but none were as slick. "I just greased it in!" He landed on a dirt runway by expertly ground-looping the plane, according to General George Kenney. The Flying Fortress had survived over 180 bullet holes and five gaping holes from 20mm cannons.

After retiring from the Air Force at Biggs Air Force Base in El Paso, TX, Britton returned to school at the University of Texas at El Paso, and then purchased a farm in Mesquite, NM where he farmed and raised livestock. He moved briefly to Albuquerque and then to Midland, TX, where he met and married his current wife, Josephine Dot Britton. J. T. was also an avid bridge player and traveled twice across all 50 states playing in Bridge Tournaments and earning master-points.

J. T. was always there for his family and friends. He taught his children the importance of citizenship and standing up for what they believed in. He stressed tolerance and acceptance of others and always led by his example. Until being put in a nursing home, J. T. stayed in touch with his Air Force friends from the 43rd Bomb Group. "Ken's Men," and called them every Veteran's Day. He will be missed by all, but will be in our hearts forever.

J. T. Britton was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Phoebe Mae Britton; his sister, Elsie Mae; his brother, Woodrow; and the mother of his two children, Erlyne Harkey Britton.

He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Josephine Dot Britton and her three children, Richard Erwin, Angie Kirk, and David Erwin all from the Odessa area; his sister, Katherine Hunt from Ventura, CA; and his son, and daughter, Boyd Britton from John Day, OR and Lynn Coffman from Boston, MA; and his many grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, with Bob Miller, of Christian Faith Center of Greenwood, officiating. Military honors will be rendered at the Graveside Services by the U.S. Air Force. Visitation will be 5:00 -7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at Sunset memorial Funeral Home.

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
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Kenneth L. McCraw, Sr.

AZLE -- Kenneth L. McCraw, Sr., 88, passed away Sunday May 8, 2011.

Graveside services: 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Cotton Gin Cemetery near Mexia.

Kenneth was born October 17, 1922, in Point Enterprise, to Quinton and Mary Pearl McCraw. He married Sarah Smiley on July 6, 1941, in Mexia. He was a longtime resident of Midland, where he was a member of Crestview Baptist Church and worked as an inventory materials manager for Pure Oil and Unocal before his retirement in 1986. After his retirement, he worked for the Midland I.S.D. as a bus driver for special needs children. He and Sarah moved to Azle in 2006 and have been members of Ash Creek Baptist Church.

Kenneth was an Army veteran of World War II, where he served in the 3701st Army Air Force Base Unit. He was a flight maintenance gunner during the Normandy air offensive. He received an Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, The Distinguised Flying Cross, and the EAME campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Karen Burkett on August 28, 2007, and by a grandson, Kevin Burkett.

Survivors: wife of 69 years, Sarah McCraw of Azle; son, Ken McCraw and wife, Lynn of Cedar Park; son-in-law, David Burkett of Azle; grandchildren, Kami Scheller of Azle, Micah McCraw of Cedar Park, and Sarah McCraw of Dallas; great-grandchild, Kade Scheller.

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Mary Beth Frazier

Mary Beth Frazier, 64, of Russellville, died Sunday, May 8, 2011, at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center. She was born October 25, 1946, in Russellville, to Maurice "Moe" and Mary Louise Hoffman. She was a graduate of the University of Texas El Paso and a former employee of Firestone Tire and Rubber of Russellville, Continental EMSCO of Texas, Honeywell Corp. of Texas, and the City of Midland Texas. She and her late husband founded Permian Pump and Supply of Midland and Goldsmith, Texas. They retired back to Russellville in 2001. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father; a brother; and her husband, B. L. Frazier.

Survivors include her mother; a sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Larry McAlister of Dover; two nieces, Cheryl and John Hickman of Atkins, and Susan and Matt Self of Russellville; a great nephew, Nathan Hickman of Atkins; and two great nieces, Emma and Anna Self of Russellville.

The funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Saint John's Catholic Church. Fr. Bill Thomas will officiate. Burial will be in the Atkins Catholic Cemetery, by Shinn Funeral Service of Russellville.

Rosary and visitation will be at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday evening, at St. John's Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Catholic Church, 1900 West Main Street, Russellville, AR 72801.

The online obituary and guestbook are available at: www.shinnfuneral.com.

Nancy Lee McGrael

Nancy Lee McGrael, 78 years old, was born May 16, 1932, in Houston, Texas, lived in Dallas for much of her beautiful life, and resided in Midland in recent years. She passed away May 2, 2011 in Midland.

She is survived by close friends and family, including Billy Goodson; her sister, Susan Forney and husband, Bruce; her three children, Dr. J Patrick McGrael and wife, Janell, Susan McGrael Grigson and husband, Lee, and Shannon McGrael Dalton and husband, Mark; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P. O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 200900-6011 (www.alz.org), or to Camp Aranzazu, 5420 FM 1781, Rockport, TX, 78382 (www.camparanzazu.org).

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

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Vickey Elizabeth Shepperd Banks

Vickey Elizabeth Shepperd Banks came into this world surrounded by love on May 15, 1946 in Ranger, Texas and left to see her Heavenly Father on May 8, 2011 still surrounded by love. She and her family moved to Odessa, TX at the age of three, and she graduated from Odessa High School in 1964. Vickey then moved to Midland, TX in 1971 where she spent the remainder of her life.

She was married for 46 years to her lifelong sweetheart Manning Banks and was the greatest gift of a mother to Bethany Michelle Banks LeRoy of Midland, TX and Stephany Carmelle Banks Gaines of Austin, TX. She gained the sons she had always dreamed of when Bethany married Dan LeRoy, and Stephany married Jay Gaines. Her blessings multiplied when she welcomed her grandchildren Madison Blake LeRoy and Parker Manning LeRoy into this world. She also anxiously anticipated the upcoming arrival of the family's newest addition, Jonathan Steven Gaines of Colombia, South America.

Because of her boundless capacity to love, she inherited a Bonus Family of Jeff, Lisa, Grant, and Ellee Franklin. She loved and cherished them as if they were her own biological children and grandchildren.

Vickey was greeted at the gates of Heaven by her adoring parents Frank and Thelma Shepperd and her sister Barbara Shepperd Drennen formerly of Odessa, TX. Her big brother Darrell Shepperd currently of Odessa, Tx loved his little sister wholeheartedly as did her numerous nieces, nephews, other extended family, and countless friends.

Miz Vickey, as she commonly was referred, was an active member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland, TX for 30 years. Her deep faith in Christ sustained and strengthened her until the very end of her earthly life. She had a vast array of careers beginning in 1976 while working at TRW Redda Pump, Texas Department of Human Services, and Temporary Resources. One of her greatest contributions to the Midland community was when she worked as the Executive Director of Prevent Blindness of the Permian Basin where she retired in 2008.

Just a few weeks before her cancer diagnosis, she experienced one of the proudest moments of her life when she was sworn in as a CASA representative. She freely shared her love with abused and neglected children and acted as their voice to make their lives better. She definitely made this world a better place.

An expression she quoted often during her eight-month battle with pancreatic cancer is, "Joy is not the absence of suffering but the presence of the LORD." The woman who jokingly referred to herself as Queen Victoria is now joyfully in the presence of the King of Kings.

Vickey's life celebration / memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 11, at 12:00 noon, at Kelview Heights Baptist Church. Vickey and her family were blessed beyond measure by the incredible people at Hospice of Midland. Mom especially loved her sweet Lindsey, her little angel on earth. At Vickey and the family's request, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Midland or Midland Christian School.

Death Notices

Roland Lambright

Roland Lambright, 68, of Odessa, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2011 in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; daughters, Cindy Lambright, Sheila Hunt (Todd), and Sherrie Battaglia (Marc); six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; four sisters; two brothers; two sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 12, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Minnie Lee Williams

Funeral service for Minnie Lee Williams 89, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home. Minnie Lee Williams died May 08, 2011 at a local hospital.

GUNS

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a similar bill in 2009 and about 90 lawmakers in the 150-member House had signed on in support this year. But the bill stalled on its first three votes in the Senate and took some maneuvering by Wentworth to get it through.

Supporters hope Monday's vote will help shove the measure past a roadblock in the House, where a similar bill has been stuck without a vote in that chamber with just a few weeks left in the legislative session.

"Campus carry has more momentum than a runaway freight train," said W. Scott Lewis of Students for Concealed Carry, a nationwide group backing the measure.

The Senate's 12 Democrats had mostly worked as a block to stop the measure but were powerless to stop it on Monday when all it took was a simple majority in the 31-member chamber to get it added to the spending bill as an amendment.

At that point, Wentworth even picked up an extra vote from Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, who had previously opposed the measure.

Supporters call the bill a critical self-defense measure and guns rights issue. UT-System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa wrote lawmakers and Gov. Rick Perry outlining worries from university officials that guns on campus will lead to more campus crime and suicides.

Guns on campus bills have been rejected in at least 23 states since 2007. The bill originally covered private universities, as well, but was changed to cover only public institutions of higher education. The Senate also rejected attempts.

Perry has said he supports the campus guns measure and is expected to sign it into law if it reaches his desk.

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Scouts

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the Boy Scouts and were glad to find a way to work with the Girl Scouts, too. He said they're setting up the re-enactment day toward the front of the museum grounds and are hoping it gives the public an opportunity to take part in historical activities. In addition to Saturday's event, the re-enactors and a few of the Girl Scouts also will host an event Friday to provide lessons for area school groups, he said. The re-enactors will set up camps just like ones that once were lived in, have stations telling students about what life was like during America's war with the Native Americans and during the pre-Civil War era and also will have horses, cannons and other props to help bring history to life.

"It's a new thing, and we're hoping that it really works out because we really like having a partnership with the Girl Scouts," Wood said. "It's not really World War II, but it has a lot of the historical events that we think will work out really well."

Janet Taylor, who also helps lead the troop, said the Juliettes started meeting to provide an opportunity for girls who don't have a home troop to still participate in Girl Scouts. The group meets once a month and involves girls from kindergarten through 12th grades as well as their moms or another adult willing to participate with them.

This year, Peterson said, they thought it would be fun to learn about activities from the 1800s and crafted a program that would fit into the journey curriculum used by the Girl Scouts. In hosting an event for the public at the end, Taylor said the girls would be able to learn some fun skills, figure out how to function as a group and contribute something to the community around them.

"It's all about learning to work as a team and doing something for the community," Taylor said.

Amanda Bledsoe, who attends the troop with her 11-year-old daughter Haylee, said they love the format of the Juliettes because it's flexible and it lets them spend some time together. Bledsoe said her daughter tends toward the shy side but has been able to make some great friends and come out of her shell at Girl Scouts.

"We just love it, and we get some good mother-daughter time," Bledsoe said.

Haylee and she were working to measure fabric for the 11-year-old's skirt last month and said each of the activities they've done this year has been a neat experience. "They're all very different," Bledsoe said.

Vangi Peek said they've enjoyed the troop because it allows her girls to attend Scouts together despite being different ages.

Most of the girls said they never had thought about trying to make soap, put together a rag doll or sew their own skirt before. But, they said now that they know it's possible they're excited to show others what they've learned.

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

WANT TO GO?

Frontier Fort Day will be held 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the CAF Museum grounds, 9600 Wright Drive. Cost is $10 per person and $25 per family and includes entrance to the museum.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution (N)		Dancing Results (N)		Body of Proof "Buried Secrets" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nathan Fillion
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent Tonight	NCIS "Swan Song" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Imposters" (N)		The Good Wife "Getting Off" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman	Mark Harmon, Chris Morgan	(:35) LateLate
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld "The Pie"	Seinfeld	One Tree Hill (N)		Hellcats "Land of 1,000 Dances" (N)		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Rose "All of Me"	Roseanne	SouthPk "Free Hat"	South Park
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two/Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Glee "Prom Queen" (N)		Raising Hope (N)	Traffic Light (N)	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Raymond	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Paranoia
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr William	Be Alewine	Update News	Rico Cortes	Light of the Southwest				NewBeginning	NewBeginning	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	Biggest Loser "Contestants are tested to see what they have learned 1/2" (cont'd May 17) (N)				The Voice "The Battles 1/2"		News West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(:35) Late Night (N)	
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Black in Latin America (N)		Frontline "The Meth Epidemic"		Independent Lens "Bhutto" Explore the life and tragic death of Benazir Bhutto (N)		News		Tavis Smiley	
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HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:45) ★★ He's Just	Not That into You			Scott Pilgrim vs. the World		Michael Cera.		Game of Thrones		Precious Life	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) Cirque Du		★★★ Terminator	Salvation			Bill Maher		★★ Sex and the City 2			
HBO3		304	70	16	102		Treme		★★ Tooth Fairy		(:45) Making		Capadocia		(:15) Capadocia		(:10) Date Night	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(4:30) Independen		The Basketball Diaries		(:45) Max		★★★ Catch Me if You Can				(:20) Lady Chatte	
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PLEX			96				★★★ Joe and Max	Leonard Roberts	★★★ Field of Dreams						(:50) ★★★ A Family Thing	Robert Duvall	Movie	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(:15) The Joneses	David Duchovny	Nurse J	United St	Nurse J	United St	Dtary		The War Boys	Peter Gallagher		
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(4:30) K-19: The		Leaves of Grass	Edward Norton			★★ Savages	Grace	(:40) ★★★ Lake City			
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Gone		First 48 "Beatdown/ Pistol Whipped"		The First 48		The First 48 "Twist of Fate"		The First 48 "Update/ Special Bail Out"		First 48 "Beatdown/ Pistol Whipped"	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) El Dorado		★★★ Rio Bravo ('59, West) Dean Martin.		John Wayne				★★ The Cowboys	John Wayne		
BET		58	26		40		6:00 106&P	★★ Notorious ('08, Bio) Jamal Woolard			Toya (N)	Toya	Mo'Nique Show (N)		Wendy Williams (N)			
BRAVO		65	63		41		The Real Housewives	Real Housewives		Bethenny Ever After	Pregnant in Heels (N)		Real Housewives		Millionaire			
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report	Coca-Cola		60 Minutes	60 Minutes		Mad Money		60 Minutes			
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	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	American Chopper		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch			
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb	Suite Life on Deck	Suite Life on Deck	(:10) Good Luck Charlie (N)	Life with Boys	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb	GoodLuck Charlie	GoodLuck Charlie	Montana of Music	Montana of Music
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	E:60 (N)		Year Quarterback		MLB Baseball (N)		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		Tonight (N)	NFL Live
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Football	NFL Live (N)	30 for 30		30 for 30		30 for 30		E:60 (N)		SportsNation	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		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		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Challenge		Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Red Raider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark - Arlington, Tex. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	The Final Score	Golden Age	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	31	59	64	69	2 ½ Men	2 ½ Men	★★ The Wrestler ('08, Dra) Mickey Rourke				★★ The Wrestler ('08, Dra) Mickey Rourke					
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Little House	Plague	Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G Girls	G Girls	G Girls	G Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House,	HouseH	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	HouseH	House	Property	Property	Property	Property
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Only in America		Only in America (N)		States Shapes (N)		Ax Men		Only in America	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers "Getting the Boot"		American Pickers "Easy Riders"		Coming Home (N)	Holy Surprise	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine	Old Christine
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Brainsq	Sponge	WifeKids	WifeKids	Chris	Chris	G Lopez	G Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	RepoGame	RepoGame	RepoGame	RepoGame	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	RepoGame	Auction	WaysDie	WaysDie
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(4:30) ★★ Powder		★★★ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian				Ben Barnes		★ Beauty and the Beasts: A Dark Tale			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	King of Queens	The King of Queens	The Office	Office Gossip	The Office	The Office	Office "Niagara"	Office "Niagara"	Conan		Lopez	Jennifer Lopez; Chris Hemsworth
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Eye of the D		★ My Brother Talks to Horses		(:45) ★ The Rocking Horse Winner				★ She Went To The Races			
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	What the Sell?!	What the Sell?!	Child Frozen in Time		The Tiniest Girl in the World		Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Child Frozen in Time		The Tiniest Girl in the World	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Bones "A Boy in a Tree"		NBA Basketball Playoffs Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 5 Site: United Center (L)		Atlanta Hawks vs. Chicago Bulls				NBA Basketball Playoffs Dallas Mavericks vs. Los Angeles Lakers Western Conference Semifinal Game 5 (L)			
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	All Family	All Family	All Family	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:35) Raymond	(:05) Rose	(:40) Rose	(:15) Rose
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Pursuit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	P.C.	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Turnout"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Catch	Law & Order: C.I.	The Consumer	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
VERSUS		38	39				H. Central	NHL Hockey	Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)				H. Central	To Be Announced			S. Jobs	AdvSport
WGN		19	18			16	America's Funniest Home Videos		MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs Site: Wrigley Field (L)				News	Scrubs	SouthPk "Free Hat"	South Park

Council

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vote will be based upon what kind of information we get (today)."

Developer Ken Lokey proposed and received an approval to add an opaque film to windows on the third floor of buildings that back up to Caldera Boulevard in an effort to block views. Wooden shutters also have been added to third-story balconies, and construction has started on carports that are meant to block sight from the balconies into backyards. The shutters are built to prevent people from opening them.

The roof of the carports, which have yet to be completed, are designed to reach high enough that those living in the apartments can't see the neighboring yards, according to the plans.

"I think it solves it completely without any question," Lokey said, speaking via telephone on Monday.

Some neighbors disagree.

"It's just not a good situation, and I do not see these shutters as being anywhere near acceptable," said Rhonda Trammell, whose home is near the corner of the Blue Ridge property. "As for the carports, the jury's still out on that one."

She said because the shutters that have been added are on top of a balcony fence that contains wide gaps, people will only have to sit or bend down to have a clear view into the backyards.

"It's just really disappointing that, well, it just doesn't seem like anybody can see our point that this is unacceptable," she said.

Steve Thorpe, building official for the city, said action will not be taken after the tour. The final additions have to be in place in July, he said.

Sparks said the developer still has a way to go but what's been done so far looks nice, at least from the alley where he's looked at the additions.

"They're not ready yet is what it boils down to," Sparks said. "They're not completely done."

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Texas Rangers given Big Spring mayor's campaign information

By Bill McClellan
Big Spring Herald

BIG SPRING — An investigation into the alleged acceptance of illegal campaign contributions will go forward, the district attorney has confirmed, while the official in question — Mayor Tommy Duncan — said he will accept responsibility for making a mistake.

"I met with the Texas Rangers and requested they investigate this matter throughly as to the mayor and the corporations," District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said during a press conference Friday afternoon at the Howard County Courthouse.

The press conference reiterated what the Big Spring Herald had reported in its edition earlier that day — that the newspaper had turned campaign finance reports over to the Howard County Sheriff's Office that were filed during Duncan's May 2010 mayoral bid. The reports indicated Duncan had accepted contributions of $300 from Hydro Dynamics Inc. and $500 from Quad A Inc. According to the Texas Ethics Commission, it is a violation of the Election Code for a candidate running for mayor in Texas to accept campaign contributions from a corporation.

Car strikes side of ambulance on Andrews Highway

From staff reports

A driver was ticketed Monday after failing to yield the right-of-way to an ambulance that was en route to a call.

Authorities said a Midland Fire Department ambulance was leaving the Albertson's parking lot in the 1000 block of Andrews Highway around 11:10 a.m. in response to an emergency call.

The ambulance's lights and sirens were active while exiting the parking lot, but the driver of a 2005 red Dodge Neon driving west in the inside lane did not yield and struck the left side of the emergency vehicle.

The driver was issued a citation. Any fines — depending on the circumstances — may range between $200 and $500.

No one was transported to the hospital at the time of the crash.

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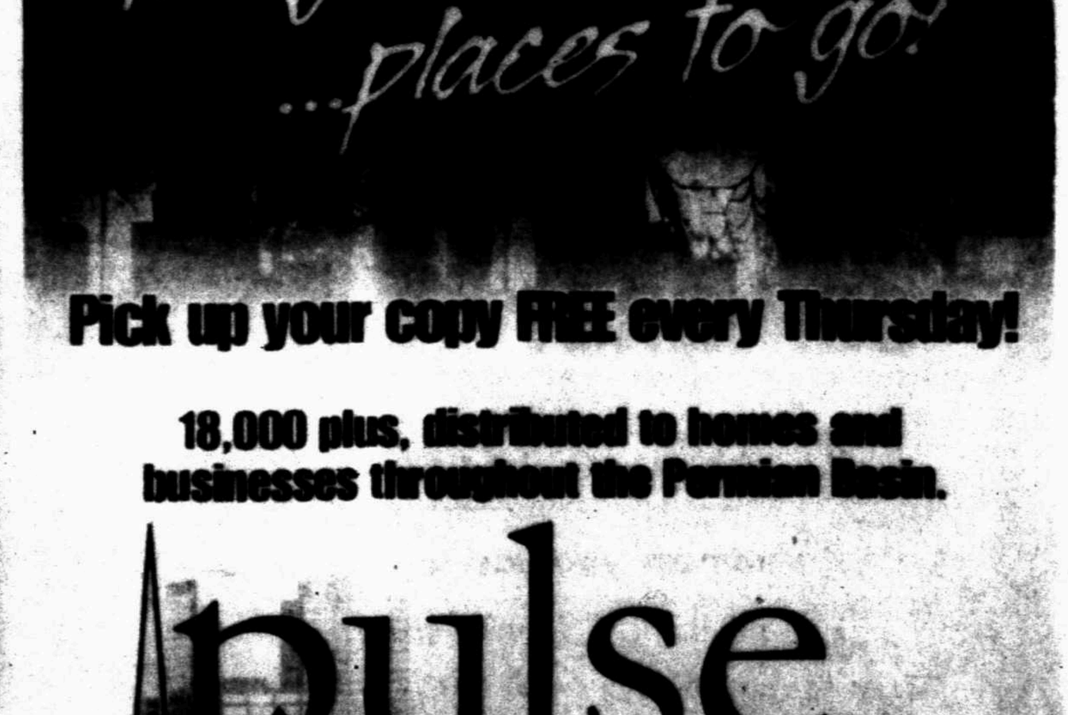
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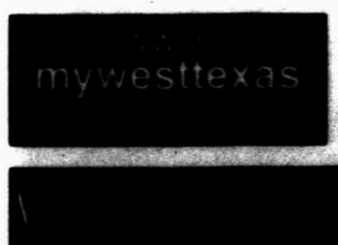
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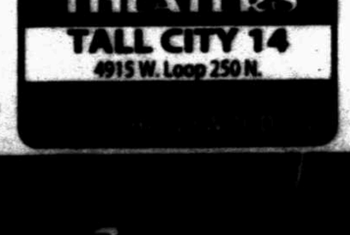
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NEWS
in West Texas

MPD, community to host rides during Bicycle Safety Month

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Heading out Monday evening, Midland Police Department officer John Kerrigan drove from the police department and mapped out a 22-mile course heading west to north Midland and returned to the MPD building downtown.

Each mile represents an officer who was killed in the state of Texas this year and in the line of duty. Law enforcement and the community are invited to take part in a memorial bicycle ride Sunday afternoon following the course to honor those who were killed.

"We remember them during the ride. It's not really that we're mourning their lives or anything, but celebrating their lives and going out and doing a ride for them," Kerrigan said.

The participants fifth annual event will leave from the MPD at 601 N. Loraine St. at 2 p.m. and travel at about a 10-15 mph pace.

There were 19 officers killed this year across the state, from agencies such as Department of Public Safety, sheriff's deputies and city police. An additional three miles are ridden each year to remember the three MPD officers, John Wyrick, Bryan Scoggins and Lt. Gordon Smith Jr., who were killed in 1935 and 1961.

The officers' names will be read off and listed from where they served before riders will go out in silence and travel the course.

The month of May also marks National Bicycle Safety Month, and another ride is planned by the community for May 18 to honor and remember those bicyclists who have been killed this year.

The international Ride of Silence event will begin at 7 p.m. at the CEED building, on the southwest corner of the intersection of Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

This is the sixth annual ride, and each year it has grown by the number of riders participating, said safety officer John Floyd with the Permian Basin Bicycling Association.

More than 40 riders participated last year, and Floyd encourages all bicyclists in the community, including children as well as adults, to come and ride and honor those who've been killed.

The group will ride 12 miles along Highway 191, passing four markers that show where local bicyclists have died.

Floyd said the group is holding the event not only to honor those who have died but also to bring awareness to motorists that bicyclists are out on the roads.

"You drive a car defensively, and you ride a bicycle defensively. You do them the same way," he said.

Floyd has been cycling for the past 20 years and said the group also wants to bring awareness to those who may be driving distracted.

While Highway 191 is a popular route for many cyclists because it's a straight shot between Midland and Odessa, he added that recently there has been more traffic on the access road and more construction that could be dangerous to bicyclists.

"As cyclists, we understand the risks, but we love bicycling and accept those risks. We do everything we can to minimalize them," he said. "Our purpose is to remember those we lost and remind ourselves to celebrate the fact that we can ride and educate the public and ourselves."

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ARREST

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his mother and asked the secretary to call 911, said Audrey Saldivar, a school administrator. Then he became agitated, locked the office door, pulled out a knife and forced a teacher into Superintendent Richard Baumgartner's office, she said.

"It was just random," Saldivar told the Associated Press by phone from the Lubbock school. "We didn't know what was happening."

Baumgartner told the AP that he had been notified of the situation and was walking toward the office, but when he saw the suspect lock the door, he entered a back door to the office as several staff members ran out.

"I heard screams and realized someone else was still in there, so I started kicking the door open," he said. "I just reacted to an instinct. I made a split-second decision, because I knew he had a knife and there was somebody in there screaming for their life. I just thought that I had to enter that space and prevent violence from being done."

Baumgartner said he fell backward as the door opened and the suspect came out swinging the knife, which grazed him. The man did not say anything as he stared at Baumgartner, who then got up and grabbed a chair, before he walked toward the front of the office.

The teacher, who was not injured, was able to run out of Baumgartner's office and out the back office door, he said. Then the police arrived, and Bradley dropped his knife and did not resist arrest, the superintendent said.

Bradley was carrying a duffel bag containing gasoline in a can, lighters and neatly folded clothes, Saldivar said.

"It is a miracle ... that nothing more occurred," she said.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gerald Dean Robicheaux, 39, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of assault of a family and/or house member.

Amber Diane Thomas, 23, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Eric Dru Allen, 24, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of assault of a family and/or house member.

Donald James Palmer Jr., 39, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of driving while intoxicated with an open alcohol container third offense or more.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

SISSOM

From 1B

ited death row in Texas, which was a very different experience.

Passing those prison walls to interview a condemned killer was much more intimidating.

As the public relations woman escorted a photographer and me through, we walked right past a sign that made me more than a little nervous.

"Hostages will not be released beyond this point," the sign stated as we walked right past.

Now, who among us wouldn't be caught off guard by those strong words?

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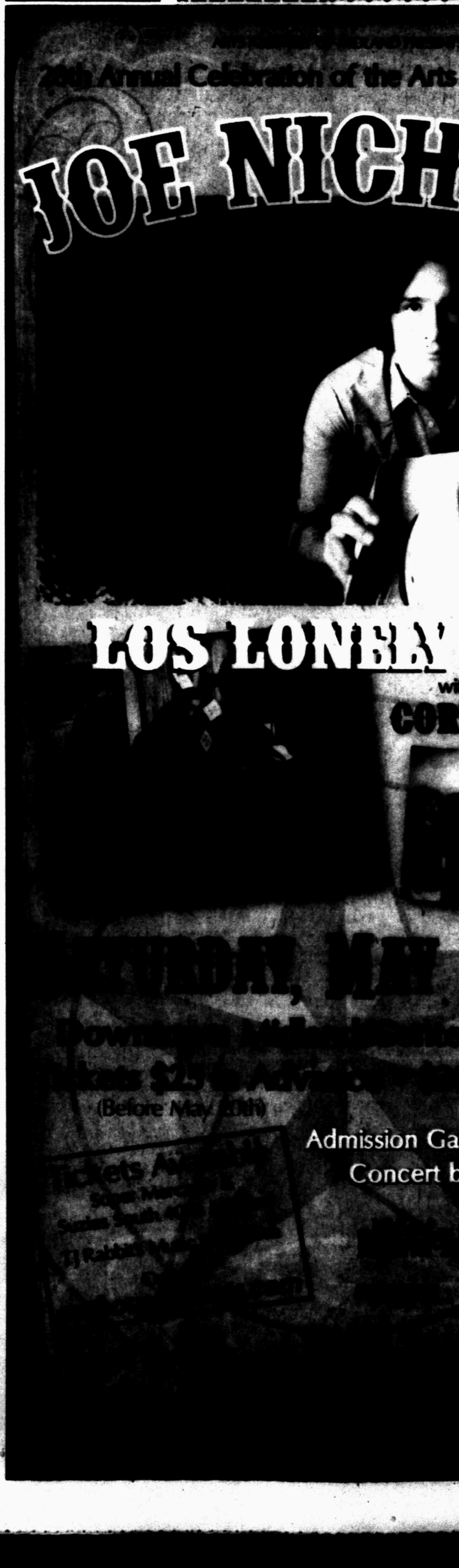

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TODAY Sunny high 94 low 63

WEDNESDAY Mostly sunny high 87 low 54

THURSDAY Sunny high 89 low 57

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 94 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph with gusts as high as 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 63 and south winds between 20 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 87, a low around 54 and southwest winds around between 15 and 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph, winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 89 and a low around 57.

The high on Monday reached 98 while the low dropped to 72. The record high for May 9 is 101 set in 1967. The record low is 42 set in 1969.

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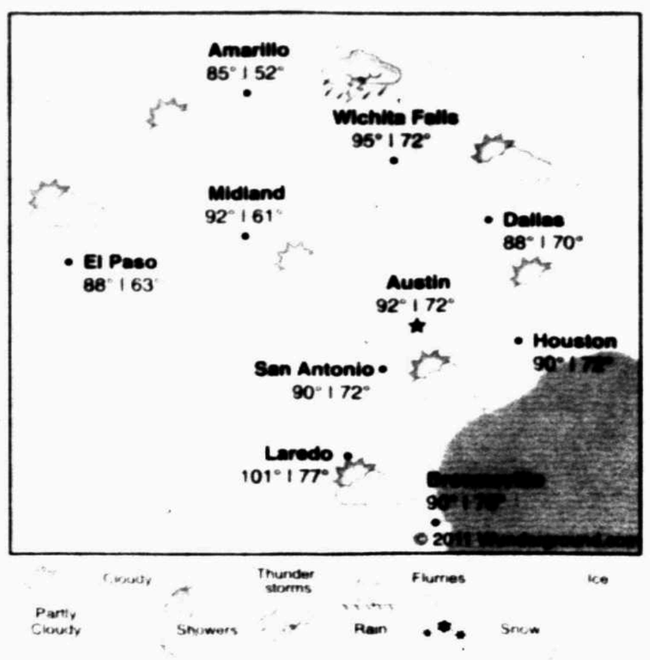
A nearly stationary storm off the Massachusetts coast will continue to throw windswept showers over parts of Maine. A nearly stationary zone of dry air and high pressure to the west of this storm will allow sunshine over the rest of the Northeast.

Farther west, a series of storms developing from the Four Corners to Hudson Bay in Canada will allow hot air to surge from the southern Plains to parts of the Midwest.



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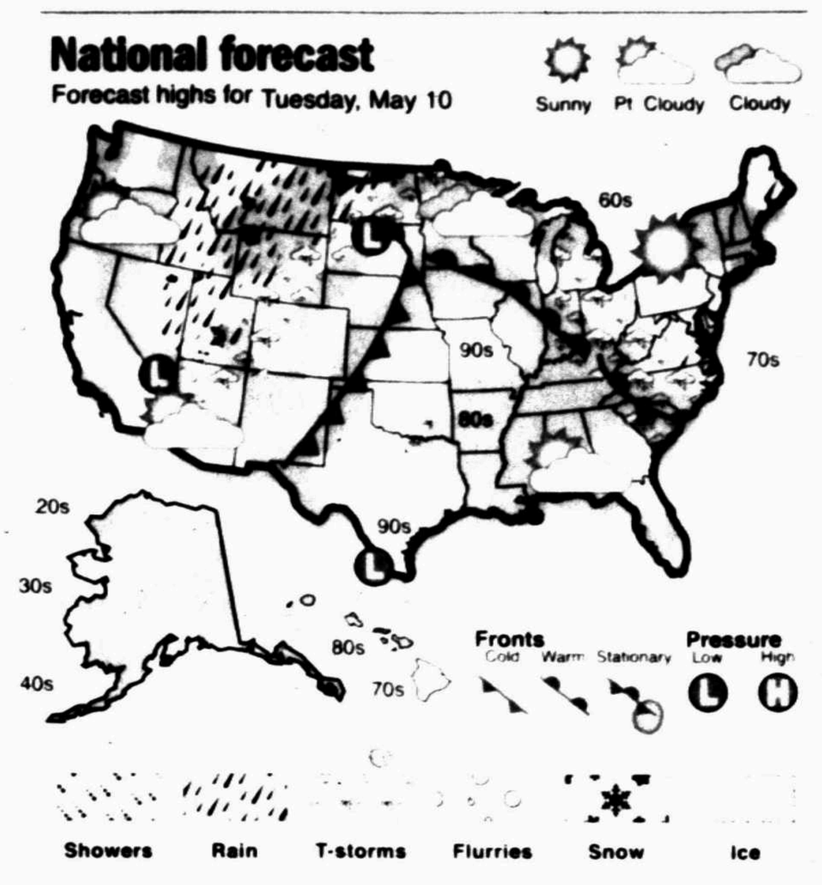
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	2.73 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	98
Low	72
Normal high	85
Normal low	57
Sunrise	6:55 a.m.
Sunset	8:35 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, May 10



Woman who feels lonely needs to get up and go

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: "Little Bit Lonely" (March 26) misses traveling since her husband's death. She wrote that she isn't "good at mingling with new people" and wondered if it would be appropriate to ask her son to include her on weekend trips with his family.

I want to urge "Lonely" to go to her local community college and take classes for seniors. Take any class she might have dreamed of as a young woman. Make friends. Expand her horizons!

I had breast cancer 18 months ago. The day after my surgery, I took stock of my life and decided if I was to follow my childhood dream, what better time than now? I am doing that, and have begun studying voice and theater arts. Do I aspire to be another Helen Reddy or Helen Mirren? No, but I intend to have fun while I take the journey of the rest of my life.

Let me say to her, "Don't be a 'little bit lonely.' Be a little bit too busy!" — NOT AT ALL LONELY, SANTA ROSA, CALIF.

DEAR NOT LONELY: Thank you for an inspiring letter. Other readers shared creative ideas for "Lonely" that might help her set her sails in new directions. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Lonely" should organize a trip (even just a weekend jaunt) and invite her son and family along. That would give the son the opportunity to reciprocate her invitation, which could lead to a new family tradition. — GAYLE IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR ABBY: My dad passed away eight years ago, and Mom has been on her own ever since. She has become a savvy traveler and has made numerous friends along the way. "Lonely" should look into churches, travel agencies and cruise companies for trips for senior singles. "Lonely" does not need to be alone. My mom goes places with family and is close friends with my mother-in-law, too. One or two trips, and "Lonely" should be able to find a few good friends. — PROUD OF MY BROOKLYN MOM

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am a widow. I go on my own to football and soccer games as well as other activities that involve my grandchildren. It's my firm belief that it isn't up to my children to entertain me. They have their own busy lives and need their family time.

I have developed my own social life. I met one of my best friends in a choral group, and another when she sat next to me at church. The three of us go to movies, concerts, plays, etc., and they have introduced me to many new activities. Senior centers sponsor computer classes, bingo and day excursions, and community colleges offer classes in photography, writing, yoga for a nominal fee. Be willing to work through some discomfort and take some risks. — NOT A BIT LONELY

DEAR ABBY: Here's what I'd tell "Lonely": Take a course in self-development. Programs are available for developing skills and learning to live life from the perspective of "possibilities."

Do something for someone in a nursing home or visit Alzheimer's patients. Read to them or just hold a hand. When you get a smile from these patients, you'll know your presence really makes a difference. Join the Red Hat Society. Most of the members are alone and have a great time together.

Volunteer at church, teach Sunday school, work with the homeless in a shelter. Do something for someone who has less. Our world needs people with warm hearts and the time to contribute. You will be amazed at how great you'll feel. — LORRAINE IN ENCINITAS, CALIF.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Out of Africa

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

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♥ 9 6
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♣ Q 6 2

WEST
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♥ 10 3 2
♦ 8 7
♣ 9 8 7 4

EAST
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♥ A K Q 4
♦ 9
♣ J 10 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A 2
♥ J 8 7 5
♦ K Q J 3 2
♣ A K

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	1♠	Dbl
Rdbl	2♣	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♦

Watching all the unrest in the Middle East reminded us that, except perhaps for South Africa, Egypt has the strongest bridge team on the continent, spearheaded by Tarek Sadek and Wahid Elahmady. They sat East-West on this deal a few years back against a powerful U.S.-Italy squad.

West's two clubs was an attempt to find a 4-4 fit in either clubs or spades. North-South brushed this petty annoyance aside and reached the normal contract of three no-trump, against which Elahmady led the two of hearts (third- or fifth-best).

Sadek won with the king and returned a low heart. Declarer looked at this suspiciously, but eventually decided to treat it as an honest card and placed West with Q x x of hearts and, therefore, followed low. West's 10 won and the defense started off with four heart tricks, with the ace of diamonds still to come. Down one.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 10, 2011: This year, you have get-up-and-go. You are entering a new cycle, where the first year is very lucky. Note a difference between what you project and what you want on a deeper level. Avoid mixed signals. If you are single, this schism could also affect your choices. Who and what you want could be very different from what you need. If you are attached, you will tend to emphasize your family life more. Your positive energy will make a difference. LEO serves as an anchor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have the resources to come up with a solution, but so do others. Perhaps stopping and looking at the similarities in each idea could put you on the path toward mutual success. Tonight: Use creativity in your evening plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You hit a brick wall. Just jump over it. Eliminate the hassles. The untested thought could work. Think outside the box. Visualize and manifest what you want. Tonight: Happily mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Avoid getting stuck in a quagmire of issues. Knowing what is and what isn't important is instrumental to your success. Bypass the frivolous if you're aiming for a clean desk at the end of the day. Not everyone communicates effectively. Help someone verbalize his or her issues. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ A fundamental disagreement might stem from a very different perspective and background. Though at the moment it might seem futile to try to come to an agreement, space will illuminate the path. Return calls and stay in contact with key loved ones. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Realize what you are asking. If you hit a brick wall or a lack of understanding, the request itself might be a little off. News coming in from afar colors plans. Ask needed questions. Tonight: Where you can relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Relate to individuals. Your instinct right now might be to cloister. Though you certainly have a lot on your plate and a lot to digest, different people want to access your ability to see a problem from all sides. Tonight: Get some much-needed rest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be looking at a changeable issue. A meeting sheds light on the fact that some people are more stuck than others. Try to open up your thought process. A discussion with a close partner can only help. Don't mix any possibilities. Tonight: Brainstorm with a resourceful friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Stay on top of a matter and understand what is happening behind the scenes. You might not always have the right idea or answer. Listen to someone who is in charge or who has displayed more wisdom in the past. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Keep searching for more information and feedback. You might wonder exactly what is best for you. Detach, and answers will appear. A child's or loved one's gesture could be quite touching. Respond accordingly. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Deal with others directly. Group interactions won't have the same impact as one-on-one relating. Your sense of humor comes forward. You are on top of your game. You know what to do but you seem to need to have agreement. Tonight: Share news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Go with others' ideas, knowing they might be different from yours but probably are right-on. You cannot always come up with the right idea or response. Let others run with the ball. Discussions are animated and full of information and kindness. Tonight: Wherever you go, you seem to visit with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Realize what it takes to get a job done or even just run errands. Either way, you enjoy communicating with a friend at the same time. Perhaps you can squeeze it all in. An expenditure, though more than you originally thought, will pay off. Tonight: Buy a lottery ticket on your way home.

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BORN TODAY

Dancer, actor Fred Astaire (1899), merchant Sir Thomas Lipton (1850), singer Dave Mason (1946)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Colorless
5 Dairy Queen treat
9 1972 Olympics star Mark
14 Get a better int. rate, perhaps
15 Genesis victim
16 Hidden repository
17 Qualify for
18 "Jeopardy!" creator Griffin
19 Clay who was the "Idol" runner-up to Ruben Studdard
20 Good place for a run
23 "Doesn't bother me"
24 Logo on many a Richard Petty race car
25 Inventor Whitney
28 Bug-loving org.
29 Lethargic
32 Schindler portrayer
34 Bad place for a run
36 Raced
39 Reuben bread
40 Hairpieces, slangily
41 Good place for a run
46 "Portnoy's Complaint" writer Roth
47 Sweet companion
48 Aptly named Quaker cereal
51 Gloomy guy
52 Eastern philosophy
54 Danshui River capital
56 Bad place for a run
59 It might end in a sack
62 Molecule part
63 Singer with Crosby and Stills
64 Lofty abode
65 Discipline with posse
66 Oklahoma tribe
67 Long (for)
68 Hostage-rescue acronym
69 Travel

DOWN

1 Attracted
2 Provides with more heat?
3 #1 Toto song that mentions Kilimanjaro
4 Game played in a hall
5 Arthur's castle
6 Passe wedding vow word
7 Soft ball
8 Lisa Marie's dad
9 "Going under the knife" knife
10 What dues need to be
11 "Gross!"
12 Pop __ question
13 Meditative sect
21 Love interest in the song "Copacabana"
22 Sicilian volcano
25 Biblical twin
26 __ Island
27 Signs, as a deal
30 "The __ With the Dragon Tattoo"
31 Chuckleheads
33 River through Aragon
34 1994 role for Jodie
35 Fiddling emperor
38 Common sitcom rating
37 Honolulu's island
38 Reformer Jacob
42 Inhabitant
43 Autumn birthstone
44 Horn & Hardart eatery
45 Neck-biting nickname
48 Morphine or codeine, e.g.
49 Muppet man
50 Sounded relieved
53 Signs off on
55 "You don't have to remind me"
56 Cooking instruction
57 Pack away
58 Forum attire
59 Chestnut's stablemate, perhaps
60 Wrangler competitor
61 401(k) alternative, for short

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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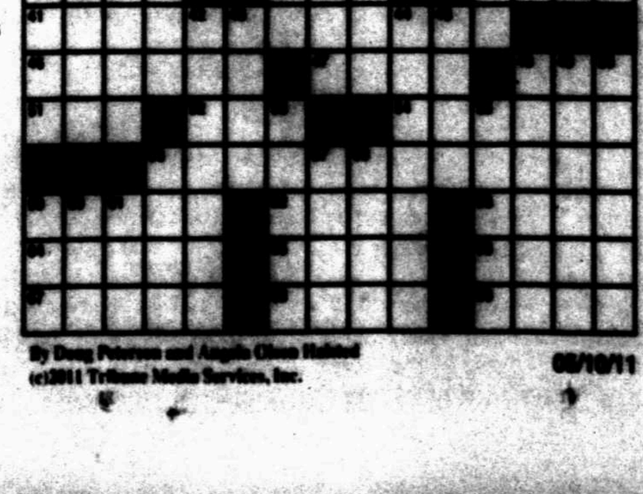

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Education

MISD Junior High Honor Roll

A number of Midland Independent School District junior high students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks.

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

Abell Junior High
Seventh grade
ADKISSON, ALEXIS
AGUIRRE, LAUREN
ATWOOD, RIVER
BAKER, DAVIS
BERNAL, HARLEE
BRANDL, JACE
BUSHMAN, DAYCEE
CATT, JACI
CHAVEZ, ADAN
COLEMAN, HUNTER
COMAS, LEAH
CROWORM, ALISSA
DARCHILD, DEVONTE
GARCIA, ARCY
GARCIA, LAURA
GARCIA, RAMON
GONZALES, ABIGAIL
GRAY, ZACKERY
HALAS, AMANDA
HALL, WESLEY
HAYNE, MIKALA
HESS, JOANNE
KEMP, FOSTER
KNOX, JACKSON
KOEHLER, MORGAN
LARSSON, COLE
LAWRENCE, CLAYTON
MATA, EVAN
MCCRANEY, REBECCA
MORIN, MADILYN
MOUTON, LANDRY
MURILLO, EDWARD
NUNEZ, KALEB
ODOM, AMANDA
PAIZ, ROBERT
PAYTON, CHAPMAN
PRICE, MURPHIE
QUINTANA, ALEXUS
RENZ, DILLON
RIVAS-PARITZA, SALOME
SALOIS, NOAH
SARABIA, EDGAR
SEAWRIGHT, CHANDLER
SHAH, TANVI
SINISTERRA, MARIA
TARIN, JUSTIN
TURNER, SAMUEL
VALDEZ, ALLISON
VITELLO, BRINSON
WALLACE, BAILEE
WARREN, TAYLOR
WASHINGTON, ANGELICA
WASSON, MONTE
WHITSELL, ALYSON
WILLIS, MICHAEL
YORK, JORDAN
Eighth grade
ARAND, IRIS
ASHTON, HANNAH
BLEVINS, BAILEY
BRANCH, MARISSA
BUSHMAN, LOGAN
CLARK, COHEN
DUNNAM, CHASE
DWYER, NIKKI
FIRKINS, MAX
HEERAMAN, SUNITA
HYMEL, ALLISON
JENKINS, HANNAH
JETER, VICTORIA
LAFOY, BREANNA
LE, MARY
LEYVA, ALEXANDRIA
LINDENMUTH, NATASHA
MARTIN, CIDNEY
MARTIN, KEELY
MILLER, NATALIE
MORALES, ARCHEO
O'GRADY, JACK
PATEL, AKSHAR
PEACOCK, BRYCE
RILEY, BRETT
ROESBERRY, JOHN
RUFF, NICHOLAS
SALAZAR, ALONDRA
SMITH, MARY
STEED, KATRINA
SUTTER, SOPHIE
SWINEY, MITCHELL
TAYLOR, REAGAN
WALTER, SEBASTIAN
WARD, MEGAN
WHEELER, SARAH
WINCHESTER, JENNIFER

Alamo Junior High
Seventh grade
ALLEN, TYLER
ARANDA, CARLOS
BOWEN, AVERY
CABELLO, ELOY ANTONIO
CARTER, JAMES
DAVIS, WESLEY
DOMINGUEZ, AARON
DOTSON, LOGAN
DURAN, SERINA
DURHAM, CAMERON
EVANS, MACY
FIGUEROA, MARK
FLORES, JONATHON
GABALDON, SARAHI
GALINDO, NICHOLAS
GARCIA, GAVIN
GORDON, DANIKA
GRANZ, ERICA
HERNANDEZ, ISSAC
HERRERA, MICHAEL
HINOJOS, BELISHA
HLAVATY, CANDACE
HO, ALLEN
KENNEDY, BRANDI
LATHRAM, ALICIN
LEWIS, HANNAH
MARSH, MICHAEL
MCCOLLUM, CADDIE
MIRELEZ, DONOVAN
MISKEL, KYLE
MOORE, MADELINE
MORALES, MARITZA
MORALES, RICHARDO
NINO, JESSIE
PENNY, KENSINGTON
PORRAS, ABEL
ROACH, HUNTER
RUBIO, THOMAS
SERRANO, MARK
SMITH, CLAIRE
TIJERINA, NICKOLAS
TRIMBLE, CHANCE
TURNER, HALEY
WOODFIN, BRADEN
ZACHERY, JULIAS
ZUBIA, VALERIE
Eighth grade
AGUIRRE, MIRANDA
AMENT, MARIE
BERNAL, NETHANIEL
CONTRERAS, YOLANDA
ESCOBAR, MARCELA
GARCIA, CARLOS
GARCIA, PAUL
JACOBS, MATTHEW
JONES, SARAH
JUAREZ, VALERIA
MORENO, ALEXANDRA
NELSON, DANIEL
PRESCOTT, JESSICA
RAMOS, BRIANA
RHOADS, ROBERT
SANCHEZ, JOHNNY
SCHWALBACH, JONATHAN
VILLANUEVA, NATALIE

Goddard Junior High
Seventh grade
AGUILAR, ALLAN
BALDOVINOS, YANIRA
BALTIER, CRISTIAN
BARKER, ETHAN
BREEDING, ZACHARY
BURKHART, JENA
CHRISTMANN, JOHN
COPENHAVER, JAMES
DENT, ABIGAIL
DICKIE, PAYTON
ELLIOTT, IVIE
ESPINOSA, GABRIEL
FOREMAN, MADELEINE
GONZALEZ, ALYSSA
GORDEN, MAKAYLA
HARTZOGE, MATTHEW
HILLGER, JAYME
HOPPEL, BRYCE
HURST, KIMBERLY
JONES, KATIE
KEY, EMILY
LOSOYA, JOHNNIE
LUNA, IZAK
MATA, JACOB
MCKAY, ALYSSA
MERAZ, JAIME
PENA, TAYLOR
RIVERA, MATHIAS
SCHMIDT, CHARLES
SCHNEIDER, WILLIAM
SHIPP, AARON
SILVA, STEPHANIE
SPROLES, JESSICA
TIDWELL-COURTNEY KHOLTON
VONHOLLE, ALEXANDER
WASHINGTON, ALEXIS
WOOLSEY, CLINTON
YOUNGBLOOD, JACK
ZAPATA, ZELYN
Eighth grade
ADAMS, LINDSEY
BAMFORD, JORDYN
BARNES, LAUREN
BARR, SAMANTHA
BAUM, DARIAN
BETCHER, SYDNEY
BUTLER, NAVY
CARRASCO, BRIANA
CESSNA, JONATHAN
CHAVARRIA, HAILEY
DE LA CRUZ, VANESSA
DIAZ, JUDITH
DOMINGUEZ-BOTELLO GABRIEL
DORN, MIKAYLA
DRIVER, MACEY
EDWARDS, ADDIE
ELLIOTT, AUBRIE
ESCAMILLA, CRISTIE
FOLGER, AMELIA
FRITSCHEN, KOHL
GARMON, GRAMM
GOODRUM, RYAN
HAGIST, CHRISTOPHER
HINH, HELEN
JORDAN, MADISON
KRISA, SARAH
LABELLE, CASEY
LEE, ALEXANDER
LOCKLAR, WENDI
LOPEZ, IRIDIAN
MARTINEZ, JOHNNIE
MAST, MIRANDA
MCDONIEL, JEFFREY
MELENDEZ, SAMANTHA
ORTIZ, BRIANNA
PERKINS, SAVANNAH
PHAGAN, SEIVYNN
RAMOS, ALEX
RAYBURN, RACHEL
REAM, ALDEN
REDDY, MEGHANA
REDIC, COURTNEY
RENTERIA, KEILA
ROBBINS, ERIN
RODRIGUEZ, JUAN
ROMAN, ELIAS
ROSEN, BENJAMIN
SANCHEZ, JASMINE
SHELTON, SHELBY
STAIRES, JACOB
TEREBESSY, CAITLYN
TORRES, SARA
VALADEZ, LEAH
WATSON, MIRANDA
WOOD, SARAH
YOUNA, ILEEN

San Jacinto Junior High
Seventh grade
BROWN, THERON
CARLETON, SAMUEL
DEARSTYNE, MARION
DOMINGUEZ, SIERRA
EPLEY, KRISTA
GONZALES, JACOBEY
GONZALEZ-GOMEZ, JULISSA
HALE, CASSIDY
HORNER, JACOB
HULLENDER, MILLICENT
KAM, ERIC
LAMB, SYDNEY
LANCASTER, CLAIRE
MCQUIEN, BRENNA
MENDOZA, EDUARDO
ORTA, NATHANIEL
SINCLAIR, SCOTT
WILSON, AMY
Eighth grade
ALTANY, CLAIRE
BURLESON, CHANNING
CANO, ALBERT
DURHAM, AXEL
GALLEGOS, MATTHEW
HERNANDEZ, JOSEPH
ISBELL, EMILY
MACHUCA, DOMINGO
MILLER, HATTIE
NIETO, LILIANA
OLANDEZ, ELIZABETH
PANNELL, JAMES
ROBERTSON, PAYTON
TRAXLER, CHEYENNE
VALDES, JAVIER
YOUNG, MATTHEW

Making the Grade

Yow

Greenwood High School senior **Kelsei Yow** has been honored by the Midland Daybreak Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.K. Yow.

She is a member of Interact Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, PALS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students in Philanthropy and volleyball, softball and track teams. She was selected to Academic All-District in all three sports and first team All-District in softball.

She attends Stonegate Fellowship youth group.

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Greenwood High School senior **Matthew Ucak** has been honored by the Midland Daybreak Rotary Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ucak.

Ucak

He is National Honor Society vice president and is a member of Interact Club, baseball team, PALS and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was named to All-District team and academic All-District.

He is a member of the Stonegate Fellowship youth group.

Ucak plans to attend Texas Tech University or Lubbock Christian University.

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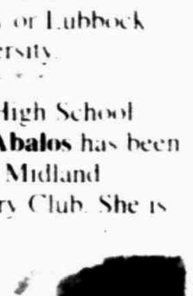
Greenwood High School senior **Celina Abalos** has been honored by the Midland Daybreak Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Abalos.


Abalos

She is a member of Interact Club, National Honor Society, Students in Philanthropy and Student Council. She is class president and a cheerleader.

She is involved in her church's youth group and praise band.

Abalos plans to attend Dallas Baptist University and major in psychology.

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Greenwood High School senior **Tanner Earnest** has been honored by the Midland Daybreak Rotary Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nance Earnest.

Earnest

He is a member of Interact Club, National Honor Society, PALS and the band and is Student Council president. He is a member of All-State and All-Region bands.

Earnest plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in nursing.

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Midland High School senior **Shelby Lynn Jones** is among students to receive a Collegiate Scholars Award from Arkansas Tech University.

Jones

Jones, the daughter of Ron and Melanie Jones, is planning to major in pre-med.

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Lee High School senior **Haley Nichols** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Ray and Pam Nichols.

Nichols

She is a member of Student Council, volleyball team, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society, is an academic letterman and named to first team All-District and academic All-District and All-State.

She volunteers at Mid-Cities Church nursery, Christmas in Action and United Way and is a Symphony Belle.

Nichols plans to attend University of Texas and major in pre-pharmacy.

Education in Brief

MISD to expand reading program

Midland Independent School District is launching the Advanced Placement Summer Reading Program for eighth- through 12th-graders enrolled in Advanced Placement, Pre-Advanced Placement, and Gifted & Talented programs in English and social studies.

Students will be given reading assignments this month, and will be assessed over the reading during the first six weeks of the fall semester. This is the first time MISD has implemented a district-wide summer reading program. Previously, only Pre-AP and AP English classes for grades 10 through 12 participated, according to Susan Zachary, advanced academics supervisor.

The book lists will be available on campus and district websites. If students are unable to obtain copies of the required books, they may contact their respective campuses, or call 689-1014.

Bush students make donation to Red Cross

Bush Elementary School students made a presentation Friday to the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas.

Students collected $1,557 and 355 cases of water. Jones Brothers Dirt & Paving Contractors Inc. donated $3 for each of the cases of water the students collected, bringing the total to $2,622, said Principal Bonnie Smith.

UTPB to reduce summer hours

ODESSA — Increased utility expenses are necessitating an abbreviated campus schedule from Monday through Aug. 14, according to Iris Foster, public information officer at University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The main campus will be open from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed Friday through Sunday.

The dining hall will be open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.; gymnasium, fitness center and swimming pool will be open from noon until 7 p.m.; the library will be open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. during Maymester and until 10 p.m. during the summer. The computer labs will be open 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. until the first week of August; the labs will be closed Aug. 8-19, Foster said.

Professor to speak about Freedom Rides

ODESSA — Derek Catsam, associate professor of history at University of Texas of the Permian Basin, will be speaking across the country at events planned in conjunction with the re-enactment of the Freedom Rides.

The re-enactment began Friday in the Northeast to help college students understand the danger a group of 400 white and African-American young people experienced in testing the Jim Crow laws 50 years ago, according to a press release from UTPB.

Catsam is author of "Freedom's Main Line: The Journey of Reconciliation and the Freedom Rides," and was involved in the documentary, "Freedom Riders," which will be shown on the PBS' "American Experience" 8 p.m. May 16 and May 21.

Scholarship dedicated to late member

The International Right of Way Association Chapter 35 has dedicated its scholarship program to a former Crane resident who was involved in the chapter for many years.

The Doug Damron Memorial Scholarship is for seniors in10 West Texas counties, including Midland.

For more information, contact Rick Doehne at rick.doehne@gmail.com.

Successful educators have good teacher-student relationships

Sarah Duran

Seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher at Midland Academy Charter School

From the moment our children start school, our hope is that they end up with a great teacher. Many of us remember the bad ones or the mean ones, but there are many teachers out there who truly are making a difference.

I strongly believe what these teachers have that others do not is a positive teacher-student relationship. We are told over and over again that these kids do not need another friend — that we are here to teach and show them we care. However, there is a fine line between being a student's friend and developing a relationship that is positive.

It has nothing to do with the teacher being everyone's best friend or the "cool" teacher. It has to do with the teacher who takes time to understand a child's problem, fear or confusion. Teachers are called to this field to not just teach their subject but to impact the lives of children in a positive manner.

Children spend five to seven hours a day with a teacher for almost 10 months. We spend a great amount of time with these children and know when they walk into the classroom if it's going to be a good day for this child or not. We can tell if they had a long night at home, if the weekend was terrible or if it was a great one. Teachers who are not in tune to this type of behavior probably do not have good student-teacher relationships.

Take church ministry for example. If you want someone to learn about God, should you preach to them and slam Bible verses in their face? For the most part, they will say "no thank you" and will not want to hear anything you have to say about God. Adults involved in Young Life, a youth ministry for teens, are concerned enough about kids that they go to them on their turf and in their culture, building bridges of authentic friendship. These relationships don't happen overnight; they take time, patience, trust and consistency. Then after a solid relationship is established they can share with their kids who God is.

It's the same in education — build an authentic friendship with solid boundaries and your students will be more willing to learn and be successful. The communication between the student and the teacher serves as a connection between the two, providing a better classroom environment.

Of course, a teacher is not going to understand every problem of every child in his or her classroom, but will acquire enough information for those students who are struggling with specific tasks.

A significant body of research indicates that student achievement and behavior are influenced by the teacher-student relationship. The more the teacher connects or communicates with his or her students, the more likely they will be able to help students learn at a high level. There are teachers who need to understand the value of the students' sense of belonging, which can be of greater value and build self-worth for minority students. If the teacher demonstrates an understanding of the student's culture, it will provide a better understanding between the teacher and student.

Kids' lives are dramatically impacted when caring adults come alongside them. Just as students' lives have great worth, meaning and purpose because their Young Life leaders believe in them, the same goes for teacher and students. If teachers get inside their children's world, they will have respect for you and you will win favor by having active learners in your classroom.

Sports

Westbury sends Mustangs home without state title

By Drew Davison
MRT Correspondent

WEATHERFORD — Midland Christian had its chances.

The Mustangs put runners in scoring position, but couldn't get the key hit. They made nice defensive plays, but also had mental lapses.

In the end, Houston Westbury Christian pulled out a 6-4 victory over Midland Christian to win a TAPPS 4A regional round game on Monday night at Kangaroo Field.

Houston Westbury Christian (26-9) advances to the state semifinal, where it will face the winner of Houston Second Baptist-Dallas Parish Episcopal. Midland Christian finishes its season at 29-6.

"It's a disappointment," first-year head coach Mike Munguia said. "This was a state championship team. This was a team who had a chance to win the state championship, and everybody knew it. But this is the thing that can happen in a one-game series."

It didn't start off well for the Mustangs.

After taking a 1-0 lead on Nikko Velarde's single in the first, MCS tried to steal another run — literally. Shortstop Bryant Burleson bolted for home when he thought Westbury Christian starter Dillon Thomas went in his windup, but Thomas stepped off the rubber and threw Burleson out. Munguia argued that it was a balk, but to no avail.

Mungula

Velarde

Wildcats	**6**
Mustangs	4

"He stepped out of his windup, which is a clear balk," Munguia said. "We had a chance to get him to early, and we weren't able to. That really hurt us, and we spun our wheels from there."

It seemed like MCS grabbed the momentum back in the fifth inning. Westbury Christian took a 2-1 lead, and had a chance to extend it with runners at first and third with one out.

But MCS caught the runner on third trying to steal home, and then catcher Hunter Redman gunned down the runner trying to get back to first.

In the bottom half, the Mustangs tied the game at 2-2 on Burleson's shot over the center field fence.

"Momentum was shifting to our side, but you've got to give them credit because they took it right back," Munguia said.

Westbury Christian scored four runs in the sixth to take a 6-2 lead.

But the Mustangs didn't go down easily.

In the seventh, MCS put together a two-out rally. Velarde roped a two-run double to center to pull the Mustangs within two.

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MHS grad Stewart helps Chaps top Clarendon

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Midland College baseball team bounced back big with a 12-1 run-rule victory against Clarendon College during a loser's bracket game at the Region V Tournament at Dan Law Field.

The Chaparrals broke open a 5-1 game in the seventh inning by scoring three runs and then added four more in the eighth to close out the run-rule victory.

Chaps	**12**
Bulldogs	1

Stewart

Smelser

The Chaparrals (33-25) will advance to a loser's bracket semifinal game today where they will play rival Howard College (41-12) at 10 a.m. at Dan Law Field. The Hawks lost to New Mexico Junior College, 5-1 on Tuesday.

Overall, Midland College slapped 16 hits on Tuesday with five players recording multiple hits in the game. That hit number was a big difference from Sunday's tournament opener where the Chaps had only three hits in a shutout loss to Grayson County College.

Nick Smelser was 2 for 4 with four RBI on the day, and Tanner Mitchell had three hits and an RBI. Joe Wielbruda, Tate Baker, Nick Salois and Reagan Pearson each had two hits and

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Region V Schedule

Region V Baseball Tournament
at Texas Tech's Dan Law Field
Format: Double elimination
Sunday through Thursday
Sunday's Scores
First round

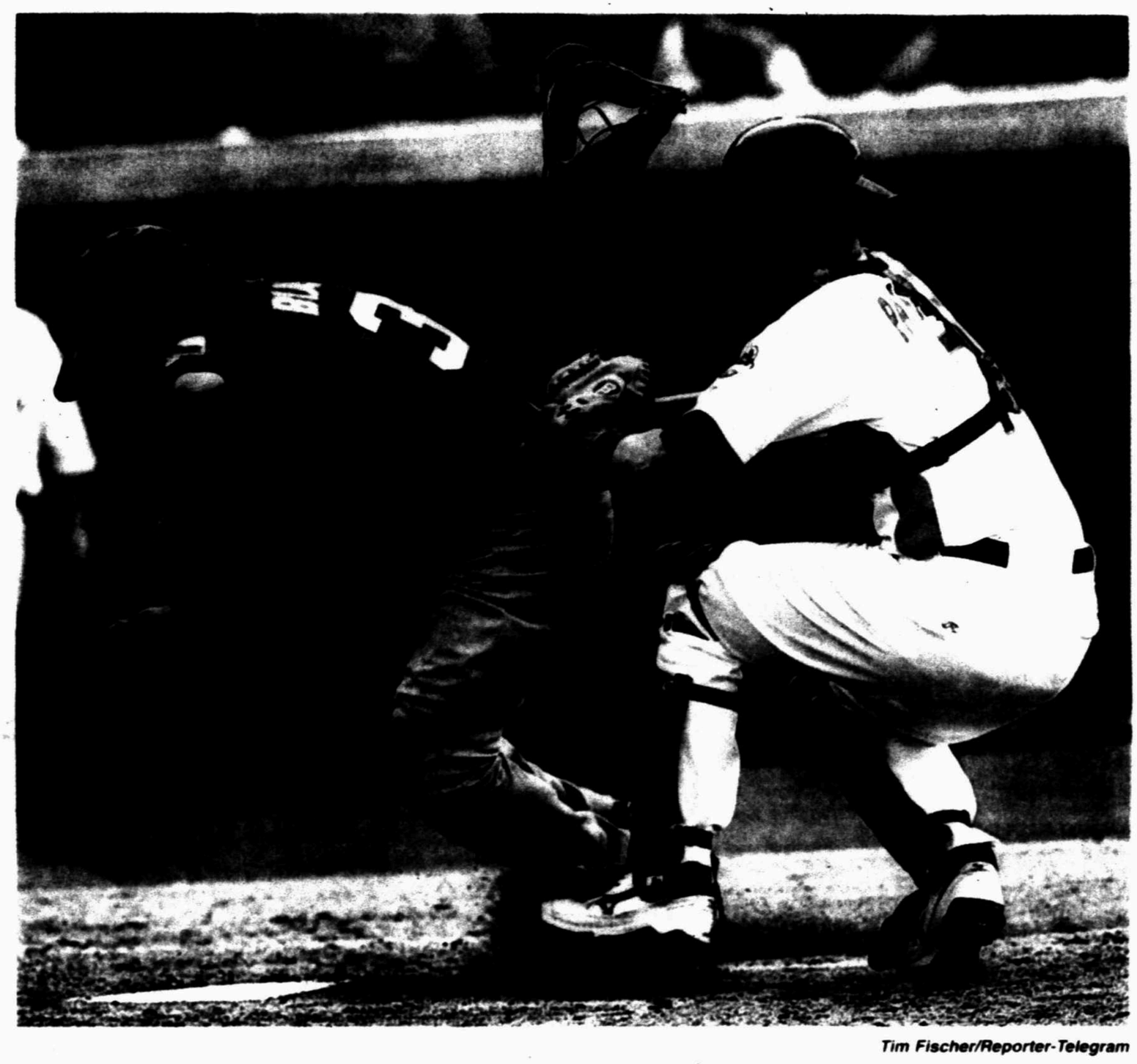
Game 1: (W3) New Mexico Junior College 5, (N2) Temple College 2
Game 2: (W1) Howard College 11, (N4) Weatherford College 10
Game 3: (N3) Grayson County College 8, (W2) Midland College 8
Game 4: (N1) McLennan Community College 10, (W4) Clarendon College 3

Monday's Scores
Loser's bracket

Game 5: (N4) Weatherford 11, (N2) Temple College 3 Temple College eliminated
Game 6: (W2) Midland College 12, Clarendon College 1
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 7: (W3) New Mexico Junior College 5, (W1) Howard College 1
Game 8: (N3) Grayson County College 1, (N1) McLennan Community College 0

Today's Games
Loser's bracket quarterfinals
Game 9: Midland College (33-25) vs. Howard College (42-12), 10 a.m.
Game 10: Weatherford (35-18) vs. McClennan CC (37-19), 1 p.m.
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 11: New Mexico Junior College (37-20) vs. Grayson County College (40-14), 5 p.m.
Loser's bracket semifinal:
Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Loser's bracket championship
Game 13: Game 11 loser vs. Game 12 winner, 1 p.m.
Region V Championship
Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 5 p.m.
Thursday's Game
Region V Championship (if necessary game)
Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 1 p.m.

BACK AND FORTH


Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland catcher Petey Paramore lays a tag on Frisco's Mike Bianucci as he tries to fight his way home on Monday at Citibank Ballpark. The RoughRiders beat the RockHounds 8-5.

This time Frisco gets the key hit to beat RockHounds

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Just the way the rest of this series has gone, the Midland RockHounds and the Frisco RoughRiders have proven that a key hit or a key pitch could be the difference in a game.

On Monday it was the RoughRiders who got the upperhand as Jonathan Greene delivered the clutch two-run single in the eighth inning to give Frisco the lead for good in an 8-5 come-from-behind victory over the RockHounds at Citibank Ballpark.

The RockHounds trailed for a big chunk of the game before Jermaine Mitchell gave them their first lead of the evening, 5-4, when he smacked a two-run triple to right-center field and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Grant Green in the seventh inning.

"We got a little surge there in the seventh and they got some baserunners on, got some key hits and we didn't make the pitches when we needed to," Midland manager Steve Scarsone said.

RoughRiders	**8**
RockHounds	5

"It seems like we're pretty evenly matched right now and it's come down to a key hit or a key pitch. Today they got it. (Sunday) we got one, so hopefully it will be our turn next time tomorrow."

That lead was short-lived because the middle of the order for the RoughRiders came through when Joey Butler and Tommy Mendonca singled and then Greene drove in the go-ahead runs against Midland reliever Jonathan Ortiz for a 6-5 advantage.

"I was just trying to see the ball and I put a good swing on it," Greene said. "The guys in front of me did a great job by getting on base too."

Frisco's 3, 4, 5 and 6 hitters of Butler, Mendonca, Mike Bianucci and Greene were lethal as they went a combined 11 for 18 in the game and drove in seven of the team's runs.

"They're a good bunch of hitters," Scarsone said. "It seems like they're going up there hoping to do some damage."

Added Greene, "Everybody on the team is playing good and coming up with a knock. We're just playing great team baseball."

That middle of the order for Frisco helped the RoughRiders jump out to a 3-0 lead against Midland starter Justin Murray. Mendonca had an RBI single in the first and had an RBI double in the third to score Butler both times. Greene added one of his three RBI on the night in the third to score Mendonca.

The RockHounds fought back thanks in part to Mitchell.

The Midland center fielder and leadoff batter first hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the third to cut it to 3-2. Then after Bianucci extended the Frisco lead to 4-2 with a monster homer to left in the sixth, Mitchell hit the two-run triple in the seventh to tie the game at 4.

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Mavs get at least a week to rest up for next round

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks learned about all the things there are to do in early May by getting bounced out of the playoffs pretty quickly the last four seasons.

They've got some down time again this week, only it was earned under the best of circumstances. They've already advanced to the Western Conference finals, and it will take several days to settle who and when they will play next.

Considering the Mavericks have won six straight playoff games — the best roll in franchise history, spiced up by a sweep of the two-time defending champion Lakers — they may not want to risk losing their momentum.

But their roster is loaded with guys in their 30s, all the way up to 38-year-old Jason Kidd. So recharging their bodies might be what this team needs most to try winning the first championship in franchise history.

"It's good for me," said 33-year-old Jason Terry, the star of Dallas' Game 4 victory over the Lakers. "I know it's good for J-Kidd."

Next up for Dallas is either Memphis or Oklahoma City. The Grizzlies led the Thunder 2-1 going into Game 4 of their second-round series Monday night.

If that series ends in six games or less, the conference finals would begin Sunday. If that series goes seven games, the conference finals wouldn't begin until a week from Tuesday.

Whenever things tip off, Games 1 and 2 will be in Dallas. That means that the Mavericks will end up going about two weeks between plane flights, quite a luxury for any team chasing a title.

Coach Rick Carlisle gave everyone Monday off. It was a chance to sleep in after what had to be a fun celebration of their throttling of the Lakers.

Dallas closed out that series in style, tying an NBA postseason record with 20 3-pointers on their way to a 36-point win. It was the

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Richard W. Rodriguez/AP

GOOD WORK, NOW REST Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki is guarded by Los Angeles' Lamar Odom during the first half of Game 4 of a second-round NBA playoff series on Sunday in Dallas. The Mavericks won 122-86, and swept the series.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Baseball

Class 5A
Area

Arlington High (W4, 26-9) vs. Lubbock Monterey (T2, 17-17). Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Doggies Field, Abilene

Amarillo High (W3, 28-6) vs. Midland High (R3, 25-9). Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Dan Law Field, Lubbock Keller (F7, 20-11) vs. Colleyville Heritage (T6, 27-7). Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday. Game 3 (if necessary): 2 p.m. Saturday. All games at Lewisville HS

Hurst, L.D. Bell (W6, 26-9) vs. Coppell (R7, 26-6). Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Coppell HS. Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, L.D. Bell HS. Game 3 if necessary: 1 p.m. Saturday, Grapevine HS

Lee (W3, 35-1) vs. Lubbock Coronado (R2, 24-11). Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday, O'Banion Field, Lubbock. Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Ernie Johnson Field. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

El Paso Franklin (W1) vs. Weatherford (R4, 21-5). Game 1: 4 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday. Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at McCamey Field, Odessa

Southlake Carroll (W7, 24-6) vs. Mansfield Legacy (T5, 24-11). Game 1: 4 p.m. Thursday, Carroll HS. Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday, Legacy HS. Game 3 if necessary: 1 p.m. Saturday, Legacy HS

South Grand Prairie (W5, 22-8) vs. Plano (R8, 25-6). Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, South Grand Prairie HS. Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plano HS. Game 3 if necessary: 2 p.m. Saturday, Plano Mound HS

Class 3A
Area

Andrews (W4, 19-9) vs. Levelland (T2, 17-14). Game 1: 4 p.m. Thursday, Foster Field, San Angelo. Game 2: 4:30 p.m. Friday, Llano HS. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

Lubbock Roosevelt (W3, 20-5) vs. Idalou (R2, 13-3). Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 2 p.m. Friday. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

Burkburnett (W1, 19-0) vs. Forsan (R4-3), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Pirate Field, Woodrow. Game 2: Noon Friday, Pirate Field, Woodrow. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

Wall (W7, 23-3) vs. Salisa (R6), Game 1: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Doggies Field, Abilene. Game 2: 5 p.m. Friday, Jim Ned HS. Game 3 if necessary: 5 minutes following Game 2

Hawley (W5) vs. Comfort (R8), TBA

Softball

Class 5A
Regional Quarterfinals

Weatherford (W4, 22-9) vs. Odessa Permian (R3, 24-9): 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wells Field, Abilene

Plano (W8, 33-3) vs. Lewisville Hebron (T8), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Game 3 if necessary: 7 p.m. Saturday. All games at University of North Texas, Denton

Midland High (W3, 25-13) vs. El Paso Americas (W1), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Pecos HS

Keller (W2, 27-5) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (R4, 25-8), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Game 3 if necessary: 1 p.m. Saturday. All games at Colleyville Heritage HS

Class 3A
Regional Quarterfinals

Andrews (W4, 17-13) vs. Lubbock Cooper (W2, 26-6). Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: Noon Saturday. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Seminole HS

Kennedale (W8) vs. Burkburnett (W6, 27-5), Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 8 p.m. Friday, Game 3 (if necessary): TBA. All games at Graham HS

Paseo (W2) vs. Grapevine (R4, 14-10), Game 1: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Game 2: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Crane HS

Iowa Park (R6, 26-10) vs. West (R8), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Argyle HS

Class 2A
Regional Quarterfinals

Abilene (W4, 26-7) vs. Forsan (23-0), Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Rattler Softball Complex

Colorado City (W3, 31-4) vs. Kermit (R4), TBA

Iraan (W7, 28-1) vs. Clyde (R8), 30-5), Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Game 3 if necessary) 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Wells Field, Abilene

Class A
Regional Quarterfinals

Albany (W4) vs. Eldorado (W2, Game 1: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene HS. Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday, Junction HS. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

Windthorst (W5, 28-4) vs. Seymour (R7), Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Windthorst. Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Seymour HS. Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

Roby (W3) vs. Hasse (R1-6), TBA

Percua (W7, 24-6) vs. Penn Wheel (R8), Game 1: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Henrietta. Game 2: 4 p.m. Friday, Memorial Wells HS. Game 3 if necessary: 30 minutes following Game 2

MUSTANGS

From 1C

6-4. The next batter, David Gates, drew a walk, but the game ended when Westbury Christian caught Velarde in a rundown between second and third.

"A little bit of a mental lapse, but that's not why we lost the game," Munguia said. "We had several chances earlier in the game, and didn't get it done. But I'm proud of these guys, and they played until the final out."

HOUSTON WESTBURY CHRISTIAN 6, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 4

Houston WC	000	114	0	—6	7	1
MCS	100	010	2	—4	7	3

Dillon Thomas, Michael Bonner (7) and Andrew Dunlap; David Lutes and Hunter Redman. 2B — WC — Dillon Thomas, MCS — Chris Armstrong. Velarde. HR — WC: Cody Grimm. MCS: Bryant Burleson

Records: Houston Westbury Christian 26-9; Midland Christian 29-6

CHAPS

From 1C

an RBI on Tuesday.

The Chaps received another stellar outing from sophomore pitcher and Midland High grad Blake Stewart in the game as well. Stewart threw seven innings in picking up the victory, allowing one run on five hits with five walks and six strikeouts.

Today's game between the Chaps and the Hawks will be the seventh meeting of the two teams this season. The Hawks won three of four games during regular Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, and also beat the Chaps in two early week non-conference games.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 12, CLARENDON COLLEGE 1, 8 INNINGS

MC	102 011	36—12	16	1		
Clarendon	100 000	00 —1	7	4		

Blake Stewart, Ricky Rushing (8) and Ryan Small; Sam Quellet, Mario Avila (5), Jace Chancellor (7), Russell Kennedy (7), Scott Cone (8) and Christian Torres. W — Stewart. L — Quellet. 2B — MC: Cameron Mavrouris, Tanner Mitchell, Reagan Pearson, Jorge Mann, Josh Nine. HR — MC: Salos. Clarendon: Alex Howe

Records: Midland College 33-25

Next: Midland College vs. Howard College, 10 a.m. today, Dan Law Field, Lubbock

ROCKHOUNDS

From 1C

"He was huge," said Scarsone about Mitchell, who was 2 for 5 with a home run, a triple, four RBI and two runs scored. "He hit a key triple when we were a little flat. When he scored on that sacrifice fly to take the lead, I thought the momentum was going to continue, but did not."

After Greene helped the RoughRiders retake the lead in the eighth, Frisco added a pair of insurance runs in the ninth as they took advantage of four walks (one intentional), a wild pitch and added two hits.

The RoughRiders have taken two of three from the RockHounds this series and two of the games have been decided by one run. With the way both teams have delivered in the clutch, there could be more fireworks in store in this morning's game.

"I'd rather play games like this," Greene said. "You love a blowout game but this is a great team game."

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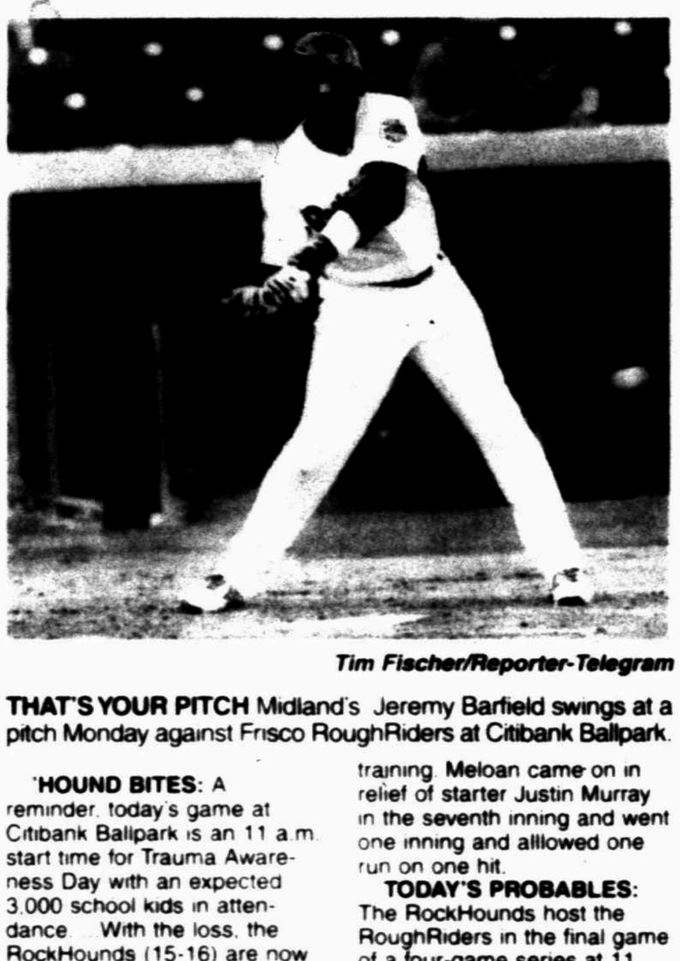


Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

THAT'S YOUR PITCH Midland's Jeremy Barfield swings at a pitch Monday against Frisco RoughRiders at Citibank Ballpark.

'HOUND BITES: A reminder, today's game at Citibank Ballpark is an 11 a.m. start time for Trauma Awareness Day with an expected 3,000 school kids in attendance. ... With the loss, the RockHounds (15-16) are now six games back of the San Antonio Missions in the Texas League South Division. Frisco (14-17) is in third place, a game behind Midland. ... RockHounds reliever Jon Meloan threw his first pitch in a game since 2009. He missed all of last season with an arm injury and recently joined the RockHounds from extended spring training. Meloan came on in relief of starter Justin Murray in the seventh inning and went one inning and allowed one run on one hit.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: The RockHounds host the RoughRiders in the final game of a four-game series at 11 a.m. today as Midland is expected to send LHP Carlos Hernandez (4-1, 7.20 ERA) to the mound, while Frisco is expected to start LHP Martin Perez (1-0, 3.33), who is Texas Rangers' No. 1-rated prospect.

ROUGHRIDERS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 5

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Rodriguez ss	4	0	0	0	Green ss	3	0	1	0
Butler rf	4	1	3	0	Parker 3b	4	0	0	0
Mendonca 3b	5	2	3	2	Spina 1b	2	0	0	0
Banuco 2b	4	1	3	2	Barfield rf	4	0	0	0
Greene 1b	4	0	1	2	Suarez lf	4	2	2	0
Adair lf	4	0	1	0	Walton dh	4	0	0	0
Felix c	4	1	1	0	Paramore c	3	2	2	0
Passanc cf	4	2	1	1	Lindemoen 2b	4	1	2	1
Totals	**36**	**8**	**14**	**7**	**Totals**	**32**	**5**	**7**	**5**
Frisco						**102**	**001**	**022**	**—8**
Midland						**002**	**000**	**300**	**—5**

LOB — Frisco 7, Midland 6. 2B — Butler, Mendonca 4, Suarez, Banuco, Greene, Paramore. SB — Mitchell, Rodriguez 4, Banuco, Felix. SB — Osuna, Green. SF — Green.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Bleier						
Castillo						
Snyder W (1-0)						
Hamburger S (4)						
Midland						
Murray						
Meloan						
Barnes						
Ortiz						
Wagner						

Bleier pitched to 1 batter in the 4th
Castillo pitched to 1 batter in the 7th
Meloan pitched to 1 batter in the 8th
Barnes pitched to 1 batter in the 8th
WP — Castillo, Murray 2, Ortiz, Wagner
HBP — by Castillo (Adair)
T — 2:58
A — 3,781

TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	18	11	.621	—
NW Arkansas	13	14	.481	4
Arkansas	12	14	.462	4 1/2
Springfield	13	17	.433	5 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	21	10	.677	—
Midland	15	15	.500	6
Frisco	14	17	.452	7
Corpus Christi	12	19	.387	9

Monday's Games
San Antonio 5, Corpus Christi 2
Frisco 8, Midland 5
Tulsa 6, NW Arkansas 4, 10 innings
Springfield 5, Arkansas 4, 11 innings

Today's Games
Frisco at Midland, 11 a.m.
Tulsa at Northwest Arkansas, 11 a.m.
Arkansas at Springfield, 12:07 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

ATHLETICS 7, RANGERS 2: At Arlington, Trevor Cahill pitched seven strong innings to earn his sixth straight win to start the season and Josh Willingham homered and drove in five runs and Oakland beat Texas.

Cahill (6-0) matched the major league lead with his sixth victory, and equaled his career best by winning his seventh consecutive decision. The 23-year-old right-hander struck out seven, walked one and allowed five hits. He became Oakland's first 6-0 starter in 21 years.

RED SOX 2, TWINS 1: At Boston, pinch-runner Jose Iglesias raced around from first to score on close play at the plate on Carl Crawford's one-out double off the left-field wall in the bottom of the 11th inning, lifting the Boston Red Sox to a 2-1 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Boston beat Minnesota the final three games of a four-game series and won for the 11th time in 12 games in Fenway Park.

TIGERS 10, BLUE JAYS 5: At Toronto, Max Scherzer won his sixth consecutive decision. Victor Martinez hit a two-run homer and Detroit beat Toronto.

Scherzer (6-0) has not lost in eight starts this season. His season-opening winning streak is the longest by a Tigers pitcher since Jeremy Bonderman won eight straight in 2007.

National League

REDS 6, ASTROS 1: At Houston, Travis Wood hit a three-run homer and pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 6-1 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Wood's shot to the Crawford Boxes in left field made it 3-0 in the third inning and Ramon Hernandez pushed the lead to 5-0 with a two-run homer to almost the same spot an inning later.

PHILLIES 6, MARLINS 4: At Miami, the Philadelphia Phillies turned four double plays behind Joe Blanton, who came off the disabled list to pitch five innings and earn his first victory of the season by helping to beat the Florida Marlins 6-4 on Monday night.

Blanton (1-1) allowed eight hits but left with a 6-3 lead. He made his first start since April 23 after being sidelined with an impingement in his throwing elbow.

PIRATES 4, DODGERS 1: At Pittsburgh, Neil Walker hit a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning and surging Pittsburgh beat Los Angeles to move above .500 in mid-May for the first time in seven years.

Garrett Jones led off the eighth with a walk before Walker laced a shot into the right-field corner off Los Angeles starter Chad Billingsley (2-2). Jones scored all the way from first to give the Pirates a 2-1 lead.

BREWERS 4, PADRES 3: At Milwaukee, Zack Greinke struck out nine over six effective innings in his home debut and Rickie Weeks homered, lifting the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-3 victory over the San Diego Padres on Monday night.

Greinke (1-1) bounced back from a disappointing start Wednesday for his first win with the Brewers by allowing five hits to the struggling Padres, who came in with a major league-worst .215 batting average.

ROCKIES 2, METS 1: At Denver, Chris Iannetta broke a seventh-inning tie with a homer that barely cleared the left-field wall and Colorado snapped its four-game skid.

Iannetta, who stretched out a double that led to Colorado's first run two innings earlier, sent an 81 mph slider from lefty Chris Capuano into the tunnel down the left-field line for his fifth home run with one out in the seventh.

Associated Press

Maryland hires Turgeon to replace Williams

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

As the new basketball coach at the University of Maryland, Mark Turgeon hopes to experience the same kind of success he enjoyed at Texas A&M.

Turgeon

The Terrapins are counting on him to do just that.

Turgeon was hired on Monday night to succeed Gary Williams, who retired last week after a 22-year run at Maryland. The 46-year-old Turgeon leaves the Aggies after making four consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament and going 97-40 in his four-year stay at College Station.

"It was just too good an offer for me to pass on," Turgeon said in a release. "The thing that made it the most difficult was the players. Those guys have done everything I've asked for four years and we've had a great ride."

Maryland athletic director Kevin Anderson believes Turgeon has the ability to extend the winning tradition built by Williams, who won the national championship in 2002 and reached the NCAA tournament 14 times. Just as important, Williams ran a clean program and maintained tight control over his players.

"We're thrilled to bring Mark to the University, where I'm sure he will continue to build on the great legacy and success of Maryland Basketball," Anderson said. "In Mark, we have brought one of the outstanding young coaches in the country, and one who has a proven record of achievement on and off the court. We couldn't be more excited."

Turgeon will be introduced at press conference on Wednesday afternoon at the Comcast Center, where Williams formally stepped down in an emotional ceremony on Friday.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

HEAT 98, CELTICS 90: LeBron James scored 35 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Miami to a 98-90 overtime victory over the Boston Celtics on Monday night and give the Heat a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Dwyane Wade scored 28 with nine rebounds and Chris Bosh had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Miami, which could eliminate the defending conference champions and advance to the East finals with a victory in Game 5 in Miami on Wednesday night.

James, Wade and Bosh scored 83 of Miami's 98 points and had 35 of its 45 rebounds.

Paul Pierce scored 27, Ray Allen had 17 and Kevin Garnett had seven points and 10 rebounds for Boston.

James made up for a turnover at the end of regulation with a fallaway jumper to start overtime and give Miami the lead for good. The Celtics scored just four points in overtime, shooting 1 for 6 and making four of their 18 turnovers.

Rajon Rondo, who dislocated his left elbow Saturday night in Game 3, played 39 minutes with a padded sleeve covering what appeared to be a brace on his left arm, scoring 10 with five assists.

Associated Press

Mavs

From 1C

second-biggest blowout in franchise playoff history, and among the most memorable series wins because of who it came against and how much better the Mavs were, especially in fourth quarters.

"I think I'm gonna have some pizza and cheat on my diet," Nowitzki said before leaving the arena Sunday afternoon.

When this postseason began, the Mavericks were widely considered an afterthought in the title chase. If they were being discussed, it was probably about their chances of getting upset by Portland in the first round. Few people were saying this could be THE year for Nowitzki, Kidd and the Mavs.

Yet Dallas is the highest seed standing in the West. Regardless of who they face, the Mavericks are likely to be favored, with their playoff experience a big factor.

The flip side of experience is age. Again, that's where the long layoff could help.

Guys should be as fresh as possible for this time of year. And it's not like they will spend all week lounging around and getting lazy. Carlisle — will have them on the court most days, with several intense scrimmages to try keeping everyone sharp.

Canucks beat Predators to advance to West finals

By Beth Rucker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Vancouver Canucks have had plenty of practice this postseason when given the chance to eliminate an opponent. They finally found a way to make it look easy.

Daniel Sedin and Mason Raymond scored first-period goals, and Roberto Luongo made 23 saves as the Canucks beat the Nashville Predators 2-1 in Game 6 to advance to the Western Conference finals on Monday night.

"Relief," Sedin's twin brother Henrik said of his emotions. "It was one of those series where they get on a roll and they win this game, and all of a sudden there is a seventh game. That's the playoffs. There were a lot of ups and downs, so we are happy."

The Canucks, who had the NHL's best record this regular season, reached the conference finals for the first time since 1994 and will face the winner of the series between the San Jose Sharks and Detroit Red Wings. San Jose leads that series 3-2, with Game 6 to be played in Detroit on Tuesday night.

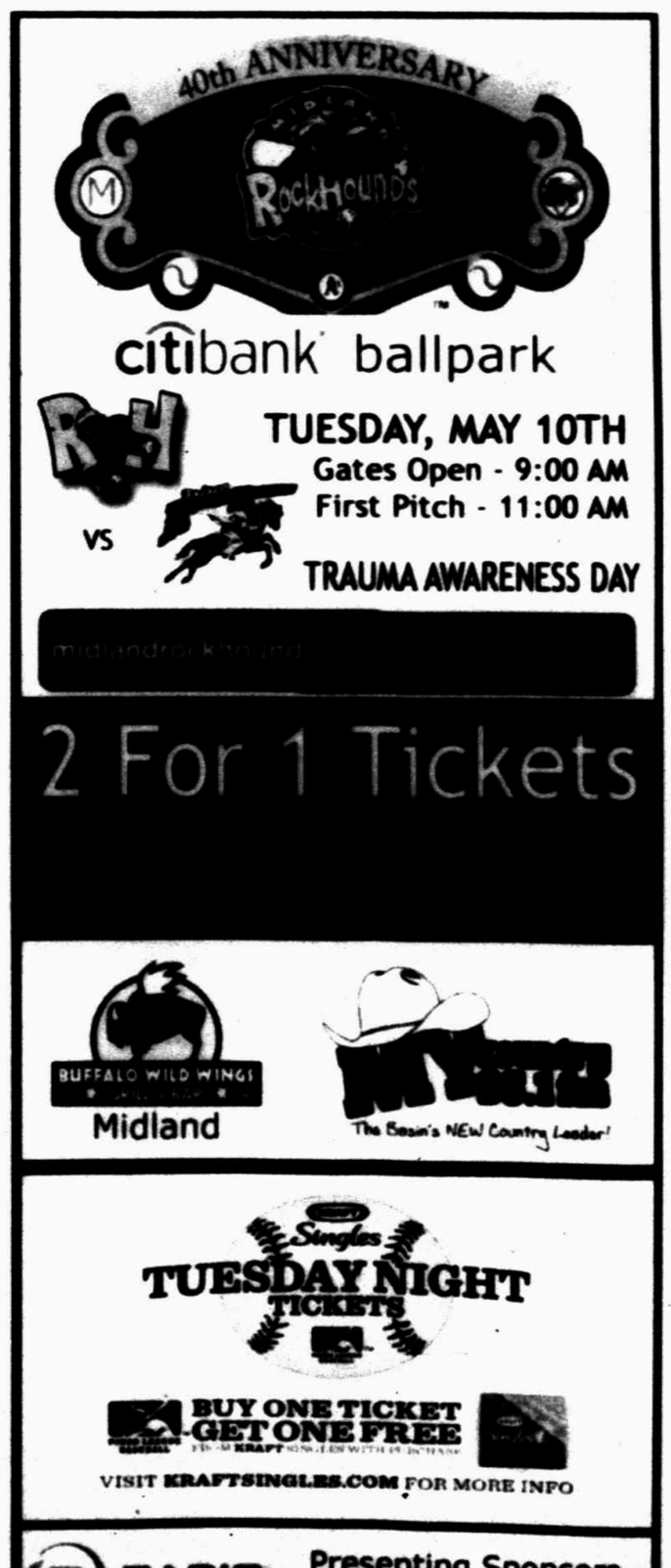
Vancouver is 2-4 this year with the opportunity to advance on the line, and 6-1 in its other playoff games. The Canucks blew a 3-0 series lead against defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago in the first round before finally eliminating the Blackhawks in overtime of Game 7.

That gave the Canucks the chance to face Nashville, which reached the second round for the first time in team history.

They made themselves comfortable on Nashville's ice, winning all three games there in the series. Vancouver was just 1-2 at home in the series.

Raymond gave Vancouver the lead 7:45 into the game and Sedin made it 2-0 just 1:43 later. Luongo did the rest for the Canucks, who were outshot 24-19. The Canucks recorded only nine total shots in the first two periods.

David Legwand's goal 3:31 into the second period cut Vancouver's lead to 2-1. The goal — Legwand's sixth of the postseason — stood up to a video review, but the Predators couldn't avoid elimination again and force a Game 7.



NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 2, Atlanta 2
Monday, May 2: Atlanta 103, Chicago 95
Wednesday, May 4: Chicago 86, Atlanta 73
Friday, May 6: Chicago at Atlanta 8:30
Sunday, May 8: Atlanta 100, Chicago 88
Today: Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 15: Atlanta at Chicago, TBA
Miami 3, Boston 1
Sunday, May 1: Miami 102, Boston 91
Tuesday, May 3: Miami 102, Boston 87
Saturday, May 7: Boston 97, Miami 87
Monday, May 9: Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11: Boston at Miami, 6 p.m.
x-Friday, May 13: Miami at Boston, 6 or 7 p.m.
x-Monday, May 16: Boston at Miami, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Dallas 4, L.A. Lakers 0
Monday, May 2: Dallas 96, L.A. Lakers 92
Wednesday, May 4: Dallas 93, L.A. Lakers 87
Friday, May 6: Dallas 96, L.A. Lakers 92
Sunday, May 8: Dallas 112, L.A. Lakers 86
Memphis 2, Oklahoma City 1
Sunday, May 1: Memphis 114, Oklahoma City 101
Tuesday, May 3: Oklahoma City 111, Memphis 103
Saturday, May 7: Memphis 101, Oklahoma City 97
Monday, May 9: Oklahoma City at Memphis, late
Wednesday, May 11: Memphis at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 13: Oklahoma City at Memphis, TBA
x-Sunday, May 15: Memphis at Oklahoma City, TBA

MONDAY'S BOX SCORE
HEAT 96, CELTICS 90, OT
MIAMI (98): James 12-29 4-9 35, Bosh 8-14 5-5 21, Anthony 2-9 0-0 4, Bibby 2-6 0-0 4, Wade 8-18 7-12 24, Chalmers 1-2 0-0 3, Haslem 1-1 0-0 2, Ilgauskas 1-3 0-0 2, Howard 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 2-3 0-0 5, Haslem 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 35-75 16-28 98.
BOSTON (90): Pierce 10-25 6-7 28, Garnett 7-15 5-6 7, O'Neal 3-6 2-2 8, Rondo 4-12 2-2 10, Allen 5-12 5-6 17, Wood 4-7 2-2 10, Terry 1-5 0-0 2, Green 2-4 2-2 7, Davis 1-2 2-4 4. Totals 37-88 24-29 90.

Miami	28	22	19	17	12 — 98
Boston	31	22	20	13	4 — 90

3-Point goals: Miami 7-20 (James 2-6, Bosh 1-1, Anthony 0-1, Bibby 0-1, Miller 1-2, Wade 3-9), Boston 9-23 (Pierce 3-8, Garnett 0-1, Allen 5-12, Terry 1-2). Rebounds: Miami 48 (Wade 4, Boston 11, Rondo 5, Bosh 5, Miami 4, Boston 4), Boston 47 (Pierce 7, Garnett 7, Allen 5, Green 4, Davis 4). Assists: Miami 19 (Wade 4, Boston 7, Rondo 5, Bosh 3, Miami 2, Boston 2). Total fouls: Miami 24, Boston 24. Technicals: Miami, Wade 2, Boston 2. A: 19,624 (18,624).

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA

NOTE

Wednesday's Games

Saturday's Games

Sunday, May 15

Cycling

Giro d'Italia Results
Monday
At Rapallo, Italy
Third Stage
A 107-mile stage from Reggio Emilia to Rapello

Overall Leaders
(After 3 of 21 stages)

Fight Sked

May 13

At Sonora, Mexico (Cesar Chavez Auditorium) Mario Bouchaine 12 for Majores, BF (super-featherweights)

May 14

At Home Depot Center, Carson, Calif. (HBO) Andre Ward vs. Arthur Abraham 12, for Ward's WBA Super World, super middleweight title; Cristobal Arreola vs. Nagy Agard, 10, heavyweights

May 18

At The Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Ill. Andy Lee vs. Alex Bunema, 10, middleweights

May 20

At Prudential Center, Newark, N.J. (ESPN2) Antwone Smith vs. Joel Julio, 10, light middleweights

AL Boxes

ATHLETICS 7, RANGERS 2

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Cowgill cf	4	1	1	0	Kinsler 2b	4	1	2	0
Barton 1b	3	0	0	0	Andrus ss	4	0	0	0
Cuddyer rf	3	0	0	0	Murphy rf	4	0	1	0
Wright dh	4	0	0	0	Morlan dh	4	0	0	0
Kouzmanoff 3b	4	1	1	0	DeRosa 3b	4	0	0	0
Ahrens lf	3	0	0	0	Torrealba c	4	0	0	0
M Ellis ss	3	0	0	0	Mostoi lf	4	0	0	0
Pennington c	3	0	0	0	Davis 1b	4	0	1	0
Totals	28	2	4	1	Totals	35	2	9	1

Oakland	000	000	200	—	2
Texas	000	010	010	—	2

E—Jackson (1), Andrus (11). DP—Oakland 1, Texas 1. LOB—Oakland 4, Texas 7. 2B—Cuddyer (4), Kouzmanoff (6), Morlan (1), Andrus (11). SF—M Ellis.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Cahill W,4-1	6	6	2	2	2	4
Blevins	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ziegler	1	1	0	0	0	0
Breslow	1	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Wilson L,4-4	6	4	2	2	3	3
Oliver	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tomlin	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Wilson. PB—Torrealba. Umpires—Home, Jeff Kellogg; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Mike Everitt; Third, Ted Barrett. T—2:43. A—19,115 (49,170).

TIGERS 10, BLUE JAYS 5

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Avila c	4	1	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0
Boesch rf	4	1	1	0	Escobar ss	4	0	1	0
Kelly rf	0	0	0	0	Bautista rf	4	1	1	1
Cabrera 1b	4	2	2	2	Encarnacion dh	4	1	1	1
Jh Peralta ss	4	2	2	2	Arencibia c	4	1	2	2
Young lf	4	1	1	1	Thames lf	4	1	1	1
Dirks dh	4	1	1	1	Mcdonald lf	0	0	0	0
Kelly 3b	4	1	1	1	Rasmus cf	4	0	0	0
Inge 3b	0	0	0	0	Hill 2b	4	0	0	0
Raburn cf	4	0	0	0	Mather 1b	4	0	0	0
Totals	39	10	11	10	Totals	36	5	8	5

Detroit	000	600	400	—	10
Toronto	101	000	003	—	5

E—Kelly (1), Escobar (4). DP—Detroit 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Detroit 6, Toronto 7. 2B—Boesch (5), Cabrera (11), Jh Peralta (6), Young (3), Kelly (1), Arencibia (3), Thames (1). HR—Dirks (1), Kelly (1), Arencibia (1), Thames (1). SB—Bautista (1). S—Escobar.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Scherzer W,4-1	6	5	3	3	3	6
Benoit	1	1	0	0	0	1
Perry	1	1	0	0	0	1
Lamont	1	0	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
Morrow	4	5	4	4	2	3
Mills L,0-1	1	3	3	3	0	0
Cecil	1	1	1	1	0	1
Oliver	1	2	2	2	0	1

HBP—Bautista (by Scherzer). Umpires—Home, Mike Everitt; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Jeff Kellogg; Third, Jerry Layne. T—3:14. A—20,121 (49,260).

RED SOX 2, TWINS 1, 11 INNINGS

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	5	0	1	0	Ellsbury cf	5	0	1	0
Mauer c	5	0	1	0	Pedroia 2b	5	0	1	0
Morneau 1b	5	0	1	0	Youkilis 3b	5	0	0	0
Kubel rf	5	0	0	0	Ortiz dh	5	0	0	0
Cuddyer rf	0	0	0	0	Reddick rf	5	0	0	0
Valencia 3b	5	0	0	0	Lowrie ss	5	1	1	0
Tolbert ss	5	0	0	0	Kalish lf	4	1	1	1
Repko lf	4	0	0	0	Saltalamacchia c	4	0	1	1
Casilla c	4	1	1	1	Aviles 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	41	1	10	1	Totals	39	2	9	2

Minnesota	000	000	010	00	—	1
Boston	000	010	000	01	—	2

E—Mauer (1), Tolbert (1). DP—Minnesota 1, Boston 1. LOB—Minnesota 10, Boston 8. 2B—Span (4), Mauer (6), Morneau (7), Kubel (5), Kalish (1). HR—Casilla (1), Saltalamacchia (1). SB—Span (2), Ellsbury (9), Pedroia (3). S—Repko, Aviles. SF—Kalish.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Duensing	6	5	2	2	2	3
Fien	1	1	0	0	0	1
Capps	1	1	0	0	0	1
Perkins L,0-1	1	3	2	2	0	0
Boston						
Lester	7	6	1	1	2	6
Bard	1	1	0	0	0	1
Aceves W,1-0	2	3	0	0	0	2

Umpires—Home, Jim Wolf; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Brian Gorman; Third, Tim Timmons. T—3:05. A—37,493 (37,493).

Wednesday's Games

Saturday's Games

Sunday, May 15

NL Boxes

REDS 6, ASTROS 1

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Stubbs cf	4	0	0	0	Bourgeois cf	4	0	0	0
Phillips 2b	4	0	0	0	Barmes ss	4	0	0	0
Votto 1b	4	0	1	0	Ca Lee lf	4	0	0	0
Bruce rf	4	1	1	0	Wallace 1b	4	0	0	0
Rolen 3b	4	1	1	1	Wilson c	3	0	0	0
Hanigan c	3	1	1	1	Corpas p	0	0	0	0
Cozart ss	3	1	1	1	Fowler rf	3	0	1	0
Leake p	3	0	0	0	Keppinger 2b	3	1	1	0
Totals	39	6	12	6	Totals	35	1	9	1

Cincinnati	003	201	000	—	6
Houston	000	000	010	—	1

E—Votto (1), Rolen (2), Wilson (1). DP—Cincinnati 1, Houston 1. LOB—Cincinnati 8, Houston 6. 2B—Bruce (5), Rolen (5), Hanigan (1), Cozart (3), Fowler (2). HR—Rolen (2), Hanigan (1), Cozart (1). SB—Stubbs (3), Bourgeois (1). S—Leake, Barmes. SF—Rolen.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Leake W,2-2	6	6	1	1	1	4
Arredondo	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ondrusek	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chapman	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Rodriguez	5	6	3	3	1	3
Corpas L,0-1	2	4	3	3	0	1
Lyles	1	2	0	0	0	0

HBP—Leake (by Rodriguez). Umpires—Home, Ron Kulpa; First, Mike Winters; Second, Jerry Meals; Third, Bruce Dreckman. T—2:49. A—30,124 (40,963).

Overall Leaders
(After 3 of 21 stages)

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	19	11	.633	—	—	7-3	W 1	12-6	7-5
Tampa Bay	20	14	.588	1	—	6-4	W 4	11-7	9-7
Boston	19	14	.576	1½	—	6-4	W 1	11-7	8-7
Toronto	17	16	.515	3½	1½	5-5	L 1	9-8	8-8
Baltimore	14	19	.424	6½	4	4-6	W 1	8-10	6-9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	22	11	.667	—	—	8-2	W 3	11-5	11-6
Kansas City	18	16	.529	4½	—	5-5	L 1	9-9	9-7
Detroit	18	16	.529	4½	—	5-5	W 1	10-8	8-8
Chicago	17	17	.500	5½	1	5-5	L 1	9-8	8-9
Minnesota	11	24	.314	12	7½	3-7	L 4	6-12	5-12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	21	12	.636	—	—	6-4	W 2	11-5	10-7
Oakland	20	13	.606	1	—	6-4	W 2	11-6	9-7
Texas	18	16	.529	3½	1½	5-5	W 1	10-8	8-8
Seattle	11	23	.324	10½	8½	2-8	L 2	6-11	5-12

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	21	11	.656	—	—	7-3	W 1	12-5	9-6
Florida	19	14	.576	2½	—	6-4	W 1	11-7	8-7
Atlanta	17	15	.531	4	1½	5-5	L 1	9-7	8-8
New York	16	16	.500	5	2½	5-5	W 1	9-8	7-8
Washington	13	20	.394	8½	6	4-6	L 1	7-11	6-9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
St. Louis	21	11	.656	—	—	7-3	W 1	11-5	10-6
Cincinnati	19	13	.594	2	—	6-4	W 1	11-6	8-7
Pittsburgh	17	15	.531	4	2	5-5	W 1	9-7	8-8
Chicago	15	17	.469	6	4	4-6	L 1	8-9	7-8
Milwaukee	13	20	.394	8½	6½	4-6	L 1	7-11	6-9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Colorado	19	13	.594	—	—	6-4	W 1	11-5	8-8
San Francisco	18	14	.563	1	—	6-4	W 1	10-6	8-8
San Diego	16	16	.500	3	1	5-5	W 1	9-8	7-8
Los Angeles	14	18	.438	5	3	4-6	L 1	8-9	6-9
Arizona	13	20	.394	6½	4½	4-6	L 1	7-11	6-9

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

Today's Games

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Scores

Today's Games

BREWERS 4, PADRES 3

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Venale ss	4	0	0	0	Weeks 2b	4	0	0	0
Headley 3b	4	0	1	0	Braun lf	4	0	1	0
Hundley c	4	0	1	0	Fielder 1b	4	0	0	0
Maybin cf	4	1	1	0	Morgan rf	4	0	0	0
Denorfia rf	4	1	1	1	Hart rf	0	0	0	0
Amarista 2b	4	0	0	0	Lucroy c	4	0	0	0
Alonso 1b	4	1	2	1	Gomez cf	4	0	0	0
Eveland p	2	0	0	0	Counsell ss	4	0	0	0
Stauffer p	0	0	0	0	Estrada 3b	4	0	1	0
Totals	34	3	8	2	Totals	32	4	8	3

San Diego	100	100	010	—	3
Milwaukee	110	011	00x	—	4

E—Headley (2), Counsell (2). DP—San Diego 1, Milwaukee 1. LOB—San Diego 6, Milwaukee 6. 2B—Hundley (3), Maybin (2), Alonso (2), Fielder (6), Morgan (1), Lucroy (2), Estrada (2). HR—Denorfia (1), Alonso (1). SB—Maybin (1), Gomez (1). S—Eveland. SF—Denorfia.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Eveland L,1-2	5	6	4	4	2	3
Stauffer	1	1	0	0	0	1
Thayer	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gregerson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Milwaukee						
Wolf W,2-1	6	6	3	3	2	3
Axford S,3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Loe	1	1	0	0	0	0
Veras	1	1	0	0	0	1

Umpires—Home, Jeff Nelson; First, Mike Muchlinski; Second, Jim Reynolds; Third, Bruce Dreckman. T—2:49. A—30,124 (41,900).

PHILLIES 6, MARLINS 4

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi	Florida	ab	r	h	bi
Victorino rf	4	1	1	0	Bonifacio 2b	4	0	0	0
Rollins ss	4	1	1	0	Coghlan lf	4	0	0	0
Utley 2b	4	1	1	1	Stanton rf	4	0	1	0
Howard 1b	4	0	1	1	Morrison 1b	4	1	1	1
Ibanez lf	4	0	0	0	Petersen 3b	4	1	1	1
Mayberry Jr. lf	0	0	0	0	Ruggiano cf	4	0	0	0
Pence rf	4	1	2	2	Hayes c	4	0	0	0
Ruiz c	4	0	0	0	Hernandez ss	4	0	0	0
Blanton p	2	0	0	0	Nolasco p	2	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	6	4	Totals	34	2	4	2

Philadelphia	103	020	000	—	6
Florida	210	000	010	—	4

E—Rollins (3), Utley (2), Howard (1), Petersen (1). DP—Philadelphia 1, Florida 1. LOB—Philadelphia 6, Florida 5. 2B—Pence (3), Morrison (3), Petersen (1). HR—Utley (2), Pence (1), Morrison (1), Petersen (1). SB—Victorino (2), Rollins (3), Bonifacio (1). S—Blanton, Nolasco. SF—Howard.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Blanton W,2-1	6	4	2	2	2	4
Bastardo H,3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Madson H,5	1	0	0	0	0	1
Papelbon S,6-6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Florida						
Nolasco L,2-3	6	5	4	4	3	5
Dunn	1	1	2	2	1	1
Ramos	1	0	0	0	0	1

Umpires—Home, Ted Barrett; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Mike Everitt; Third, Tim Timmons. T—2:49. A—30,124 (36,743).

PIRATES 4, DODGERS 1

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Rivera 2b	4	0	0	0	Tabata lf	4	0	0	0
Uribe ss	4	0	0	0	Mccutchen cf	4	0	0	0
Ethier cf	4	0	0	0	Mcdonald rf	4	0	0	0
Kemp lf	4	0	0	0	Mcdonald rf	0	0	0	0
Loney 1b	4	0	0	0	Walker 2b	4	0	1	0
Blake 3b	3	0	0	0	Mcdonald 1b	4	0	1	0
Barajas c	3	0	0	0	Barajas c	4	0	0	0
Totals	35	1	10	1	Totals	34	4	10	4

Los Angeles	100	000	000	—	1
Pittsburgh	001	000	03x	—	4

E—Uribe (1), Blake (1). DP—Los Angeles 1, Pittsburgh 1. LOB—Los Angeles 10, Pittsburgh 6. 2B—Ethier (3), Kemp (3), Loney (2), Walker (2), Mcdonald (1). HR—Mcdonald (1). SB—Tabata (1), Mccutchen (1). S—Rivera. SF—Barajas.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Billingsley L,2-3	6	8	4	4	2	4
Belisario	1	1	0	0	0	1
Jansen	1	1	0	0	0	1
Pittsburgh						
Karstens W,2-0	6	5	1	1	2	3
Hanrahan S,6-6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Resop	1	0	0	0	0	1
Watson	1	0	0	0	0	1

Umpires—Home, Jim Wolf; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Brian Gorman; Third, Tim Timmons. T—2:49. A—30,124 (38,362).

ROCKIES 2, METS 1

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Colorado	ab	r	h	bi
Turner 2b	4	0	0	0	Fowler cf	4	0	0	0
Duda lf	4	0	0	0	Tulowitzki ss	4	0	0	0
Bay rf	4	0	0	0	Helton 1b	4	0	0	0
Davis 1b	4	0	0	0	Cuddyer rf	4	0	0	0
Thole c	4	0	0	0	Rosario lf	4	0	1	0
Tejada ss	4	0	0	0	Nelson 3b	4	0	1	0
Nieuwenhuis cf	4	0	0	0	Iannetta c	3	0	0	0
Pelfrey p	2	1	1	0	Chacin p	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	1	0	Totals	32	2	3	2

New York	000	001	000	—	1
Colorado	000	010	10x	—	2

E—Tejada (1). DP—New York 1, Colorado 1. LOB—New York 3, Colorado 3. 2B—Rosario (2), Nelson (1). HR—Nelson (1). SB—Fowler (1). S—Pelfrey, Chacin. SF—Helton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Pelfrey L,2-3	7	3	2	2	2	4
Parnell	1	0	0	0	0	1
Frank	1	0	0	0	0	1
Colorado						
Chacin W,2-2	6	1	1	1	3	3
Belisle H,3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Betancourt S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2

Umpires—Home, Mike Everitt; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Jeff Kellogg; Third, Jerry Layne. T—2:49. A—30,124 (50,398).

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through May 8 -
All-Around

Bareback Riding

Steer Wrestling

Team Roping (header)

Team Roping (heeler)

Saddle Bronc Riding

Tie-down Roping

Barrel Racing

Bull Riding

NATIONWIDE POINTS
Through May 6

Fantasy Golf

PGA Tour

FedExCup Leaders
Through May 8

Rank	Player	Points	YTDMoney
1	Bubba Watson	1,359	$2,905,974
2	Luke Donald	1,219	$2,926,867
3	Mark Wilson	1,207	$2,482,885
4	Phil Mickelson	1,155	$2,311,980
5	Martin Laird	1,062	$2,158,563
6	Gary Woodland	1,050	$2,047,660
7	Nick Watney	1,034	$2,373,733
8	Rory Sabbatini	1,010	$2,015,194
9	Jonathan Byrd	1,005	$2,106,148
10	Brandt Snedeker	975	$2,031,100
11	Webb Simpson	960	$1,851,758
12	Aaron Baddeley	954	$1,978,316
13	Matt Kuchar	843	$1,888,233
14	Jhonattan Vegas	816	$1,584,995
15	Chari Schwartzel	808	$1,766,104
16	Hunter Mahan	796	$1,583,594
17	Steve Marino	783	$1,584,995
18	D.A. Points	773	$1,578,856
19	Bill Haas	760	$1,415,726
20	Vijay Singh	701	$1,438,240
21	Brendan Steele	684	$1,333,319
22	Spencer Levin	680	$1,312,384
23	Dustin Johnson	659	$1,481,572
24	Justin Rose	656	$1,314,388
25	Jason Dufner	649	$1,221,685
26	Tommy Gainey	649	$1,250,497
27	Lucas Glover	622	$1,291,905
28	Kevin Na	619	$1,208,465
29	Y.E. Yang	581	$1,223,596
30	Jason Day	573	$1,274,320
31	K.J. Choi	561	$1,205,049
32	Steve Stricker	559	$1,104,163
33	Charley Hoffman	554	$831,794
34	J.B. Holmes	550	$1,088,087
35	Adam Scott	487	$1,143,257
36	Chris Kirk	479	$776,599
37	Brandon de Jonge	478	$818,088
38	Rickie Fowler	465	$753,353
39	Jimmy Walker	445	$811,939
40	Charles Howell III	441	$888,114
41	Brian Gay	441	$884,499
42	Marc Leishman	434	$716,749
43	Fredrik Jacobson	433	$686,582
44	Robert Garrigus	431	$850,318
45	Ryan Palmer	430	$781,082
46	Robert Allenby	423	$759,280
47	Pat Perez	422	$800,274
48	Jim Furyk	420	$736,070
49	J.J. Henry	418	$643,368
50	Ryan Moore	411	$817,843
51	Ben Crane	410	$705,823
52	John Senden	406	$644,955
53	Johnson Wagner	405	$848,290
54	Geoff Ogilvy	403	$788,907
55	Chris Couch	400	$675,606
56	David Toms	399	$700,215
57	Michael Bradley	394	$771,861
58	Graeme McDowell	384	$857,850
59	Ricky Barnes	378	$691,677
60	Scott Verplank	373	$722,018
61	Matt Bettencourt	364	$594,243
62	Stewart Cink	358	$597,181
63	Jerry Kelly	358	$643,979
64	Troy Matteson	348	$640,670
65	Brandt Jobe	342	$532,492
66	Keegan Bradley	341	$578,928
67	Hunter Haas	331	$566,717
68	Chris O'Hern	304	$434,526
69	Zach Johnson	324	$531,102
70	Carl Pettersson	315	$572,488
71	Rick O'Hern	304	$434,764
72	Bo Van Pelt	303	$561,288
73	Stuart Appleby	302	$524,400
74	Ian Poulter	300	$582,016
75	Tim Clark	299	$571,000
76	Kevin Chappell	295	$597,819
77	Chad Campbell	292	$488,427
78	Bill Lunde	291	$385,186
79	Anthony Kim	290	$576,992
80	Jeff Overton	289	$448,204
81	Tiger Woods	287	$571,360
82	Tom Gillis	283	$562,597
83	Vaughn Taylor	283	$274,809
84	Dillard Pruitt	282	$573,073
85	Scott Stallings	267	$534,206
86	Alex Cejka	266	$268,063
87	Ben Curtis	265	$559,033
88	Matt Jones	258	$464,097
89	Cameron Tringale	257	$481,219
90	Greg Chalmers	256	$493,767
91	Cameron Beckman	256	$381,950
92	Trevor Immelman	255	$380,792
93	Padraig Harrington	253	$511,645
94	Billy Mayfair	249	$395,113
95	Zack Miller	244	$338,239
96	Bobby Gates	244	$577,986
97	Tim Herron	243	$378,708
98	Ernie Els	228	$362,911
99	Justin Leonard	222	$290,317
100	Blake Adams	219	$190,279
28	Wayne Levi	78	$99,230
30	Brad Bryant	70	$165,382
30	Fred Couples	70	$101,457
30	Jay Haas	70	$245,538
30	Tom Kite	70	$169,805
30	Robert L. Thompson	70	$78,747
35	Jim Rutledge	65	$110,900
36	Steve Lowery	51	$103,398
37	Gary Hallberg	43	$80,723
37	Sandy Lyle	43	$53,373
37	Ted Schulz	43	$154,958
37	Hal Sutton	43	$98,175
41	Joey Sindelar	41	$87,458
42	David Peoples	40	$105,557

Champions

UIL STATE GOLF/TENNIS ROUNDUP

Golf

GRAHAM SHOOTS 101 ON OPENING DAY

AUSTIN — Stanton sophomore Kendra Graham shot a 101 on the first day of the Class 2A State Golf Tournament on Monday at the Roy Kizer Golf Course.

Graham was in 29th place after the first day of the tournament.

District 4-2A squad Kermit is leading the tournament after shooting a 368 and is four strokes ahead of Jim Ned, who had a 372.

The tournament will continue today at Roy Kizer.

GARDEN'S CITY'S COOK 4TH IN CLASS A

AUSTIN — Garden City sophomore golfer Brittni Cook shot an 82 and was tied for fourth after the first day of the Class A State Golf Tournament on Monday at Morris Williams Golf Course.

Cook was tied with Kacy Bartlett of Wellington for fourth, three strokes out of third place and six out of second. Baird's Alex Neal leads the tournament after firing a 1-over 73.

Baird is leading the girls standings with a 352, and the Robert Lee boys squad shot a stellar 312 and is 22 strokes ahead of the second place team.

Tennis

GRADY PAIR ADVANCES TO SEMIFINALS

AUSTIN — The Grady boys doubles team of Johan Wiebe and Anibal Medina advanced to the Class A State Tournament semifinals on Monday before failing to a team from powerful Mason at Lakeway World of Tennis.

Wiebe and Medina began the day by defeating Matthew Vanhor and Seth Stephens, of Martin's Mill, 6-3, 6-2. The pair then dropped a 6-4, 6-3 decision to Mason's Andy Duarte and Trey Schwertner.

Grady boys singles player John Ramirez had a rough start to the tournament as he lost to defending Class A boys singles state champion Matt Banner, of Mason, 6-0, 6-0.

GARDEN CITY MIXED TEAM FALLS IN QUARTERS

AUSTIN — The Garden City mixed doubles team of Aaron Long and Taylor Hughes lost in their quarterfinal match on Monday at the Class A State Tennis Tournament.

Long and Hughes, who were in their first year paired together as a team, lost to Canadian's Shelby Saul and Ballard Saul, 6-3, 6-3 in their match.

Compiled from staff reports

UIL STATE GOLF/TENNIS RESULTS

Golf

CLASS 4A
Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Austin
Monday's Results
GIRLS
Par-72, 5,680 yards
Team Standings

Montgomery	
Austin Lake Travis	316
Spring Branch Smithson Valley	320
Huntsville	324
Northwest Nelson	336
Highland Park	336
Carrollton Creekview	336
Waco Midway	357

Medalist Standings

Alix Beck, Austin Lake Travis	
Callie Scheffler, Highland Park	
Jennifer Park, Carrollton Creekview	
Lauren Hall, Sulphur, Montgomery	
Grace Cho, Dallas Wilson	
Kendall Anderson, Magnolia	
Hannah Tuney, Smithson Valley	
Lara Pye, Smithson Valley	
Kelly Connor, Montgomery	
Lindsell McCurdy, Buda Hays	
Madison Ward, Huntsville	
Kate Montgomery	

BOYS
Par-72, 6,883 yards
Monday's Results
Team Standings

Austin Lake Travis	302
Highland Park	306
Rockwall Heath	312
Montgomery Pulaski	316
Keller	320
Boerne Champion	324
Georgetown East	324
Rockwall	331

Medalist Standings

Mason Mongrum, Northwest Nelson	
Joe Beck III, Austin Lake Travis	
Lynn Cerise, Nacogdoches	
Jeffrey Mandell, Keller	
Taylor Hall, Austin Lake Travis	
Kevin Kotz, Austin Lake Travis	
Brandon Lemaster, Montgomery	
Michael Stiles, Highland Park	
Trevor Vega, Victoria West	
Scott Tredo, Boerne Champion	
Kyle Beard, Montgomery	
Ryan Beath, Montgomery	
Ted Meador, Wolfforth Frenship	
Alex Thornton, Highland Park	
Jake Potter, Highland Park	
Scotty Scheffler, Highland Park	

CLASS 2A
Roy Kizer Golf Course, Austin
Monday's Results
GIRLS
Par-71, 5,329 yards
Team Standings

Kermit	368
Dallas Jim Ned	372
Jefferson	376
Cameron Yoe	382
Alpine	392
Hallsville	434
Jefferson Union Grove	444

Medalist Standings

Elizabeth Caraway, Simms	
Jade Seeker, Mesquite	
Ashley Williams, Mesquite	
Olivia Nutt, Kermit	
Emily Kuntz, Cameron Yoe	
Madison Mann, Dallas Jim Ned	
Emily Taylor, Howe	
Shai Shae Dalebout,	
Megan Eubank, Kermit	
Kristin Krueger, Big Sandy Harmony	
Allison Michie, Kermit	
Kristie Guerrero, Alpine	

Other West Texas Individuals

Kendra Graham, Stanton
Taylor Jewell, Kermit
Jaci Prieto, Kermit

BOYS
Par-71, 6,738 yards
Team Standings

Alpine	320
Kermit, White	336
Dallas Jim Ned	344
Sterling City	352
Troup	356
Whitewright	360
Quanah	364
Cooper	368

Medalist Standings

Taylor Tomlinson, Muenster	
Jake Gutman, Quanah	
Jake Bender, Crawford	
Ross Arrington, Anderson Shiro	
Trey Williamson, Dallas Jim Ned	
Garrett Smith, Alvin	
Caleb Cochran, Hughes Springs	
Jordan Bates, Quanah	
Ben Aaron, Dallas Jim Ned	
Jacob Daughtry, Wall	
Nathan Morris, Mount Enterprise	
Trey Worthy, Whitewright	
Justin Rosenauer, Kermit Yoe	

CLASS A
Morris Williams Golf Course, Austin
Monday's Results
GIRLS
Par-72, 4,844 yards
Team standings

Baird	352
Grapeland	372
Memphis	384
Maxwell Cross Roads	388
Robert Lee	394
Jiltona	396
Paloma	412
Bruver	417

Medalist standings

Alex Neal, Baird	
Mandy Marx, Paducah	
Victoria Thane, Stamford	
Kacy Bartlett, Wellington	
Britni Cook, Garden City	
Agni Barnett, Memphis	
Emily Williams, Martin's Mill	
Kasie Ferrell, Woodson	
Jordan Gartmer, Robert Lee	
Miranda Duggar, Wolfe City	

BOYS
Par-72, 5,328 yards
Team Standings

1 Robert Lee	312
2 Seymour	334
3 Maxwell Cross Roads	339
4 Martin's Mill	349
5 Quanah	352
6 Canadian	364
7 Mason	374
8 Paloma	

Medalist Standings

1 Logan Priddy, Robert Lee	
2 Hayden Dillard, Robert Lee	
3 Matt Porter, Seymour	
4 Tyler Ritter, Hamlin	
Clay Alderson, Tolar McMullen County	
6 Joey Wheeler, Maxwell Cross Roads	
7 Garrett Betts, Quanah	
Nathan Forrest, Bonnett West Texas	
9 Foster Allen, Robert Lee	
John Denhem, Olney	

Other West Texas Individuals

Jacob Garcia, Winters

Tennis

CLASS A
Girls Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Mackenzie Mitchell, Mason def. Kristin Smithey, Hubbard, 6-0, 6-2
Caidyn Heinze, Miles def. Emily Lusk, Canadian, 6-1, 6-3
Ashley Salazar, Knippa def. Lauren Layfield, Kerens, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2
Macie Morris, Seymour def. Desiree Velez, Van Horn, 6-2, 6-1

Semifinal Results

Mackenzie Mitchell, Mason def. Caidyn Heinze, Miles, 6-0, 6-4
Macie Morris, Seymour def. Ashley Salazar, Knippa, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4

Boys Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Kennan Dishman, Knippa def. Roberto Granados, Chillicothe, 6-1, 6-1
Jasper Hollingsworth, Big Sandy def. Fernando Rey Bojorquez, Lake Reagan/County, 6-3, 6-1
Matt Banner, Mason def. John Ramirez, Lenorah Grady, 6-0, 6-0
Richie Northcott, Canadian def. Dylan Stough, Rice, 6-0, 6-1

Semifinal Results

Kennan Dishman, Knippa def. Jasper Hollenbach, Big Sandy, 6-2, 6-2
Matt Banner, Mason def. Richie Northcott, Canadian, 6-1, 6-3

Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Rios, Ramiro/Taylor, Lochan, Menard def. Pope, Kyle/Montgomery, Fred, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3
Shelby Saul, Ballard Saul, Canadian def. Aaron Long, Taylor Hughes, Garden City, 6-3, 6-3
Self, Addison/Lynd, Shackelford, Anna def. Hunter, Dylan/Landon, Stanton, 6-0, 6-2
Parker Hawkes, Brittney Horton, Sabrina def. Colt Henderson/Conner Baker, Era, 6-1, 6-1

Semifinal Results

Rios, Ramiro/Taylor, Lochan, Menard def. Shelby Saul, Ballard Saul, Canadian, 7-6, 6-1, 6-4
Parker Hawkes, Brittney Horton, Sabrina def. Self, Addison/Lynd, Shackelford, Anna, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3

Girls Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Taylor Lochar, Margaret Lemke, Mason def. Sarah Avery, Alyssa Schwertner, Mars, 7-5, 6-1
Cassandra Hagewood, Megan Munoz, Fort Hancock def. Taylor Davis, Anna Keene, Kerens, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3)
Kaitlyn Gaines, Amanda Hudson, Mason def. Elizabeth Granados, Kelly Chavez, Chillicothe, 6-1, 6-2
Alexis Rummy, Mercedes Soto, Anna def. Alexis Summers, Carly Kuppers, Jiltona, 6-1, 6-1

Semifinal Results

Taylor Lochar, Margaret Lemke, Mason def. Cassandra Hagewood, Megan Munoz, Fort Hancock, 6-2, 6-1
Mercedes Soto, Anna def. Kaitlyn Gaines, Amanda Hudson, Mason, 7-6, 7-4

Boys Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Andy Duarte, Trey Schwertner, Mason def. Johan Wiebe, Anibal Medina, Lenorah Grady, 6-4, 6-1
Jimmie Rodriguez, Jon Dobbs, Rockdale def. Payden Hemphill, Andrew Wiles, Mason, 7-6, 7-5, 6-2

CLASS 2A
Girls Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Ashley Bristow, Florence def. Sydnee Hollabaugh Fox, 6-1, 6-1
Emily Lindsey, Schreiner def. Michaela Mooney, Edgewood, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1
Zoe Zbranek, Annona East Chambers def. Jacque Lee Nickel, Melissa, 6-1, 6-1
Sophie Kerr, Hart def. Catherine Renn Stutz, Ingram Moore, 6-4, 6-4

Semifinal Results

Emily Lindsey, Schreiner def. Ashley Bristow, Florence, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
Sophie Kerr, Hart def. Zoe Zbranek, Annona East Chambers, 6-2, 6-1

Boys Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Jordan Jackson, Stockdale def. Jonathan Jones, Kountze, 6-1, 6-1
Trevor Tompkins, Muenster def. Chris Gang, Perry, North Hills School, 6-0, 6-3
Jon Story, White Deer def. Wade Dillenbeck, Schulenburg, 6-2, 6-2
Jesse Guerra, Tornillo def. Adam Lassiter, Brock, 6-1, 6-1

Semifinal Results

Jordan Jackson, Stockdale def. Trevor Tompkins, Muenster, 6-1, 6-1
Jesse Guerra, Tornillo def. Jon Story, White Deer, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1

Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Bryce Pfingsten, Emily Talley, Wall def. Kaelar Box, Mackenzie Brown, Lexington, 7-6, 7-4, 6-4
Javiana Knight, Zach Ripple, Krum def. Garrett Ward, Hannah Ward, Commerce, 6-3, 6-4
Jon Carter, Kelsey Schwing, Bangs def. Kasey Sutton, Manuel Ramirez, Florence, 6-1, 6-0
Brent Washington, Erica Washington, Hamlin def. Dalton Short, Gail Sharp, Edgewood, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (7-4)

Semifinal Results

Bryce Pfingsten, Emily Talley, Wall def. Javiana Knight, Zach Ripple, Krum, 6-2, 6-4
Austin Garcia, Kelsey Schwing, Bangs def. Brent Washington, Erica Washington, Hamlin, 6-4, 6-4

Girls Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Jessica Fears, Mandy Beeve, White Oak def. Cris Izquierdo, Jovita Rodriguez, Dilley, 6-1, 6-1
Kayla Cates, Carrie Casey, Frankston def. Guadalupe Jennifer Hernandez, Tornillo, 6-0, 6-1
Andrea Rojas, Robin Wimberly, Whitney def. Tarah Cortez, Jovannah Cristo, Jean Saba, 6-4, 6-4
Jordana Aranda, Kaitlin Chandler, Buna def. Rebecca Martinez, Chenoa Criado, Hawkinsville, 6-0, 6-2

Semifinal Results

Kayla Casey, Carrie Casey, Frankston def. Jessica Fears, Mandy Beeve, White Oak, 6-1, 6-1
Andrea Rojas, Robin Wimberly, Whitney def. Jordana Aranda, Kaitlin Chandler, Buna, 6-1, 6-2

Boys Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Ryan Burden, Jewel Lowe, Sierra def. Carlos Guerra Augustus, Alanise Hebbronville, 6-0, 6-0
Jon Chester, Brice Conoly, Wall def. Donald Griffy, Jake Mowers, White Oak, 6-2, 6-4
Daniel Bale, Jackson Turner, Krum def. Daniel Talley, Nick Baker, Florence, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3
Taylor Lloyd, Austin Mays, Tuscola Jim Ned def. Tyler Keel, Colter McMullen, White Oak, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2

Semifinal Results

Jon Chester, Brice Conoly, Wall def. Ryan Burden, Jewel Lowe, Sierra, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4
Taylor Lloyd, Austin Mays, Tuscola Jim Ned def. Daniel Bale, Jackson Turner, Krum, 6-2, 6-2

CLASS 3A
Girls Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Paige Bammer, Wharton def. Cassandra Brasher, Bullard, 6-0, 6-2
Whitney Frazier, Abilene Wylie def. Julia Lovegren, Kaufman, 7-5, 6-1
Amanda Potts, Abilene Wylie def. Maddie Schorr, Emmet Argyle, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6
Amber Noble, Center def. Shelby Brantley, La Vega, 6-1, 6-2

Semifinal Results

Paige Bammer, Wharton def. Whitney Frazier, Abilene Wylie, 6-2, 6-3
Amanda Potts, Abilene Wylie def. Amber Noble, Center, 6-3, 6-1

Boys Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Geronimo Ornelas, Pecos def. Steven Hooper, Seals, 6-4, 6-2
Ryan Beene, West Columbia Columbia def. Price Smith, Lucas Lovejoy, 7-5, 7-6 (2)
Zack Santiago, Argyle def. Trevor Gillinger, Rockport-Fulton, 6-3, 7-5
Royce Roberson, Abilene Wylie def. Bradley Wortham, Springtown, 6-3, 6-2

Semifinal Results

Geronimo Ornelas, Pecos def. Ryan Beene, West Columbia Columbia, 7-5, 6-2
Zack Santiago, Argyle def. Royce Roberson, Abilene Wylie, 6-2, 6-2

Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Jarrt Beaty, Courtney Johnson, La Feria def. Jeremy Rodriguez, Alecxa Ceballos, La Feria, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3
Aaron Silva, Holly Gage, Pampa def. Nathan Sandal, Kim Konechny, Bellville, 2-6, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5
Eli Ramos, Erika Gilbert, La Feria def. Sam Dominguez, Brittany Stalton, Kaufman, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
Josh Madden, Abbie Madden, Borger def. Dylon Cox, Kaitlyn Green, Kirbyville, 6-2, 6-3

Semifinal Results

Jarrt Beaty, Courtney Johnson, Lindale def. Aaron Silva, Holly Gage, Pampa, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3
Josh Madden, Abbie Madden, Borger def. Eli Ramos, Erika Gilbert, La Feria, 6-1, 7-5

Girls Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Delaney Schroeder, Kelsey Wells, Abilene Wylie def. Jacqueline Marquez, Karla Hernandez, La Feria, 6-2, 6-0
Lacy Blake, Emma Welsh, Argyle def. Katelyn Alexander, Kelsie Knuth, Stratford, 6-1, 6-2
Aeisha Srivastava, Samantha Wendt, Lucas Lovejoy def. Bailey Johnson, Brittany Hargrove, Smithville, 6-2, 6-4
Emily Draughon, Kiania Robinson, Vernon def. Kiana Bunsch, Tatiana Bunsch, Boerne, 6-0, 6-2

Semifinal Results

Delaney Schroeder, Kelsey Wells, Abilene Wylie def. Lacy Blake, Emma Welsh, Argyle, 6-0, 6-3
Emily Draughon, Kiania Robinson, Vernon def. Aeisha Srivastava, Samantha Wendt, Lucas Lovejoy, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2

Boys Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Casey Woodfin, Dalton Woodfin, Wharton def. Jacob Clark, Jesse Campbell, Center, 6-4, 6-3
Colin Burnham, Bryson Fowlkes, Abilene Wylie def. Mitch Aim, Landon Kirby, Longview Spring Hill, 7-5, 6-4
Tim Brewer, Ethan McWhorter, Groesbeck def. Orlando Ramos, Roy Randall, La Feria, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3
Kenny Sweeney, Alex Brown, Lucas Lovejoy def. Miller Davis, Matt Price, Abilene Wylie, 6-1, 6-0

Semifinal Results

Colin Burnham, Bryson Fowlkes, Abilene Wylie def. Casey Woodfin, Dalton Woodfin, Wharton, 6-4, 6-1
Kenny Sweeney, Alex Brown, Lucas Lovejoy def. Tim Brewer, Ethan McWhorter, Groesbeck, 6-2, 4-1
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CLASS 4A
Girls Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Lindsey Bennett, Frisco Lebanon Trail def. Leanne Calaiaupo, Dripping Springs, 6-2, 6-3
Monica Perrett, Houston Stratford def. Meenda Johnson, Wichita Falls Rider, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5
Brittany Brewster, Austin Lake Travis def. Helen Yeager, Frisco, 6-0, 7-6 (0)
Kenna Kilgo, Waco Midway def. Jenn Groenow, Magnolia, 6-1, 6-0

Semifinal Results

Monica Perrett, Houston Stratford def. Lindsey Bennett, Frisco Lebanon Trail, 6-4, 6-2
Kenna Kilgo, Waco Midway def. Brittany Brewster, Austin Lake Travis, 6-2, 6-1

Boys Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Russell Naumann, San Antonio Alamo Heights def. Sean Manning, New Caney, 6-2, 6-3
Grant Adams, Texarkana Texas def. Chris Yorne, Wichita Falls Rider, 6-1, 6-0
Connor Curry, Wichita Falls Rider def. Avery Schober, Dallas Highland Park, 6-1, 6-1
Justin Archer, Austin Lake Travis def. Krishna Jandu, League City, Clear Falls, 7-5, 6-4

Semifinal Results

Grant Adams, Texarkana Texas def. Russell Naumann, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-2, 6-3
Connor Curry, Wichita Falls Rider def. Justin Archer, Austin Lake Travis, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4

Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Ryan Brown, Jason Immler, Austin Lake Travis def. Jessica Sawyer, Jacob Brendenmuhl, Waco Midway, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4
Kayla Soda, Julianne Jackson, Richardson Pearce def. Alura Brouwer, Andy Martin, Del Campo, Richmond Foster, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4
Maggie Ross, Parker Schultz, Wichita Falls def. Evan Hammons, Ina Wigodsky, San Antonio, Alamo Heights, 6-1, 7-5, 6-2
Chase Plowman, Natalie Miller, Frisco Wakeland def. Sara Glaeser, Johnathan Sanderson, Montgomery, 6-1, 6-1

Semifinal Results

Kayla Soda, Julianne Jackson, Richardson Pearce def. Ryan Brown, Jason Immler, Austin Lake Travis, 6-2, 6-3
Chase Plowman, Natalie Miller, Frisco Wakeland def. Maggie Ross, Parker Schultz, Wichita Falls, 6-3, 6-1

Girls Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Lexi Bell, Maddie Moore, Montgomery, def. Mary-Lutz, June Knight, San Antonio, Alamo Heights, 6-2, 6-4
Melanie Martin, Kristen Adams, Dallas Highland Park def. Margaret Saeed, Alex Cowser, Wichita Falls, 6-3, 6-1
Sarah Cannon, Ain Pranker, Dallas Highland Park def. Meredith Waterton, Amy Gray, Wichita Falls, 6-2, 6-4
Kalyn Kruseman, Hannah Beatt, Houston Stratford def. Paige Murdock, Briana Fellows, Boerne Champion, 6-1, 6-1, 7-6 (4)

Semifinal Results

Melanie Martin, Kristen Adams, Dallas Highland Park def. Lexi Bell, Maddie Moore, Montgomery, 6-4, 6-1
Sarah Cannon, Ain Pranker, Dallas Highland Park def. Kalyn Kruseman, Hannah Beatt, Houston Stratford, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4

Boys Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Kyle Lyne, Jordan Reed, Frisco Wakeland def. Tucker Hopkins, Jacob Katz, Gregory-Portland, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3
Brad Heiser, Hunter Ward, Montgomery, def. Sam Mata, Matt Wyatt, Midway, 6-1, 6-1
Conor O'Rourke, Austin Mays, Austin Lake Travis def. Jordan Hall, Matt Mathis, McKinney North, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-4
Eric Levett, Adam Dockery, Wichita Falls def. Joe Galaway, Matt Kibbles, Friendswood, 6-2, 6-1

Semifinal Results

Brad Heiser, Hunter Ward, Montgomery, def. Kyle Lyne, Jordan Reed, Frisco Wakeland, 6-3, 6-2
Conor O'Rourke, Austin Mays, Austin Lake Travis def. Eric Levett, Adam Dockery, Wichita Falls, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-4

CLASS 5A
Girls Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Vira Gandhi, Fort Bend Clements def. Tanvi Shah, San Antonio Churchill, 6-1, 6-0
Kelley Anderson, Southlake Carroll def. Catherine Wynne, The Woodlands, 6-1, 6-1
Nicole Rudick, Duncanville def. Erika Ehrler, Keller, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4)
Mariana Rong, Northside O'Connor def. Erika Ehrler, Katy Taylor, 6-1, 6-2

Semifinal Results

Kelley Anderson, Southlake Carroll def. Vira Gandhi, Fort Bend Clements, 6-2, 6-1
Mariana Rong, Northside O'Connor def. Nicole Rudick, Duncanville, 6-4, 7-6 (3)

Boys Singles
Quarterfinal Results

Tanner Brown, New Braunfels def. Austin McCaslin, Southlake Carroll, 6-1, 6-0
Jose Hernandez, Pearland def. Jacob Belanger, Austin Bowie, 6-3, 6-5
Andrew Kominek, Mansfield def. Tomas Stillman, Harlingen South, 6-3, 7-6 (4)
Parker McGuiness, McKinney, Boyd def. Alex Stoupine, Houston Bellaire, 6-0, 6-1

Semifinal Results

Tanner Brown, New Braunfels def. Daniel Hernandez, Pearland, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4
Andrew Kominek, Mansfield def. Parker McGuiness, McKinney, Boyd, 6-1, 6-1

Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Casey Sutton, Robin Chou, Austin Westlake def. Chelsea Hood, Austin Stratford, San Antonio, Reagan, 6-3, 6-2
Michael Reichmann, Katie Davis, Houston Memorial def. Eric Weygandt, Jaume Kravetz, Plano West, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4
Liza Feldsend, Beau Feldsend, New Braunfels def. Mario Sandoval, Kelsey Grambeau, Garland Naaman Forest, 6-3, 6-0
Jared Johnson, Claire Williams, San Angelo Central def. Hunter Carothers, Sammy Siegel, League City, Clear Creek, 6-3, 6-4

Semifinal Results

Casey Sutton, Robin Chou, Austin Westlake def. Michael Reichmann, Katie Davis, Houston Memorial, 7-5, 7-5
Liza Feldsend, Beau Feldsend, New Braunfels def. Jared Johnson, Claire Williams, San Angelo Central, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3

Girls Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Jamie Lee Denton, Katy Collins, San Angelo Central def. Hayley Wild, Courtney Wild, New Braunfels, 6-2, 7-5
Precious Gbadamosi, Princess Gbadamosi, Klein Oak def. Mariam Zein, Courtney Young, Fort Bend Dulles, 6-3, 6-3
Anmat Rabinovich, Crystal Leung, Katy Taylor def. Maya Mordzinez-Monico, Isabella Mordzinez-Monico, Round Rock Westwood, 6-1, 6-3
Jennifer Payne, Nan Porter, Amarillo Tascosa def. Felly Delgado, Katia Delgado, Converse Judson, 6-2, 6-3

Semifinal Results

Jamie Lee Denton, Katy Collins, San Angelo Central def. Precious Gbadamosi, Princess Gbadamosi, Klein Oak, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3
Anmat Rabinovich, Crystal Leung, Katy Taylor def. Jennifer Payne, Nan Porter, Amarillo Tascosa, 7-5, 6-0

Boys Doubles
Quarterfinal Results

Massimo Agoglia, Andrea Corredor, Katy Cinco Ranch def. Lucas Fumagalli, Tomar Brown, New Braunfels, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-4
Nate Lammons, Naveen Beasley, Conroe Woodlands College Park def. Sanjay Goswami, Parker Cohen, Plano West, 6-0, 6-3
James Mantell, Mitchell Mantell, Tyler Lee def. Jackson Schmidt, Ian McDonald, Lubbock Coronado, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-2
Jordan Meyer, Tito Moreiras, San Antonio Churchill def. Matt Woolley, Peter Leung, Katy Taylor, 6-2, 6-4

Semifinal Results

Nate Lammons, Naveen Beasley, Conroe Woodlands College Park def. Massimo Agoglia, Andrea Corredor, Katy Cinco Ranch, 6-2, 6-4
Jordan Meyer, Tito Moreiras, San Antonio Churchill def. James Mantell, Mitchell Mantell, Tyler Lee, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5)

Romo details lockout workouts

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

McKINNEY — No coaches. No reporters. No fans. Just football.

Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys kind of like it that way. For now, at least.

With the lockout keeping NFL teams from their usual offseason practices, Romo has organized a series of workouts that have been attended by more than 40 players.

"Being back on the field, guys get their juices flowing a little bit," Romo said. "It's not really work when you're out there. You can tell when guys are running around, they're enjoying it."

The sessions, which began last week, aren't just guys hanging out or throwing balls around. They are highly structured, with Romo watching the clock and blowing a whistle at the end of each drill so everyone knows to move on to the next one. There are walkthrough periods and specific plays to be worked on each day.

"It's literally like we're doing the same things we'd be doing at an OTA — the tempo and everything," Romo said Monday. "I've been around it long enough that I have plenty of schedules laying around my house that I've been able to use for the time frame. We're at stretch for seven minutes. Bam, you go right into 'pat and go.' We move right into 'move the ball.' And guys are going. You jump in and, boom, you're in the next play. We're pushing it. ... I can't imagine other teams going quite to the extent of the team practices, and that's exciting to us."

Players haven't said when or where they are gathering because they don't want anyone watching. Why be so secretive?

"It just doesn't benefit us in any way to be going out there and letting people (watch)," Romo said. "If we run a certain route and the defense busts on a play, and Jason Witten runs up the middle of the field and it looks like someone didn't cover him, then someone is to blame.

"We don't need that from outside influences right now. It just needs to be about us, and about improvement. I think sometimes when you bring media or people in to talk about it, then it kind of adds (pressure). Now all of a sudden, guys would be doing things they probably don't need to be doing."

The Cowboys have a new defensive coordinator in Rob Ryan. While they'll still use a 3-4 front, his playbook is different from the one Wade Phillips left behind. The terminology is different, too, which is part of what players are learning.

Romo said there are times when the defense will stop and discuss a particular play to make sure everyone understands what to do. He said such breaks are easier to do at this kind of informal workout.

That level of detail shows the Cowboys aren't getting together strictly for bonding. Romo said they could go bowling if that was their aim.

"Personally I think it's about sharpening skills and getting better," he said. "I think the bonding stuff comes with doing that."

Leadership, too.

Romo has often been criticized for not taking charge like many established quarterbacks do. This shows otherwise, with the large turnout indicating he has plenty of followers.

Romo downplayed his leadership role, but mentioned several times that he's relying on leaders at various positions to set a tone within their group.

"We need them to buy in to committing to being at this, No. 1, and also to being energized and passionate when they're out there because it's going to trickle down," he said. "That group then feels the need to be out there and the need to get better and to compete when we're out there. We have a bunch of great guys, a bunch of leaders and people who are committed to doing this. I think it's been a great offseason so far, it really has for us."

Michael Ainsworth/Dallas Morning News

BEING A LEADER Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo smiles Monday during qualifying for the U.S. Open golf tournament, at Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney. Romo discussed the team's private sessions during the lockout after his latest bid to qualify.

Cycling rocked by Belgian cyclist's death

By Jeremy Inson
Associated Press

MILAN — Hurtling down an Italian mountain pass at a speed that only a car would normally reach, Belgian cyclist Wouter Weylandt lost control of his bike for just a split second. In a sport where the smallest mistake can have catastrophic consequences, it proved lethal.

Weylandt tumbled to his death Monday in a downhill crash during the third stage of the Giro d'Italia, with the riders going 40 mph to 50 mph at the time. It was the first fatality at the Italian race in 25 years and the first at one of the sport's showcase tours in 16 years.

It was one of the most high-profile deaths at an international sports event since Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili's fatal crash in training on the eve of last year's Vancouver Olympics. It also renewed questions about safety in cycling, where riders zip down winding mountain roads with steep drops and hairpin curves.

Weylandt

"Our sport is very tragic at times. It has been throughout its history," said British rider David Millar, who took the pink jersey as race leader after Monday's stage but said it now meant "nothing."

"The bottom line is that the guys here are the best cyclists in the world, and the best guys in the world can have a mechanical fault or find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time," Millar said.

Solo, Wambach lead US roster for Women's World Cup

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The U.S. women say they are ready for anything in the upcoming World Cup.

With Hope Solo and Heather Mitts healthy, the roster coach Pia Sundhage released Monday contained few surprises. Star scorer Abby Wambach warns the rest of the soccer world to not be surprised by anything the Americans accomplish as they go after their first world title since 1999.

"I will do everything I can to make sure we will be standing on top of the podium," Wambach said.

U.S. Women's World Cup Roster
Goalkeepers: Nicole Barnhart, Jill Loyden, Hope Solo
Defenders: Rachel Buehler, Stephanie Cox, Ali Krieger, Amy LePeilbet, Heather Mitts, Christie Rampone, Becky Sauerbrunn
Midfielders: Shannon Boxx, Tobin Heath, Lori Lindsey, Carli Lloyd, Heather O'Reilly, Megan Rapinoe, Lindsay Tarpley
Forwards: Lauren Cheney, Alex Morgan, Amy Rodriguez, Abby Wambach

"It will be the most difficult championship to win, World Cup or Olympics, and I am excited to get started.

"We always fight, we are a resilient team."

Wambach, Solo and Mitts were joined on the 21-player roster by Christie Rampone, Amy Rodriguez, Heather O'Reilly, all mainstays of the U.S. team since Sundhage took over following a disappointing finish at the 2007 World Cup. Wambach scored nine goals at the last two World Cups, and Rampone was captain of the squad that won the gold medal at the Beijing Olympics.

The Women's World Cup will be played June 26 to July 17 at nine sites in Germany. The top-seeded Americans will be seeking their third World Cup title and first since 1999 when they begin play June 28 against North Korea. The U.S. also faces Colombia on July 2 and Sweden on July 6 in group play.

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Els leads class of 6 into Hall of Fame

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Ernie Els followed the trail of South African idol Gary Player by winning golf tournaments all over the world, a journey that took him all the way to the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Els, a three-time major champion and the ultimate global player of his generation, was among six people to be inducted Monday night at the World Golf Village.

Els

The 41-year-old South African, known as the "Big Easy" for his languid swing and soothing smile, won 62 times around the world, including the U.S. Open twice and a British Open at Muirfield. He had dinner Sunday night with some of the Hall of Fame members, many of whom he grew up watching.

"To think that you're in the same group as them, you've got to think about it a little bit," Els said. "Very special."

Els was elected on the PGA Tour ballot. Japanese icon Jumbo Ozaki, who won more than 100 tournaments, was voted into the Hall of Fame on the International ballot. Doug Ford and the late Jock Hutchison, both two-time major champions, were selected through the Veterans category. Former President George H.W. Bush and the late Frank Chirkinian, the television golf producer for CBS Sports, were selected through the Lifetime Achievement category.

Their induction brought membership in the Hall of Fame to 136.

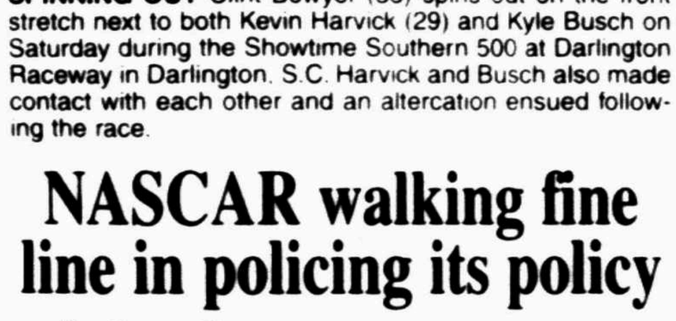
Players must be at least 40 to be considered for the Hall of Fame, and Els was voted in on his first try. This is the first time since Vijay Singh in 2006 when an active player was inducted. Els practiced Monday morning at the TPC Sawgrass as he prepares for The Players Championship this week.

Bush becomes the second U.S. president in the World Golf Hall of Fame; Dwight D. Eisenhower was inducted in 2009. Bush was selected for helping to raise the profile of golf, serving as honorary chairman of The First Tee and the Presidents Cup.

Ozaki won only one time outside of Japan, yet he inspired a nation of golfers behind him. He captured the Japan Golf Tour money list 12 times and won the Japan Open five times.

Chirkinian died of cancer on March 4, just three weeks after learning he had been selected for induction. He was the foremost golf producer at CBS Sports, leading its coverage of the Masters for nearly four decades. Among his innovations were installing a camera on the blimp and using scores in relation to par to show who was leading tournaments.

The Scottish-born Hutchison won the 1920 PGA Championship and the 1921 British Open among his 14 wins in his career.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SPINNING OUT Clint Bowyer (33) spins out on the front stretch next to both Kevin Harvick (29) and Kyle Busch on Saturday during the Showtime Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. Harvick and Busch also made contact with each other and an altercation ensued following the race.

NASCAR walking fine line in policing its policy

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

■ Commentary

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The boys, it seems, are still having at it, and NASCAR, still has no defined line on its year-old policy of letting drivers settle their own scores.

That's the conundrum NASCAR leaders faced Monday as they huddled to review a pair of weekend altercations at Darlington Raceway that tested the limits of just how far feuds should be permitted to play out.

The first, between Juan Pablo Montoya and Regan Newman, happened behind closed doors with only NASCAR's top officials present to witness a Friday meeting that "did not go as well as we had hoped." Rumor has it that Newman punched Montoya in the meeting, a claim neither driver would confirm or deny.

But that NASCAR took the unprecedented step to issue a statement — one that promised further scrutiny of the two drivers — was confirmation enough that something bad went down in the tight confines of NASCAR's at-track office.

Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick, then tangled on the track in the closing laps of Saturday night's race. Only Busch knows if the contact he had with Harvick, which led to Harvick teammate Clint Bowyer's race-ending crash, was intentional.

Busch claims it wasn't, just one of those racing incidents he attributed to Harvick's lack of on-track etiquette, but Harvick had no interest in calmly discussing the incident. So he stalked Busch after the checkered flag, stopping his car on pit road in front of Busch.

Busch maybe could have driven around him, but instead pulled up to Harvick's bumper. And when Harvick climbed from his car, approached Busch's window, and as he leaned in to throw a punch, Busch bumped Harvick's empty car enough to send it spinning into the wall.

Race fans love the drama, and the post-race fireworks far overshadowed the upset of Regan Smith beating points leader Carl Edwards to the finish in one of the most prestigious races of the season.

It's not clear why NASCAR is so angry at Montoya and Newman, but the statement on the Friday meeting stressed "we're not completely through with this issue."

Safety is clearly at the heart of the Busch-Harvick incident, because NASCAR has no leg to stand on for punishing Busch for the on-track contact. The sanctioning body did nothing after last season's finale, when Harvick not only caused Busch's fiery wreck, but admitted post-race it was intentional.

But their post-race antics on pit road Saturday night can't be ignored, and neither is exempt from blame.

Harvick instigated by stopping on pit road and climbing out of his car, but Busch participated by pulling onto Harvick's bumper and then spinning the car. Thankfully, the crew members running to join the fray had not yet reached the scene, and were thus out of harm's way when the driverless car smacked the wall.

Kurt Busch was fined $100,000 in 2007 for putting crew members in danger, with pit road antics, but that was at a time when NASCAR didn't understand how much the fans love driver drama.

Now, in trying to cater to that fan desire, NASCAR has opened the flood gates with nothing more than a case-by-case trial-and-jury system to determine how much is too much.

The last thing NASCAR wants is to discourage the raw emotion that's got everyone talking.

After all, who won Saturday night?

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or e-mail your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas, 79701.

To fax your information, send to 575-7692.

Archery

Indoor Archery League
For: Men and women of all ages
When: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday nights
Where: Sports Center, 2900 W. Front St.
Cost: $70 for a 10-week league
For more info: Call Charles at 683-4542, or e-mail ckluss@tstmd.com

Baseball

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting.

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 661-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438.

Midland Steeles seeking players
What: 70U, 9U and 8U.
For more info: Call Isaac Miramontes 559-9838 or Ken Sapien 934-4084 or Sal Sanchez 894-2007.

Private Baseball instruction
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For more info: 262-4466, or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at 432-617-4487, or visit www.extrainnings.midlandodessa.com.

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox 685-4143 or 553-1774.

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551.

Mid-American Youth Tournaments
For: Boys and girls fourth-12th grade
For more info: Call 316-284-0354, or visit www.mayt.com.

Vertical jump, speed and agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For more info: 262-4466, or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Summer Pro/Am Basketball League
What: Regional Development Basketball League
For: Players 18 and up and teams for summer basketball league to start in June
For more info: Call 866-206-9673, ext. 8166.

Don Eddy Basketball Camp
When: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., June 20-24
Where: Trinity School Gymnasium
For: Age 8 through 12th grade
Cost: $195
For more info: Call coach Young at 528-5100, or visit www.3ebb.com.

West Texas High School Summer Shootout
When: July 9-10
Where: San Angelo
For: Boys girls varsity teams, Class 1A-4A
Deadline: July 1
Cost: $225 per team
For more info: Call Chris Carbonari at 325-277-1774, or e-mail carbonari_chris@yahoo.com.

Billiards

Eight and Nine ball leagues
When: Every Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Where: Fast Freddy's, Midland
Sign-up at: Basic Billiards
For more info: Contact Bob Cox, league director, 689-3113.

Booster Clubs

Midland High Softball
When: First Thursday of every month
Where: MHS North Gym
For more info: Call Russell at [illegible]

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Mario Ruiz 684-5[illegible], or Jim Hughes 694-[illegible]

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at [illegible]

Rock and Roll Two-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Fridays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at [illegible]

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages [illegible]
For more info: Call [illegible] for a brochure.

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, volleyball
Ages: Preschool through high school
For more info: Call 682-5864.

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday, Thursday, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before each session starts
To attend: [illegible]
For more info: Call Louis Gradez at [illegible] or Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at [illegible]

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 1 through 3; 4 p.m.-6:45 p.m. for grades 4 through 6
Cost: YMCA Family member: free; YMCA Family member: $5; and program participant: $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551.

NFL Character Camp
When: June 6-8, 8 a.m.-[illegible] p.m., incoming grades 3-4, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., incoming grades 5-6, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m., incoming grades 7-8
What: Featuring a number of former NFL players as instructors.
Where: Greenwood High School
Note: Space is limited
Cost: $225 (does not all need to be paid at once)
For more info: Register at www.nflcharactercamp.com

Roswell Girls Basketball Team Camp/Tournament
When: June 10-11
For: Class 1A-5A varsity teams, Class A-2A varsity teams
Cost: $275 per team; $100 non-refundable deposit by May 31
For more info: Contact Joe at 575-623-3766 or 575-910-4932

Kristy Curry Lady Raider Basketball Camps
When: June 6-10, June 10-13
For: Various camps for Kindergarten through 12th grade
For more info: Contact Grant Faussett at 806-742-1730 or grant.faussett@ttu.edu.

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602
Dues: $25-$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton Bass 699-[illegible]

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, coed players
Cost: $35 per player, 8 game season
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 1918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633.

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for youth flag football games Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551.

Football

Strength speed agility and power training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For more info: 262-4466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Brown at 559-5004 or [illegible]

Golf

Swing Speed Training
For: Ages and ability
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For more info: 262-4466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Swing speed and fitness training
Where: Next Level Sports Training
For more info: [illegible], www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

4-Lady Scramble
When: [illegible]
Where: [illegible]
Cost: [illegible]
Deadline: [illegible]
For more info: [illegible] at 325-250-6150, Jonna at 325-[illegible], or Sharon at 325-884-2496.

Pee Wee Summer Golf Program
When: [illegible]
Where: [illegible]
Cost: [illegible]
For more info: [illegible]

Junior Golf Summer Program
When: [illegible]
Where: [illegible]
Cost: [illegible]
For more info: [illegible]

Gymnastics

Next Level Gymnastics
What: [illegible]
For more info: [illegible], www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: [illegible]
Note: [illegible]
For more info: [illegible]

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: [illegible]
Where: [illegible]
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: [illegible]

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.-[illegible]; Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 p.m.-[illegible]; Saturday, [illegible]
Where: [illegible]
For more info: Call 697-4554.

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: [illegible]
For more info: Call 697-4554.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 4-6 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays; 2 p.m., Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 3501 N. Midkiff, Suite A
For more info: Call 694-9621 or 559-[illegible]

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Mon.-Thurs., 5-6 p.m.
What: Karate, judo, jujitsu, Kempo, Kung Fu
For: Ages 5 and up
Where: 3206 Cumber[illegible]
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-[illegible] or 599-9444.

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic, athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at 915-240-[illegible]

Super F League looking for administrative staff
What: The West Texas Super F Futsal League is looking for league staff members.
For more info: Go to www.westtexassuperfleague.com

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Club Practice
When: 7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Hogan Park
For more info: 697-6418

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-1747.

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowder Park
For more info: 684-3896.

Running

Permian Basin Running Club Runs
When: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Start at Pure Fun golf course, corner of Loop 250 and Andrews Highway
For more info: Visit pbrunningclub.tripod.com or call Greg Larson at 620-6124.

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Pippin Jennaro at 512-762-2010 or 682-0986.

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society, affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m. Also shoot on Mondays two months that have them, begin at 6 p.m. and are for the shooter. Mandatory safety meeting at 5:30 p.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch, adjacent to Jungle Days
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Woodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol, silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3-gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap, 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com.

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Dall and Tennessee
When: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-[illegible] anytime or Jose Chavez at 238-6944 after 6:30 p.m.

Speed and Agility Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For: All Ages
For more info: 262-4466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Softball

Mizuno Chaos
What: The MVP [illegible] fastpitch softball club is looking for players to fill out their roster for the fall and 2012 season.
Contact: Call Abby Irvine, head coach, at 432-557-6674. Call Sam Irvine, assistant coach, at 432-934-4774.

Throwing velocity and swing speed training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For more info: 262-4466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

MUGS/ASA Umpires Needed
When: Early April-early June
Where: MUGS [illegible]
For more info: Call David Elliott at 684-[illegible], Mack Gibson at [illegible]

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: Call Jimmy Hawkins at 520-4193.

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 413-3773 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midkiff Aquatic Center
Cost: $45 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards freestyle and backstroke
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tammy McAlister at 684-7755.

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5:45-6:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month; includes cardio training
For more info: Call 684-7755.

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and every level
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets.
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes a on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international meets.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team. Tryouts available by appointment.
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours.
For more info: 684-7755.

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured self-paced class.
For more info: Call Tammy McAlister at 684-7755.

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tammy McAlister at 684-7755.

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551.

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551.

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
For: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551.

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551.

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

When: USTA Team Tennis Leagues
Who: Adults 18 & older starting Apr. 25
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: Sherry, 620-8611, or Email: www.midlandtennis@sbcglobal.net

When: USTA Women's June Star Team League
Who: 18 & older, Novices
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046 or 296-3901

Midland Tennis Club (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club having new tournaments and addders for all ages and abilities for members. Annual dues are $65 Adults $30 Youths $140 Families
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland Tennis Club Tournaments 2011
What: Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles
When: May 21-22, June 25-July 23/24, August 27-28, September 17-18, and October 8-9 / October 22
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046. Enter Thursday's by 7:00pm prior to each tournament

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Janice Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: First Session: Mondays, Thursday, Session 2: Tuesday's 3:30 to 4 p.m. and 9-10 years of age Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and [illegible]
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-[illegible]

Agility Training & Injury Prevention
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For more info: 262-4466, or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

MC Summer Tennis Program 2011
When: First Session: Mondays, Thursday, Session 2: Session 2: June 13-16 Session 3: June 20-23 Session 4: June 27-30 and July 18-21
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Cost: $110 per week Families with multiple campers after first child is paid for first two all other children attend same camp for half price
For more info: Contact Janice Armstrong at 687-4046

Track & Field

Speed and Power Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For more info: 262-4466, or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Volleyball

Vertical jump, agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 714 W. Schar Bauer
For more info: 262-4466, or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Lee Rebel Volleyball Camp
When: Session: grades 4:30-7 p.m., Thursday grades 9 a.m.-noon, Freshmen 1-3 p.m., May 31-June 2
Where: Lee Junior High gymnasium
For: Girls entering grades third through ninth
Cost: Grades 3-6, $45; Grades 7-9, $60
To register: Go to www.midlandvolleyball.com
For more info: Call Diane Sandoval at 689-1645, 553-8468, or e-mail at dsandoval@midlandisd.net

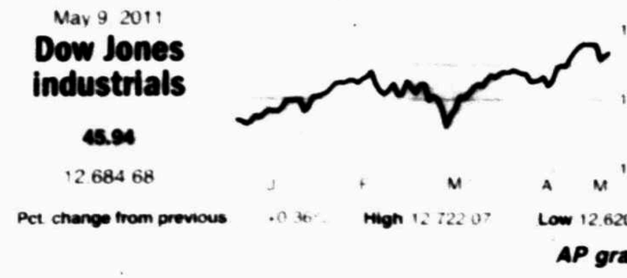
Midland High Volleyball Camp
When: May 31-June 2, 4th-6th graders 8:30-10 a.m., 7th-8th graders 10 a.m.-noon, 9th graders 1-3 p.m.
Where: Midland High Gymnasium
For: Girls entering grades fourth through ninth
Cost: 4th-6th graders $50, 7th-8th graders $60, 9th graders $60
For more info: Call Teri McCollout at 689-1[illegible], or tmccollo@midlandisd.net

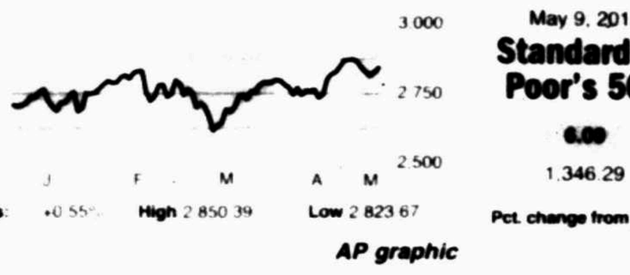
Walking

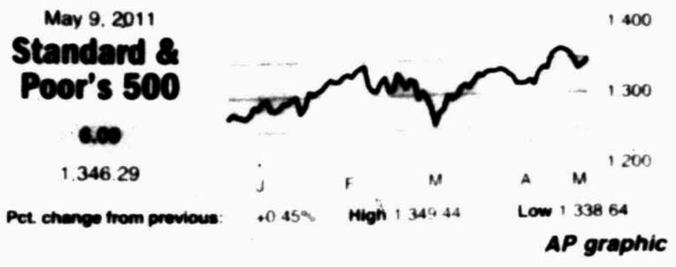
Midland Walkabout AWA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K and Saturday morning of the month. Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, any meetings in Room 227 First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.pbwiki.com

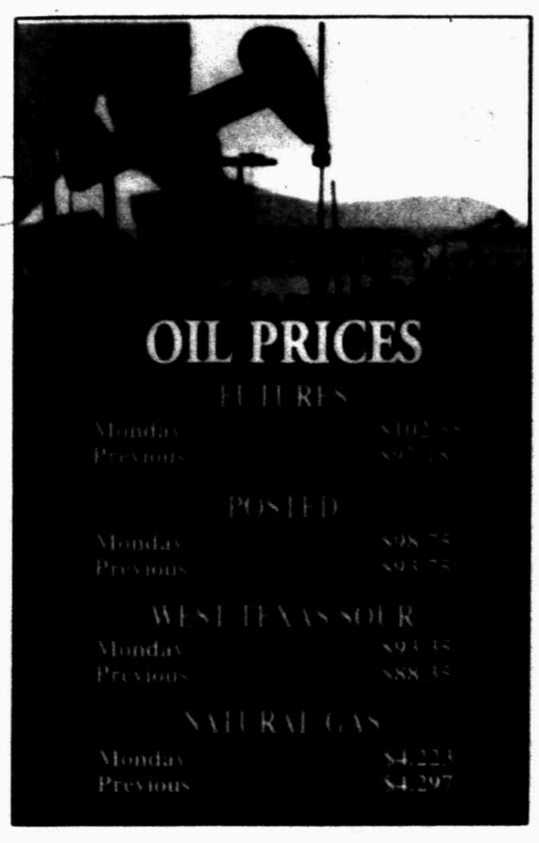
Business & Oil

A DAY ON WALL STREET









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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE) | **GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BkofAm	1,866	11.96	-.15	SinoHub rs	4.50	+1.50	+50.0
SPDR Fncl	1,787	16.07	-.04	Sinotech Pw	2.50	+.83	+49.7
SiriusXM	1,776	2.19	-.04	RescAm rs	2.50	+.75	+42.9
SPEMkts	1,750	41.44	-.16	VMware	2.50	+.75	+42.9
DigRe	1,558	64.41	-.79	DrxFinBull	2.50	+.75	+42.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE) | **DIARY**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Headwtrs	4.00	-.77	-16.1
ProUSSlv rs	14.50	-2.50	-14.7
GrafTch	3.44	-.56	-14.0
PrUltSilv rs	43.40	-6.94	-13.8
DrxFinBr	4.54	-.71	-13.5

Advancers	1,935
Decliners	1,131
Unchanged	137
Total issues	3,203
New Highs	121
New Lows	12
Volume	3,005,911,542

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE) | **GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EXCO Rs	1,867	19.46	-.75	GrphMPC	4.50	+1.50	+50.0
NthnGO rs	1,141	17.50	-.50	NthnGO rs	17.50	+.50	+2.9
KodakWt	1,140	.41	-.01				
KodakPfB	1,140	.41	-.01				
GeoGlobR	1,140	.41	-.01				

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE) | **DIARY**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HeronNE	4.00	-.77	-16.1
CMetRs	14.50	-2.50	-14.7
NxtDr	4.50	-.75	-14.3
BioTime	3.44	-.56	-14.0
SunSpot	43.40	-6.94	-13.8

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NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE) | **GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SiriusXM	1,776	2.19	-.04	ChinaMed	4.50	+1.50	+50.0
Intel	1,141	22.76	-.49	VMware	17.50	+.50	+2.9
Microsoft	1,140	25.83	-.04	ChinaNet	2.50	+.75	+42.9
Facebook	1,140	.41	-.01				
Cisco	1,140	.41	-.01				

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE) | **DIARY**

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sinotech	4.00	-.77	-16.1
ChinaNet	14.50	-2.50	-14.7
Yongye	4.50	-.75	-14.3
Tongxin	3.44	-.56	-14.0
Sinohub	43.40	-6.94	-13.8

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Study finds gas in drinking water

By Dina Cappiello
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New research is providing some of the first scientific evidence that a controversial gas drilling technique can contaminate drinking water.

The study published Monday found potentially dangerous concentrations of methane gas in water from wells near drilling sites in northeastern Pennsylvania, although not in central New York, where gas drilling is less extensive.

But in an unexpected finding, the team of Duke University scientists did not find any trace of the chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process in 68 wells tested in Pennsylvania and Otsego County in central New York.

In hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, water, sand and chemicals are injected underground to crack the rock and get natural gas to flow into a well. Critics of the technique have worried more about the chemicals because companies have refused to make public the proprietary blends used and some of the ingredients can be toxic.

On average, water from wells located less than a mile from drilling sites had 17 times more methane than water tested from wells farther away, according to the study published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Methane is not known to be toxic, but in high concentrations it can be explosive and cause unconsciousness and even death, because it displaces oxygen.

Of the 60 wells tested for methane gas, 14 had levels of methane within or above a hazard range set by the Department of Interior for gas seeping from coal mines — all but one of them near a gas well. In nine wells, concentrations were so high that the government would recommend immediate action to reduce the methane level.

Methane is released naturally by bacteria as they break down organic matter. The researchers' analysis shows that the type of methane in the wells with the highest concentrations is coming from deep in the earth, the same place tapped by companies in search of natural gas.

In the most severe case, a homeowner in Bradford County, Pa., who leased her property to a gas company, has so much methane coming out of her tap she can light her water on fire. A natural gas well is located 900 feet from her house.

"Not every homeowner within a kilometer of a drilling site will have high methane concentrations," said Stephen Osborn, a postdoctoral associate at Duke University's Center on Global Change. "If you are a homeowner within a kilometer, and our study shows this, I would be a little bit concerned."

What the study does not say is how exactly the methane is getting into drinking water sources, and what part of the drilling is potentially involved. While wells closer to drilling sites had more methane, most of the wells in the study — 85 percent — had some.

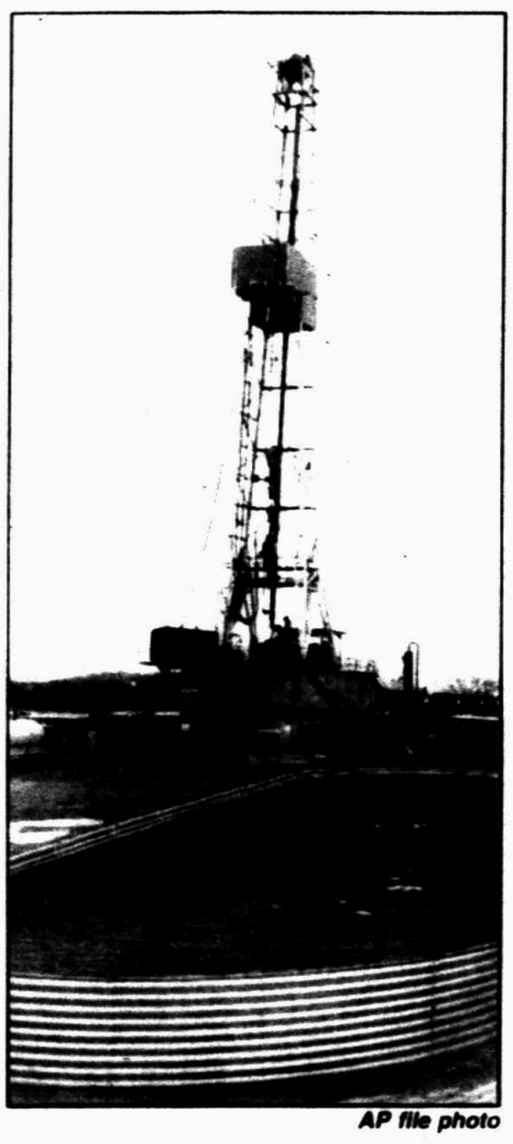
Industry groups on Monday faulted the research, saying it did not show that fracking itself was behind the methane contamination, nor did the researchers conduct before-and-after tests to prove the contamination occurred after drilling. The authors themselves suspect that the methane is likely flowing up the sides of the gas well — rather than down pathways created by hydraulic fracturing.

"The authors admit they have no baseline data at all, which makes it impossible to characterize the state of those water wells prior to recent development," said Chris Tucker, a spokesman for Energy in Depth, a national coalition of independent gas producers.

The industry also was critical of the paper's editor, William H. Schlesinger, who selected the study's outside reviewers. Schlesinger, a biogeochemist and president of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, N.Y., has supported moratoriums in New York on hydraulic fracturing permits until its effects are completely understood.

Gas drilling has expanded in Pennsylvania and other states where shale formations are thought to hold lots of natural gas, a clean-burning energy source. To get it, companies need to fracture the rock.

As the technique has proliferated, so too has concern among homeowners, and local, state and federal governments about its potential toll on underground drinking water sources, which are unregulated and untested.



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CONTAMINATION? In this Oct. 29, 2008, file photo, the drilling rig for a natural gas well into the Marcellus Shale is seen behind a foundation for equipment that remains on site after the well is tapped in Houston, Pa.

Oil roars back

Investors poured money back into oil Monday, pushing the price up more than $5 and back over $100 a barrel.

Oil plunged 15 percent last week, its steepest drop in two and a half years. Monday, investors who felt oil had fallen too far, too fast sensed a bargain.

"Nothing fundamental happened between Friday and Monday," said Stephen Schork, publisher of the energy industry newsletter The Schork Report. "This just shows the power of speculators in this market."

Benchmark crude for June delivery rose $5.37, or 5.5 percent, to $102.55 a barrel in Monday trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Some analysts think oil could still fall in the next days and weeks. That would benefit drivers, who are paying more than $4 for a gallon of gas in many big cities. But most experts agree that the long-term trend for oil is upward.

Monday's jump in oil prices may be what analysts refer to as a "dead cat bounce." That's a temporary rise in price that interrupts a generally downward trend.

High gasoline prices have cut into demand for oil. Also, the U.S. economy is not growing as fast as once thought. U.S. gross domestic product growth slowed to 1.8 percent in the first quarter.

Euro tumbles

The dollar rose against the euro Monday as Europe's long-running debt crisis spooked investors, with Standard & Poor's cutting Greece's debt further into junk status.

The euro fell to $1.4318 in afternoon trading Monday from $1.4337 Friday. It fell to as low as $1.4253 earlier in the day, a steep drop from last Wednesday when the euro was worth more than $1.49 — its highest point since December 2009.

Gold for June delivery added $11.60 to settle at $1,503.20 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $28.85 Up 1.68

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $81.74 Up 2.37

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $96.02 Up 1.68

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $36.48 Up 1.98

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $30.09 Up 0.76

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $10.11 Up 0.18

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.28 Up 0.11

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	31.35	-.09	+4.7
Abraxas			4.42	-.19	-3.3
AdamsEx	.51e		11.38	+.11	+6.0
AkaiaEnLic			6.35	-.28	+114.5
Alcoa	.12	15	17.53	-.38	+13.4
AlonUSA	.16		13.59	-.38	+127.3
Amgen		12	57.69	+.06	+5.1
Anadarko	.36		76.37	+1.23	+.3
Apache	.60	14	127.33	+3.12	+6.8
ApldMatl	.32f	15	15.04	-.19	+7.0
ATMOS	1.36	17	34.61	+.41	+10.9
AutoData	1.44	22	53.92	+.33	+16.5
BP PLC	.42e		44.87	+.59	+1.6
BakrHu	.60	29	71.65	+2.38	+25.3
BioMrn	.04	22	12.18	-.13	-8.7
Bar iPVix rs			23.99	.85	36.2
BasicEnSv			28.85	+1.68	+75.1
BerkHa A		15	121190.00	+910.00	+.6
BerryPet	.30	31	49.02	+1.67	+12.2
BlkHillsCp	1.46	19	34.15	+.11	+13.8
BlockHR	.60	13	15.93	+.31	+33.8
BrMySq	1.32	15	28.72	+.08	+8.5
BrownFA	1.28a	21	69.04	-.15	-.5
BrownFB	1.28a	22	70.48	+.12	+1.2
CVS Care	.50	15	37.48	+.46	+7.8
Cameron		22	49.51	+1.44	-2.4
Caterpillar	1.76	20	111.66	+4.12	+19.2
Celestic g			10.61	-.02	-9.4
CntryLink	2.90	13	40.82	-.16	-11.6
ChesEng	.30	11	31.30	+.35	+20.8
Chevron	3.12f	10	104.09	+1.21	+14.1
Chicos	.20	23	14.58	+.16	+21.2
Chimera	.66e	6	3.91		-4.9
Cimarex	.40f	17	96.50	+1.20	+9.0
Cisco	.24	13	17.60	+.04	-13.0
Citigrp rs	.04	15	44.16	+1.04	-6.6
ClayEng		80	81.74	+2.37	-2.7
CocaCola	1.88	13	66.95	+.05	+1.8
ColgPal	2.32f	18	84.89	+.10	+5.7
Comcast	.45f	19	25.28	-.16	+15.6
CompPrdS		20	31.95	+1.60	+8.2
ConAgra	.92	17	26.35	+.09	+11.8
ConchoRes			98.02	+1.68	+8.5
ConocPhil	2.64f	11	73.72	+.78	+8.3
Corning	.20	9	20.83	+.53	+7.8
CrackerB	.96	13	50.94	+.65	+7.0
CrosTim	2.53e	15	41.72	+.98	+4.6
DCP Mid	2.50f		42.50	+.90	+13.6
DTE	2.35f	15	51.19	+.03	+13.0
Dataram rs			1.85	.07	+17.8
Dawson			36.48	+1.98	+14.4
Deltic		12	16.19	+.16	+19.5
DevonE	.68f	10	85.55	+1.93	+9.0
DrxFinBull			29.10	.65	+4.5
Disney	.40f	19	43.10	+.04	+14.9
DowChm	1.00f	21	39.85	+.13	+16.7
EMC Cp		30	27.55	+.03	+26.6
EOG Res	.64		111.32	+3.88	+21.8
EmpDist	1.28	20	22.67	+.13	+2.1
Energen	.54	17	61.94	+1.16	+28.3
EngyTsfr	3.58	44	50.66	+.07	-2.2
EnPro		12	42.53	+.36	+2.3
EntPrPt	2.39f	36	41.48	+.12	-.3
EnsrnTel	.37e		15.15	+.29	-31.4
ExterranH			21.24	+.40	-11.3
ExxonMbl	1.88f	12	83.18	+.49	+13.8
FordM		7	15.08	.03	-10.2
ForestOil		22	31.03	+.81	-18.3
FMCG s	1.00a	19	51.68	+1.71	-13.6
FrozenFd			3.86	-.04	-17.0
GATX	1.16	25	41.55	+.23	+17.8
GabGldI	.80		7.99	+.08	-2.7
GAInv	.43e		28.73	+.13	+7.1
GenElec	.60f	18	20.07	+.06	+9.7
Golfsmith			5.16	+.03	+113.2
Goodrich	1.16	21	88.72	-.12	+.7
GtPlainEn	.83	14	20.76	+.02	+7.1
Hallibrtn	.36	20	48.06	+1.39	+17.7
Heinz	1.80	17	51.26	+.08	+3.6
Hitachi			56.59	+.21	+4.2
iShBraz	2.53e		74.30	+.28	-4.0
iShJapn	.14e		10.56	+.04	-3.2
iSTstwn	.29e		15.90	+.07	+1.8
iShSilver			36.98	+2.50	+22.5
iSHEMkts	.64e		48.34	+.09	+1.5
iS Eafe	1.42e		62.04	+.44	+6.6
iShR2K	.89e		84.24	+.97	+7.7
integrysE	2.72	23	52.99	+.14	+9.2
Intel	1.72	10	22.76	-.49	+8.2
InterDig	.40	16	46.02	+1.07	+10.5
Intl Coal		50	14.48	+.03	+87.1
JPMorgCh	1.00f	10	44.96	.08	+6.0
JohnJn	2.28f	15	65.63	+.36	+6.1
KimbClk	2.80	15	67.20	+.32	+6.6
KindME	4.56f	45	74.33	.29	+5.8
KindMM	4.56f	77	64.64	.35	-3.3
LegacyRes	2.12f		30.09	+.76	+4.8
Level3			1.69	+.04	+71.9
Lubys			4.95	+.01	-21.1
MGM Rsts			14.69	+.24	-1.1
MasstMCp s	1.20f		17.13	-.10	+12.1
McDnlds	2.44	17	79.31	+.61	+3.3
Merck	1.52	16	36.48	+.09	+1.2
MeritMed s		47	19.17	+.45	+51.4
MexcoEn		78	10.11	+.18	+32.2
MicronT		7	10.46	-.41	+30.4
Microsoft	.64	6	25.83	-.04	-7.5
Nabors		85	28.14	+.74	+19.9
NatGrid	7.04e		50.67	+.28	+14.2
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NvMAd	.99		13.44	+.04	+2.8
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Trchmrk	.68f	11	65.83	+.06	+10.2
TriContl	.28e		14.96	+.07	+8.7
TylerTech		33	24.23	+.24	+16.7
Tyson	.16	7	17.75	+.14	+3.1
UBWV	1.20	15	24.73	-.14	-15.3
US NGs rs			10.77	.23	-10.1
US OilFd			40.87	+2.00	+4.8
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ValeroE	.20	33	27.68	+.89	+19.7
VangEmg	.82e		44.87	+.13	+1.5
Vulcanl	1.00		40.53	-.39	-6.6
Walgrn	.70	18	43.10	+.76	+10.6
WellsFargo	.48f	12	28.21	.04	-9.0
WstnRefin			17.17	-.94	+62.3
WhitngPr s		38	65.19	+2.81	+11.3
WmsCos	.50	24	31.62	+.77	+27.9
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12,876.00	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,684.68	+45.94	+.36	+9.56	+17.61
5,565.78	3,872.64	Dow Jones Transportation	5,470.16	+1.62	+.03	+7.12	+20.60
434.61	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	431.17	+1.36	+.32	+6.46	+12.98
8,710.25	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,478.19	+52.29	+.62	+6.46	+16.82
2,480.51	1,880.19	Amex Index	2,390.49	+21.68	+.92	+8.25	+28.09
2,887.75	2,081.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,843.25	+15.69	+.55	+7.18	+19.73
1,370.58	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,346.29	+8.09	+.45	+7.05	+16.09
14,562.01	15.80	Wilshire 5000	14,284.33	+77.40	+.54	+6.92	+17.58
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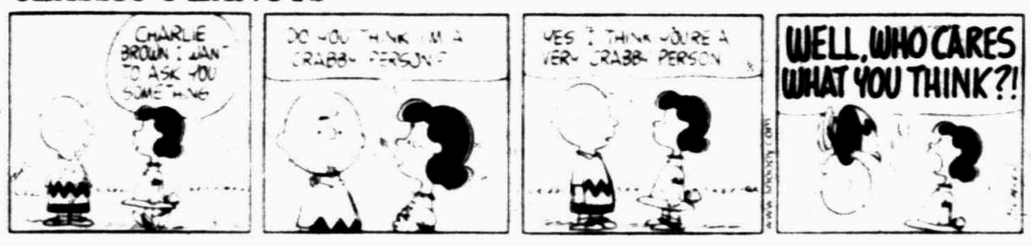

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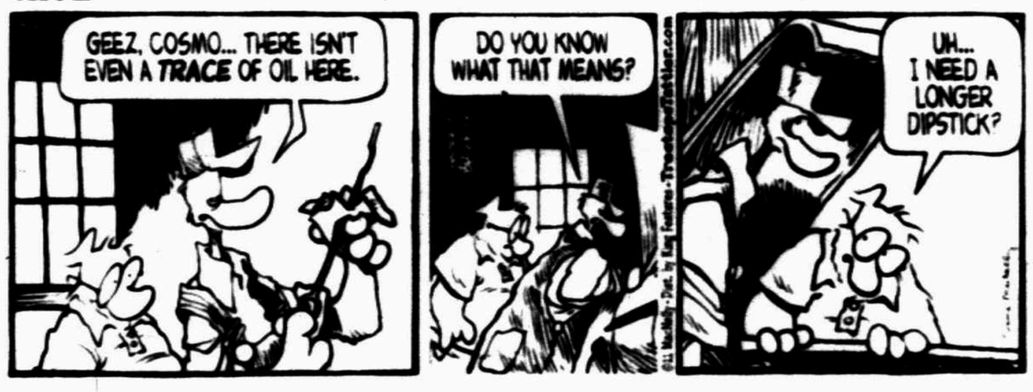

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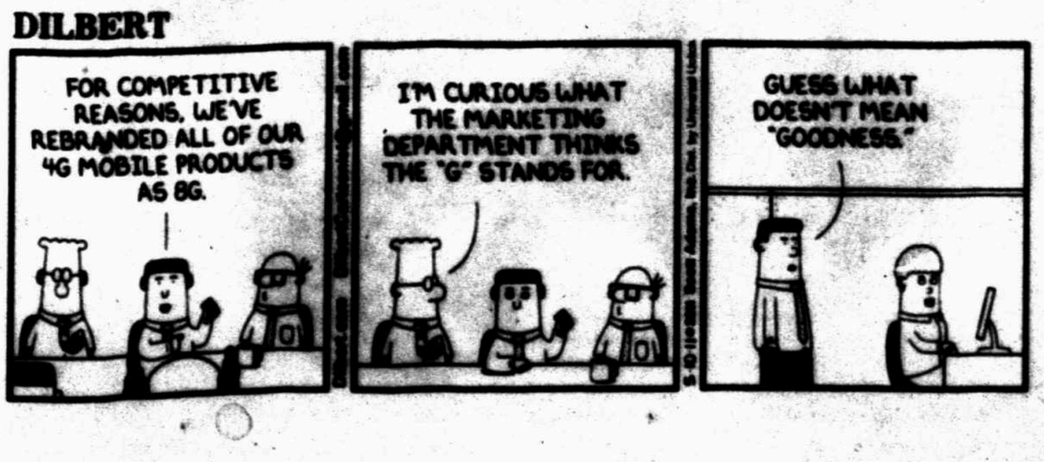

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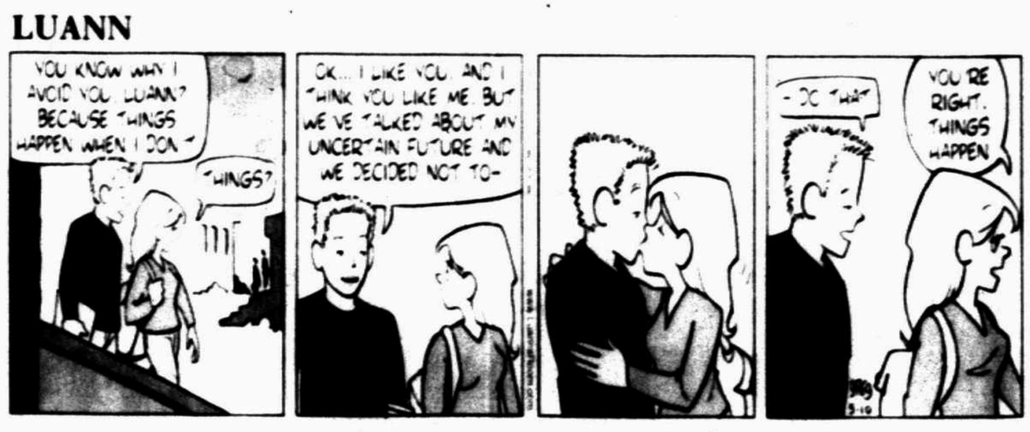

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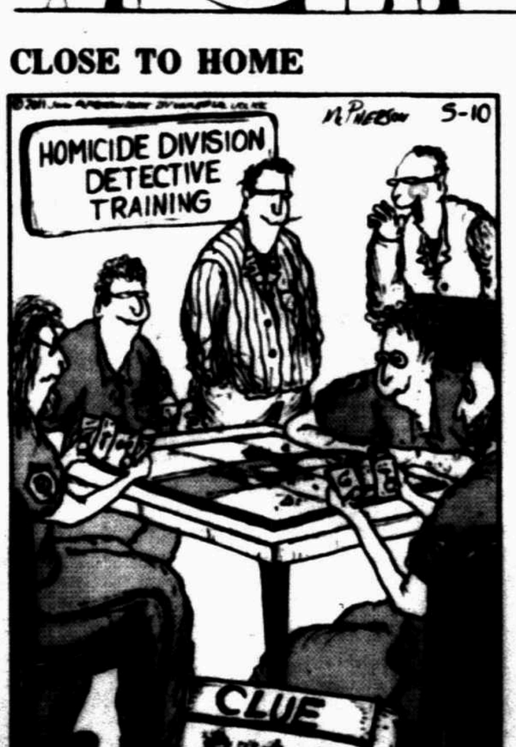
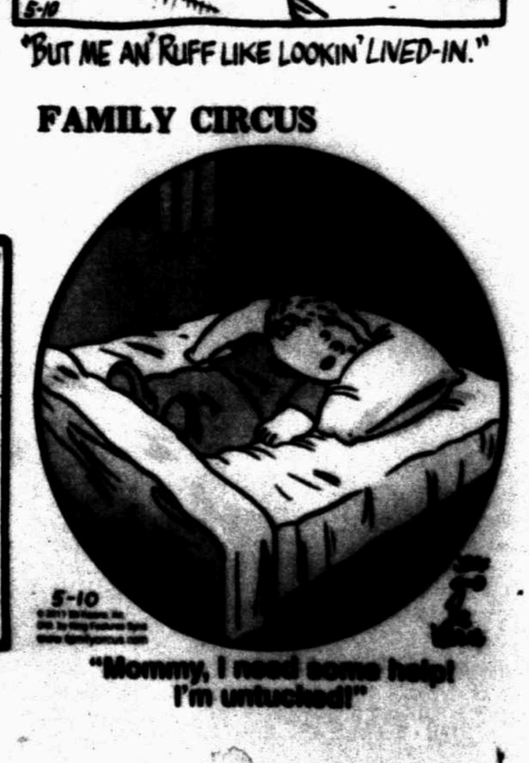


"I'm tellin' ya, this McClure kid looks really sharp! Did you see how he pinned down the rope in the library?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"BUT ME AN' RUFF LIKE LOOKIN' *LIVED-IN.*"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, I need some help! I'm unfinished!"

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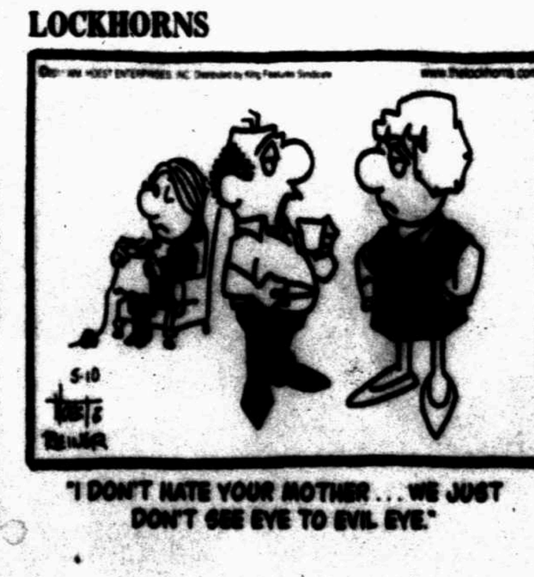

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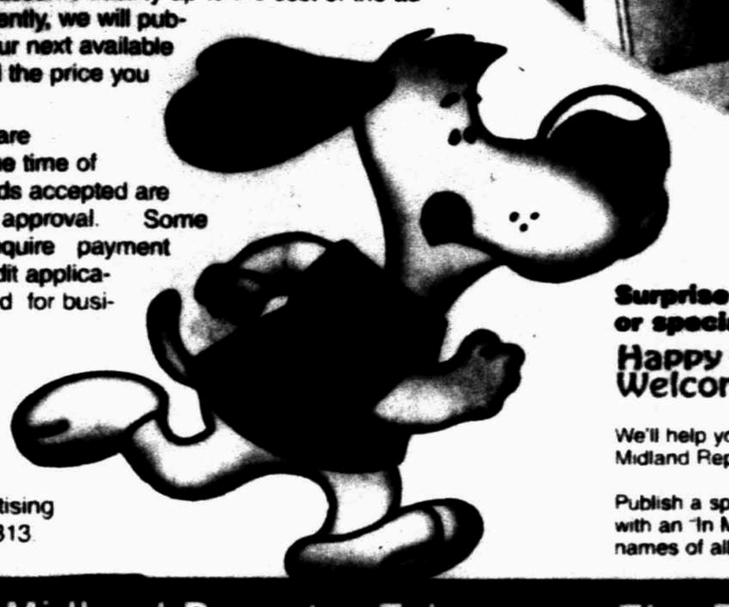

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FOUND MALE Yorkie South of Midland. Call to identify. 570-1942

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FOUND: SET of car keys on Island Dr. Call 218-6127

LOST: CHINESE Pug, Black Female. Trinity Park Area. Call 432-559-8965

General Announcements

Lost & Found

LOST: CHIHUAHUA male white w brown spots. 6lbs 2508 Max well Dr. 79705. Call 661-1578 620-0370

LOST: HUSKY black and creme blues eyes male colar Call 432-352-4159

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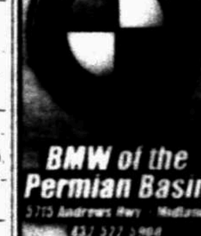

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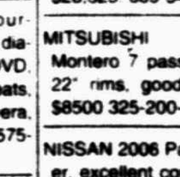

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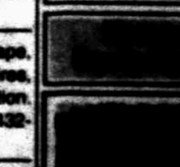

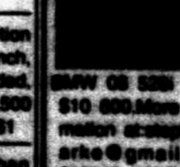

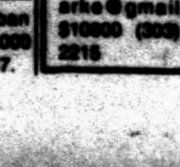

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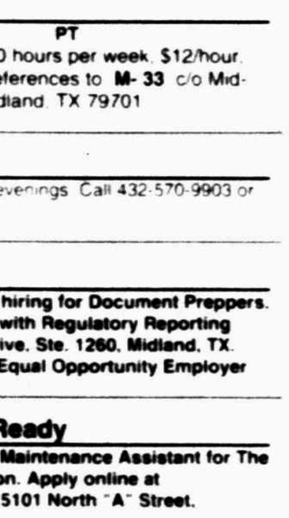

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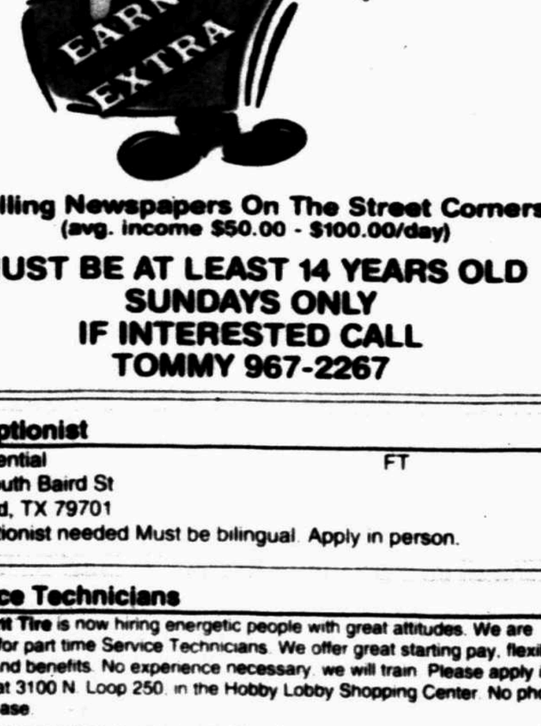

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Cooks, Dishwashers, Servers
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Cooks, dishwashers, Servers needed. $8-$14. Experience preferred. No phone calls. Apply in person at: 2201 W. Walls St. Midland, TX 79701.

DINING ROOM SERVICE STAFF
We hire attitude and personality over experience
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Midland, TX 79705
The Garlic Press is hiring for Host/Hostess position. Apply in person: Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 1pm or 5:30 and 7pm.

Schlotzsky's
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Murray's Deli FT
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RETAIL JOBS

In Store Account Rep
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Retail Sales
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Wood's Boots' Retail Sales positions available. Full and part time. Apply in person. Both Midland locations: 812 W. I-20 and 4803 Andrews Hwy.

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Manage a small sales team

2 Years in sales and management

Track Record of Hiring Techniques

Average Annual Income FT 30-40K

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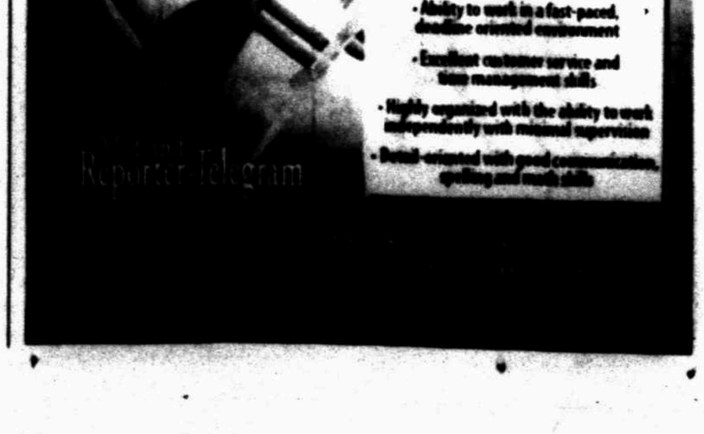
The right individual will enjoy an excellent compensation and full benefits package. If you are the one we are looking for, please send resume to:



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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Dozer Operator
Confidential FT
Need experience Dozer Operator with CDL. Must have experience with oilfield locations. Must be able to pass drug test. Work close to home for a Big Spring oil company. Competitive pay and benefits. Call 432-238-7650 or send resume to: PO BOX 1888, Big Spring, TX 79721

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Viking Pool FT
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TMI Mechanical FT
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Midland, TX 79705
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Linemen, Operators, Laborers, Electricians
Bird Electric FT
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Mechanic
Danny's Automotive FT
Must have experience and own tools. Paid vacation, retirement plan and insurance. Starting pay $32.50 hour. M-F, 7:30am - 5:30pm. Apply at: 1904 West Front, Midland, TX 79701

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Midland, TX
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Class A CDL Truck Drivers
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Silverline Transportation

Drivers & Owner Operators
McClatchy Brothers, Inc FT
McClatchy Brothers, Inc now hiring CDL [illegible] Must able to pass DOT, physical and drug test [illegible] for more details.

Drivers Wanted
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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Midland, TX 79706
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Furniture

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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Animals & Pets

Livestock & Feed

Horse Quality Coastal Square Bales, $6/each Call 254-693-5366

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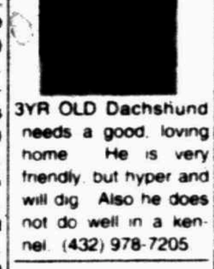
Pets



3YR OLD Dachshund needs a good, loving home He is very friendly, but hyper and will dig Also he does not do well in a kennel (432) 978-7205

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Pets

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KAWASAKI 2009 KX-65 Monster edition Very low hours $3000 obo 432-254-8853

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HONDA 2009 Gold wing, 12 400 miles $17,500 634-0410

KAWASAKI 2005 ZZR600 12 600mi $3900 Suzuki 2007 Bandit1250S 1400mi always garage kept practically new $4500 BOTH OBO 438-7790

KAWASAKI 2008 Vulcan 900 like new cruiser with less than 4K, new cobra pipes, very sharp $5500 230-5773

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KAWASAKI 2008 ZX-10 3 750 miles Akrapovic titanium to carbon fiber exhaust & power commander $8 000 432-254-8853

SUZUKI 2004 DR200 runs great, low miles, great condition $2400 432-556-8607

SUZUKI 2008 Hayabusa 2300 miles Bazazz chip like new $7200 432-352-8952

YAMAHA 2002 Roadstar Warrior, runs great $4,200, lots of g accessories Call 432-312-1308

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2002 COACHMAN 28 5th Wheel 1 slide 30 amp service Very clean new tires and microwave $11 500 Call 432-425-5940

2004 FORD F250 2006 Cedar Creek 30 ft 5th wheel $48 500 for both 325-784-7319

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Watercraft

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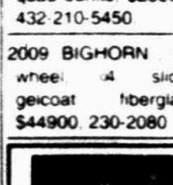

Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

SPACIOUS 1 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments Call 432-687-4514

Townhouse/ Condo for Rent Furnished

CORPORATE LEASE Chandelle 1BR nice central area all bills paid $1300/month, $400 deposit Call 634-2155 or 683-2589

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Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

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3214 TRAVIS 3BR 1BA No pets back ground check Stove and refrigerator $1025 $900 432-694-2736

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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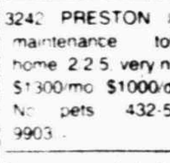

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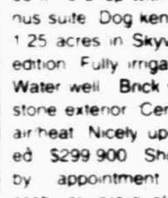

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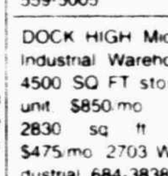

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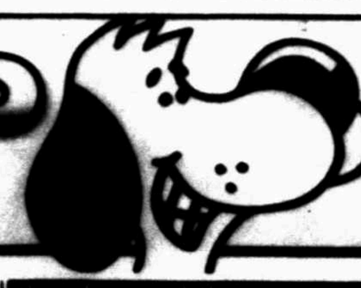

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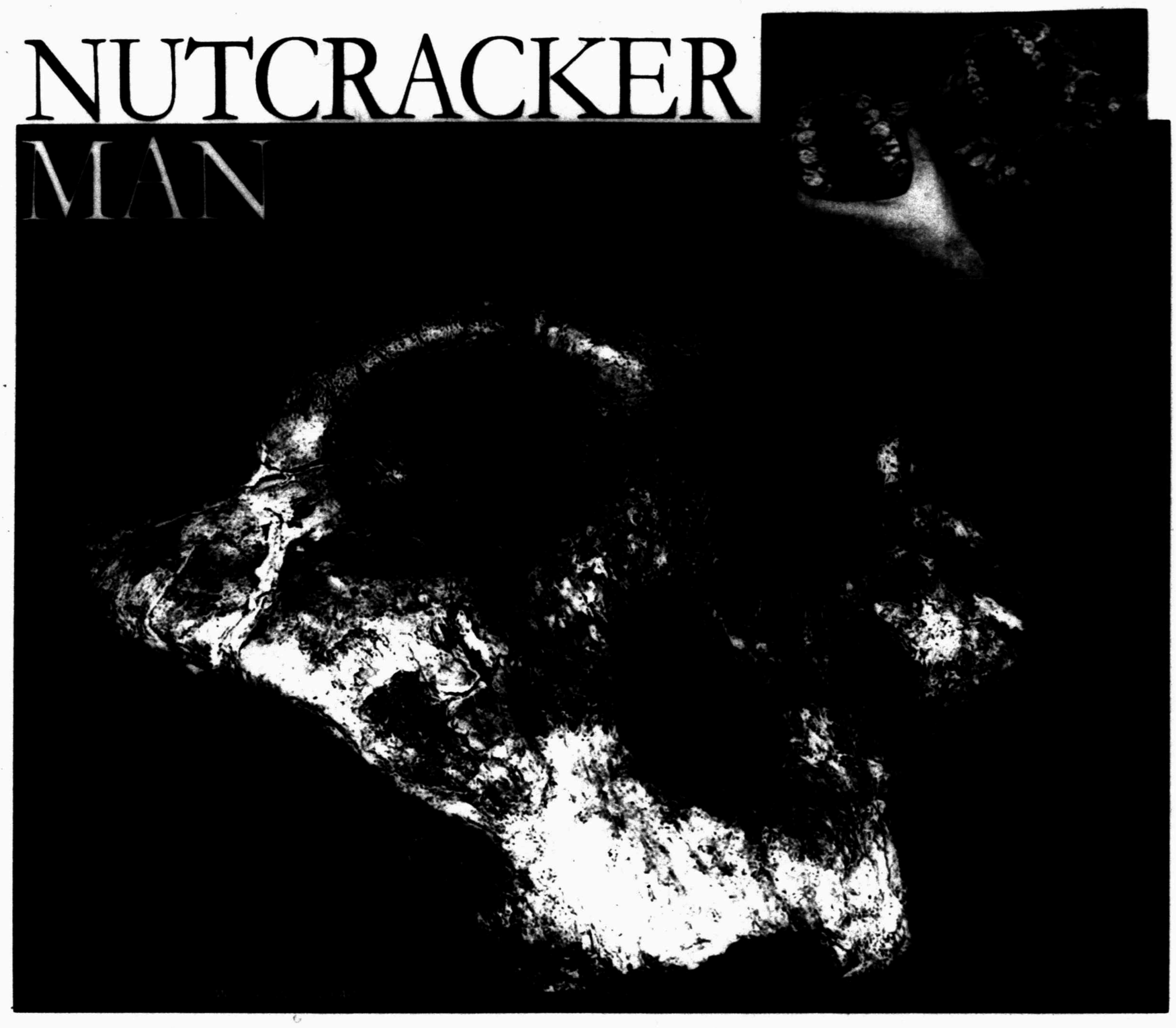

Study finds ancient 'Nutcracker Man' ate grass instead of nuts

By Randolph Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nutcracker Man didn't eat nuts after all. After a half-century of referring to an ancient pre-human as "Nutcracker Man" because of his large teeth and powerful jaw, scientists now conclude that he actually chewed grasses instead.

The study "reminds us that in paleontology, things are not always as they seem," commented Peter S. Ungar, chairman of anthropology at the University of Arkansas.

The new report, by Thure E. Cerling of the University of Utah and colleagues, was published in last week's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Cerling's team analyzed the carbon in the enamel of 24 teeth from 22 individuals who lived in East Africa between 1.4 million and 1.9 million years ago. One type of carbon is produced from tree leaves, nuts and fruit, another from grasses and grasslike plants called sedges.

It turns out that the early human known as Paranthropus boisei did not eat nuts but dined more heavily on grasses than any other human ancestor or human relative studied to date. Only an extinct species of grass-eating baboon ate more, they said.

"That was not at all what we were expecting," Cerling said in a telephone interview. Scientists will need to rethink the ways our ancient relatives were using resources, he said.

Added co-author Matt Sponheimer of the University of Colorado: "Frankly, we didn't expect to find the primate equivalent of a cow dangling from a remote twig of our family tree."

The skull of Paranthropus was discovered by Mary and Louis Leakey in 1959 at Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, and helped put the Leakeys on the world stage. Their daughter-in-law, Maeve Leakey, is a co-author of the paper.

Cerling said much of the previous work on Nutcracker Man was based on the size, shape and wear of the teeth. His team analyzed bits of tooth removed with a drill and the results were completely different, Cerling said.

"It stands to reason that other conclusions about other species also will require revisions," he said.

Ungar, who was not part of the research team, suggested in 2007 the possibility that Nutcracker Man human ate grasses, based on tooth wear.

"The big, flat molars, heavily buttressed skull, and large, powerful chewing muscles of Paranthropus boisei scream 'nut cracker,' and that is exactly what this species has been called for more than half a century," he said via email. "But science demands that our interpretations be tested."

With carbon analysis, the researchers take us "one step closer to understanding the diets of these fascinating hominins," Ungar said.

"This is a very important paper ... because people have traditionally felt that the teeth of boisei were incapable of processing foods like grasses," added biology professor Mark Teaford of Johns Hopkins University.

Cerling said it took some convincing to get the tooth samples for drilling from the National Museum of Kenya. "The sound of the drill may make a lot of paleontologists and museum staff cringe," co-author Kevin Uno, a doctoral student at Utah, said in a statement. But "it provides new information that we can't get at any other way."

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Grocery IQ seems to have it all

ASK THE PropellerHeads

Dear PropellerHeads: Hey, I just got a new Android smart phone and I need a grocery list app. Do you have any recommendations?

A: I see how this works. You don't want to go through the trouble of downloading and fiddling with each of the two dozen (at least) shopping list apps available on the Android Market yourself so you ask a geek like me to do it for you. Do you think I have time for that? Generally no, but in this case I'm equally as interested in the outcome so here goes.

Like I said there are tons of shopping list apps, so for succinctness I'll only consider free ones with over a quarter million downloads. With that we end up with a manageable number of candidates: Grocery IQ (groceryiq.com), OI Shopping List (openintents.org), Our Groceries (ourgroceries.com) and Out of Milk (outofmilkapp.com).

All of these operate on the same basic principle: you have a list of everything you can possibly buy at the store, a list of the items you are buying on your next trip, and "shopping mode" which removes items from that second list as you are shopping. Each of these products offer this, but how easy it is to add items to the various lists or remove them during shopping mode can vary greatly.

Each of these apps also offer you the ability to store multiple lists, not just grocery lists. Most allow you to store a price so you know when a good deal is afoot, and also indicate the quantity desired. Finally they all provide a mechanism to share the list with others, even if it is just via SMS or e-mail.

First on the list (hah!) is OI Shopping List. It gives you everything you need, but it isn't horribly user friendly. Anything that requires a lot of typing isn't user friendly in my book. It does allow you to tag the items in the list and sort on those tags. This comes in handy when selecting items or when actually shopping. By using tags you can group all of the dairy items together, or if you always go to the same store, tag something Aisle 32. Yeah, I go to the big stores, what's your beef?

Out of Milk is a step closer to bliss. It has a really nice interface, complete with water stains! Items can be added to the list via barcode scanner. The barcode scanner worked pretty well and returned matches for most items. Sometimes you got an understandable description but sometimes you got things like "Mt Olv Fr Ck Str" which is bordering on an obscenity. Out of Milk doesn't offer any sort of tagging or categories though so you are always faced with huge list which is a bummer.

Our Groceries is simpler. Although it does not offer barcode scanning, it does store your list on their website. This has two major benefits. First, when creating your master list, you can do so on their website with your home computer allowing you the luxury of a full size keyboard. That goes way quicker than the chicken pecking method on your phone.

But the far cooler benefit is list sharing. Thus, if my wife calls asking what she needs to pick up at the store, I can add the items to the list at home so that she will have it by the time she reaches the store. Or, if we are both shopping my wife will know immediately that I just got the Krispy Kremes so she doesn't have to. That is so sweet! However, the free version of Our Groceries hits you with ads, which isn't so sweet.

Finally there is Grocery IQ and I have truly saved the best for last. This app puts together the best of everything. Barcode scanning? Not only does it have it, but I think it found everything I scanned. And if you enter something manually, it has a nice auto completion feature containing things found at the grocery store, not the entire world.

Categories? Yep, both while shopping and during list creation, which I find equally as important because I don't want to scroll through a list of a hundreds of items indicating I need both cookie dough and ricotta cheese while I have the freezer door open.

Online list sharing? Check. However I found that it wasn't as seamless as Our Groceries and was a little glitch at times.

Grocery IQ doesn't offer up ads, but something far more useful: coupons! Unfortunately you have to print these off at home before you go to the store. It would be awesome if you could just scan the coupon UPC off of the smart phone, wouldn't it?

The one downside with Grocery IQ is its verboseness. It's not just a can of olives; it is a can of Early California Premium Sliced Ripe 8oz Olives. War and Peace is shorter in comparison.

So, in a nutshell, any one of these would probably fill your needs, but Grocery IQ seems to package up everything you need.

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