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Demolition of run-down structures back on track

Pending court case in Dallas raising liability issues delays process

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

After a several months delay, the city is moving forward with the demolition of 11 dilapidated structures.

An ordinance allowing for the removal of the uninhabited and run-down homes will be signed this week after the City Council approved last week the tearing down of the structures.

The council took its first vote on the issue in July. But, because of a pending court case that originated in Dallas, the council opted to postpone its final decision to ensure it wasn't putting the city in a position of liability.

Now that the case has been resolved, Code Enforcement will wait 30 days from the signing of the ordinance before moving ahead with demolition, said Steve Thorpe, building official.

"At the end of that 30-day period we will go to council and alert them of any appeals," Thorpe said.

The homes were identified in 2011 by Code Enforcement officers as vacant and having significant structural damage that qualified them as dilapidated. The buildings also have been deemed "unfit for human habitation and a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare."

Removing such structures long has been the practice of cities statewide.

However, during the city of Dallas vs. Heather Stewart case, the question was raised if cities have the authority to take down dilapidated buildings.

Stewart owned a Dallas home that was abandoned from 1991 to 2002 and had become "a regular stop for Dallas Code Enforcement officials," according to the case briefing. The home had been vandalized and sometimes was inhabited by "vagrants," according to the briefing.

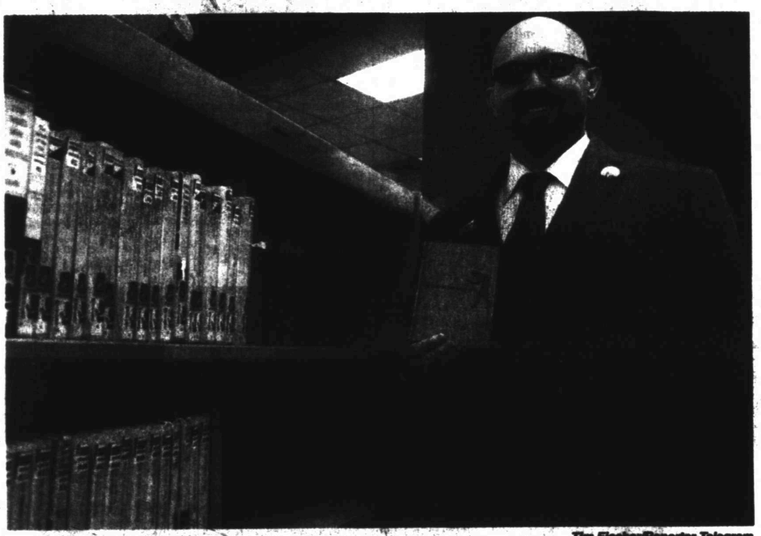
After sending notices, the city proceeded with a demolition order. Stewart attempted to reverse the move through an appeal with the municipal board but lost.

She then took her appeal to district court and eventually the Texas Supreme Court where it was argued the city had unfairly taken her property and she should be compensated.

On Jan. 27, the state Supreme Court ruled in Stewart's favor — upholding an earlier decision.

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CASE OF THE PURLOINED PUBLICATION



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John Trischitti, Midland County Library director, holds "Nancy Drew: The Clue of the Black Keys," checked out Sept. 26, 1960, and recently mailed back to the library with an apology note, but no name.

Book borrowed in 1960 returned to library

■ If fines accumulated over 50 plus years, user would owe $1,606.80.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Staff at the Midland County Public Library are used to losing books.

People move. They pass away and caretakers clear out the home without realizing books never were returned. Some books fall victim to the rowdiness of toddlers, who take their favorite story into the bathtub or drag it through the mud.

What staff aren't accustomed to is seeing books returned decades after they went missing.

Such was the case last Friday when an envelope arrived from Texico, N.M., carrying a 1951 copy of "Nancy Drew: The Clue of the Black Keys."

There was no return address on the envelope. Only a note.

According to the catalogue card inside of the novel, it was last checked out on Sept. 26, 1960.

"When I was 10 years old, I came home from school to find that my mother had packed all of our things and that we were moving," the enclosed letter read. "The book that I had checked out from the library was not on my mind."

The writer said she was "horrified" when she discovered the book 50 years after that first move while emptying boxes at her mother's home following her mom's death.

"So ... here is my overdue book — sorry it took so long to return!" the note said.

Library Director John Trischitti said they wish the writer had signed her letter or at least included a return address. While the county technically could assess fines on the borrower, they'd mostly like to thank her.

"Thanks for taking such good care of the book. Thanks for getting it back to us," Trischitti said.

If the person were fined the 10 cent per day rate currently in place, she would owe about $1,606.80 for the more than 50 years she kept the book.

Library policy states that a borrower's fine will max out at whatever the cost would be to replace the material they neglected to return.

In this case, a new version of Carolyn Keene's "The Clue of the Black Keys" can be purchased for $7.99.

If the 1951 edition that was returned were still in mint condition, it could go for around $50 online. With library stamps on several pages and a circulation card in the back, however, it's likely worth much less, Trischitti said.

"The fine is really a deterrent," he said. "The most

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Church confirms investigation into official suspected of molestations

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A church administrator and an official website confirm the man charged last week for indecency with a child is a department head for Faith Country Church.



Thompson

Harold Carden "Tootie" Thompson Jr., 57, was arrested March 21 and charged with a second-degree felony of indecency with a child by sexual contact. He was released on a $50,000 bond Thursday.

Thompson is accused of molesting at least three boys he met through the church.

Jeff Kimball, an administrator for the church, confirmed there was an investigation, but said he was instructed not to make any comment on the matter. He said he is unaware of what role the church is playing in the Midland County Sheriff's Office's investigation.

The Rev. Tony Conner, Faith Country's pastor, was unavailable for comment Tuesday because he was on a ministry trip outside of Midland, Kimball said.

The church's official website, www.faithcountry.org, lists Thompson as the department head for video technology. The Reporter-Telegram obtained cached copies of the page over the weekend before the church removed all mention of Thompson.

It was unclear Monday if Thompson remained in a church leadership role.

Sheriff Gary Painter and lead investigating officer, Sgt. Matt Vann, both declined to release the name of the church in a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram late Friday.

The church's website also states it has several children's ministries, including a bus ministry where "we pick up children between the ages of 3 and 18 years (old)," in south Midland. The church also said it required permission slips from children.

A guardian of the alleged victims filed a report with the MCSO on March 7 alleging sexual misconduct. The guardian told investigators she met Thompson through the church she and the victims attended and he was "endorsed" by the church as a "mentor" to children, according to detailed arrest documents obtained Friday.

The three boys allegedly stayed at

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Demolition

From 1A

But, unlike in the initial decision, this ruling stated that a homeowner who wants to appeal a city's condemnation has to do so within the appropriate deadlines set forth, which it ruled Stewart had done.

Homeowners don't have the right to an indefinite amount of time to appeal demolition, the court ruled.

Thorpe said during the 30 days the city of Midland is providing, all of the 11 property owners will be notified of the action taken by the City Council to demolish their homes.

"That's the window that the (Texas) Supreme Court said that it could be," Thorpe said.

An advertisement alerting homeowners of the ordinance will be placed in the Reporter-Telegram.

If appeals are filed, the City Council will be made aware so they can decide whether to proceed with destruction of those particular homes, Thorpe said.

On all properties where an appeal is not filed, the structure will be torn down.

Demolition of the 11 properties will be paid for through federal Community Development Block Grant funds that were awarded to the city for fiscal year 2011, Thorpe said.

City Attorney Keith Stretcher said earlier that the city has been sued before over structure demolition. However, careful documentation always is taken and public hearings are held before decisions are made, he said.

Plus, he said the city typically will work with homeowners who come forward and request more time to repair their structures.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Dilapidated structures and homes, like this house on South Baird Street, are slated for destruction by the City Council.

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The homes approved for demolition are: 2100 S. Fort Worth St., 200 E. Longview Ave., 911 S. Dallas St., 909 S. Dallas St., 907 S. Dallas St., 1211 Belmont St., 806 S. Loraine St., 700 S. Benton St., 506 S. Baird St., 408 N. Lee St. and 701 N. Calhoun St.

Man allegedly robs store, shoots ATM

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Greenwood man was in custody Tuesday on a $10,000 bond after he allegedly robbed a general store and attempted to break into an ATM with a shotgun.



Colvert

Kelby Shane Colvert, 21, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies on a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a building.

Deputies were dispatched to the Greenwood Country Store at 10706 Farm-to-Market 307 at 1:26 a.m. Sunday in reference to a burglary of a building and shots fired. Deputies interviewed a man who said he witnessed another man leave the back of the store, get into a truck and drive into the mobile home park located directly behind the store, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

Another witness told investigators that he heard two "loud bangs (that) sounded like gunshots from the direction of the Greenwood Country Store." He then witnessed a man, later identified as Colvert, get into a dark Chevrolet or GMC pickup and drive to the Greenwood Mobile Home Park. He said the vehicle had not left the trailer park by the time deputies arrived, according to Colvert's arrest report.

The owner of the store said the cash register and several tobacco products were taken. He also told investigators that the ATM was shot in an attempt to gain entry.

Deputies patrolled the trailer park until they found a vehicle that matched the description provided by witnesses. When the deputies approached Colvert, he allegedly said he knew why the officers were at his residence. Colvert then gave officers permission to enter his house and said "I took the stuff," according to Colvert's arrest report.

Investigators found the tobacco products and cash register. The shotgun he allegedly used to break into the ATM was in the pickup.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charges, Colvert could face up to 20 years in prison.

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Online:
Read the arrest affidavit at www.mywesttexas.com

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sheila B. Anders, 55, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Jineen D. Clanton, 32, of Stanton, was arrested Monday on a charge of credit card abuse.

Toni L. Coronado, 25, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

David T. Shaw, 29, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of evading arrest and detention with previous convictions.

Leisa L. Willis, 52, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

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Midland Women's Clinic prepares location near MMH

■ Former Eagle Charter School is being renovated.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Midland Memorial Hospital's growth is expected to spur not only a revitalization of the surrounding area but also development of a medical community in proximity to the hospital.

That was behind the decision by the doctors of Midland Women's Clinic to acquire what was most recently Eagle Charter School at 2506 W. Illinois Ave. — just west of Andrews Highway — and convert it into their new clinic.

"We are designing a 19,547-square-foot medical building that includes 5,215 square feet of office space available," said Frank Kholousi with NC Sturgeon. "The new building will be retrofitted to accommodate state-of-the-art medical equipment to meet women's medical needs."

Work already has begun to take the building down to its four walls, roof and floor, Kholousi said. The interior will be completely new and the exterior will be renovated "to provide a Frank Lloyd Wright look," he said.

Building permits for the renovations should be granted in the coming weeks and construction is expected to take about eight months. Clinic staff may move in early next year, he said.

Dr. David DeShan said he and his fellow doctors wanted a new facility close to the hospital and also knew they would have to act fast.

"If we waited two years, there wouldn't be property available around the hospital so we decided to move now," said Dr. Ben Doke. He, DeShan and Dr. Brady Locke agreed that being close to Midland Memorial will allow them to offer better care to their patients.

DeShan said the current location at MMH's West Campus is 11,000 square feet and houses six doctors and two physicians' assistants. In the new building, the clinic will take up about 14,000 square feet, leaving the remainder for office space.

"It will give us more space and room to add new features and new doctors," he said. The new clinic will house an expanded procedure room to allow for more in-house medical procedures done under light anesthetic. Other services will include laser treatments and a clinical dietitian to help with weight-loss programs.

DeShan said the doctors are excited about the new hospital facilities. "To a large extent, that will drive expansion around the hospital," he said.

Doke agreed, predicting that the area will develop into a medical hub.

The staff looked at a lot of possibilities when they decided to move, he said. "We acquired the property in September and at first we thought we'd have to tear the building down, but the engineers saw a diamond in the rough."

Noting that the new location will be the clinic's third home, DeShan said the goal is to create a home that will last for the next 30 years.

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JetBlue captain: 'They're going to take us down!'

By Oskar Garcia and Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Screaming "They're going to take us down!" a JetBlue pilot stormed through his plane rambling about a bomb and threats from Iraq on Tuesday until passengers on the Las Vegas-bound flight tackled him to the ground just outside the cockpit, passengers said.

The captain of JetBlue Airways Flight 191 from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport was taken to a hospital after suffering a "medical situation" on board that forced the co-pilot to take over the plane and land it in Amarillo, the airline said.

The unidentified pilot seemed disoriented, jittery and constantly sipped water when he first marched through the cabin, then began to rant about threats linked to Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan after crew members tried to calm him down in the back, passengers said.

"They're going to take us down. They're taking us down. They're going to take us down. Say the Lord's prayer. Say the Lord's prayer," the captain screamed, according to passenger Tony Antolino.

Josh Redick, who was sitting near the middle of the plane, said the captain seemed "irate" and was "spouting off about Afghanistan and souls and al-Qaida."

The outburst came weeks after an American Airlines flight attendant was taken off a plane for rambling about 9/11 and her fears the plane would crash. An aviation expert remembered only two or three cases in 40 years where a pilot had become mentally incapacitated during a flight.

Gabriel Schonzeit, who was sitting in the third row, said the captain said there could be a bomb on board the flight.

"He started screaming about al-Qaida and possibly a bomb on the plane and Iraq and Iraq and about how we were all going down," Schonzeit told the Amarillo Globe-News.

The captain was tackled by several passengers after he tried to re-enter the cockpit, which had been locked by the co-pilot, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement.

Antolino, a security executive who said he sat in the 10th row, said he and three others pinned down the captain as he ran for the cockpit door and sat on him for about 20 minutes until the plane landed at Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport at 10 a.m.

"That's how we landed," he said. "There were four of us on top of him. ... Everybody else kind of took a seat, and that's how we landed."

An off-duty airline captain who was a passenger on the flight entered the flight deck before landing in Amarillo and took over the duties of the ill captain, the airline said in a statement.

The captain was taken to a local medical facility after the plane landed, the airline said without elaborating.

Shane Helton, 39, of Quinlan, Okla., said he saw emergency and security personnel coming on and off the plane as it sat on the tarmac in Amarillo.

"They pulled one guy out on a stretcher and put him in an ambulance," said Helton, who went to the airport with his fiancie to see one of her sons off as he joined the Navy.

Authorities interviewed each of the passengers once they had landed and left the plane, said 22-year-old passenger Grant Heppes, of New York City.

"I had no idea it was an employee until it really started happening," Heppes said. "I just assumed it was a passenger who flipped out."

The FBI was coordinating an investigation with the airport police, Amarillo police, the FAA and the Transportation Safety Administration, said agency spokeswoman Lydia Maese in Dallas. She declined to comment on arrests.

The flight left New York about 7 a.m. and was in the air for 3 1/2 hours before landing in Texas. The passengers boarded another plane for Las Vegas several hours later.

John Cox, an aviation safety consultant and former airline pilot, said incidents in which pilots become mentally incapacitated during a flight are "pretty rare." He said he could only recall two or three other examples in the more than 40 years he has been following commercial aviation.

Airlines and the FAA strongly encourage pilots to assert themselves if they think safety is being jeopardized, even if it means contradicting a captain's orders, Cox said. Aviation safety experts have studied several cases where first officers deferred to more experienced captains with tragic results.

Unruly pilots and crew have disrupted flights in the past.

Earlier this month, an American Airlines flight attendant took over the public-address system on a flight bound for Chicago and spoke for 15 minutes about Sept. 11 and the safety of their plane, saying "I'm not responsible for this plane crashing," several passengers said.

Passengers wrestled the flight attendant into a seat while the plane was grounded at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport; the flight attendant was hospitalized.

In 2008, an Air Canada co-pilot was forcibly removed from a Toronto-to-London flight, restrained and sedated after having a mental breakdown on a flight. A flight attendant with flying experience helped the pilot safely make an emergency landing in Ireland, and none of the 146 passengers and nine crew members on board was injured.

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■ Political consultants James Carville and Mary Matalin will speak on "All's Fair: Love,War and Politics," at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. There event is part of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series.

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is hosting a seminar on bullying 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

There will be two 30-minute sessions — one for parents, "I Raise Peace" and one for children, "I Choose Peace." The seminar will be led by Lauren Ashley, director of education for the Midland Rape Crisis & Children's Advocacy Center.

Reservations are required. There is a $1 fee per child. Refreshments will be provided. To make a reservation or for more information, call BBBS at 687-0195 by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

■ The West Texas VA Health Care System is hosting a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program on Friday to commemorate the day in 1973 when the last U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam.

The event is planned for 6 p.m. at Lone Star Aviation Hangar, 3300 Airpark Drive in Big Spring.

For more information or to RSVP call 432-264-4824.

MHS baseball to raise money for Hospice of Midland

The Midland High School baseball team will host "Hit A Home Run For Hospice of Midland" at its game versus Andrews High School at 4 p.m. Saturday at Zachary Field.

All concession stand and T-shirt sale proceeds will go to the hospice. Players will use donated bats for the game that are stamped with the words, "Hit A Home Run For Hospice." They will be auctioned after the game. A helmet will be passed during the game to receive donations, and fans will have the opportunity to participate in a home run-hitting contest and a radar gun (pitching) contest.

Lee one-act play rescheduled

The Lee High School theatre department will perform the one-act play, "Compleat Female Stage Beauty" at 7 p.m. on April 3, in the LHS Auditorium, 3500 Neely Ave. The play previously was scheduled for Thursday.

Supporters and members of the public are invited to attend the free play.

Lake levels report

Representing percentage full totals from late March 2010-12

	2010	2011	2012
O.H. Ivie	43.43	30.44	17.76
Thomas	5.36	5.03	1.11
Spence	4.60	2.22	0.44
Total	21.64	14.96	8.04

Delivery
(in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 12.780 million
Midland: daily average last week 13.012 million
Midland: daily average last year 20.474 million
Odessa: daily average this week 13.714 million

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Water worries

According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

■ Odd addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Sundays through 10 a.m. Mondays and beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays through 10 a.m.Thursdays.

■ Even addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Saturdays through 10 a.m. Sundays and beginning 6 p.m. Tuesdays through 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

When you can water starting Sunday:

■ Residents and businesses can water for two hours between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on their assigned day.

■ Days are being assigned based on zones. To find out which zone you're in, visit: http://www.ci.midland.tx.us/departments/utilities/WaterUse_DaysofWeek%20030512.pdf or call 685-7474

■ All types of watering devices are permitted.

■ New pools are allowed only if they are filled with water purchased and trucked in from outside the city.

■ Washing outdoor surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways, building exteriors and parking lots is not allowed.

Lottery

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Pick 3 night: 4-7-3
Daily 4 day: 7-7-2-5
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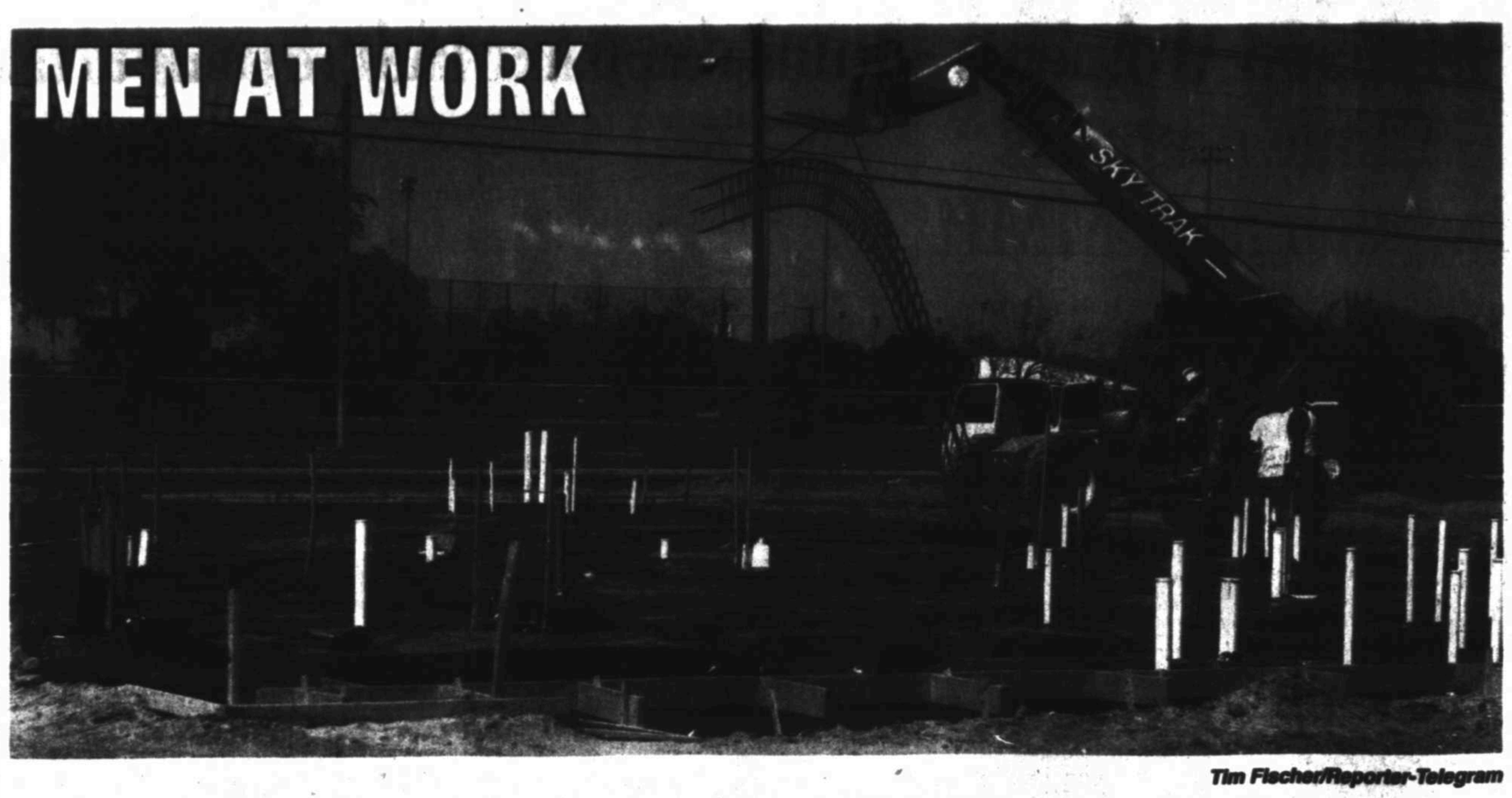
Today in history

Today is Wednesday, March 28, the 88th day of 2012. There are 278 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1898, the Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Work continues on the foundation for a new Stripes convenience store at the corner of Wadley Avenue and Lamesa Road on Tuesday afternoon.

INVESTIGATION

From 1A

Thompson's residence about five times between Dec. 10 and Feb. 26.

During a March 13 forensic interview, one of the children alleged that he was forced to sit on Thompson's lap while they watched an R-rated movie. The child said he was touched inappropriately several times during the movie on Feb. 25, according to the arrest affidavit.

Also according to the affidavit, other suspicious activity alleged against Thompson includes: The boys were required to lie in Thompson's bed and told to remove their clothing, Thompson performed naked massages, he allegedly exposed his genitals after showering and he forced the children to be "weighed naked for accuracy."

Thompson also allegedly made several graphic, sexually based comments to the boys about their puberty, according to documents obtained from Precinct 1 Judge Joe Matlock.

During a March 16 interview with investigators, Thompson "admitted to much of the sexually oriented conversation with the boys." He also allegedly admitted to massaging the children but insisted they were in their underwear. Thompson said he weighed one boy naked but denied being in the room with the other two children. He also told investigators it was possible he fondled the children but wasn't sure.

"(Thompson) reported that he has encountered problems with demons in the past, which may be the cause of gaps in his memory," the report concluded.

Painter said his department is investigating the possibilities of other victims and asks anyone with information regarding this crime to contact the Midland County Sheriff's Office at 688-4660 or the Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Thompson could face up to 20 years in prison.

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Former MC student pleads guilty for child porn

From staff reports

A former Midland College student pleaded guilty Tuesday to one charge of child pornography after he dropped the USB drive containing the pictures on campus grounds.

Selvan Otomon Zuniga-Arita, 27, of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, was in Midland on a student visa when he left the device containing 22 videos of child porn at the school and it was turned into lost and found in 2010.

Zuniga has since transferred to the University of Texas-San Antonio.

In November, Midland College officials attempted to identify the owner of the USB drive when they found the videos and it was turned over to law enforcement.

Federal agents then arrested Zuniga in San Antonio. After a consensual search, authorities discovered additional child porn files on his laptop, a press release stated.

One of the video files consisted of one minor engaging in "sexually explicit conduct" and was recorded by Zuniga while accessing an Internet video chat forum through Facebook, officials said.

Zuniga is in federal custody.

As part of the plea agreement, Zuniga has agreed to serve 10 years in federal prison for the crime, authorities said.

He is scheduled for sentencing at 9:30 a.m. at June 15 before Judge Robert Junell.

Man accused in deaths of woman, caretaker in Harkeyville

Associated Press

SAN SABA — Charges were announced Tuesday against a Texas man in the deaths of his 87-year-old adoptive grandmother and her caretaker.

Carl Wade Pressley, 28, and his common-law wife, Lillian King, have been charged with murder in the killing of caretaker Karen Johnson and with kidnapping in connection to the death of the grandmother, Bonnie Harkey. Authorities have not said whether the couple will be charged with murder in Harkey's death.

The body of the 50-year-old Johnson was found Sunday by her 12-year-old son at Harkey's home in the farming community of Harkeyville, outside of San Saba in Central Texas. A day later, authorities found Harkey's body buried nearly 200 miles east in Leon County.

"She was taken from the house," San Saba County Sheriff Allen Brown said Tuesday. "She had to have been because she couldn't drive herself."

Authorities would not comment on a possible motive or weapon. Brown wouldn't say how Harkey's body had been concealed, but said there were signs of foul play.

Pressley remained in jail on $500,000 bond and King on $250,000 bond. Attorneys for the two were not immediately available for comment.

A relative told the Associated Press that Pressley was adopted by Harkey's stepdaughter and Harkey considered him a grandson. Harkey's stepson, Bruce Harkey, said the woman took Pressley in as a teenager and supported him with "hundreds of thousands of dollars" as an adult.

Pressley has a lengthy criminal record that includes a 2006 conviction for misdemeanor assault and several arrests for driving without a valid license, according to state court records.

Report: Schools lack financial accountability

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas public schools rely on such opaque accounting practices that no average citizen can determine how they are spending the billions in state funds they get every year, making it impossible to design a fair and efficient education system, according to a new, privately funded report.

Titled "No Financial Accountability" and released Tuesday night, the report concludes that school districts dutifully follow state rules and provide copious amounts of data in their annual financial statements. But it also shows that they lump large expenditures into nebulous categories like "instruction" — which can mean everything from how much teachers are paid to the cost of insuring students in driver's education.

"We've spoken to the wealthy districts, the poor districts and they're all acting like, 'Why are you surprised at this? ... These are the rules that we have to follow,'" said Mark Hurley, one of three co-authors who spent their spare time over two years compiling the report.

All are private equity investors who say they do not have financial links to public education. They paid for the report on their own and have gotten no outside support.

Speaking to journalists before the report's release, Hurley said the authors tried to collect financial information from about 100 school districts statewide, and had about half comply. Some of the data was easily available on district Websites, while other districts never produced any information — claiming doing so would take months and cost up to $10,000.

Hurley wouldn't say which districts provided data. But scrutinizing one's annual report, the authors determined that just 22 percent of "instruction" funds were actually going to pay teachers for teaching. Other respondents listed things like hotel expenses and staff Christmas gifts as instructional costs.

The report says state rules mandate that 29 categories of expenses are grouped under "instruction" in school districts' financial reports. And, the category encompasses an average of 56 percent of all district expenditures, according to the state Comptroller's office.

Last summer, the state Legislature rewrote the school funding formula to cut $4 billion over the next two years — even though average public school enrollment statewide is increasing by 80,000 students annually. Lawmakers also cut another $1.4 billion to grant programs. Per-student funding fell more than $500, the first such decline since World War II.

Four lawsuits have been filed on behalf of more than 500 school districts representing over 3 million Texas students. They charge that the Legislature's plan is not equitable in how it distributes funding to districts.

The report concludes that neither state lawmakers nor judges can really evaluate whether the system is fair without knowing how school districts spend their money. It recommends that Texas change the way districts report data to make it easier for the general public to understand. Hurley said those changes could be implemented around the state as pilot programs, even as the lawsuits run their course.

"It's like baseball," he said. "The umpire calls strikes and balls but the lights are out."

Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, spokeswoman for the Texas Association of School Administrators, said that "transparency has become a buzzword, but what people don't understand is that state budgets are always difficult to interpret."

"Children aren't widgets," she said. "You can't apply business practices to them and have it work very well."

Hurley said he contacted attorneys handling each of the school finance lawsuits and has been asked to testify by one legal team.

"I think the districts can show where the money is going, I just don't think it's reflected on the reports the state has them file," said Rick Gray, lead counsel for a suit filed by the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition on behalf of more than 150 school districts.

Hurley agreed that most districts can track their funds down to the penny, but said that outsiders can't — meaning the notion of local control over schools statewide is laughable.

"Local control is a fantasy if you don't have financial accountability," he said, "and the basis for financial accountability is that the average parent can pick up a district's annual report and have an idea of how it's spending money."

LIBRARY

From 1A

valuable thing to us is the material."

The Nancy Drew book isn't the only one officials have lent out and not seen again. Trischitti estimates the library loses hundreds of materials each year to borrowers who either forget to return an item or who damage it so badly it can't be put back on the shelf.

Sometimes a library patron will bring a book back that's been missing for two to five years. The Centennial Branch Library has even had a few dropped into its return box that had been gone since the 1980s.

Usually, once a book has been missing for a few years, library staff assume they won't be circulating it again.

When it comes to this particular material, Trischitti said the library is simply glad it was given back.

"If that book could tell stories, I'm sure it would have some interesting stories to tell," Trischitti said.

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Fun facts

■ If the borrower of the Nancy Drew book were fined the current rate for each day the book has been missing, she would owe about $1,606.60.

■ This month, the public library reports there are 4,778 borrowers who cumulatively owe $208,033.69 in fines. That includes only those who owe $5 or more.

■ Two other copies of "The Clue of the Black Keys" are listed as available at the public library. One was published in 1936 and one in 1968.

■ "The Clue of the Black Keys" is the 28th book in the Nancy Drew collection.

■ The book was first published in 1951.

■ Carolyn Keene is a pseudonym used on each of the Nancy Drew books, according to the Nancy Drew website. The creator of the series hired a variety of writers, both men and women, to write the books.

Man survives 30 hours in Gulf after boat sinks

Associated Press

CONROE — Treading water hours after his fishing boat started to sink in the Gulf of Mexico, Ken Henderson made a decision that saved his life but lost him a best friend.

He cut the string connecting their life jackets and swam for help.

"He couldn't kick his legs to swim anymore, and I knew I had a choice," Henderson told the Conroe Courier of his friend, Ed Coen. "I told him, 'I need your help,' or we would both be stranded out here and die."

And so, more than 30 hours after Henderson's boat started taking on water and both engines failed he managed to swim to a natural gas rig where he called his wife and the Coast Guard. A fisherman found Coen's body floating in the water a short time later.

"He was a very big-hearted person, and would do anything in the world for me," Henderson said. "We were true brothers. I really miss him."

ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAINE

Real-life 'Hamburglar' strikes at McDonald's

AUGUSTA — A real-life Hamburglar has struck at a Maine McDonald's.

Police said a young man, seemingly inspired by the patty purloining character once featured in McDonald's advertising campaigns, ran between a car and the takeout window at the Augusta restaurant Sunday night as an employee handed a bag of food to a driver.

A witness flagged down an officer leaving a nearby convenience store.

Lt. Christopher Massey, acting on a description of the hungry thief, found him in the parking lot of a rival fast food restaurant diving into a McDonald's bag.

Massey told the Kennebec Journal the suspect swore and ran into the woods. He was never caught.

CALIFORNIA

Tiny puppy could be world's smallest

SACRAMENTO — A puppy named after one of the world's biggest pop stars could set the world's record for tiniest dog.

Animal rescuers in Northern California said the female Dachshund mix, named Beyonce, was so small at birth that she could fit into a spoon. At two weeks, she's about the size of a business card.

The Grace Foundation, based in El Dorado County, said animal control picked up Beyonce's pregnant mother, and she gave birth to a litter of five on March 8.

Beyonce was the last one delivered, and was born without a heartbeat.

Justices signal deep trouble for health care law

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fate of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul was cast into deeper jeopardy Tuesday as the Supreme Court's conservative justices sharply and repeatedly questioned its core requirement that virtually every American carry insurance. The court will now take up whether any remnant of the historic law can survive if that linchpin fails.

The justices' questions in Tuesday's hearing carried deeply serious implications but were sometimes flavored with fanciful suggestions. If the government can force people to buy health insurance, justices wanted to know, can it require people to buy burial insurance? Cellphones? Broccoli?

The law, pushed to passage by Obama and congressional Democrats two years ago, would affect nearly all Americans and extend insurance coverage to 30 million people who now lack it. Republicans are strongly opposed, including the presidential contenders now campaigning for the chance to challenge Obama in November.

The court focused on whether the mandate for Americans to have insurance "is a step beyond what our cases allow," in the words of Justice Anthony Kennedy.

But Kennedy, who is often the swing vote on cases that divide the justices along ideological lines, also said he recognized the magnitude of the nation's health care problems and seemed to suggest they would require a comprehensive solution.

He and Chief Justice John Roberts emerged as the apparent pivotal votes in the court's decision. The ruling is due in June in the midst of a presidential election campaign that has focused in part on the new law.

Though many of the justices asked tough questions and made strong statements, past cases have shown that those don't necessarily translate into votes when it comes time for a decision.

Wednesday's final arguments — the third day in the unusually long series of hearings — will focus on whether the rest of the law can remain even if the insurance mandate is struck down and, separately, on the constitutionality of another provision expanding the federal-state Medicaid program.

The insurance requirement is intended to complement two unchallenged provisions of the law that require insurers to cover people regardless of existing medical conditions and limit how much they can charge in premiums based on a person's age or health.

The law envisions that insurers will be able to accommodate older and sicker people without facing financial ruin because the insurance requirement will provide insurance companies with more premiums from healthy people to cover the increased costs of care.

The biggest issue, to which the justices returned repeatedly during two hours of arguments in a packed courtroom, was whether the government can force people to buy insurance.

"If the government can do this, what else can it not do?" Justice Antonin Scalia asked. He and Justice Samuel Alito appeared likely to join with Justice Clarence Thomas, the only justice to ask no questions, to vote to strike down the key provision of the overhaul. The four Democratic appointees seemed ready to vote to uphold it.

Kennedy at one point said that allowing the government mandate would "change the relationship" between the government and U.S. citizens.

"Do you not have a heavy burden of justification to show authorization under the Constitution" for the individual mandate? asked Kennedy.

At another point, however, he also acknowledged the complexity of resolving the issue of paying for America's health care needs.

"I think it is true that if most questions in life are matters of degree ... the young person who is uninsured is uniquely proximately very close to affecting the rates of insurance and the costs of providing medical care in a way that is not true in other industries. That's my concern in the case," Kennedy said.

Roberts also spoke about the uniqueness of health care, which almost everyone uses at some point.

"Everybody is in this market, so that makes it very different than the market for cars or the other hypotheticals that you came up with, and all they're regulating is how you pay for it," Roberts said, paraphrasing the government's argument.

Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr. sought to assure the court that the insurance mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that Obama signed into law in 2009 is a key part of the law's goal of reaching many of the more than 40 million people who don't have health insurance through their employers, don't qualify for government aid and cannot afford to buy coverage on their own.

Paul Clement, who is representing Florida and 25 other states in challenging the law, called the mandate "an unprecedented effort by Congress."

Clement, a predecessor of Verrilli's as solicitor general, said the requirement would force people, especially those who are young and healthy, to buy a product they don't want.

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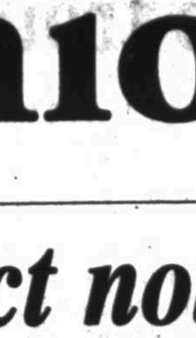
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Opinion

Affordable Care Act not about human freedom

■ Those who want to compare Obamacare to the Civil Rights Act generally are comparing dogs and zebras.



KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

By now you've heard it plenty: The Affordable Care Act (ACA), aka "Obamacare," is like the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This creative bit of dot-connecting began with President Obama, and has been perpetuated by countless talk-show hosts and their guests.

By implication, to oppose Obamacare is tantamount to opposing civil rights, which, roughly translated in this country, means being racist. This may not be what Obama intended, but if not, it was accidental brilliance.

On "Hardball" this week, as Chris Matthews was cross-examining a guest about the constitutionality of the insurance mandate — the main issue before the Supreme Court — he asked whether she thought the Civil Rights Act was constitutional. After all, that piece of legislation (correctly) forced businesses to sell goods and services to people they otherwise might have chosen to deny access.

This would be a dandy argument if the two issues were remotely related. Yes, they are similar inasmuch as the federal government imposed laws on individuals related to personal decision-making. And yes, those decisions revolved around commerce. But zebras and dogs are also similar — they both have four legs and a tail — and yet we know they are not the same animal.

The health care mandate forces business and individuals to buy something against their will. The mandate facilitates access to health care the same way being pushed off a diving board facilitates swimming. It may prove effective — or not — but it shouldn't be confused with civil rights.

One may firmly believe that any government program aimed at improving health care for more people is defensible. At least some Americans apparently do, but not that many. A recent Washington Post/ABC News poll found that Americans oppose the law by 52-41 percent. And 67 percent believe the Supreme Court should toss the law or at least the mandatory portion.

This is hardly a national endorsement of Obama's health plan. Nor, however, should it be construed as permission for Republicans to continue pretending that the American health care system doesn't require any government attention, as they did until Democrats seized the issue.

The problem of access to affordable health care is nothing to shrug about. By all means, let's work toward making an exceptionally good system better -- but without the pandering shibboleth of health care reform as a civil rights issue. One dealt with discrimination on the basis of race and was a clear violation of human rights and, therefore, the spirit of the Constitution.

Guaranteeing access to purchase is far different than forcing purchase.

That some can't afford insurance or are denied coverage through unemployment surely can be addressed in other, more creative ways. Americans love the portability aspect of Obamacare, but this could have been accomplished without restructuring a huge swath of the economy based largely on projections and assumptions.

As a selfish human being, I want everyone to buy insurance. I also want nearly everyone to drop 20 pounds, exercise 45 minutes daily, abstain from drugs and cigarettes, drink no more than 5 ounces of red wine daily, get eight hours of sleep, eat a diet of mostly grains and vegetables and avoid all sugars. This would do more to improve health and reduce the need for medical care than anything else on the planet. Shouldn't we start there? Doesn't it violate my civil rights to have to subsidize the consequences of other people's irresponsible choices and lack of discipline?

Ah, but no, government can't dictate what people consume or how much they exercise. Wanna bet? Stick around.

Critics of Obama's plan are not just ornery partisans. Legitimate concerns include: The law is too big, it creates another gargantuan bureaucracy that will have the flexibility and compassion of Siri, and it contains too many uncertainties and too many fill-in-the-blanks beyond the reach of elected officials.

Democrats pushed through the legislation without popular support on the bet that Americans would like it once they got used to it. We may or may not find out, depending on what the justices decide. But this much we do know: Civil rights activists who were beaten, bloodied and killed in the struggle to have a voice were nothing like the bureaucrats and politicians who insist that the ACA is a comparable victory. The Civil Rights Act was a monument to freedom and human dignity. Healthcare reform is ... something else.

Well-intentioned though it may be — and serviceable though it could become with proper tweaking — the ACA is not about human freedom. It is, in fact, quite the opposite.

GUEST VIEW

What's really key in an 'all of the above' policy

Houston Chronicle

To drill or not to drill, Baby? That is the question that is launching a thousand heated partisan debates early in this presidential campaign season.

Is drilling merely a catchy slogan, as President Obama has suggested in recent campaign speeches? Or is it an important piece of a national policy with the potential to lead us to energy independence and, eventually, to a sustainable energy future? We have argued consistently and strenuously that it is the latter.

But setting that all aside, drilling is a more nuanced subject than the purveyors of sound bites on either side would have us believe.

As we're learning, courtesy of Baker Hughes, the last word in industry statistics, drilling for oil and drilling for natural gas are completely different worlds. That's true for one basic reason: price. While oil has spiked above $100 per barrel in recent weeks, natural gas prices have languished at low levels for several years. Rig activity in the oil sector is robust, while natural gas activity is slowing to almost a complete stop.

This situation provides an enormous opportunity, if only our leaders, Democratic and Republican together, will see it and act decisively. That opportunity is to dramatically expand the domestic market for natural gas.

Doing so also would answer the president's protestations that more drilling won't change high gasoline prices at the pump. Yes, that is true — in large part because the oil market has become global and because prices are being driven up by threats from Iran and by market speculators. With demand growing in places like India and China, the U.S. no longer has the influence over oil markets it once did.

But not so much if our fuel of choice, for transportation in particular, becomes natural gas. Given our superabundance of this clean-burning fuel, the way out of this dependence dilemma seems clear to us. We simply need to begin an orderly process of retooling our transportation infrastructure to make much fuller use of this bountiful national patrimony. With an appropriate policy nudge from government, we believe the private sector can accomplish this important objective.

We'll grant that this is not an instant fix. But over the intermediate and long term, shifting our fleet vehicles, our tractor-trailers, even our diesel-powered freight locomotives to run on natural gas, will pay dividends of price stability.

If Obama is serious about an "all of the above" energy policy, and we hope he is, greatly expanding the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel is the obvious place to start. Doing so may even bring us to the president's hoped-for reliance on algae that much sooner.

There's a new energy reality that America must come to terms with after decades of living in fear of scarcity. It's called abundance. Let's use it.

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Ryan's budget fix is presidential

■ House Budget Committee chair seems willing to risk it all on a mission others aren't willing to touch.



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The reason U.S. House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan should be president — now, if not the day before yesterday — is the same reason the country eventually may lick its budgetary problems. He bows his neck and keeps acomin' — knowing intuitively that everything hard, from the building of Rome to the taming of the federal budget, requires not merely time but the services of someone willing and able to mix the mortar.

Ryan seems up to the job, and who knows, under his — or comparable — leadership, we might get something done. "I gave up fear for Lent two years ago," he recently told The New York Times' James B. Stewart.

Good thing. We need a leader who, for a change, does things because they seem to him the right, rather than the cleverly political, things. Ryan, the Wisconsin congressman who came to prominence as an Obamacare critic, has been trying heroically to make Congress face the same reality ordinary people confront whenever the money runs out.

Ryan's hope is to save the government from itself — and us, the taxpayers, with it — through constructive tax reform. His "Path to Prosperity" program would compress our present variety of tax rates to two — 25 percent for higher-income earners, 10 percent for everybody else — while abolishing as many as possible of the tax breaks and loopholes that give the tax code its bad name and skew economic decision-making.

The Ryan strategy, which Mitt Romney has praised and Ron Paul, ever the libertarian purist, has blasted — is simply to play fair with the taxpayers. Take away Congress' bag of party favors, distributed to this, that or the other interest group in the form of breaks, exemptions and loopholes. The loophole for such-and-such an investment (green is this year's color of choice) is a political play-pretty — a reward for something or a nudge in the back to do something else.

Keeping the government's paws off innocent people's money is a high and exalted mission but not to the point that it distorts economic decision-making. The government would like to steer us toward solar power and electric cars, neither item exactly obnoxious, neither one clearly preferable to purchases the homeowner might undertake with the help of his own brain cells.

Ryan notes another distortive feature of loopholes and shelters. Nearly all, he told Stewart, "benefit the top bracket taxpayers. For every dollar you park in a tax shelter, that dollar is taxed at zero. You take away the shelters, and we can have a lower rate for everybody."

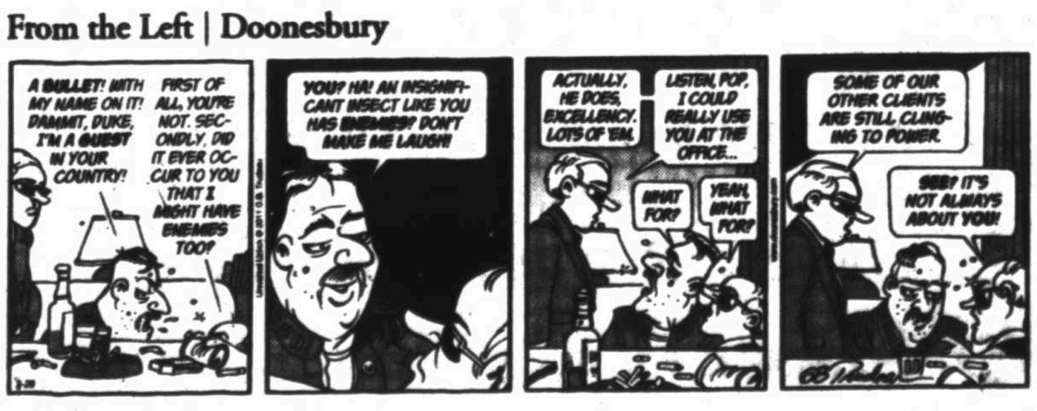
Would all tax shelters just vanish — poof! — if the voters sent Paul Ryan enough help? I wouldn't imagine so. The rates on charitable contributions and home mortgages might fall but wresting these deductions from people who consider them part of the landscape would be ... challenging.

No good idea ever made its way unimpeded and unscathed through the democratic political process. Neither is it likely Ryan's very-good-indeed idea will do so. Substantial flattening of rates, along with abolition of numerous shelters, would, even so, produce more taxes from the upper-income earners we are instructed by occupation troops to see them as. Picking up some heir money ought to be fun.

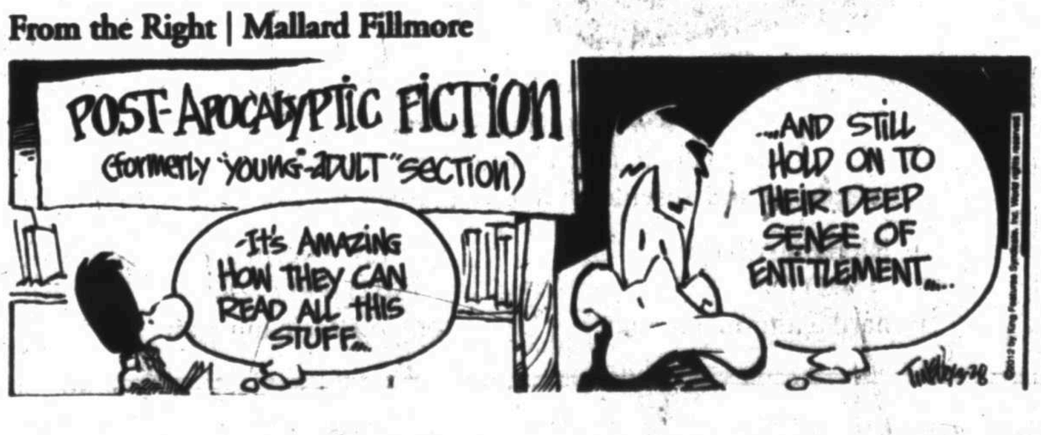
In the end, what's the alternative to Ryan? Those knocking him for proposing too much or too little — what are they proposing, huh? Turn down Ryan, and what will we do instead? Drift like stately galleons into bankruptcy and national disruption of a high order? Here's a man, Paul Ryan, who actually may not want to be president of the United States — never mind his brains and courage. His service to voters, carried out from a leather chair on the Budget Committee, is easily greater than any performed to date by certain actual presidential candidates who shall be discreetly nameless.

Just in case, though, let's remember the nature of great presidents, which is in part to discern a real problem, put forth a persuasive answer, then risk much — even all — to put things right. Ryan in a nutshell.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Tighter security for SAT, ACT in wake of cheating

By Frank Eltman
Associated Press

MINEOLA, N.Y. — The millions of students who take the SAT or ACT each year will have to submit photos of themselves when they sign up for the college entrance exams; under a host of new security measures announced Tuesday in the aftermath of a major cheating scandal on Long Island.

The two companies that administer the tests, the College Board and ACT Inc., agreed to the precautions under public pressure brought to bear by Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice, who is overseeing the investigation. The measures take effect in the fall.

"I believe these reforms, and many others which are happening behind the scenes, will prevent the kind of cheating that our investigation uncovered and give high schools and colleges the tools they need to identify those who try to cheat," Rice said.

Rice has charged 20 current or former students from a cluster of well-to-do, high-achieving suburbs on Long Island with participating in a scheme in which teenagers hired other people for as much as $3,500 each to take the exam for them. The five alleged ringers arrested in the case were accused of flashing phony IDs when they showed up for the tests. All 20 have pleaded not guilty.

In one instance, a young man allegedly produced ID and took the test for a teenage girl who had a name that could have been either male or female.

Students have long been required to show identification when they arrive for one of the tests. Under the new rules, they will have to submit head shots of themselves in advance with their test application. A copy of the photo will be printed on the admission ticket mailed to each student, and will also appear on the test site roster.

School administrators are "going to be able to compare the photo and the person who showed up and say that's either John Doe or that's not John Doe. They didn't have the ability to do that before," the district attorney said.

The photo also will be attached to the student's scores, which, for the first time, will be sent to his or her high school, so that administrators and guidance counselors can see the pictures. Previously, test results were sent only to the student.

"Millions of college-bound students who take the SAT and ACT each year can have a new confidence that their hard work and preparation will be rewarded and not diminished by cheaters," Rice said.

Officials from the College Board and ACT Inc. said that any additional costs would be absorbed and not passed on to students. The College Board charges $49 for the SAT; ACT Inc. charges $34 for the basic test, $49.50 if it includes a writing exam.

"We believe these measures support both test integrity and access and equity for all students," said Kathryn Juric, vice president of the SAT program for the College Board.

During the 2010-11 school year nearly 3 million students worldwide took the SAT; 1.6 million students took the ACT in 2011.

In another key change, students will be required to identify on their application the high school they attend. In the Long Island scandal, the impostors often went to high schools in neighboring communities so they would not be recognized.

Bob Schaeffer, public education director of FairTest: National Center for Fair & Open Testing, a longtime critic of the SAT, said the new procedures would still not prevent cheating if a student submitted an impostor's photograph.

"The image on the registration form will match up with that of the person taking the exam so long as an equally phony ID is used at the test site," he said.

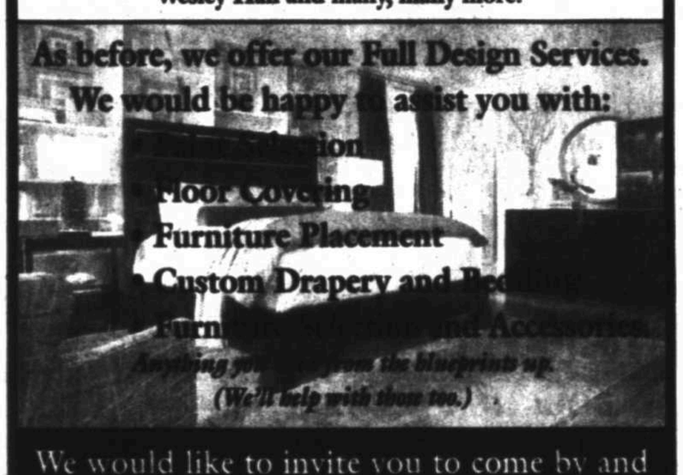
But Rice argued that the follow-up report to the student's high school, with the photograph, should deter most cheating.

"Knowing that's going to be going back to their high schools, specifically their guidance counselor, that's the backup check that's going to prevent it from happening," Rice said. She also said the photos would be kept in a database should any questions of cheating arise later.

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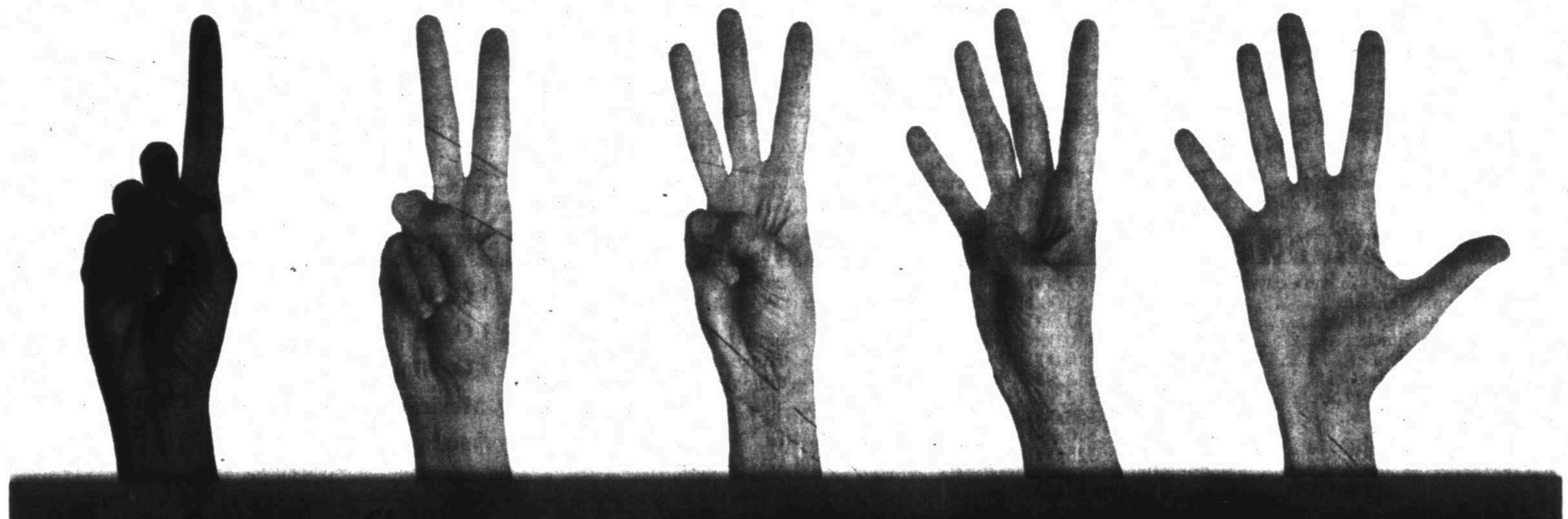
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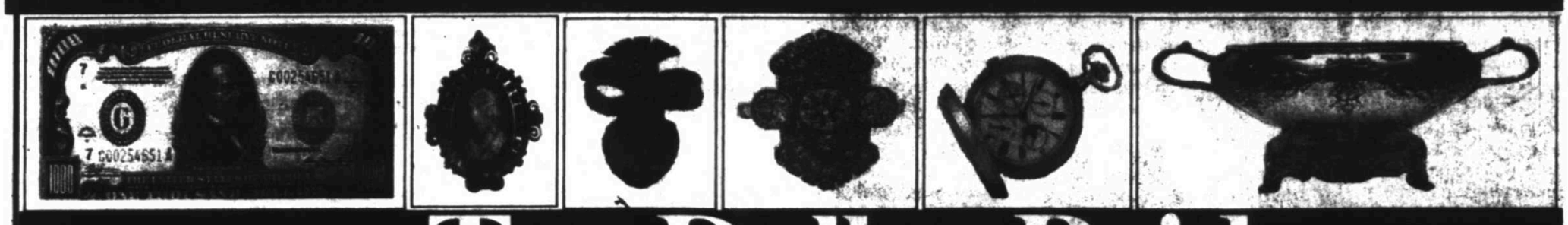
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The Rev. David Harwood is the director of chaplaincy service at Midland Memorial Hospital. Harwood's duty is to provide a ministry of hope and presence for the patients, families and staff at the hospital.

Hospital chaplains listen, offer support to patients, families

For the Rev. David Harwood, being involved in chaplaincy at Midland Memorial Hospital gives him the ministry to stop, listen and simply be a presence for people he encounters.

"The most important thing is to be there and be present with people," he said.

In February 2004, Harwood took on the role of director of chaplain services at the hospital and said the duties of he and his staff of two part-time chaplains, Becky Martin and Donnie Rollie, include responding to different patient and visitation requests and offering support to those dealing with difficulties.

By offering support, his staff is there to fulfill a need that at times can be very critical, he said.

Every day varies for Harwood and with a team of 10 volunteers who are on-call a couple of times each month, he and his staff work to provide chaplain services on a 24-hour basis seven days a week.

They respond to level one calls in the emergency room that can involve anything from a vehicular or industrial accident to more violent incidents such as gunshots or stabbings. They also respond to code situations for those going into cardiac and respiratory arrest.

The department assists on a daily basis for spiritual consults and requests and in urgent situations, can contact a patient's local church or priest. They serve as a liaison by reaching out to the congregation and community in the outlying areas and notifying parishioners, he said.

Harwood also serves as founder and chairman of the Catastrophic Assistance Fund Committee, an MMH

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WORKING FOR A LIVING

Story by Audrie Palmer • Photos by Cindeka Nealy

Celebrity golf event to benefit Bynum School

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Celebrities accustomed to the California sun will come to Midland this weekend for Bynum School's inaugural Stars and Pars celebrity golf tournament.

The fundraiser will pair celebrities and former professional athletes with local teams in the golf tournament that benefits Bynum, a school where children and adults with learning, developmental, emotional and behavioral disabilities receive a personalized education.

Bynum School board member and avid golfer Randy Crook is coordinating the tournament. Crook said he became involved with Bynum when his daughter, Kelly, was invited to sing at the annual children's festival a few years ago. This year's festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Midland Center.

"I went out to the school and saw what a great deal it is," Crook said. "They do so much for the kids, but are in desperate need of funds."

That's when the avid golfer started thinking of different ways he could help and realized it wouldn't be too hard for him to talk with some golfing buddies in Los Angeles and host a celebrity golf tournament.

Having seen how successful the biannual Bill Engvall Charity Golf Classic is for the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, Crook said he felt like he could coordinate something like that.

During the last three years, Crook said he's had the chance to play golf and develop friendships with some celebrities while playing golf on trips to LA where his wife and daughter live.

Crook said he became good friends with Ron Pearlman from the TV show,

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FOOD ETC.

Joan Huff may be reached at joanhuff@aol.com. For more recipes, visit www.myrecipes.com.

Get creative with Girl Scout cookie recipes

Girl Scouts around the world recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. Scouting is a wonderful activity for girls to become involved in. Parents also have fun participating in all the various activities. Girls Scouts make lifetime friendships and learn lessons of responsibility, leadership and working with others.

With my past experience in the organization, I know this is the time of year many of us have Girl Scout cookies stockpiled in our pantries and freezers. I am sure you have seen girls out on the street corners with their booth sales over the last month.

When you purchase cookies from Girl Scouts, you are helping them fund projects, purchase badges and perhaps even pay a portion of a summer camp. I had the privilege of leading both of my girls' troops when they were young and we made a lot of wonderful memories, both here at the Girl Scout center and at Camp Mitre Peak. They were an amazing group of girls who all have grown up into fine young women.

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Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Physicist, inventor and aviator Fred Newman stands by a World War II era bi-wing Stinson L-5 that he is spending his free time, away from his oil and gas ventures, overhauling.

Midland's maverick physicist, inventor, aviator has powerful spiritual sway

While it is clear the robustly stalwart Fred Newman is Midland's full-bore maverick physicist, inventor and aviator with a pronounced spiritual sway, Newman and his wife, Chris, are a genuinely generous Midland couple of all-around "good cheer."

At age 68, Newman has recovered from his teenager "knucklehead" years when Chris Holly was persuaded to marry him in 1962 in their native Louisiana.

"Everything we do is fun," Chris cheerfully avowed. "Fred is a character."

Boredom is foreign to their nature.

"Chris is afraid that I will buzz the house in my airplane (which he did in Canada in the early 1970s to let her know he was heading home) or blow up the garage and house with explosives (not yet)," Newman said in his nonchalant humor. "Better not," Chris advised.

In recent years, Newman, who welcomes adventure, was approached by two stealthy pilots, agents of the former Blackwater USA, America's civilian mercenary arm, about buying his twin-boom, twin-engine push-pull turbo-charged Cessna 337 Super Skymaster loaded with avionics. Initially, he suspected they were drug-runners.

"We will give you top-dollar for the airplane," the agents tempted him.

"Not for sale. No deal," Newman replied.

"We will double the top-dollar offer."

"Sold."

And away the Skymaster flew into the wild to serve in the Iraq war as a flying platform to guide remotely piloted vehicles (RPVs) to enemy targets.

One of the incognito pilots, Tim, offered Newman a lucrative job flying the Skymaster "over there." He bypassed the 28-days-on, 28-days-off offer.

Newman misses the 1979 Skymaster, his favorite, while the wife said, well, yes, but only "all the way to the bank."

In 1974 by way of Saskatchewan, Canada, and then Utah where Newman was a manager at both locations for Schlumberger, the worldwide oil-well service company, the Newman family, including four youngsters — Jim, Holly, Nancy and Steve — a crowd of potted plants and two dogs, settled in Midland by way of a fully-packed station wagon.

"They were all teenagers at the same time," Chris said of the children. "It was fun."

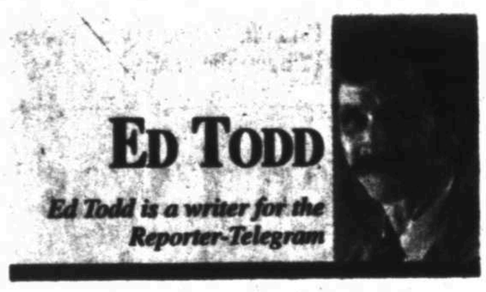
For the Newman family, Midland's lure was not just economic rewards via oilfield enterprise, including Newman's 43 patents mostly related to oil-field safety on rigs, overall efficiency and oil-and-gas rig development.

Spirituality in action, never for show, is a Newman priority: Helping others in serving the Lord.

His inventions include the oilfield's counterpart of aviation's computerized black box that "records exactly what that rig is doing at all times" from spudding to plugging.

"You use your gifts, God's gifts, to the maximum of your ability," Newman said recently after the Midland's National Exchange Club had entered his name in the service organization's "Book of Golden Deeds."

Newman's wide-ranging community volunteerism, coupled with his wife's involvement, includes that of Scoutmaster, public-school trustee, church and cultural philanthropic commitments and shaking his sonorous bass voice with the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity choir.



ED TODD

Ed Todd is a writer for the Reporter-Telegram

The Newman couple's leadership was seminal in establishing the Hope House for free room and board for Allison Cancer Center patients and in setting up a greenhouse tomato garden and an oilfield-related paper-shredding enterprise operated by intellectually and/or developmentally disabled children and adults at MARC.

Newman recalled his "burning-bush moment" of sunrise clarity after Hope House opened. A grateful out-of-town cancer patient, who couldn't afford a hotel room or find solace in its loneliness, was a grateful Hope House guest.

"May I hug you?" the "little-bitty frail woman" asked.

Her hug caused Newman's spirits to soar and his humility to be steadfast.

"You give," Newman reflected. "But you receive so much more."

Newman recalled a vocational MARC client, Mike, who was hired by Triple N, then a Newman-family well-plugging operation managed by Holly Newman.

By association, Mike was delighted to be in the "oil business."

"He developed self-esteem, self-worth, purpose in life," Newman recalled. "It was a great and wonderful thing."

Newman, an admitted "reformed knucklehead," in Louisiana played high-school football, played the tuba in band and sang bass in the chorale and all the while chased pretty and petit Chris Holly whose parents were the band director and choral director. In Newman's words, they took him for "an orangutan, a big-time knucklehead," who finally "settled down" to become her parents' "best friend."

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Obituaries



Lorena Jones

Lorena Jones, 93, died on Sunday, March 25, 2012, in Midland, Texas.

Lorena was born August 16, 1918, to John C. and Ada Hicks Dunagan in Gaines County, Texas, on her parents' ranch. The family moved to Midland in 1925. Lorena graduated from Midland High School and attended Hardin-Simmons University and The University of Texas in Austin, where she studied fashion design. She married A. A. "Pootsy" Jones, in Midland, on June 7, 1940. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church since the late 1920's, a former, longtime member of Ranchland Hills Country Club, Progressive Study Club, a bridge club, and En Ami Book Club. She volunteered for many years as a Pink Lady in the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, which she often said was her most gratifying activity outside of her family.

Lorena and Pootsy enjoyed traveling, especially to golf tournaments which took them to many states, including Hawaii, and to Scotland, and Morocco. Pootsy was the golfer and Lorena enjoyed the people they met and the scenery. She had a great appreciation of beauty, in nature and in the arts, and was an enthusiastic supporter of Midland's performing and visual arts programs. She was very proud of the outstanding city her hometown has become.

Family came first for Lorena. She was never happier than when surrounded by loved ones, and she leaves not only her children and grandchildren, but many nieces, nephews, and cousins, who consider "Eenie" their favorite.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Pootsy, in 2009; two brothers, Conrad Dunagan and wife, Kathlyn "Kitty", Robert "Buddy" Dunagan and wife, Bobbie; a sister, Helen Reeves and husband, Bud; and a brother-in-law, Ralph Hardy. Also preceding Lorena in death were brothers-in-law, D. Lee Jones and wife, Georgia, J. Ramon Jones and wife, Lois; and sister-in-law, Lillian Thomas and husband, Pete.

Lorena is survived by her three children: Joe Lee Jones, Carolyn Sutton, both of Midland, and Gus Jones and wife, Chloe of Kingsland, Texas; step-son, Reverend Jack Monte Jones and wife, Virginia of San Angelo; grandchildren: Joel David Sutton, Katherine Christine "K. C." Jones, Steven Chance Jones, and Hillary Robertson; along with step-grandchildren, John Robinson Jones, Julie Jones, Claire Pursley and husband, Jeff, and Porter Taylor. Her great-grandchildren are: Robert Joel Sutton and wife, Leah, David and Mary Sutton, Rucker Pursley, and Porter Alan Taylor; also two great-great-granddaughters, Grace Lorene and Robin Elizabeth Sutton. She is also survived by one sister, Virginia Hardy of Abilene.

The family wishes to express appreciation for the loving care provided by the staff at Senior Care Center during the last year.

Family will welcome friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, March 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A committal service will be held on Friday, March 30 at Resthaven Memorial Park, at 11:30 a.m., with the memorial service held on Friday, March 30, at 1:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

Memorials for Lorena may be sent to the "Arise and Build" Fund of First Baptist Church, 2104 West Louisiana, Midland, TX 79701; or to the donor's choice of benevolent or arts organizations.

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Kay F. Hudnall

Kay F. Hudnall, 74, of Midland, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 25, 2012, at Hospice of Midland, Inpatient Unit, surrounded by her loving family.

Kay was born March 14, 1938, in Seminole, Oklahoma, to Myrtle and the late Ted R. Baughn. Kay grew up in Hobbs, New Mexico and graduated from Hobbs High School in 1956.

Kay was a long time resident of Midland, Texas. She married Willie Gene Hudnall on September 30, 1975.

Kay is preceded in death by her dad, Ted R. Baughn; and by her first husband, George Hakata; and second husband, Willie Gene Hudnall.

She is survived by her mother, Myrtle Sandford; brother, Ted R. Baughn; daughter, Jill Broughton and her son, Dan Hakata; granddaughters, Heather Crisler and Cyndi Frasier. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and friends.

Kay will be dearly missed by everyone that knew her.

Visitation with the family was held from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, with Jan Reed, Chaplain with Hospice of Midland, officiating.

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

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Death Notices

Bertha Alicia Padilla

Bertha Alicia Padilla, 56, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

She is survived by her husband, Jose Luis Padilla; her son, Jose Luis Padilla "Pepe"; her daughter, Michelle Padilla; her brothers, Jesus Martinez, Jr., Oscar Martinez, Arturo Martinez, and Daniel Martinez; and seven grandchildren.

Prayer services will be Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Funeral Services are scheduled for Thursday, March 29th, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., Heavenly Gate Chapel.

Funeral services are under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home.

Bette Jo Null Anderson

Bette Jo Null Anderson, 75, of Odessa, passed away Saturday, March 24, 2012, in Odessa.

Survivors include her children, Rick Null, Victor Null, and Valetta Lovett ; also her sister, Rose Bolomey.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 29, 2012, at Greenfield Acres Baptist Church, with family members officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Elizabeth J. Faller

Elizabeth J. Faller, 81, of Midland, passed away on Monday, March 26, 2012.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, March 29, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A funeral service is planned for Friday, March 30, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, in the Glass Chapel, with Dr. Tim Walker officiating. Interment will follow the service at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Lois Jean Reese

Lois Jean Reese, 78, passed away, at her home, Tuesday, March 27, 2012, in Midland.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Loretta Eloise Brown

Loretta Eloise Brown, 49, passed away March 25, 2012, in Austin, TX. She was born May 18, 1962, in Midland, TX.

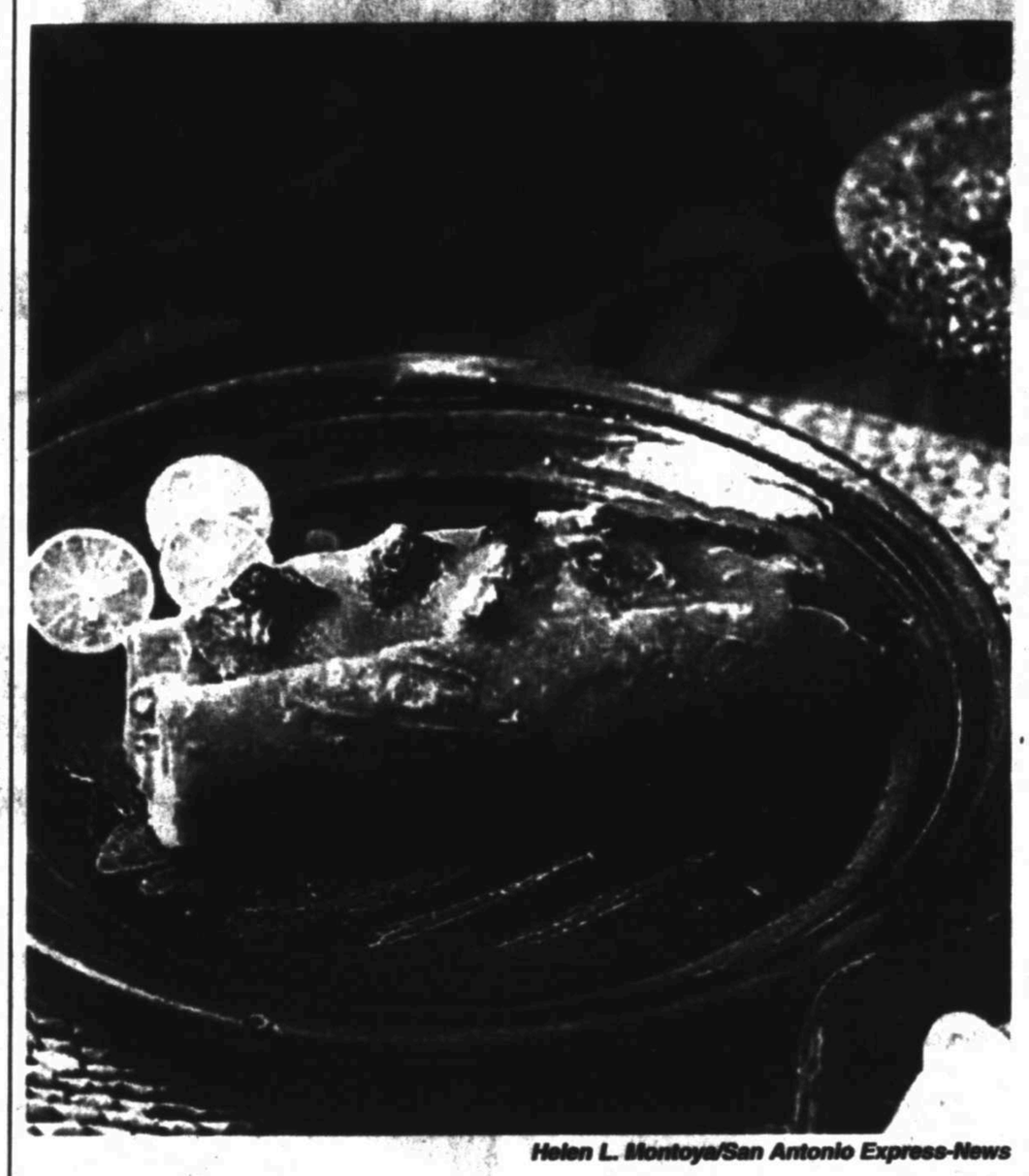
Loretta is survived by her son, Natavie Brown; five aunts; five uncles; a host of relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m. on March 31, 2012, at St. Mary Baptist Church, 1202 W. Pecan, Pflugerville, TX.



Photo: Mark Boster/Los Angeles Times

Posole Estilo Jalisco (Rojo) with crushed chile, lime, radishes, onion, oregano is a favorite.



Helen L. Montoya/San Antonio Express-News

Tortas ahogadas, a dish from the Mexican state of Jalisco, is a sandwich of chopped pork in a submarine sandwich roll that's "drowning" in a tomato sauce.

Jalisco lost in translation

By Edmund Tijerina
San Antonio Express-News

Don't expect to find much food from the Mexican state of Jalisco in restaurants that bear its name.

Just ask a native.

"I have to wonder why they use Jalisco when there's nothing from Jalisco," said Blanca Aldaco, a Guadalajara native and owner of Aldaco's Stone Oak, 20079 Stone Oak Parkway. "They should call it El Monterrey or Sonora, something like that. There's nothing Jalisco about it. Nada."

After spending a week in Guadalajara last year, I can sympathize. The Texas favorites that appear on the Jalisco-style menus in San Antonio simply don't exist in the real Jalisco, where a diverse terrain helps create a vibrant and diverse cuisine.

The state, perhaps best known for mariachis and tequila, possesses a cuisine that reflects the Pacific coastline that it shares with the bordering states of Nayarit and Colima, the colonial heritage of Zacatecas and Aguascalientes and the rustic beauty of Michoacán.

Few dishes are as quintessentially evocative of Guadalajara as the torta ahogada. Literally, it means a "drowning sandwich," and it begins with a small roll that looks like a mini-baguette. A vendor splits it open with a knife, then opens one compartment of his food cart and grabs a few tongs worth of slowly simmered pork or carnitas, maybe some puréed beans, and places the sandwich on a wax-paper-topped plastic plate before he opens another compartment and pulls out a ladle filled with a tomato-sauce and douses the sandwich before handing it over.

It's up to the diner to add garnishes, such as lime wedges, lightly pickled onions and a mouth-searing hot sauce that's flavorful but best experienced in small doses.

Only true tapatios, as residents of this city are called, can eat these tortas with their fingers, "with one single paper napkin," as Aldaco noted. The rest of us use knives and forks or a ton of napkins, and still get messy.

It's possible to make an approximate version of that torta here, but the most important ingredient, the bread, isn't quite the same on this side of the border. In Guadalajara, it's called a birote salado, and it's a French-style sourdough mini-baguette made with a little extra salt in the dough. It's sturdy enough to hold up to the sauce without crumbling, and it adds extra notes of flavor to the sandwich. The name comes from a bakery, Cuisson Birot, originally from France. Over the years, birot transformed from French into Spanish and became birote. Like a Roquefort that takes its flavor from the spores in a specific cave in France, the sourdough flavor of the birotes come from the unique combination of cultures in the air of Guadalajara.

No discussion of food in Jalisco could possibly take place without examining pozole, the dish that's common throughout Mexico and in this country. Locals say it originated in the community of Tonalá, barely 10 miles from downtown Guadalajara.

At its base, pozole is a stew of hominy and pork, slowly simmered with onion, garlic, spices and some type of toasted chile, and served with shredded cabbage or lettuce, sliced radishes, diced onion, lime wedges, hot sauce and crisp tostadas. On this side of the border, chicken often fills in for pork. Depending on the recipe, the meat can be a pork loin, or trotters (feet) or even an entire pig head.

The dish is also spelled "posole." In general, that spelling is more common in New Mexico. Many native Mexicans shudder at the Americanized spelling, "posole," which does not exist, according to the Real Academia Española.

Then there's the quintessential stew of birria, which has a special place in the heart of Guadalajara, where the featured goat shares its name with the beloved fútbol team, Chivas.

In birria, the goat is slowly stewed with dried chiles, aromatics and spices and served with fresh diced onions, minced cilantro, lime wedges and plenty of tortillas. In Guadalajara, most versions aren't soupy like a caldo, but are more like stewed meat. Depending on your preference, the goat can be scooped to make small tacos or eaten with a spoon like a soup. Either way, it's a comforting dish that's great any time of day.

This doesn't begin to include the seafood dishes that are plentiful along the coast and in the main city, including some beautiful seafood cocktails, fish tacos and shrimp tacos that spotlight fresh seafood. Traditionally, they're served with limes, diced onions and some type of salsa made with dried chiles. But most stands will also feature a veritable parade of condiments that also include bottles of Thousand Island dressing and Valentina hot sauce.

It's possible to find birria at a few places, including Guajillo's, and an occasional torta ahogada. Several restaurants around town serve pozole, and seafood cocktails that are plentiful along Mexico's Pacific coast — including Jalisco — are available here, too.

As for the norteamericano combination plate of a main item with rice and beans, I saw a few versions of it at stands in Guadalajara. There, it was classified as a comida corrida — literally, a meal on the run. Usually, a comida corrida is a budget version of a prix fixe meal.

So did the Mexican comida corrida turn into a Tex-Mex combo plate somewhere along the way, or did the back-and-forth across the border change the comida corrida? I'll have to make a few more trips to figure it out — and sample a few more tortas ahogadas along the way.

Book review: 'When I was a Child I Read Books'

By Maggie Galehouse
Houston Chronicle

At first glance, Marilynne Robinson might seem like an intellectual who wandered into the 21st century from an earlier time and place.

Her writing offers none of the clipped cadences and sentence fragments common to contemporary texts. As she notes in her new essay collection: "I think anyone can see that my style is considerably more indebted to Cicero than to Hemingway."

Similarly, her fiction is rooted in the Bible and the classics. "Gilead," which won a Pulitzer, takes the form of a letter from the elderly Rev. John Ames to his young son. And in "Housekeeping," Ruthie imagines a new world sprung from "a Carthage sown with salt."

But I'd argue Robinson's penchant for complex sentences and lofty subjects mirrors the thoughtfulness of what she wants to say. And while she may be an old-fashioned stylist, she is also a progressive thinker who yokes rigorous scholarship with profound attention to her subjects.

That said, her new essay collection, "When I Was a Child I Read Books," may best be served with a straight-back chair and a mug of piping-hot black coffee. But I say, strap yourself in. Robinson's words, girded by a scholar's seat and a stimulant, will sharpen you up.

Robinson is tough. She reads primary sources. She assumes nothing and questions everything.

She writes: "At a certain point I decided that everything I took from studying and reading anthropology, psychology, economics, cultural history, and so on did not square at all with my sense of things, and that the tendency of much of it was to posit or assume a human simplicity within a simple reality and to marginalize the sense of the sacred, the beautiful, everything in any way lofty."

It is precisely the sacred and the beautiful that capture and hold her interest. She and every other novelist worth reading are forever reaching for the realm of the inarticulable — to express in words what it feels like to live in the world.

The essays criticize the slide into binary thinking to which society has succumbed. Science vs. religion, capitalism vs. communism, individualism vs. responsibility to society, and so forth.

These ideologies are not mutually exclusive, argues Robinson, a professor at the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop. And the advice she gives her students is the same advice she gives herself: "forget definition, forget assumption, watch."

TODD

From 1B

At 6-foot-1 and 230 pounds, Newman won a football scholarship to study physics at Louisiana's Northwestern State University.

"He is the only one who had to study all the time," Chris said of the other football players. "Fred majored in physics. The rest of them played football, partied and majored in physical education."

In his candor, Newman admitted he is a "Thank-The-Lordy" 1965 college graduate who "just barely got through. Some people do well in a structured environment," he observed. "I don't."

Licensed to fly in 1970, Newman is a 4,000-hour instrument-rated land and seaplane pilot who today is restoring a modified 1943 Stinson L-5 Sentinel "Flying Jeep" of World War II repute, flies a conventional L-5 and a Cessna 206 along with his engineer son, Jim.

Flying is his Walden's Pond, his sanctuary, his peaceful moments above Earth's worldly woes.

Meanwhile, Newman, who treasures his yearly New Orleans-way Mississippi River Jesuit retreat where silence is enlightening, finds insight into problem-solving while at peace.

"It is amazing," Newman said. "The solution will come to you in the middle of night. Is it divine intervention or just a relaxed mind? I don't know. I don't question it."

Texas woman grieves for son killed in Afghanistan

■ Military man's death after burning of Korans forces mother to ask questions that are tough to answer.



KEN HERMAN

Ken Herman writes for the Austin American Statesman

AUSTIN — This is what we know: On Feb. 20, NATO forces burned Korans in a Bagram Air Field incinerator near Kabul. President Barack Obama, claiming it was inadvertent, apologized. Violence ensued. More than 30 Afghans died in the aftermath. So did six Americans in Afghanistan, including Spc. Payton Jones, a Marble Falls High School graduate.

A month after the book burning, three days after burying her son, Tami Sims worked on sorting it all out. "I believe he died for a reason," she said. "I'll never know what that reason is, probably."

Jones, 19, died March 1 and was buried March 17. More than 1,700 American service members have been killed in Afghanistan. Each death is a tragedy, each leaving tears and questions.

But consider this about Jones: Officials say he was shot by two Afghan soldiers and an Afghan literacy instructor on a sentry tower at a U.S.-Afghan base in Kandahar. "The way I understand it," Sims said, "he didn't even see it coming, which I'm thankful for."

Like me, Sims respects the sanctity of the Koran. Like me, she respects the sanctity of human life. Both of us are challenged to reconcile the religious beliefs of anyone who believes the burning of a book — even the holiest of books — justifies the taking of human life.

It's something — among many things — a mom thinks about after burying her son.

Sims, 42, has been married and divorced twice. She had two children, including Payton, with her first husband. Both joined the Army. Daughter Sidney, 21, has completed her service. Sims, who works at a local Lowe's, has a third child, 18-month-old Maggi, with a man with whom she no longer is in a relationship.

Jones became interested in the military in his early teen years. Sims recalls driving her son, then in high school, to the Army recruiting office to enlist. She didn't try to talk him out of his dream, but did mention the harsh realities of wartime service.

And Sims recalls what she was doing while her son signed the papers that made him a soldier: "Praying to God this war is going to be over before he gets a chance to go over there."

War, cruel by definition, waited for Jones, so Sims moved to a new strategy when her paratrooper son headed for combat duty last month: "I was prepared to worry sick every day." She last heard from him, via Facebook, on Feb. 26.

There were only a few days of worrying. On the following Thursday, two Army officers showed up at Sims' Austin apartment complex.

The manager "called and said, 'There are some gentlemen here that want to speak to you, and I really think you should come and talk to them,'" Sims recalled. "And I'm sitting there going, 'Who the hell could it be?' She said, 'They're military,' and my legs almost collapsed.

"I kept thinking, no, wait, there's got to be some other reason. I mean, he just got over there, and that's what I told them. ... 'He's probably not even unpacked yet.'

"And that's what killed me," she told me. "I know at least five people that went over there and came back. And then Payton's over there for just a few days."

Yet to come is a memorial service for Jones at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. After that, Sims will return to work, but for now she is "not ready to see that 'you poor thing' look."

"My question now is, why the hell are we still there?" Sims told me. "I mean, really, why are we there? The reasons that I heard at the beginning, those are all gone now. "

And there are the questions about losing her son as part of retaliation for the burning of a book.

"Maybe they could have kept from burning them and just took the (Korans) away, but I don't know. I mean, killing my son because of that ...," Sims said, her voice trailing off.

She believes in God and understands how deeply some people take their beliefs.

Religion remains a source of comfort that too often becomes a source of conflict. So much good is done in the name of religion, I told Sims. Before I could complete the thought, she did it for me.

"And bad."

National Vietnam War Museum to host annual fundraiser

TALKIN' TEXAS



Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Ever since he took helicopter pilot training at Fort Wolters near Mineral Wells, Jim Messinger thought there should be some kind of museum to honor helicopter pilots who fought in Vietnam. "It was called the helicopter war," said Messinger, who is treasurer of the National Vietnam War Museum board of directors and overseas the facility, located just outside Mineral Wells. "We worked with museum professionals and they said if you're going to build a museum about anything it needs to be built some place where it relates to the story. Ninety percent or more of the helicopter pilots in Vietnam trained here."

The museum got started in 1994 as a result of a bunch of those pilots getting together and wanting to do something meaningful besides party. So they raised money, bought a 12-acre tract of land and set about to build a great museum. It'll be housed inside a 50,000-square-feet building with 11 galleries showing different aspects of the war.

One display on the drawing board is a replica of the rooftop rescues of people in Saigon. Visitors will walk up a ramp and see and hear helicopters picking up people and getting airborne. Another exhibit will feature a street scene in a Vietnam village. The visitor's center, open 18 months, had people last year from 36 states and three countries. Many of the 40,000 pilots who trained at Fort Wolters come back to see the fort. Now they have another place to visit. Presently, the museum has a Huey helicopter atop a tall pole, a series of memorial gardens, a transport vehicle and a half scale replica of the Vietnam Wall. A temporary building that houses the headquarters and visitors center once was on President Bush's ranch in Crawford, acquired through a federal surplus property program.

The museum probes the question, "Did we win the war?" Jim and the others realized there was no national venue dedicated to examining the Vietnam era. The museum hopes to put the experience in broad perspective and present historical facts and consequences of the war.

Messinger flew helicopters in Vietnam and later taught pilots at Fort Wolters. Before the service, he was on academic probation at Northern Illinois University and joined the Army to avoid the draft. After the military he graduated cum laude with two bachelor's degrees in math and education, then earned a master's and doctorate in management science (the use of computers and math to solve business problems). He worked for a while in computer programming. When he learned about the museum, he jumped on board to help raise some $25 million to build the museum. The Friends of the Museum organization will have its annual fundraiser Saturday. I'm honored to be the keynote speaker. The museum sends out a newsletter three times a year. Its website is nationalvnwarmuseum.org. "We think it's the first war that was blamed on the soldier," said Messinger. "Wars are won, lost and fought by politicians."

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El domingo de ramos las Misas empezaran en el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para distribuir y bendecir las palmas, después tendremos la procesión a la iglesia.

HOLY THURSDAY/ JUEVES SANTO
12:00 Noon Prayer Service and Anointing of the sick
Servicio de Oración y Unción de los enfermos
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Misa de la Ultima Cena del Señor
9:00 pm – 12:00 midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose in Wilhelm Parish Hall
Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en el Altar de Reposo en el Salón Parroquial Wilhelm

GOOD FRIDAY/ VIERNES SANTO
10:00 am Live Way of the Cross from Reyes Park on the corner of Cuthbert and Fairgrounds
Vía Crucis en vivo desde el parque Reyes por la calle Cuthbert esquina con Fairgrounds
3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
Celebración de la Pasión del Señor, Adoración de la Santa Cruz y Sagrada Comunión
7:30 pm Condolences to Mary for the loss of her Son, everyone should bring flowers to offer to Mary
Pésame a la Virgen por la pérdida de su Hijo, todos deben traer flores para ofrecerle a María

HOLY SATURDAY/ SABADO DE GLORIA
3:00-5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones
7:30 pm EASTER VIGIL MASS / LA VIGILIA PASCUAL

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Food

From 1B

Cookies N' Cream Pie
From www.scoutingweb.com

1 1/2 cups cold half and half or light cream
1 (4-serving size) chocolate flavored instant pudding
1 (8-ounce) whipped cream topping, thawed
1 cup crushed Peanut Butter Patties
1 ready-made chocolate cookie crust

Pour half and half into a large bowl. Add pudding mix; beat with wire whisk until well blended, 1 minute. Let stand 5 minutes. Fold in whipped topping and crushed cookies. Spoon into crust. Freeze until firm, about 6 hours or overnight. Remove from freezer and let stand 10 minutes to soften before serving. Store any leftover pie in freezer.

Chocolate Thanks-A-Lot Éclair
From ABC Bakers

1 Package Thanks A Lot Cookies
1 3.4-ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
1 1/2 cups milk
1/2 (8-ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 (16-ounce) package prepared chocolate frosting

Line the bottom of an 8-inch round cake pan with Thanks A Lot Cookies. In a large bowl, combine pudding mix and milk. Stir well. Stir in whipped topping to pudding mixture. Spread half of mixture over cookie layer. Top with another layer of Thanks A Lot cookies and the remaining pudding. Top all with a final layer of Thanks A Lot cookies and frost with chocolate frosting. Refrigerate until serving.

Lemon-Blueberry Layered Dessert
From Southern Living, September 2005

15 Lemon Girl Scout cookies, coarsely crushed, about 2 cups
1 (21-ounce) can blueberry pie filling
1 (8-ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (6-ounce) can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed

Sprinkle 1 tablespoon crushed cookies into each of 8 (8-ounce) parfait glasses. Spoon 1 1/2 tablespoons pie filling over cookies in each glass. Spoon whipped topping into a bowl; fold in condensed milk and lemonade concentrate. Spoon 2 tablespoons whipped topping mixture over pie filling in each glass. Repeat layers once. Top evenly with remaining crushed cookies. Cover and chill 4 hours.

Thin Mint Brownies
From www.GSCCC.org

1/2 box of crushed Thin Mints Girl Scout Cookies
1 box of brownie mix
2 eggs (3 eggs for cake-like brownies)
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup vegetable oil

Crush Thin Mints into medium size chunks. Mix all ingredients into mixing bowl. Do not use electric mixer or batter will be stiff. Spread batter evenly in greased baking pan (13x9x2). Bake in center of oven at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Allow to cool before cutting.

Crunchy, Fruity, Double Chocolate Bark
From ABC Bakers

8 Shout Outs! Girl Scout Cookies
1/2 cup each of dried cranberries, dark raisins and golden raisins
1 (11 1/2 -ounce) package white chocolate chips
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Chop or break Shout Outs! cookies into 1/2-inch pieces. Place in a small bowl; add cranberries and raisins; mix together. Set aside. Line a small baking sheet with aluminum foil. Fill a medium saucepan one-fourth full of water. Heat until water simmers. Reduce heat to low and place a heat-safe bowl on top of the saucepan, not touching water on bottom. Add white chocolate drops and stir until melted. Spoon melted white chocolate onto foil lined pan. Spread with spatula to form an 8x10-inch rectangle.

Place semi-sweet chocolate morsels in a microwave safe bowl and microwave on high 50 seconds to 1 minute. Stir until smooth. Drizzle semi-sweet chocolate over white chocolate. Swirl chocolates together with a knife to marbleize. Sprinkle combined cookies and fruit evenly over top; press down lightly. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. Break or cut into pieces.

Samoa Surprise
From Girl Scouts of Chesapeake Bay

1 (11 1/2 -ounce) package milk chocolate chips
1 box Samoa (Caramel de Lites) Girl Scout cookies
1 cup salted Cashews, or your favorite nuts
1 cup mini marshmallows
24 caramel squares cut in fourths

Melt chocolate in large double boiler over hot but not boiling water. Stir until smooth and creamy. Remove from heat. Gradually add remaining ingredients; mix well. Drop by teaspoonfuls on cookie sheet covered with wax paper. Chill until firm. Remove from cookie sheet. Store in air-tight container in a cool place.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Ice Cream Sundae Pie
From ABC Bakers

1 9-ounce box Girl Scout Peanut Butter Sandwich Cookies
5 Tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 quart vanilla ice cream, softened
2/3 cup strawberry topping
1/3 cup peanuts, chopped
Chocolate fudge topping, optional

Place cookies in food processor or blender; process until fine crumbs. To make crust, combine cookie crumbs and butter. Set aside 1/2 cup of crumb mixture and press remaining crumbs into bottom and sides of an ungreased 9-inch pie pan. Freeze until firm. Spread 2 cups ice cream in an even layer over cookie crust. Drizzle with 1/3 cup strawberry topping and sprinkle with 1/2 cup reserved crumb mixture. Top with remaining 2 cups ice cream, spread in an even layer.

Drizzle with remaining 1/3 cup strawberry topping. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup crumb topping and chopped peanuts. Freeze until firm. If desired, top each serving with chocolate fudge topping.

Golf

From 1B

"Sons of Anarchy."

"We kind of hit it off and became cigar smoking, golfing buddies," Crook said. "Two years ago, he asked me to play in a celebrity-amateur tournament in California."

Through that, Crook said he's been able to meet many other celebrities and pretty much built a network with those who enjoy playing golf.

"You do these things and meet these people," Crook said. "For the most part, they're really nice and want to help when they can."

During the past few months, Crook has been working with celebrity coordinator Paula Trickey to recruit celebrities to come to Midland and play.

Celebrities including Joe Mantegna, Chris Rich, Andre Reed, Reggie Smith and Robert Hays have committed to coming, but Crook said nobody is 100 percent confirmed until they're on the plane Friday afternoon.

"If they get the chance to film a commercial or voice over, some of them may not come, but we've got enough of them it should be great," Crook said.

Want to play in the tournament?
Team registration is still open. Call Royalty Pipe at 686-0188 and mention the golf tournament for more information.

Each team will be matched with one celebrity during Friday night's pairings party.

There are still spots available for teams and Crook said he hopes the first tournament is a success and it will continue to grow in the future.

"I've talked with people (from MCRC) and know the first year will be bad and the second year will probably be bad, but the third time you coordinate this, you'll have people begging to play," Crook said.

Overall, Crook said he's looking forward to Saturday and raising money for Bynum School.

"Midland is a giving town," Crook said. "It's kind of an expensive round of golf, but it's for a great cause."

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> — **Randy Crook**
> Bynum School board member and organizer of celebrity golf tournament

Cast iron cookware sees surge in popularity

By Greg Morago
Houston Chronicle

George Washington's mother, Mary Ball Washington, so loved her cast iron cookware that she specified in her will who should have her "iron kitchen furniture" upon her death.

Anyone who has inherited a piece of cast iron cookware — its black patina a testament to long and loving use — from a beloved aunt or grandmother can well understand Washington's attachment to her "furniture."

For that matter, anyone who owns treasured cast iron, passed down or not, surely appreciates the culinary regard for this indispensable, indestructible work horse. In the South especially, where the foundry-born pieces are commonplace in the kitchen, cast iron remains the favored cookware for family recipes handed down through generations.

The cult of cast iron is synonymous with the culinary South. And it's growing.

Which makes the arrival of "The Lodge Cast Iron Cookbook: A Treasury of Timeless, Delicious Recipes" compiled and edited by Pam Hoenig (Oxmoor House, $24.95) particularly well timed. The cookbook, which contains more than 200 recipes and photos, is Lodge's most comprehensive guide to cast iron cooking. And the company, founded in 1896 in South Pittsburgh, Tenn., is well suited to tell the story of American cast iron cooking: Lodge is the only existing American manufacturer of cast iron cookware, which it calls "America's original cookware."

"The whole game plan was to show the versatility and durability of cast iron," Lodge spokesman Mark Kelly said about the book's publication. "I steal a line from 'Field of Dreams': If you can think it, you can cook it in cast iron."

As the cookbook demonstrates, cast iron can be used for frying, searing, broiling, baking, sauteing, braising and even stir-frying. From corn bread to desserts, from home kitchen to campground, from Low Country to high-end haute Southern cuisine, cast iron pots and pans can be seen as the heart of American cooking.

While there's a mother-knows-best sentimentality attached to cast iron cookware, Lodge admits the heavy pans, prized for their superior heat conduction and retention, suffered an image problem. The care required to keep the cookware clean, shiny and rust-free (or "seasoned" as users call it), made it inconvenient for some home cooks.

In 2002, however, Lodge introduced its Logic series of pre-seasoned pans that afforded a natural non-stick cooking surface only careful seasoning by the user could produce. Lodge released 25 of 80 pieces pre-seasoned in 2002 and quickly saw positive public response. In July 2005 all Lodge cast iron cookware went Logic; today the company boasts 120 pieces of pre-seasoned cast iron cookware that include the popular skillets, griddles, Dutch ovens and cornstick pans.

More people are cooking with cast iron according to market figures. Cast iron cookware sales have grown from 4 percent of the entire cookware market to 10 percent in the last 10 years, Kelly said. From 2007 to 2011, sales of cast iron grew from $103 million to nearly $114 million.

A revival of Southern cooking coincided with the new Lodge cookware, Kelly said. "Now, you see everyone using it, from Bobby Flay to Martha Stewart to Paula Deen and Guy Fieri and Rachael Ray," Kelly said. "It's been a huge metamorphosis."

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THURSDAY Partly cloudy High 80 Low 54

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high around 84 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph with a 20 percent chance of showers. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 59 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph with a 20 percent chance of showers.

Thursday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 80, a low around 54 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph with a 20 percent chance of showers.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 83 and a low around 53.

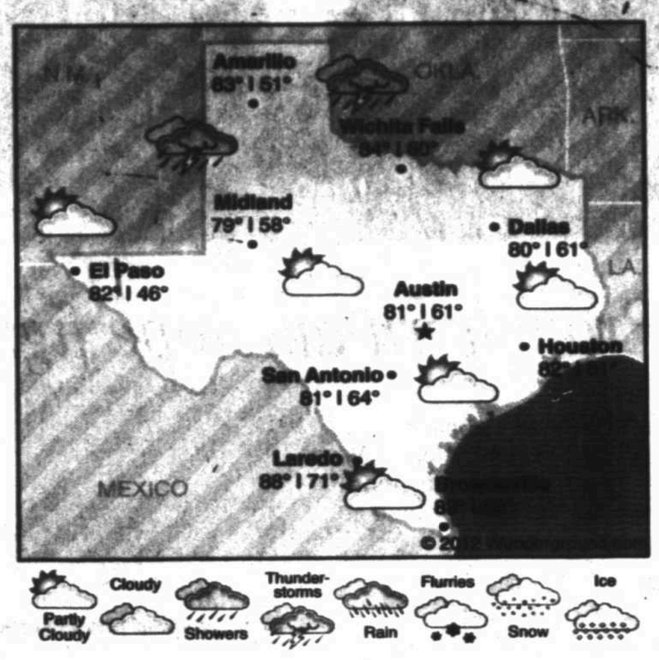
The high on Tuesday reached 90 while the low dropped to 57. The record high for March 27 is 95 set in 1971. The record low is 14 set in 1931.

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In the Northeast, a storm crossing southern Ontario and Quebec will route the cold air out of the region temporarily today. Warmth will spring up along the Atlantic Seaboard.

Showers and thunderstorms will stretch south of the storm center from New England to the Ohio, Tennessee and middle Mississippi valleys, along and ahead of a cold front.

A flow of moisture from the Atlantic Ocean continues to generate clouds and showers along Florida's east coast and southern counties.



Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.11 in.
Total for year	1.30 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.79 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	90
Low	57
Normal high	73
Normal low	43

Sunrise ... 7:42 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:06 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, March 28 — Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy



Lover who won't commit has every reason not to

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 45-year-old married woman with four kids. I fell in love with a longtime friend, "Hugh," two years ago. He's single and has never been married.

I told him I want a relationship, but he says that because I'm married, we can't have one. I told him I love him, but he's not sure he feels as strong about it as I do. We have been spending a lot of time together and have started to get intimate.

I told Hugh I don't want to just fool around — I want a commitment. He worries about my kids and that if I leave their father they won't understand.

My husband is very cold and distant. We don't say much to each other anymore; we're just two adults living in the same house raising our kids. We have gone to counseling, but it didn't help. My husband says things are fine — but they're not.

I'm angry because Hugh is willing to fool around but not commit. He says this shouldn't go on anymore and his heart isn't in it. The fact that I'm married bothers him. I told him to wait and eventually my husband and I will divorce. I'm hurt by his decision to back out. I feel he wanted the intimacy but doesn't want ME, and I feel used. How do I sort this out? — USED IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR "USED": You weren't used — you threw yourself at Hugh, and what has happened was by mutual consent. Why would you expect a commitment from him when you haven't shown yourself capable of sticking with one? I credit Hugh for his honesty — he hasn't led you on. That you're married SHOULD bother him.

When a man tells you his "heart" isn't in it, trust me, the rest of him isn't far behind. Don't waste your time being hurt. Learn from this. You have unfinished business to attend to. Your marriage is a mess. If it doesn't survive, you owe it to the next man in your life to be available before you start prospecting. If you're not, this will happen to you again and again.

DEAR ABBY: A few days ago, my significant other, his 18-year-old daughter, "Maria," and I were in our living room discussing "Jonah," a slightly older guy she has been dating and who spends a lot of time here. I told her I have high expectations for her and think she can do a lot better than him.

I didn't realize that Jonah was in the next room when I spoke my mind or that he had heard me. My boyfriend told me later that Jonah said, "Now I know how she really feels about me!"

Abby, he's a nice kid, and he's always welcome here. I feel terrible about hurting his feelings, even though my opinion about him not being good enough for Maria hasn't changed. Still, I know the effect crass words can have on a young person, and I should have thought twice before opening my mouth.

Should I apologize to him for what I said? If so, what should I say? — HOOF IN MOUTH IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HOOF IN MOUTH: What happened was regrettable. By all means apologize to Maria's boyfriend for hurting his feelings. Tell him that you didn't mean to be cruel, but that you would feel better about the relationship if he had higher goals. It might be the push he needs to raise his ambitions and become more successful in life when he's older.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Your slip is showing

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

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SOUTH
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◇ Void
♣ K Q 7 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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Rdbl	5◇	Pass	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ◇

This deal is from the finals of last year's Wagar Women's Teams, held in Toronto. Could the final contract have been defeated? If so, who was at fault?

North's four diamonds was a splinter bid, showing good trump support and a singleton in the bid suit. East-West did well to push the contract to an uncomfortable level.

West led the ace of diamonds, ruffed by declarer. Two rounds of trumps were drawn, ending in dummy, and a club was led to the queen. Declarer returned to the table with a trump and reverted to clubs, East winning with the ace. A low heart went to the eight and ace.

Declarer cleared clubs ending in dummy and led a heart. In with the queen, East conceded a ruff-sluff and declarer's remaining heart loser vanished — making five-odd. Could it have been different?

Yes! When East first led a heart, she had to lead the queen. Now there is no way to prevent the defenders from collecting two heart tricks for down one!

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 28, 2012:

This year, especially after May, you will feel as if your life has taken a turn for the better. Communication flows. You might purchase a new car or computer. You have more energy and often can be found socializing. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you are confused. You can work from clarity, but not from confusion. If you are single, you meet people with ease; however, it might take time for the apple of your eye to understand you. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more time together. Chat over a meal or take a walk together — just be together. GEMINI always is fun!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have a lot to discuss. Allow adequate time for other responsibilities, errands or whatever dominates your schedule. A talk could involve someone playing devil's advocate. Appreciate that this person cares enough to function in this manner. Tonight: Visit with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Curb a need to have things go your way. You have spirit and endurance, and you probably could wage an endless battle. Do you want to focus on that type of interaction? Back off, and give some thought to what you are doing. Take stock of your finances before you go out. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You are all smiles and full of energy. Do not allow someone to intimidate you. Claim your power, but avoid walking on others — for your sake and theirs; newfound respect will develop as a result. Let feelings flow. Tonight: If you could have it all, what would you choose? Let that be your guide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might feel strongly about certain matters, but this is not the time to act on them. Rethink, brainstorm and stay on top of others' demands. Know that you soon will be on top of your game. Understand what is needed. Think through a decision rather than give in to impulsiveness. Tonight: Busy, aren't we?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Zero in on a situation involving key people in your life. It could involve a decision or a discussion. At this point, consider yourself lucky if everyone is on the same page. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You naturally assume the lead. You could be surprised by what is heading down your path. Give someone the respect he or she deserves, but understand that showing respect does not mean you have to agree with this person. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You do a good juggling act. You could have a difficult time, as others dump more errands, requests and responsibilities on you. Look beyond the obvious when dealing with others. Kick back, and note what is not being said. A conversation holds plenty of potential. Jump on someone's suggestion. Tonight: Reach out to a friend or loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to avoid an associate's or partner's feedback. Stop your automatic response, and attempt to get past your resistance. This person understands you and often has great suggestions. Together you are a strong team. Tonight: Carrying the theme of teamwork into the night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might want to do more listening. Others demonstrate unusual capacities. They, too, have great ideas. You might find it interesting to be more passive. When you detach, you can gain a better sense of those close to you. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You could be exhausted by your efforts to make a dream a reality. Know that you will need to handle an overwhelming amount of requests, plus whatever is already on your plate. Do more listening. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your creativity expands the more you use it. Others appreciate the unusual and different slant you put on a personal matter. A child could demand more attention. You find time spent with a loved one rewarding. Tonight: Let the rascal within you romp.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Stay centered, and know what is going on. You could be taken aback by someone's neediness. You cannot change this person, but if you feel too engaged, step back a little. He or she might be a bit thrown off. Make adjustments to this person as necessary. Tonight: Happily head home.

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BORN TODAY

Singer Lady Gaga (1986), actress Dianne Wiest (1948), Russian novelist Maxim Gorky (1868)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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1 Salon chorus
6 Modern wall hanging
10 Grilling occasions, briefly
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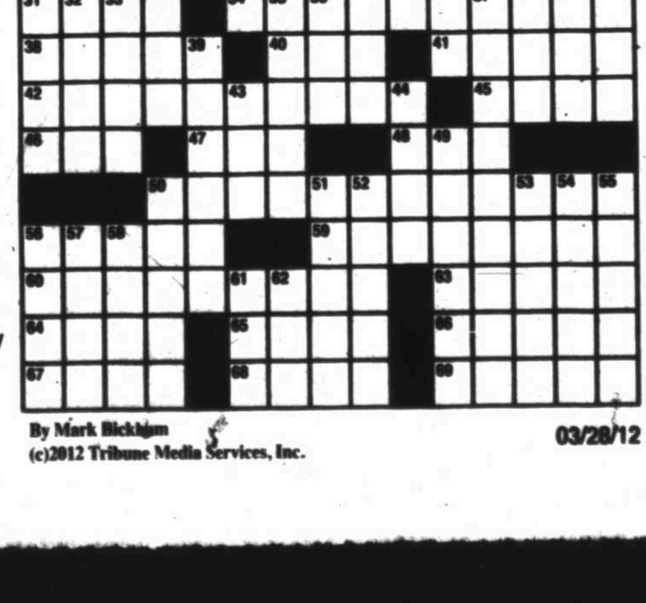
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25 "The Louisville Lip"
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CHAPLAIN

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"I love what I do. Obviously, I don't like the hurt and the suffering. But I find it very meaningful being with people at some of the most difficult circumstances of their lives," he said.

Harwood said he always had a great love for health care workers and there always was something that drew him to the hospital setting — something that felt meaningful and fulfilling. He felt a calling to help not just a congregation, but the community.

Before becoming a full-time chaplain, Harwood worked in several church settings and gained ministry experience as a pastor of three small congregations as well as in roles as a youth minister and assistant pastor.

When he lived in Conroe, he volunteered as a chaplain at Conroe Regional Medical Center and got introduced to the ministry of chaplaincy.

"I became aware of the non-traditional ministry outside the parameters of a church setting. It hadn't crossed my radar, but I'm so glad that it did," he said.

After the chaplain director there resigned, he worked part time and kept up with his church duties before taking on the position full time.

He worked with MMH president Russell Meyers at the Conroe hospital before Meyers left and moved to Midland. In the fall of 2003, Harwood learned the MMH chaplain was resigning and applied for the position.

Having been born in Plainview and served at churches in Hobbs, N.M., West Texas always has been special to Harwood, he said.

He said he was introverted growing up, but when he was 14 he began to have a sense of calling into ministry. He graduated from Central Christian University in Blytheville, Ark., and from Ozark Bible Institute in Neosho, Mo., where he met his wife, Becky. The couple was married in June 1977.

"Any good anyone sees in me is an investment of others in my life. Now, I find myself investing in the lives of others," he said.

While chaplains are non- or inter-denominational to accommodate all religions and beliefs, Harwood is endorsed by the Assembly of God and has served as interim pastor at Faith Tabernacle Assembly of God in Odessa since 2011. Serving as an interim gives him a chance to help people and walk them through times of transition and stability, he said.

Chaplaincy also has given him a chance to meet a lot of different people.

"One thing I've learned is that every person's life is a story. It's interesting to learn how one's life experiences played a significant role in who they are today," he said. "Everybody has a story to tell. In many ways, it's very fascinating."

He's grateful to the four Catholic parishes in Midland and the various church organizations that are a strong community of faith in Midland, he said.

He's also thankful for every day he's been given.

In 2008, Harwood suffered from congestive heart failure and exams showed he had suffered a series of silent heart attacks. He never had any noticeable symptoms but said he has a long family history of the disease.

In June 2008, a defibrillator and pace maker were put in and in March 2009 he underwent a quintuple bypass surgery at age 51. His staff was there for him as a patient and it's made him realize chaplains are messengers of hope in those situations, he said.

"I've got a lot to be thankful for each and every day," he said.

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Courtesy of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Pronghorn antelope fighting for their lives

MIKE LEGGETT

Mike Leggett writes for the Austin American-Statesman.

AUSTIN — Out beyond Ozona in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas, elegant pronghorn antelope are fighting for their lives.

There in the 16-county area that is home to Texas' desert and mountains, the pronghorn population has plummeted to just about 3,700 animals, said Shawn Gray, who directs the mule deer and antelope programs for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Drought has limited food supplies and habitat. Predators have taken fawns.

Things are so grim, Gray said recently, that TPWD has canceled plans to transplant more of the animals to Trans-Pecos from the Texas Panhandle, where antelope are doing well.

Just over a year ago, TPWD captured and moved 194 pronghorns to the Marfa Plateau in the Trans-Pecos, where they quickly fell victim to coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions and stress because of drought.

We know this because more than 80 percent of radio-tracked animals died. "We lost a lot of animals due to the stress of that (stocking)," said Gray. "I think drought still is the biggest part of (the problem).

"If you look into range conditions, it's just a long-term decline. Numbers are tied to that. Rainfall affects cover for fawns and nutrition."

Pronghorns are a species unique to North America, and they typically have high reproductive rates, supporting healthy populations. But fawns need tall grass and thick cover for protection. Without it, they fall prey to larger animals and malnutrition.

Fences, highways, railroads and other man-made obstacles can hamper antelope movement, as well, preventing them from reaching more suitable habitat once they've exhausted food supplies in one location.

It's a downward spiral that has alarmed landowners, hunters and wildlife managers, who are working to develop a long-range plan to protect and enhance populations.

Until now, stocking has helped sustain the population, but that's about it.

In 1944, when Texas first issued permits allowing hunting, there were about 4,000 antelope in the Trans-Pecos.

Meanwhile, north in the Panhandle the antelope are flourishing. Part of the difference is agriculture practices and weather in the Panhandle.

Hunters have seen the evidence. In 2010, state biologists issued 447 buck-only pronghorn permits in the Trans-Pecos, Gray said. Hunters killed 177 antelope. In the Panhandle, with a similar total amount of habitat, 953 permits were issued. Hunters took 569 bucks.

Gray points out, and he's correct, a bucks-only hunting harvest on antelope has very little impact on overall population numbers. A single buck can impregnate a large number of females.

That said, wildlife managers are concerned about numbers if there isn't a weather change to stop the slide. "We wouldn't have to close a season," Gray said. "We'd just not issue permits in an area (with low numbers)."

Pronghorn are the fastest land animal in North America, capable of speed bursts of 60 miles per hour and sustained runs at 30 miles per hour or more. In Texas, their natural range once extended as far east as IH-35 and they could be found as far north as Canada.

They've been in crisis before. When their total population dropped to an estimated 13,000 in 1920, conservation efforts were begun. By the early 1940s, recovery was successful enough that in Texas, hunting permits were issued. Gray says the population in Texas continued to increase into the 1980s.

"We hit our peak with more than 17,000 animals then but two droughts, one in the late 90s, and the most recent one, really hurt us," he said.

gardens

Lava rock may not be best choice for large area in yard

NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS

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

Dear Neil: We have a very large American elm, also a live oak in our yard. We have ivy growing beneath the elm and grass beneath the oak. We've considered replacing the grass with rock, lava rock or bark mulch, but we're concerned the rock might hold heat, lava rock would change the pH and mulch would blow away. Should we just leave the grass? We are intending not to water the grass this year — just the trees.

Answer: It's just a personal opinion, but if grass is growing there, I'd leave it alone. It doesn't take that much water to keep grass alive, and you always can replace it another year if you have to. That sounds like a huge amount of rock. It wouldn't hurt the tree and it won't trap much heat in the shade, but I'm not sure how good it would look. I used lava rock once, and regretted it for years. It's sharp (cuts children's and pets' feet) and lightweight (gets hurled by mowers and trimmers). I do have a few small to mid-sized beds that are covered with pine bark mulch, but again, that sounds like a very large area to be turning over exclusively to it. The bark I use is fairly small in size, but it really doesn't blow around. It washes in heavy rains. Take a photo of your yard to a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional. Ask his or her design advice. Someone needs to see the situation.

Dear Neil: Why would my purple irises now be white? Most of the ones I've seen locally are the same. Would it be because of the drought?

Answer: The old-fashioned white irises ("flags") are quite vigorous. If they get a start in a bed, they may crowd your other plants out. They also bloom a couple of weeks earlier, so they give the illusion of having taken over. It has nothing to do with drought, nor have they all suddenly mutated, as some have been known to suggest.

Dear Neil: Now that all my daffodils and narcissus bulbs have finished blooming, should I take the seeds off? How long do I leave the foliage before I can trim it?

Answer: It's easy enough to pinch off the seed heads, so that's a matter of your own preference. However, if you expect them to naturalize and return year-after-year, you'll need to leave the foliage intact until it turns yellow, then brown and crisp.

Dear Neil: I need help ridding my garden of the neighborhood cats. They use it as their private litter box. I've tried spray from the pet store, mothballs and hot pepper. Nothing has helped. I want to grow flowers and vegetables. What can I do?

Answer: It's difficult to outthink cats and their instincts. I've faced the same problems, and some of the things I did were to dedicate one out-of-the-way area behind the shrubs to sand. They found it and preferred it, and it kept them away from my vegetable plot. You also could use a roll-type mulch. Plant your flowers or vegetables in rows, so the mulch can be put in place around them. Cover the roll-type mulch with an inch or two of pine bark mulch if it's a visible part of your landscape. The cats won't like the roll material when they try to scratch and dig through it. Mothballs and the commercial repellents work, but only until the first rain or irrigation.

Dear Neil: My wife has a very large (40 feet by 60 feet) raised vegetable garden. Raccoons and opossums eat her vegetables, and she wants to have a low-voltage electric fence installed around it. We have not found an electrical contractor who can do that for us. Any suggestions?

Answer: Do a quick Internet search for "low voltage above ground animal deterrent fencing," and you'll come up with several do-it-yourself matches. I have used one of these with good results, but I am not an electrician. Ask questions and do your research before you buy and install it. These animals are both very assertive climbers, so this maybe one of the best solutions you'll find. Humane traps also are available. Because they're about the same size, the same trap probably will work for both types of animals.

Dear Neil: I have a fairly sunny eastern brick wall, and I'd like to have ivy on it. English ivy didn't take all that heat. What could I use?

Answer: Boston ivy for sure. Many vines must have supports, so they can twine or wrap their tendrils as they climb. Boston ivy, like English ivy, has special rooting appendages that let it stick tightly to brick. It will not harm the brick or mortar, but keep it away from siding and window screens (difficult to remove). It will be bare in the winter, but the fall color makes it worthwhile.

Formula calculates how much water each tree needs

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

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How much water does my tree need? That's the question of the season. Trees can be watered with a hand-held wand, soaker hose or driplines. You even can use a deep root needle or a deep root fork but don't push the probe or probes too deep into the soil. The same is true with vertically placed pipes for deep root watering, if they are more than 12 inches deep, they are too deep. Watering is much more efficient if it is applied from the soil surface down, like rain. Ninety percent of the roots are in the top 12 inches of soil and many of the roots that take up water are located in the dripline area. If water is placed below 12 inches, the tree misses out.

A general rule of thumb is to apply 10 gallons of water for every inch of trunk diameter when you water. Measure the trunk diameter at knee height. You can eyeball the diameter or hold up a ruler or yardstick to get the inches. The general watering formula is: tree diameter x five minutes = total watering time.

It takes about five minutes to produce 10 gallons of water at a medium pressure. A 4-inch diameter tree will need 20 minutes of watering time to supply the 40 gallons it needs. If this tree is a mature desert willow, Chinese pistache, Mexican redbud or lacebark elm it may need water only every three weeks or so in the summer. If it is a bearing pecan tree, it will need to be watered each week in May through September. Southern magnolia, cottonwood, poplar, globe willow, weeping willow and twisted willow are species that need 32 inches or more of rainfall or irrigation to survive. These need weekly watering or should be replaced with better species for our area.

Young or newly planted trees need weekly watering during the growing season. Their water needs are easy to meet because they are small. They can be watered with a hose end spray, soaker, drip or a perforated five gallon bucket. A five gallon bucket with several 1/8-inch holes drilled in the bottom can be quickly filled and left to slowly drain out onto the root ball of the new tree, while you go on to hand water other trees. A 2-inch diameter tree would need four buckets or two buckets filled two times to meet its 20 gallons of water.

If you have more trees to water than you can get to in the two-hour weekly period, try putting them on a rotation so they get a good watering every two to three weeks or even four if you have that many trees. It would be better to do a good, deep watering once every few weeks than to apply a little water to each tree.

What if the water goes into the soil too slowly or runs off? Water the dripline of the tree until water begins to stand or run off and move to another tree. After 10 to 30 minutes go back to that tree and the soil should be able to take water at a faster rate.

Mulch trees with 4 inches of organic mulch out to the dripline. Shredded tree limbs, shredded bark, pine needles and other forms of mulch can be used. Mulch will slow the evaporation of water from the soil and keep weed and grass growth down (you may want to kill the grass before applying mulch) so they don't compete for water. Mulch keeps the soil temperatures cooler so roots function better and will improve the water infiltration rates and reduce runoff.

Don't want to do drip or soaker? That's OK. You can get a lot of water on your tree using a hand-held spray wand. You can apply roughly 240 gallons of water in two hours. That is enough water for a 24-inch diameter tree, or two 12-inch diameter trees or however it works out at your house.

You may want to run your own test to find out how long it takes to apply 10 gallons of water. Using two 5-gallon buckets time how long it takes to fill the two. If you get more or less gallons in five minutes use that number in the formula for more exact measurements.

Think of all the benefits to hand watering. There's something very therapeutic about holding a running water hose — it's cheap therapy. Incorporate some stretching or isometric exercises with your watering routine and skip the gym that day. Scout your plants for insects, caterpillars and other problems before they are a problem. Work on your vitamin D levels and pray for rain.

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Rebels, Dawgs have eyes on regional golf tourney

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

The Lee and Midland High boys golf teams head into today's second round of the District 3-5A Boys Golf Tour in different spots and with different ideas about what they need to do today.

Midland High sits second in team standings as the Bulldogs are nine strokes behind Odessa Permian. They are hoping to find a way to pull off a low round on the Panthers' home course.

Meanwhile, the Rebels are in sixth, 19 strokes out of a regional tournament spot. Coach Blain Huddleston said today's round will be a "make or break day."

There may be differences about how the two teams will approach today's second round at the Odessa Country Club Links Course, but both teams' coaches said today will be key for the rest of the tournament.

"I still think everybody's even, even though we are nine shots down," Midland High coach Billy Mitchell said. "It's still kind of anybody's ballgame, but if we can go over there and make up five or six shots, that will help."

The Bulldogs left last week's opening round at Hogan Park a little frustrated as they shot a 311 in the leg of the tournament at their home course, but Mitchell said the team's attitude has not changed since last week.

"They are not cocky, but they are confident," Mitchell said. "They know that if we can play well, we can play as well as anybody around. In the last four tournaments that we've played, we finished fourth, second, third and second, and that's a pretty good indicator that they are confident in how their playing."

Mitchell said the squad is still confident they not only can maintain a place in one of the top two spots, but also can still find a way to win a district championship.

Zarek Crowder led Midland High with a 75, and Lucas McCubbin shot a 76. But the Bulldogs also had three other players with rounds at 80 or above, and Mitchell said the squad has struggled to get everybody playing well on the same day.

"I just don't think we've ever put a good round together or two rounds in a tournament," Mitchell said. "Out of the top five or six that I put out there, they could all shoot 75 or better. We just haven't been able to get going at the same time."

Meanwhile, Lee's chances of returning to the regional tournament for the first time since 2007 took a major hit during the first round. The Rebels shot a 330 and were 19 strokes out of second and 28 out of first.

Huddleston said that today's round

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Terry ignites turnaround

7-point run gives Mavs momentum to beat Rockets

Mavericks	90
Rockets	81

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jason Terry scored seven consecutive points in a minute to start a game-turning run for the Dallas Mavericks, who went on to a 90-81 victory over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night.

Dirk Nowitzki had 21 points despite a bad shooting night (5 of 17) for the Mavericks, who have won consecutive games against Houston. Rodrigue Beaubouis had 14 points and Brandan Wright 13.

The Mavericks won 101-99 in overtime on Saturday night in Houston, which played at home again Monday and needed overtime to beat Sacramento.

Luis Scola had 22 points and eight rebounds for the Rockets, while Goran Dragic scored 17 points. Chandler Parsons had 15 points and nine rebounds.

A turnover by Houston led to a breakaway layup by Terry with 6:39 left in the third quarter. The Mavs still trailed after Terry got credit for a layup after a goaltending call against Samuel Dalembert, but Terry then swished a 3-pointer from the top of the key for a 55-53 lead with 5:39 left in the quarter, their first lead since the game's opening minutes.

Those seven points in a row by Terry, who finished with 12 points and four assists, started a 19-6 run for Dallas.

Jason Kidd had a mistake, a turnover that led to a running layup by Dragic to tie it at 55, before he quickly redeemed himself with a 3-pointer that put the Mavs ahead to stay.

Lamar Odom had nine points, his most in his last nine games for Dallas, with four rebounds and three assists in 23 minutes. That included a driving wrap-around layup during that third-quarter run.

Nowitzki drove for a layup with 6 seconds left in the first half, and the Mavericks trailed only 49-46 — the closest they had been since 3 minutes into the game.

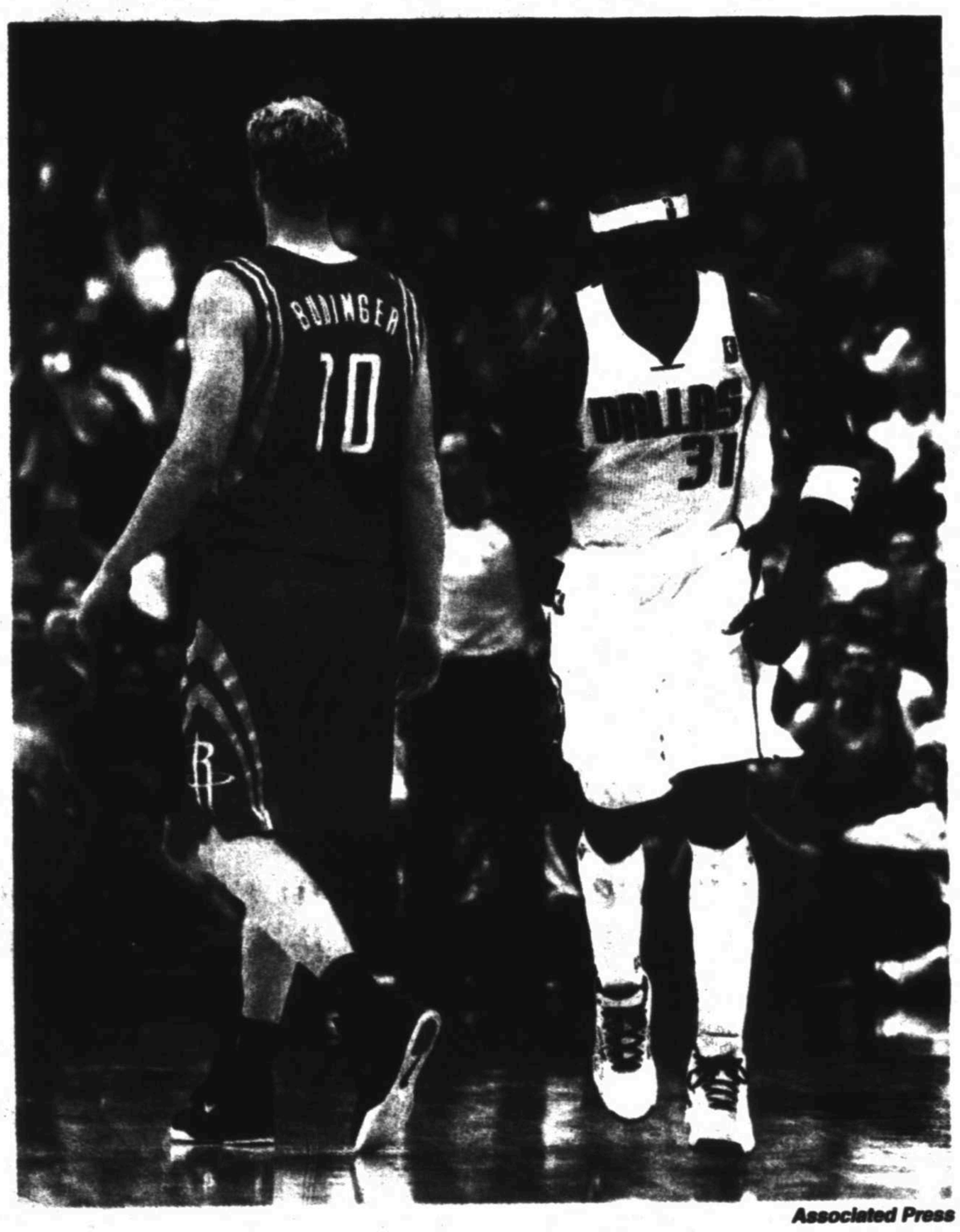
Dallas ended the half with a 16-10 run over the last 5:32, with Nowitzki scoring 11 points.

Nowitzki made 11 of 12 free throws, 10 of the attempts coming before halftime.

Even after two overtime games the previous three nights, and again without guards Kyle Lowry and Kevin Martin, the Rockets jumped out to a quick 15-4 lead.

Dragic and Courtney Lee had consecutive 3s to cap a 15-2 run after Ian Mahinmi took a pass from Nowitzki and scored on the first shot of the game.

The Rockets had their largest lead, 26-10, after a 3-pointer by Chase Budinger with 3 minutes left in the first quarter. And Dallas already had four turnovers, half of their total from the overtime victory Saturday night, with four made baskets at that time.



Associated Press

ABOVE: The Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry (31) celebrates making a 3-point-basket as the Houston Rockets' Chase Budinger (10) looks on in the second half of an NBA game Tuesday in Dallas. The Mavericks won 90-81. **BELOW:** The Mavericks' Brandan Wright (34) gets ready to dunk over Houston's Luis Scola in the second half.



Payton seeks Parcells' counsel about Saints' plan

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Sean Payton has planned the New Orleans Saints' offseason, done some work on the upcoming draft and jotted down ideas for the start of training camp.

And now, with his season-long suspension set to begin Sunday, he is checking to see if mentor Bill Parcells would run the team while he serves his penalty for allowing a Saints assistant coach and players to operate a crunch-for-cash bounty system.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the Saints were sanctioned for targeting specific opponents, Payton said Tuesday he will soon decide whether to appeal his suspension, something Commissioner Roger Goodell said he would allow.

Payton also said he was meeting with Parcells, who lives near Palm Beach, site of the NFL meetings, to discuss the plan for the season.

"For me to be down here, if I didn't call him or try to set up a time to see him, I'd probably get his wrath," Payton said.

Payton said he, general manager Mickey Loomis — who is facing an eight-game suspension — and team owner Tom Benson are weighing a number of scenarios. Among them: Does Parcells want to coach?

If he appeals, and he has until Monday, Goodell said he would "probably" allow him to continue working past the intended start of his suspension. Goodell also said he would expedite the appeal process and his decision, meaning Payton might only get a few more days of work before having to step aside.

The NFL's investigation in New Orleans found that Payton initially lied to league investigators about the existence of a bounty and instructed his defensive assistants to do the same. Payton twice apologized for his role in an enterprise that offered payouts for knocking out opponents, saying he takes "full responsibility" for a system that operated for three years under his watch.

As many as 27 players could also be sanctioned for their role in the scandal.

"As the head coach, anything that happens in the framework of your team and your program, you're responsible for," Payton said. "And that's a lesson I've learned. And it's one that it's easy to get carried away, in regards to a certain side of the ball or more involved offensively or defensively. And that's something that

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Athletics, Mariners to open major league season in Japan

By Mike Hiserman
Los Angeles Times

The Oakland Athletics will be the home team, but the Seattle Mariners and outfielder Ichiro Suzuki will be the crowd favorites when Major League Baseball opens its 2012 season today with a game that will start at about 7 a.m CDT.

Seattle is the only MLB team with a Japanese owner, retired Nintendo chairman Hiroshi Yamauchi, who has had a majority stake in the Mariners since 1992 yet has never seen his team play in person — a streak that will be extended this week.

Even though the games against Oakland today and Thursday will be played at the Tokyo Dome, about a two-hour drive from his home in Kyoto, Yamauchi, 84, will watch on television, the Mariners announced. No reason was given.

"He just indicated to me he's not going to be here," Mariners Chief Executive Howard Lincoln told reporters at a news conference when the team arrived last week. "Quite frankly, a man of his age and stature doesn't have to explain why he's not here."

The Mariners have one other Japanese player, infielder Munenori Kawasaki, on their 25-man roster. Another, pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma, was among the 30 they brought on a trip that also included two exhibition games against Japanese professional teams.

In all, the Mariners and the Athletics will spend about a week in Japan, which will play host to its fourth MLB opener, after the New York Mets versus Chicago Cubs in 2000, the New York Yankees versus Tampa Bay in 2004 and Boston versus Oakland in 2008.

The teams played before near-sellout crowds of more than 42,000 in each of their doubleheader exhibitions last weekend against the Hanshin Tigers and Yomiuri Giants of the Nippon Professional Baseball's Central League.

The Mariners lost 5-1 to the Tigers on Saturday and 9-3 to the Giants on Sunday. The A's beat the Giants, 5-0, and lost to the Tigers, 12-6.

Suzuki, the main attraction for Japanese fans, was greeted by the twinkling of thousands of camera flashes as he approached the plate in

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Associated Press

Young Japanese baseball players play with Stomper, the Oakland Athletics mascot, during a baseball clinic by major leaguers of the Athletics and the Seattle Mariners at Ishinomaki Municipal Baseball Stadium in tsunami-hit Ishinomaki, northeastern Japan, on Tuesday. The major leaguers, currently in Japan to open the MLB's 2012 season in Japan today and Thursday, made a friendly visit.

Chaps baseball drops road game

Thunderbirds.....12
Chaps 2 (8)

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. — The Midland College baseball team dropped a non-conference game Tuesday against New Mexico Junior College, a 12-2 decision that ended in the eighth inning because of the run-rule.

The Chaparrals' only runs came in the top of the first inning off a two-run triple by Ethan Kohnle.

NMJC responded with two runs in the bottom of the first, then added single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings before a four-run sixth.

The Chaps (17-13) also were plagued by four hit-by-pitches and four walks issued by their pitching staff. NMJC also had 13 hits.

Kory Hollums took the loss in a spot start.

MC continues non-conference action this weekend when it travels to face Lubbock Christian University JV in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.

NEW MEXICO JC 12, MIDLAND COLLEGE 2, 8 INNINGS

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New Mexico JC	201 114 12	—12	13	0

Kory Hollums, Garhett Avery (4), Jake Hollifield (5), Jason Zgardowski (7), Hunter Fiske (8) and Steel Russell, Tyler Barlow (6). Calvert, Elsterkin (4), Russeau (5) and Munguia, Gorman (6). W — Calvert L — Hollums (0-1) 2B — NMJC: Middleton. 3B — MC: Ethan Kohnle; NMJC: Bibo, Parsons.

Next: Midland College at LCU JV, 1 p.m. Saturday

UTPB ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FALCONS WIN THIRD-STRAIGHT, SWEEP MUSTANGS

ODESSA — Katelyn Stanley had a big day for The University of Texas of the Permian Basin softball team. She drove in three of the Falcons' seven runs to help the Falcons sweep the University of the Southwest, taking the first game 3-0 before winning the second 4-3.

Stanley went 1-for-3 in the first game, including an RBI single up the middle that was part of a two-run fifth inning before hitting her two-run blast in the fifth to erase a Mustang 3-2 lead. She not only went 2-for-2 in the nightcap, but she also came in relief to toss three innings where she gave up just one hit while striking out four for her first win of the season.

Desiree Valero picked up her first save of the season after allowing just one hit over three innings while striking out five.

In the second game, the Falcons won a see-saw battle. The lead changed three times before Stanley hit her first homer in a UTPB uniform. The Mustangs scored two runs off two hits and took advantage of two errors in the top of the first. The Falcons answered in the second thanks to an RBI single by Kati Walker and a triple by Whitney Kurht which scored Walker to tie the game at two.

Five errors by UTPB led to two unearned runs, including one in the third which broke a 2-2 tie. The score would remain that way until Stanley's heroics.

The Falcons improved to 12-20 on the year and will get back to Heartland Conference play this weekend when they head to Goodwell, Okla. to face Panhandle State.

Midland Classical routs Trinity

From staff reports

Midland Classical scored early and often Tuesday, coming away with a 19-1 win against future TAPPS rival Trinity at Randy Velarde Field.

Micah Raies held Trinity to one run on one hit on the mound and led the Knights with six RBI in the game.

"That was fun, that was really fun," Raies said of his success at the plate. "I enjoyed today at home just hitting, so I definitely had a good time."

Midland Classical jumped on Trinity early with eight runs in the first two innings. Cole McAninch (3) and Miciah Avampato'(2) joined Raies as players with multiple RBI. Avampato even hit an inside-the-park home run in the top of the fifth.

Knights	19
Chargers	1 (5)

On the mound, Raies recovered from allowing an RBI single to familiar foe Thomas Schorr in the bottom of the first by shutting out Trinity the rest of the way, recording all eight of his strikeouts in the process.

"My curveball was getting some guys, and my fastball, I couldn't really hone in on, so I was kind of throwing my two-seam," Raies said.

Midland Classical (3-3) hosts Big Spring on Friday before opening district play at Lubbock Christian on Tuesday.

Trinity (0-8) opens league play on the road Saturday against Fort Worth Nazarene.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 19, TRINITY 1

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Micah Raies and Haydon Rogers. James House, Blan Polasek (4) Thomas Schorr (6) and Boomer Sekula. W — Raies. L — House. 3B — MCA: Raies, Ben Snell. HR — Miciah Avampato. RBI — MCA: Cole McAninch 3, Ayampato 2, Raies 6, Grey Sparks; Trinity: Thomas Schorr.

Records: MCA 3-3; Trinity 0-8

Next: Big Spring at MCA, 5 p.m. Friday, Randy Velarde Field; Trinity at Fort Worth Nazarene, TBA Saturday.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GREENWOOD VS. FORT STOCKTON GAMES POSTPONED

Tuesday night's District 4-3A baseball and softball games between Fort Stockton and Greenwood were postponed because of rain in Fort Stockton.

The gave have been rescheduled for Thursday, and will be played at Greenwood High School.

The softball game will start at 5:30 p.m. and the baseball game will start at 7 p.m.

MIDLAND TENNIS CLUB

Monday's Results
8.0 Bracket

Finals — Nick Sanchez-Natalie Schwartz def. Tracy Britten-Sherry Davis, 8-6
Consolation — Donna Anderson-Terry Osborne def. Mike Seerey-Jeanne Lanance, 8-6

7.5 Bracket

Consolation — Kent Moss-Paula Coulter

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FROST YOUR FANNY
Flight winners listed only

First Flight — Benny Granger-David Carruth 64-31—95
Second Flight — Ron Sealy-Ronnie Black 70-34—104
Third Flight — Lee Stokes-Larry Allen 75-36—111
Fourth Flight — Michael Beggs-Chris Acosta 79-36—115

Long Drive
No. 10, Tate Tinley

Closest to the Pin
No. 5 — Trey Humphrey
No. 8 — Junior Cammey
No. 12 — Victor Rivera
No. 17 — Jim Eubank

Area athletes to compete in ASCO Classic

From staff reports

Five Lee Rebels and four Midland High Bulldogs will suit up in the ASCO Football Classic this summer, the finale of four days of festivities in Lubbock.

The game, which features graduated players from West Texas high schools, will take place June 9 at Lubbock Cooper's Pirate Stadium.

Lee running back Travis Williams, tight end Matthew Brem and receiver Josh Shelton will play alongside Midland High receiver Donavon Lee and center Quade Huckaba on the Red team, coached by Monahans' Mickey Owens.

The Red team also features Midland High defensive tackle Stevie Rhodes and cornerback Brandon Williams, along with Lee safety Evan Chamblee.

Lee linebacker Jacob Power is the lone District 3-5A player on the Blue team, which will be coached by Shallowater's Kyle Maxfield.

ASCO Football Classic Rosters
Red Team
Head coach: Mickey Owens, Monahans
Offense

QB: Kacey Ryan, Odessa Permian; Tucker Tuberville, Wolfforth Frenship; Anthony Delgado, Brownfield.
RB: Ivan Subia, Odessa High; Pedro Cano, Monahans; Garrett Carter, Sundown. **Travis Williams, Lee.**
FB: Banner Owen, Lubbock Coronado; Ty Wise, Abernathy.
TE: Ernest Franco, Denver City; Tanner Moore, Seminole; **Matt Brem, Lee**
WR: Peyton Marcum, Monahans; Josh Shelton, Lee; Drew Fellows, Iraan; Donavon Lee, **Midland High**; Jarod Adams, Seminole.
OT: Mark Heard, Lamesa; Brandon Holmes, Lubbock Estacado; Hayden Brown, Amarillo High.
OG: Joseph DeOchoa, Floydada; Landon Weeden, Permian; Spencer Chance, Sundown
C: Quade Huckaba, Midland High; Austin Zundt, Crosbyton.

Defense

DT: Tate Bartlett, Dimmitt; Marcos Hinojos, Plainview, **Stevie Rhodes, Midland High**; Emiliano Rentria, Lamesa.
DE: Tai Smith, Tahoka; Ricardo Nunez, New Deal; Trent Walker, Plainview; Marco Vergara, Crane.
LB: Garrett Stinson, Stanton; J.T. Cotten, Lubbock Estacado; Tyler Hastings, Ector County; Hunter Rose, Greenwood; Kory Hartman, Iraan.
DB: Adrian Martinez, Brownfield; Matthew Schoolcraft, Crosbyton; **Brandon Williams, Midland High**; Zach Garcia, Tahoka.
S: Riley Textor, Lockney; Dalton DeGraffenreid, Crane; Evan Chamblee, Lee.
K: Jake Higgs, Andrews.

Blue Team
Head coach: Kyle Maxfield, Shallowater.
Offense

QB: Brandon Hall, Shallowater; Beau Avila, Muleshoe; Tanner Mahoney, Lubbock Monterey.
RB: Terrance Reese, Borger; Calvin Humphries, Amarillo Tascosa; Riley King, Shallowater; Bobby Huey, Wolfforth Frenship; Keenan Milligan, Amarillo High.
TE: Trejon Vasquez, Hereford; Riley Payne, Idalou.
WR: Caleb Moreno, Friona; Marc Rios, Shallowater; Saul Elizalde, Muleshoe; Austin Lewis, Abernathy; Pecos Martin, Olton; Willie Riley, Amarillo Palo Duro; Edgar Guerrero, Stratford.
OT: Colby Conner, Springlake-Earth; Kase Wilbanks, Idalou; Casey Mabrey, Amarillo High.
OG: Michael Ottivero, Dimmitt; Brandon Grant, Dimmitt; Eduardo Gomez, Denver City.
C: Casey Lanteime, Stratford; David Ortiz, Wolfforth Frenship.

Defense

DT: John Striedrig, Shallowater; Tyson Jones, Levelland; B.A. White, Lubbock Estacado.
MB: Adrian Rendon, Amarillo Palo Duro; Matthew Salas, Idalou; Justin Esquivel, Lubbock Monterey.
LB: Jacob Power, Lee; Dreagan Patterson, Bushland; J.D. Allen, Canyon Randall; Colton Estill, Wolfforth Frenship.
CLB: Luke Keele, Lubbock Cooper; Tracy Hussman, Wolfforth Frenship; Fitzhugh, Lubbock High; Bryce Dobbins, Idalou.
CB: Day DeBusk, Plains; Kelondre Gober, Wolfforth Frenship; Benjamin Rogus, Lubbock Estacado.
DB: Trey Ingram, Canyon Randall; Tommy Guerrero, Olton; Bradley Adkins, Idalou.

Lady Mustangs win distict golf championship

From staff reports

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — The Midland Christian girls golf team won its 11th straight district championship on Tuesday as the Lady Mustangs took the title by 126 strokes over second place Fort Worth Christian at Iron Horse Golf Course.

All six of the Mustang players that were playing this week finished in the top 10 as freshman Christian Curnutte finished second in the medalist standings. Curnutte shot an 87 on Tuesday after firing a 1-under 69 on Monday. Curnutte finished the tournament at 156 and was one stroke behind Lubbock Trinity Christian's Shanae Ammons, who shot 77-78—155 for the two days to win the medalist title.

Lynley Lewis finished third (87-89—185), Madison Warpula was fourth (97-90—187) and Laren Cheatham was sixth (97-94—191). Emily Brown and Sara Calvin, who was playing as an individual medalist, tied for seventh; each shot 202 over the two rounds.

On the boys side, the Mustangs couldn't hold on to their first round lea. Fort Worth Southwest Christian overtook them on Tuesday to take the district title. The Eagles shot 316 on Tuesday, and the Mustangs shot 327 to finish at 631 and the Eagles finished at 625. Fort Worth Southwest Christian had three players sweep the top three medalist spots. Midland Christian's Jacob Hibler took fourth at 75-79—154. Hibler was one of four Mustangs to finish in the top 10. Steven Rice was tied for fifth (78-78—156), Josh Hollar tied for seventh (75-85—160) and Daegan Blackwood was eighth at 76-85—161.

Both Mustang squads will advance to the TAPPS 4A North Regional tournament, scheduled for Monday, April 2 at Canyon Creek Golf Club in Richardson.

TAPPS 1-4A GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Iron Horse Golf Course
North Richland Hills
Tuesday's Final Results
BOYS

Team standings — 1. Fort Worth Southwest Christian 309-316—625; 2. Midland Christian 304-327—631; 3.Fort Worth Christian 329-320—649; 4. Grapevine Faith 351-350—681; 5. Lubbock Trinity Christian 381-357—718; 6. Arlington Pantego Christian 439-421—860

Medalist standings — 1. Grant Griffin, FW SW Christian 73-73—146; 2. Andrew Hudson, FW SW Christian 73-78—151; 3. Graham Lewis, FW SW Christian 79-80—159; 4. Jacob Hibler, MCS 75-79—154; 5. Aldan Fortner, FWC 81-75—156; Steven Rice, MCS 78-78—156; 7. Josh Hollar, MCS 75-85—160; 8. Daegan Blackwood, MCS 76-85—161; 9. Daley Markham, Colleyville Faith 79-84—163; 10. Colby Hatchett, FWC 85-78—165

Medal Champion Individuals

Jacob Hibler 75-79—154, Daegan Blackwood 76-85—161, Josh Hollar 75-85—160, Steven Rice 78-78—156, Reagan Brown 87-89—176

MCS medalists

Ryan Tessand 82-105—187, Dakota Phillips 91-87—178, Coleman Houston 99-101—200, Landon Ballard 99-95—194

GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Midland Christian 359-369—718; 2. Fort Worth Christian 401-444—845; 3. Lubbock Trinity Christian 425-439—864; 4. FW Southwest Christian 487-471—958

Medalist standings — 1. Shanae Ammons, Lubbock Trinity 78-77—155; 2. Christian Curnutte, MCS 69-87—156; 3. Lynley Lewis, MCS 87-89—185; 4. Madison Warpula, MCS 97-90—187; 5. Loren Cheatham, MCS 97-94—191; 6. Mackenzie Mcintosh, FW Christian 99-107—197; 7. Emily Brown, MCS 99-104—202; Sara Calvin, MCS 101-101—202; 9. Sydney Fowler, FWC 97-111—208; 10. Ally Karlen, FWC 104-109—213

Medal Champion Individuals

Cheatham Curnutte 69-87—156, Lynley Lewis 87-98—185, Madison Warpula 97-90—187, Loren Cheatham 97-94—191, Emily Brown 99-104—202

MCS medalist

Sara Calvin 101-101—202

GOLF

From 1C

is big for his team both mentally and in the standings, reiterating what he said after last week's round at Hogan Park, which is to focus and relax. Blake Roberson led the Rebels with a 78, while the other four players on Lee's first team shot 82 or higher.

"They just need to go out and play the course and not worry about who they are playing with, and just need to focus on their game and not everybody else's," Huddeleston said. "We had a long talk (on Monday), and I told them they have the capability of all five of them shooting low numbers. They just have to go out and do it."

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DISTRICT 3-5A BOYS GOLF TOUR
What: Round 2 of 4
When: Today
Where: Odessa Country Club Links Course
Next Round: Thursday, April 5, San Angelo Country Club

Scores after First Round

Team standings — 1. Odessa Permian I 302; 2. Midland High I 311; 3. Abilene High I 316; 4. Abilene Cooper 321; 5. Odessa Permian II 322; 6. Lee I 339; 7. Midland High II 331; 8. San Angelo Central I 332; 9. Odessa High I 348; 10. Lee II 347; 11. Odessa High II 361; 12. San Angelo Central II 373; 13. Abilene High II 389

Medalist standings — 1. Jonzen Digby, Odessa Permian 70; 2. Cory Churchman, Abilene Cooper 74; 3. (tie) Zarek Crowder, Midland High 75; Micah Rodgers, Odessa Permian 75; 5. (tie) Brian Lang, Abilene High 76; Lucas McCubbin, Midland High 76; 7. (tie) Cal Arndt, San Angelo Central 77; Michael Rosero, Odessa Permian 77; 9. (tie) Jakob Clegun, Abilene High 78; Blake Roberson, Lee 78; Austin Almond, Odessa High 78; Tyler Daniel, Odessa Permian 78; Allen Balan, Odessa Permian 78

Lee and MHS scores

Lee I (330) — Jeremy Sanchez 87, Blake Roberson 78, Cade Castro 85, Alex Kiel 82, Nathan Salas 85

Lee II (347) — Kyle Wanta 91, Aaron Jacobs 87, Carson Good 82, Blake Loyd 89, Brandon Chavez 89

Midland High I (311) — Lucas McCubbin 76, Zarek Crowder 75, Chandler Smith 80, Alex Lyssy 88, Chris Tenbosey 80

Midland High II (331) — Ben Taylor 84, Jake Gilmore 84, Kyle Logan 84, Alex Martinez 79, Zack Hartzler 80

Midland High medalists — Guy Ekstrom 102, J.P. Ortez 104, Grant Jimenez 92

Fish, Isner, Bryans chosen for Davis Cup

Associated Press

Top American Mardy Fish is eager to play for the United States next week, when he'll lead the Davis Cup team against France.

The Olympics are another matter. Fish may skip the London Games, even though the tennis is at Wimbledon.

The Davis Cup team announced Tuesday includes Fish, John Isner and top-ranked doubles partners Bob and Mike Bryan. The tie will be played on red clay April 6-8 at the Monte Carlo Country Club in Roquebrune Cap Martin, France.

In February, Fish and Isner swept the opening-day singles matches to help the U.S. team win at Switzerland.

"Davis Cup means almost everything to me," Fish said after winning his fourth-round match Tuesday at the Sony Ericsson Open.

When it comes to the Olympics, however, Fish is undecided. He reached the final at the 2004 Games but settled for a silver medal when he lost a five-setter to Nicolas Massu of Chile.

"I have a lot of great memories from the Olympics, and I have a lot of tough memories from the Olympics as well," Fish said.

He skipped the Games four years ago and may do so again, citing the schedule as the reason.



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MLB

SPRING TRAINING
Grapefruit League

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	14	9	.609
Detroit	16	11	.593
Boston	15	11	.577
Los Angeles	15	11	.577
Seattle	14	11	.560
Texas	13	10	.565
Kansas City	13	10	.565
Baltimore	12	10	.545
Tampa Bay	12	11	.522
Minnesota	11	10	.524
Oakland	11	10	.524
Chicago	11	11	.500
Cleveland	10	11	.476
New York	10	11	.476
Arizona	10	12	.455
Chicago	9	11	.450
Houston	9	11	.450
Miami	9	12	.429
Philadelphia	9	12	.429
Pittsburgh	9	12	.429
Atlanta	8	12	.400
Cincinnati	8	12	.400
Washington	7	14	.333
Milwaukee	7	15	.318
San Diego	6	15	.286

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams don't.

Tuesday's Scores
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 4
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 5
Houston 14, Detroit 7
Miami 3, Washington 1
Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 5
Boston 9, Tampa Bay 0
Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 4
Texas 10, San Diego (ss) 6
Kansas City 8, Colorado 7
San Diego (ss) 6, L.A. Dodgers 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 1
Kansas City 8, Colorado 7
Arizona 7, Colorado 3
Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Today's Games
Baltimore vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Arizona vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

TEXAS LINESCORES
At Surprise, Ariz.
RANGERS 10, PADRES 9

San Diego (ss)	204	100	002	—	9	11	0
Texas	112	103	02x	—	10	13	0

Luebke, K.Quintanilla (6), Boxberger (8), Street (7), Hinshaw (8) and Grandal, Jo.Baker; R.Ross, Telegarma (3), Kirkman (5), Ueh (7), Cotts (8), J.Tim (9) and L.Martinez, D.Brown. HRs—San Diego, Hermida 2 (3), Grandal (2), Gyorko (1), Terrero (3), Texas, Napoli 2 (2).

At Kissimmee, Fla.
ASTROS 14, TIGERS 7

Detroit	140	000	101	—	7	10	1
Houston	041	400	05x	—	14	13	0

A.Oliver, Mantz (4), T.Weber (5), A.Alburquerque (6) and Avila, Laird; W.Rodriguez, R.Cruz (7), Abad (7), Lyon (8), W.Lopez (9) and J.Castro, Powell. W—W.Rodriguez. L—A.Oliver. HRs—Detroit, A.Jackson (2), Boesch (5), Houston, Bogusevic (1), Bixler (3).

Baseball Calendar
March 28-29 — Seattle vs. Oakland at Tokyo.
April 2 — Last day to request unconditional release waiver on a player without having to pay his full 2012 salary.
April 4 — Opening day, St. Louis at Miami. Active rosters reduced to 25 players.
May 16-17 — Owners' meetings, New York.
June 4 — Amateur draft.
July 10 — All-Star game, Kansas City, Mo.
July 13 — Deadline for amateur draft picks to sign.

NBA DL

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Canton	26	19	.578	—
Springfield	25	19	.568	1/2
Delaware	24	19	.558	1
Iowa	23	20	.535	2
Erie	23	21	.523	2 1/2
Maine	19	23	.452	6
Sioux Falls	14	31	.311	12
Fort Wayne	12	33	.267	14

West Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	33	11	.750	—
x-Austin	29	16	.644	4 1/2
Bakersfield	26	18	.591	7
Texas	24	20	.545	9
Rio Grande Valley	22	24	.478	12
Tulsa	22	24	.478	12
Reno	19	25	.432	14
Idaho	16	28	.391	16

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores
Springfield 100, Maine 91
Bakersfield 108, Tulsa 102
Today's Games
Texas at Dakota, 7 p.m.
Reno at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

NFL

Draft Order
First Round

1. Indianapolis
2. Washington (from St. Louis)
3. Minnesota
4. Cleveland
5. Tampa Bay
6. St. Louis (from Washington)
7. Jacksonville
8. Miami
9. Carolina
10. Buffalo
11. Kansas City
12. Seattle
13. Arizona
14. Dallas
15. Philadelphia
16. N.Y. Jets
17. Cincinnati (from Oakland)
18. San Diego
19. Chicago
20. Tennessee
21. Cincinnati
22. Cleveland (from Atlanta)
23. Detroit
24. Pittsburgh
25. Denver
26. Houston
27. New England (from New Orleans)
28. Green Bay
29. Baltimore
30. San Francisco
31. New England
32. N.Y. Giants

NFL Calendar
Today — Owners meetings, Palm Beach, Fla.
April 26-28 — NFL draft, New York.
Late July — Training camps open.
Aug. 4-5 — Hall of Fame inductions; Hall of Fame game, Canton, Ohio.
Aug. 9-13 — Preseason openers.
Sept. 5 — Regular season opener.
Sept. 9-10 — First full regular-season weekend.

AFL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	121	97
Iowa	1	1	0	.500	116	121
San Antonio	1	1	0	.500	114	111
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	67	101

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Utah	2	1	0	.667	177	162
San Jose	1	1	0	.500	130	130
Spokane	1	1	0	.500	128	129
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	118	120

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Georgia	2	1	0	.667	157	152
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	139	97
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	115	117
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	101	134
Orlando	0	2	0	.000	75	91

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	147	121
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	130	110
Milwaukee	1	1	0	.500	133	113
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	99	110

Thursday's Games
San Antonio at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Utah, 8 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	39	22	.639	—
New York	37	24	.607	2
Boston	32	28	.533	6 1/2
Toronto	25	35	.417	13 1/2
New Jersey	16	44	.267	22 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	13	.729	—
Atlanta	32	19	.627	4
Orlando	25	27	.481	12
Washington	17	33	.340	19 1/2
Charlotte	12	38	.240	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	36	15	.706	—
Indiana	29	19	.604	5 1/2
Milwaukee	23	27	.460	12 1/2
Detroit	17	30	.362	16
Cleveland	17	32	.347	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	33	14	.702	—
Dallas	29	22	.569	6
Memphis	27	21	.563	6 1/2
Houston	27	24	.529	8
New Orleans	12	37	.245	22

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	37	12	.755	—
Utah	27	23	.540	10 1/2
Denver	27	23	.540	10 1/2
Minnesota	24	27	.471	14
Portland	23	28	.469	14

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	39	19	.672	—
L.A. Clippers	28	31	.571	12
Phoenix	25	34	.510	15
Golden State	20	27	.426	9
Sacramento	17	32	.347	13

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Scores
Philadelphia 103, Cleveland 85
Memphis 93, Minnesota 81
Milwaukee 108, Atlanta 101
Dallas 90, Houston 81
Oklahoma City at Portland, late
San Antonio at Phoenix, late
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, late
Today's Games
Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Denver at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 96, ROCKETS 81

HOUSTON (81):	Parsons 5-14 1-3 15,
Scola 3-11 4-4 22, Dampier 0-1 0-0 0,	
Dragic 7-15 2-2 17, Lee 4-13 0-0 10, Budinger	
3-9 0-0 7, Conley 2-3 0-1 4, Patterson 1-7 0-0	
2, Douglas-Roberts 1-3 0-2 3. Totals 29-76 12-22 81.	

DALLAS (96):	Marion 6-13 0-0 12, Nowitzki
5-17 11-12 21, Mahinmi 2-4 0-0 4, Kidd 2-3	
0-0 6, Carter 3-8 0-0 7, Terry 5-14 0-0 12,	
Barea 4-8 1-2 9, Wright 6-7 1-1 13, Beaubois	
5-9 3-5 14, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0	
0. Totals 34-79 18-20 96.	

Houston	19	19	12	39	—	81
Dallas	19	27	23	27	—	96

3-Point Goals—Houston 6-21 (Lee 2-4, Parsons 1-5, Dragic 1-5, Budinger 1-3, Scola 0-2, Douglas-Roberts 0-2). Dallas 6-19 (Kidd 2-3, Terry 2-6, Beaubois 1-2, Carter 1-3, Nowitzki 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 44 (Parsons 9), Dallas 48 (Marion 11). Assists—Houston 17 (Dragic 7), Dallas 16 (Beaubois 5). Total Fouls—Houston 22, Dallas 14. A—20,359 (19,200).

76ERS 103, CAVALIERS 85

CLEVELAND (85):	Gee 4-12 2-2 13,
Jamison 5-14 3-4 13, Thompson 3-3 3-6 9,	
Irving 6-13 1-2 12, Pondexter 5-7 2-2 14, Samuels	
2-2 0-0 4, Harris 3-8 4-4 10, Sloan 1-4 0-0 2,	
Cassell 0-5 5-6 5, Walton 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 29-	
70 20-28 85.	

PHILADELPHIA (103):	Turner 6-13 0-0
12, Brand 4-6 0-0 8, Hawes 5-9 0-0 10, Holi-	
day 9-19 0-0 19, Meeks 11-16 2-2 31, Battie 0-	
1 0-0 0, Young 1-4 0-1 2. Totals 39-70 2-3 103.	

Cleveland	21	22	25	17	—	85
Philadelphia	29	23	21	31	—	103

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 9-23 (Gee 3-4, Irving 3-7, Parker 2-3, Walton 1-1, Sloan 0-2, Jamison 0-3, Cassul 0-3), Philadelphia 10-19 (Meeks 7-10, S.Young 1-1, Holiday 1-3, Williams 1-4, Turner 0-1). Fouled Out—None.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	76	46	21	7	100	209	170
x-Pittsburgh	76	47	25	6	100	256	200
x-Philadelphia	75	44	24	7	95	241	213
New Jersey	77	40	28	9	89	207	204
N.Y. Islanders	76	32	33	11	75	185	227

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	76	45	23	8	98	249	180
Ottawa	77	39	29	9	87	238	227
Buffalo	77	37	29	11	85	232	240
Toronto	77	33	35	9	75	217	242
Montreal	77	29	34	14	72	199	214

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	76	37	24	15	89	189	208
Washington	77	38	31	8	84	208	219
Winnipeg	76	35	33	8	78	206	223
Tampa Bay	76	35	34	7	77	216	260
Carolina	77	31	31	15	77	205	228

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	77	48	20	9	105	199	147
x-Detroit	76	46	25	5	97	237	187
Nashville	77	44	25	8	96	219	202
Chicago	77	42	28	7	91	231	198
Columbus	76	24	45	7	55	177	250

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Vancouver	76	46	21	9	101	230	187
Colorado	76	40	32	6	86	201	207
Calgary	77	35	27	15	85	191	212
Minnesota	76	31	35	10	72	177	210
Edmonton	76	31	36	9	71	206	233

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	76	39	27	10	88	210	198
Dallas	76	41	30	5	87	202	203
Phoenix	77	37	27	13	87	208	202
Los Angeles	76	37	27	12	86	175	182
Anaheim	76	32	33	11	75	191	212

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched conference

Tuesday's Scores
New Jersey 2, Chicago 1, SO
Florida 3, Montreal 2, SO
Ottawa 5, Toronto 0
N.Y. Islanders 5, Pittsburgh 3
Buffalo 5, Washington 1
Boston 5, Tampa Bay 2
St. Louis 5, Nashville 0
N.Y. Rangers 3, Minnesota 2
Today's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY'S LINESCORES
SABRES 5, CAPITALS 1

Buffalo	2	2	1	— 5

Washington	1	0	0	— 1

First Period—1, Buffalo, McCormick 1 (Regula, 2:45). 2, Buffalo, Stafford 18 (Myers, Ennis), 18:05.

Second Period—3, Buffalo, Vanek 25 (Stafford, Ennis), 2:31. 4, Washington, Ovechkin 19 (Chimera, Perreault), 5:07. 5, Buffalo, Pominville 29, 17:32 (pp).

Third Period—6, Buffalo, Stafford 19 (Ennis, Regula), 9:29.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 15-10-6—31. Washington 10-16-19—45.

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 3; Washington 0 of 3.

Goalies—Buffalo, Miller, Washington, Holtby, Neuvirth. A—18,506 (18,398). T—2:21.

HURRICANES 3, MAPLE LEAFS 0

Carolina	2	1	0	— 3
Toronto	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—1, Carolina, Jokinen 12 (Reuttu, Faulk), 13:05. 2, Carolina, Brent 12 (Joslin, Allen), 18:17.

Second Period—3, Carolina, Harrison 9 (Reuttu, Jokinen), :37.

Third Period—None.

Shots on Goal—Carolina 11-7-4—22. Toronto 5-12-15—32.

Goalies—Carolina, Ward. Toronto, Gustavsson, Rynnas. A—19,348 (18,819). T—2:13.

ISLANDERS 5, PENGUINS 3

N.Y. Islanders	2	2	1	— 5
Pittsburgh	2	0	1	— 3

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 16 (Okposo, Bailey), 2:31. 2, N.Y. Islanders, Grabovski 19 (Clemens, Perreault), 5:07. 3, Pittsburgh, Iginla 29, 17:32 (pp).

Third Period—4, Buffalo, Stafford 19 (Ennis, Regula), 9:29.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 15-10-6—31. Washington 10-16-19—45.

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 3; Washington 0 of 3.

Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. Washington, Holtby, Neuvirth. A—18,506 (18,398). T—2:21.

RANGERS 3, WILD 2

N.Y. Rangers	1	1	1	— 3
Minnesota	2	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 8 (Dubinsky, Stralman), 12:23.

Second Period—2, Minnesota, Brodziak 20 (Clutterbuck, Scandella), 3:05 (pp). 3, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 38 (Richards, McDonagh), 7:56. 4, Minnesota, Koivu 11 (Heatley, Setoguchi), 11:52 (pp).

Third Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Redmond 9 (McDonagh, Girardi), 13:37.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 13-9-10—32. Minnesota 6-13-7—26.

Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist. Minnesota, Harding. A—17,880 (18,064). T—2:18.

BLUES 3, PREDATORS 0

Nashville	0	0	0	— 0
St. Louis	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, St. Louis, Langenbrunner 6 (Arnott, Steen), 6:55.

Third Period—2, St. Louis, Perron 17 (Backes, Oshie), 4:47. 3, St. Louis, Oshie 19 (Pietrangelo, Backes), 16:00.

Shots on Goal—Nashville 8-12-4—24. St. Louis 6-7-11—24.

Goalies—Nashville, Rinne. St. Louis, Elliott. A—19,150 (19,150). T—2:21.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

NCAA Tournament
FINAL FOUR
At The Superdome
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Saturday
Kentucky (36-2) vs. Louisville (30-9), 5:09 p.m.
Ohio State (31-7) vs. Kansas (31-6), 7:49 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

National Invitation Tournament
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Wednesday
Stanford 74, UMass 64
Minnesota 66, Washington 67, OT
Championship
Thursday
Stanford (25-11) vs. Minnesota (23-14), 6 p.m.

CollegeInsider.com Tournament
Championship
Today
Mercer (26-11) at Utah State (21-15), 8 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational
Championship Series
(best-of-3)
Monday, March 26
Washington State 67, Pittsburgh 66
Washington St. leads series 1-0
Today
Washington State (19-16) at Pittsburgh (20-17), 6 p.m.
Friday
Washington State at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., if necessary

Women

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

RALEIGH REGIONAL
Tuesday's Score
Regional Championship
Notre Dame 80, Maryland 49
FINAL FOUR
At Pepsi Center
Denver
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 1
Baylor (38-0) vs. Stanford (35-1), 5:30 or 8 p.m.
Notre Dame (34-3) vs. UConn (33-4), 5:30 or 8 p.m.
National Championship
Tuesday, April 3
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Hall of Fame Invitation
Tournament
Semifinals
Wednesday
Syracuse (22-14) vs. James Madison (28-7), 6 p.m.
Oklahoma State (20-12) vs. San Diego (26-6), 7 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

2011-12 AP Women's All-America Teams
Selection Announced March 25
First Team
Brittney Griner, Baylor, 6-8, junior, Houston, 23.4 ppg, 9.2 rpg, 61.7 fg pct., 80.5 ft pct., 5.1 blocks (40 first-team votes, 200 points)
Nnemkadi Ogwumike, Stanford, 6-2, senior, Cypress, Texas, 22.3 ppg, 10.3 rpg, 54.9 fg pct., 82.9 ft pct., (40, 200)
Elena Delle Donne, Delaware, 6-5, junior, Wilmington, Del., 28.1 ppg, 10.3 rpg, 2.3 spg, 52.0 fg pct., 41.3 3-pt fg pct., 88.9 ft pct., 2.6 blocks (37, 192)
Skylar Diggins, Notre Dame, 5-9, junior, South Bend, Ind., 16.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 5.7 apg, 50.9 pg pct., 2.6 steals (36, 189)
Alyssa Thomas, Maryland, 6-2, sophomore, Harrisburg, Pa., 17.2 ppg, 8.0 rpg, 3.2 apg, 1.8 steals (10, 121)
Second Team

GOLF

LPGA TOUR
KRAFT NABISCO CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Rancho Mirage, Calif.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Mission Hills Country Club, Dinah Shore Tournament Course (6,798 yards, par 72).
Purse: $2 million. Winner's share, $300,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Friday, 12:30-3:30 a.m., 11a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 12:30-3:30 a.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 p.m.-3 a.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Monday, 11 p.m.-3 a.m.).
Last week: Tseng won the Kia Classic at La Costa for her second straight LPGA Tour title, third in five years and 15th overall. She finished with a 3-under 69 for an eight-shot victory over Ai Miyazato and Karrie Webb. She has had at least a share of the lead after all eight rounds the last two weeks in which she competed.
Notes: Tseng also won the LPGA Founders Cup two weeks ago in Phoenix and the LPGA Thailand in February. She led the tour last season with six victories. ... In a playing opportunity shortened by LPGA Championship cancellations in 1955 and 1956, Beverly Hanson became the first LPGA Champion by finishing 12 strokes ahead of runner-up Louise Suggs in 1955. The event, first played in 1972 as the Colgate Dinah Shore, became a major in 1983. ... Mickey Wright won the tour's first two majors, the inaugural eight championships in LPGA Tour history, in 1962 and 1964.
Up Next: Two weeks, Ping will resume April 19-21 with the LPGA Lotte Championship in Hawaii.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

PGA TOUR
HOUSTON OPEN
Site: Humble, Texas.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Redstone Golf Club, Settlers Course (7,457 yards, par 72).
Purse: $6.1 million. Winner's share: $1,098 million.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 2-5 p.m., 8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-2 p.m., 6-10:30 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Last week: Tiger Woods won the Arnold Palmer Invitational for his first PGA Tour victory since a sex scandal at the end of 2009. He beat Graeme McDowell by five strokes for his second seventh victory at Bay Hill and 72nd PGA Tour win.
Notes: After the Masters is next week. The winner, if not already exempt, will earn a spot at Augusta National. ... Middleton is in the field for the first time. ... McDowell, defending Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, Lee Westwood, Steve Stricker, British Open champion Darren Clarke, PGA Championship winner Keegan Bradley, Ernie Els, Rickie Fowler and Fred Couples. ... Middleton was at Pebble Beach in February for his 40th PGA Tour title. ... Couples, the 2003 Byron Nelson Championship winner, is coming off a Champions Tour victory Sunday in Mississippi. ... Els needs to win to get into the Masters.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

EUROPEAN TOUR
SICILIAN OPEN
Site: Agrigento, Sicily.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Donnafugata Golf and Spa Resort (7,373 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.39 million. Winner's share: $220,850.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 3:30-10:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 6-10 a.m.).
Last week: Martin Kaymer, Ireland's Michael Hoey won the Hassan II Trophy in Morocco for his fourth European Tour title. Ireland's Damien McGrane was runner-up, two strokes back.
Notes: Jacquelin is in the field along with 18-year-old Italian star Matteo Manassero, John Daly, Rich Beem and Ian Leach. ... The Monday qualifier, formed by the Milwaukee Open, China Open and Ballantine's Championship in South Korea.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR
Next event: Encompass Insurance Pro-Am, April 13-15, TPC Tampa Bay, Lutz, Fla.
Last week: Fred Couples made an 8-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a one-stroke victory over Michael Allen in the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic. Couples has seven Champions Tour victories.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

NATIONWIDE TOUR
Next event: Soboba Classic, April 5-8, The Country Club at Soboba Springs, San Jacinto, Calif.
Last week: Casey Wittenberg won the Louisiana Open for his first Nationwide Tour title, closing with a 4-under 65 for an eight-stroke victory and tournament-record 24-under 260 total.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENTS
MEN
ASIAN TOUR: Indian Open, Thursday-Sunday, Dubai Golf Club, New Delhi. Online: http://www.asiantour.com
PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA: New Zealand PGA Pro-Am Championship, Thursday-Sunday, The Hills Golf Course, Queenstown, New Zealand. Online: http://pgatour.com.au
eGOLF PROFESSIONAL TOUR: River Run Classic, Wednesday-Saturday, River Run Country Club, Davidson, N.C. Online: http://www.egolfprofessionaltour.com
NGA TOUR: Cutter Creek Golf Classic, Wednesday-Saturday, Cutter Creek Golf Club, Snow Hill, N.C. Online: http://www.ngatour.com
WOMEN
JAPAN LPGA TOUR: Yokohama Ladies Open, Friday-Sunday, Kamogawa Golf Club, Shizuoka, Japan. Online: http://eng.lpga.or.jp

Tennis

Sony Ericsson Open
At The Tennis Center at Crandon Park
Key Biscayne, Fla.
Purse: $8m, $4.83 million (Masters 1000); Women, $4.83 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Fourth Round
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Kei Nishikori (16), Japan, 6-4, 6-4.
Janko Tipsarevic (9), Serbia, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Mardy Fish (8), United States, def. Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Richard Gasquet (17), France, 7-5, 6-3.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Gilles Simon (13), France, 6-3, 6-4.
Juan Monaco (21), Argentina, def. Andy Roddick (31), United States, 7-5, 6-0.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Florian Mayer (19), Germany, 6-3, 6-2.
David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Juan Martin del Potro (11), Argentina, 6-3, 6-3.
Women
Quarterfinals
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Li Na (6), China, 6-3, 6-0.
Caroline Wozniacki (4), Denmark, def. Serena Williams (10), United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Daniele Bracciali, Italy, and Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia, 6-3, 6-1.
Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (6), India, def. Michael Llodra, France, and Nenad Zimonjic (3), Serbia, 2-6, 6-3, 10-8 tiebreak.
Women
Second Round
Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (5), Russia, def. Sorana Cirstea and Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 6-1, 7-5.
Quarterfinals
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (6), Italy, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, and Zheng Jie, China, 6-0, 6-3.

Soccer

CONCACAF Men's Olympic Soccer Qual
FIRST ROUND
Top two nations in each group advance
GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-El Salvador	3	1	2	0	7	3	5
x-Canada	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
United States	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Cuba	3	0	1	2	1	11	1

x-advanced to to semifinals

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Mexico	3	2	0	1	10	2	6
x-Honduras	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
Panama	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Trinidad	2	0	1	1	2	10	1

x-advanced to to semifinals

Tuesday
At Cancun, Mexico, Calif.
Honduras 2, Trinidad and Tobago 0
Mexico vs. Panama, late

SEMIFINALS
Winners Qualify
Thursday
At Kansas City, Kan.
Group B winner vs. Canada, 5 p.m.
El Salvador vs. Group B second place, 8 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Monday, April 2
At Kansas City, Kan.
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

Rodeo

Through March 25
All-Around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur Bl4,516
2. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore, $27,386
3. Landon McCloughertry, Tilden $20,073
4. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $17,656
5. Ryan Jarrett, Prineville, Okla. $16,284
6. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville $15,760
7. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $15,160
8. Brad Lewis, Pinon, N.M. $14,876
9. Justin Thigpen, Waycross, Ga. $12,887
10. Clayton Hass, Terrell $7,439

Barrel Racing

1. Wes Sumpter, Lubbock $49,533
2. Will Lowe, Canyon $33,964
3. Steven Dent, Fallon, Nev. $23,169
4. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah $24,735
5. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $22,928

Steer Wrestling

1. Ethen Thompson, Pope, Calif. $30,229
2. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif. $20,456
3. Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. $16,725
4. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont. $16,454
5. Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D. $16,130

Team Roping (Heeler)

1. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $26,887
2. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $26,290
3. Colby Lovell, Mandeville $25,694
4. Kevan Daniel, Franklin, Tenn. $23,815
5. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $21,857
6. Trever Brazile, Decatur $20,020
7. Garrett Tonozzi, Fruita,



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16 MVSU 58
16 W. Kentucky 59

14 BYU 78
14 Iona 72

First Round

16 Lamar 59
16 Vermont 71

12 California 54
12 S. Florida 65

Men's Division I Basketball Championship

March Mania 2012

Second Round | Third Round | Sweet 16 | Elite Eight

1 Kentucky 81
16 W. Kentucky 66
8 Iowa St. 77
9 UConn 64
5 Wichita St. 59
12 VCU 62
4 Indiana 79
13 New Mex. St. 66
6 UNLV 64
11 Colorado 68
3 Baylor 68
14 S. Dakota St. 60
7 Notre Dame 63
10 Xavier 67
2 Duke 70
15 Lehigh 75
1 Michigan St. 89
16 LIU Brooklyn 67
8 Memphis 54
9 St. Louis 61
5 New Mexico 75
12 Long Beach St. 68
4 Louisville 69
13 Davidson 62
6 Murray St. 58
11 Colorado St. 41
3 Marquette 88
14 BYU 68
7 Florida 71
10 Virginia 45
2 Missouri 84
15 Norfolk St. 86

1 Kentucky 87
8 Iowa St. 71
12 VCU 61
4 Indiana 63
11 Colorado 63
3 Baylor 80
10 Xavier 70
15 Lehigh 58
1 Michigan St. 65
9 St. Louis 61
5 New Mexico 56
4 Louisville 59
6 Murray St. 53
3 Marquette 62
7 Florida 84
15 Norfolk St. 50

1 Kentucky 102
4 Indiana 90
3 Baylor 75
10 Xavier 70
1 Mich. St. 44
4 Louis. 57
3 Marquette 58
7 Florida 68
7 Florida 68

1 Kentucky 82
3 Baylor 70
4 Louisville 72
7 Florida 68

1 Kentucky
4 Louisville

Final Four

1 Kentucky
2 Ohio St.

National Championship

April 2

March 31
6 p.m.

March 31
8:30 p.m.

2 Kansas

All times EDT

1 Syracuse 70
1 Syracuse 64
4 Wisc. 63
2 Ohio St. 77
6 Cincinnati 66
2 Ohio St. 81
1 N. Caro. 67
1 N. Caro. 73
13 Ohio 65
11 N.C. St. 57
2 Kansas 80
2 Kansas 60

1 Syracuse 75
8 Kansas St. 59
5 Vanderbilt 57
4 Wisconsin 60
6 Cincinnati 62
3 Florida St. 56
7 Gonzaga 66
2 Ohio St. 73
1 N. Carolina 87
8 Creighton 73
12 S. Florida 56
13 Ohio 62
11 N.C. State 66
3 Georgetown 63
10 Purdue 60
2 Kansas 63

1 Syracuse 72
16 UNC Asheville 65
8 Kansas St. 70
9 So. Miss. 64
5 Vanderbilt 79
12 Harvard 70
4 Wisconsin 73
13 Montana 49
6 Cincinnati 65
11 Texas 58
3 Florida St. 66
14 St. Bonav. 63
7 Gonzaga 77
10 W. Virginia 54
2 Ohio St. 78
15 Loyola (MD) 59
1 N. Carolina 77
16 Vermont 58
8 Creighton 58
9 Alabama 57
5 Temple 44
12 S. Florida 58
4 Michigan 60
13 Ohio 65
6 San Diego St. 65
11 N.C. State 79
3 Georgetown 74
14 Belmont 59
7 Saint Mary's 69
10 Purdue 72
2 Kansas 65
15 Detroit 50

Third Round | Second Round | Sweet 16

AP

SOUTH
Atlanta

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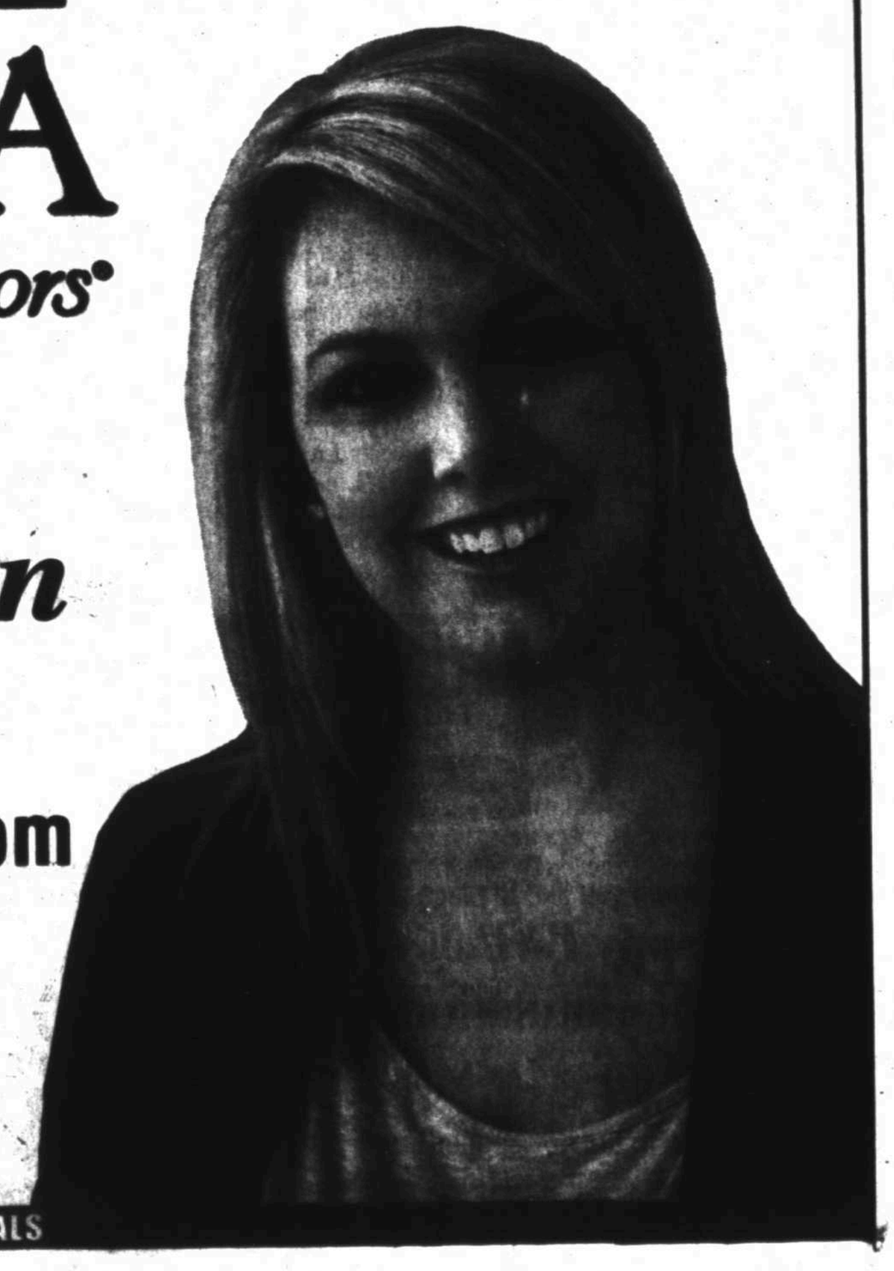
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LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

Baylor's Brittney Griner leads AP All-America team

Associated Press

Brittney Griner has dominated women's basketball all season.

Now the 6-foot-8 junior phenom is a unanimous selection to the Associated Press' All-America team Tuesday, a day after leading the unbeaten Lady Bears to their second Final Four in three seasons.

She was joined on the squad by Stanford's Nnemkadi Ogwumike, Notre Dame's Skylar Diggins, Delaware's Elena Delle Donne and Maryland's Alyssa Thomas.

"That would be a very strong team," Griner said. "I feel sorry for anyone who would have to play us."

Griner, who was on the first team for the second straight year, hasn't taken pity on her opponents. She has the Lady Bears two wins away from becoming the first team in NCAA history to go 40-0.

"I would never have thought it would be like this. It's amazing," Griner said. "Sometimes you forget what you've done. You don't sit back and enjoy it as you're so focused on a goal. It definitely has been a great year so far. I hope it finishes the right way, too."

Griner has been incredible all season, but raised her game over the past month. She's averaging 23.4 points, 9.4 rebounds and 5.2 blocks this season. Throw in two incredible dunks in the NCAA tournament and she's been unstoppable.

Griner and Ogwumike received 200 points and were unanimous choices by the 40-member national media panel that votes in the weekly Top 25. It's the fifth straight season that there has been at least one unanimous choice. Voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

Ogwumike, who averaged 22.3 points and 10.3 rebounds, had been on the second team the past two seasons and was thrilled to make the first team this year. Yet she was more excited that her sister Chiney earned second team honors.

"Not a lot of people can say they play with their sister and win an award," the Stanford senior forward said. "I'm really proud of Chiney. She even has more to grow on as she's only a sophomore. For her to be one of the top players in the country as a sophomore is remarkable."

The Ogwumikes became the first sisters to be All-Americans in the same season. In 2009, Oklahoma's Courtney Paris earned first team honors while her sister was honorable mention. Kelly Miller of Georgia made the first team in 2001 while her sister Coco was honorable mention. It's never happened on the men's side, either.

Diggins became the first Notre Dame player to make the first team since Ruth Riley did it in consecutive years in 2000 and 2001. The junior guard was instrumental in helping the Irish win their first outright Big East regular season championship, averaging 16.6 points and 5.7 assists. Diggins knows that she'd probably have a lot more assists if she was playing with this All-American squad.

"I'd love to be the floor general for that team," Diggins said. "I'd probably average 20 assists. I can tell you right now, we'd be undefeated, we'd win every game by double digits."

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Suburgatory	Modern Family	Happy End. (N)	Missing "The Hard Drive"		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: One World (N)		Criminal Minds "Epilogue"		CSI: Crime Scene "Freaks and Geeks"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late.
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Seinf. "The Switch"	Seinf. "The Jacket"	One Tree "Anyone Who Had a Heart" (N)		Next Top Model "Beverly Johnson" (N)		Cops	'Til Death	Death "Hi Def TV"	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	South Park
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "10 Finalists Compete" (N)				The Simpsons	Mother "Cupcake"	Mother "Miracles"	Loves Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "Silence"	
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Dena Dye	CCM Ministries	Update News	Jean-Claude	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Cardoza Moore	Newbe-ginning	Dr. Denis Otero
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be a Millionaire	Whitney (N)	Are You There (N)	Bent "HD" (N)	Bent "A-Game" (N)	Rock Center Ann Curry		News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Gavin DeGraw, Raine Wilson	(:35) Late N (N)	
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Ocean Giants: Giant Lives"		Nova "Cracking Your Genetic Code" (N)		Quest for the Lost Maya (N)		Charlie Rose		NBC News	Tavis Smiley
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KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	Burn Notice		Burn Notice		My News	Earl	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX		340	65		165													
HBO		300	68	14	14								Luck		(:10) Bill Maher		(:10) Down	Throws
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23			Saving	(:45)				Life Short	Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones	
HBO3		304	70	16	102													
MAX		380	71	17	120	24				(:10)								
MAX2		382	72	18	122					(:10)					(:35)	Black Tie "Something Wilder"		
PLEX				96														
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25			Fierce Funny Women		Shameless		Lies	Califor.	Comedy	Godfather of Comedy		
TMC		336	67	22	155	26												
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Duck Dy (N)	Duck Dy (N)	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	CSI: Miami											
BET		58	26		40													
BRAVO		65	63		41		Million Dollar List		Interior Therapy		Interior Therapy (N)		Million Dollar (N)		Watch (N)	Interior Therapy		Million
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Mob Money		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Shake Up	SoRandom		Hannah Montana: The Movie		Good.Luck		Austin	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic vs. New York Knicks (L)						H.S. Basketball			SportsCenter		
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Tennis Sony Ericsson Open Site: Crandon Park Tennis Center – Key Biscayne, Fla. (L)								SportsC.	NFL Live		NBA
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33									The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
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	WorstCooks		Rest. "Snooty Fox"		Restaurant		Takeout (N)		Rest. "Meglio's"		Restaurant	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Ultimate Insider	Coaches' Tournament Show		Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars vs. Edmonton Oilers Site: Rexall Place – Edmonton, Alta. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Own Words
FX		31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...									Archer	Unsuper.
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property Brothers		Income	Cousins	HouseH	House	Property Brothers		Income	Cousins
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Only in America (N)		Restore	Restore	Only in America		Restore	Restore
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap "Finlay and Stonerock"		Wife Swap "Haller-Wren/ Spencer"		Wife Swap "Ghani/ Stallone"		Wife Swap "Browne/ Robinson"		Wife Swap "Harrison-Velasco/Marshall"		Wife Swap "Haller-Wren/ Spencer"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Detroit vs Columbus (L)					NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks vs. Anaheim Ducks (L)					NHL Live!
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Digger (N)	Digger	RepoG (N)	RepoG (N)	Auction	Auction
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Monster Man (N)		Ghost Hunters Int'L		Monster Man	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		The Office	The Office
TCM		41	61	24	63	66												
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Maid en Manhattan		Corazon valiente		Relaciones Peligrosa		Noticiero	Sin senos no paraiso	Decision	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids and Counting "A Duggar Loss"		Leave It to Niecy	Leave It to Niecy	Untold Stories of the E.R. "Never Say Die"		My Crazy	My Crazy	Untold Stories of the E.R. "Never Say Die"		My Crazy	My Crazy
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Sundown"		Law & Order "Second Opinion"		Law & Order "Thinking Makes It So"		Law & Order "Seer"		CSI: NY "YoungBlood"		CSI: NY "Manhattan Manhunt"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In (N)	Divorced	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Predator"		NCIS "Out of the Frying Pan..."		NCIS "Tell-All"		Psych "Autopsy Turvy" (N)		Fairly Legal "Start Me Up"		NCIS "Left for Dead"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock "Do-Over"	Scrubs	Scrubs	'Til Death

Dodgers reach deal with Magic Johnson group

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt announced an agreement Tuesday night to sell the bankrupt team for $2 billion to a group that includes former Lakers star Magic Johnson and former Atlanta Braves and Washington Nationals President Stan Kasten.

The agreement, revealed about five hours after Major League Baseball owners approved three finalists for the auction, will lead a transfer of the team by the end of April. It is subject to approval in federal bankruptcy court.

Mark Walter, chief executive officer of the financial services firm Guggenheim Partners, would become the controlling owner.

As part of the agreement, the Dodgers said McCourt and "certain affiliates of the purchasers" would acquire the land surrounding Dodger Stadium for $150 million.

McCourt paid $430 million in 2004 to buy the team, Dodger Stadium and 250 acres of land that include the parking lots, from the Fox division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., a sale that left the team with about $50 million in cash at the time. The team's debt stood at $579 million as of January, according to a court filing, so even after the divorce payment, taxes and legal and banking fees, he stands to make several hundred million dollars.

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each of his eight at-bats. Around town, he is omnipresent, his likeness all over the street on billboards and all over television on commercials.

Suzuki had one hit, a single in his first at-bat.

"It's a special event, it's important to us," he said after Game 1, referring to the Mariners playing in Japan for the first time. "This is probably a once-in-a-lifetime event for myself."

Oakland has its own Suzuki — Hawaii-born catcher Kurt, who starred for Cal State Fullerton in 2004 when the Titans won the College World Series.

Kurt Suzuki, the only A's player who was also with the team when it opened in Japan against the Red Sox in 2008, hit a home run in each of the exhibition games, a two-run blast against the Giants and a three-run shot against the Tigers.

The Athletics and Mariners also play in their mainland regular-season opener, April 6 at Oakland.

MLB is still referring to April 4 as Opening Day, when the defending world champion St. Louis Cardinals play Miami in the Marlins' new ballpark.

PAYTON

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I regret."

Payton said he was confident he will coach the Saints again in 2013, and that his biggest challenge was realizing that for the first time in 39 years, he may not have an active role in football as a player or coach.

"You go through a range of emotions that kind of hit you," Payton said. "You're disappointed. You're disappointed in yourself that it got to this point. I think we're trained as coaches to begin preparation right away. I find myself reflecting on it, and you go through a lot of emotions."

Asked if he might work in broadcasting this season, Payton said anyone in his position would keep their options open. He said he hasn't been in touch with Gregg Williams, the former Saints defensive coordinator who ran the bounty system and was suspended indefinitely. Asked if bounties were what he envisioned when he asked Williams to build a defense, he replied, "No, obviously not."

Much of the conversation revolved around Parcells, the two-time Super Bowl winner who hired Payton as an offensive assistant in Dallas in 2003 and was a finalist for the Hall of Fame this season.

"He's a great teacher," Payton said. "Certainly I'm biased, having worked with him. But he's a Hall of Fame head coach. And I would also say there's some things probably set up in the framework of our program that would be exactly how he would have set those things up had he been the head coach here in '06. So there's some carry-over that way."

If Parcells returned to the sideline, he may have to wait another five years before becoming eligible for the Hall of Fame again. Parcells, who turns 71 in August, may not want to wait that long. Asked by Sports Illustrated on Monday if he had a desire to coach another team, Parcells said, "I don't think so."

In addition to the penalties for Payton and Loomis, the league suspended assistant head coach Joe Vitt for six games. Goodell also fined the Saints $500,000 and took away second-round draft choices in 2012 and 2013.

Arthur Blank, owner of NFC South rival Atlanta, praised Goodell's strong punishment.

"I think he dealt with it appropriately," Blank told ESPN.com. "I think it will be one of the most significant decisions he'll ever make as the commissioner. I think he'll be the commissioner for the next 30 years and I think people will look back and say he sent a message to the teams, the players, the coaches, everybody in the NFL and sent a message to the fans that, 'This is not what we're going to have in this league.' "

Payton said he didn't want the scandal to "taint or tarnish" his team's recent success.

"We'll get through this," he said. "This will be a challenge. ... You know, we've gone through a lot of adversity and we've won a lot of games in really a short window of time. And I know our players are leaders both within the locker room and the coaching staff will look at this as a challenge and a little bit as an opportunity."

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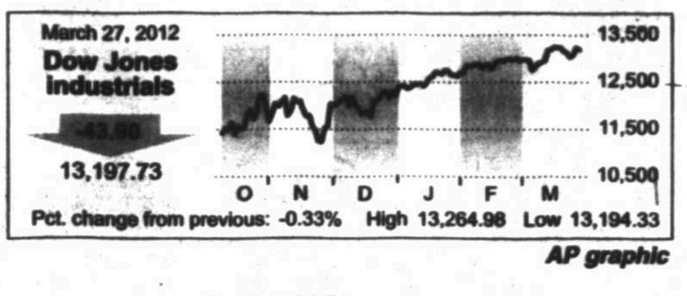
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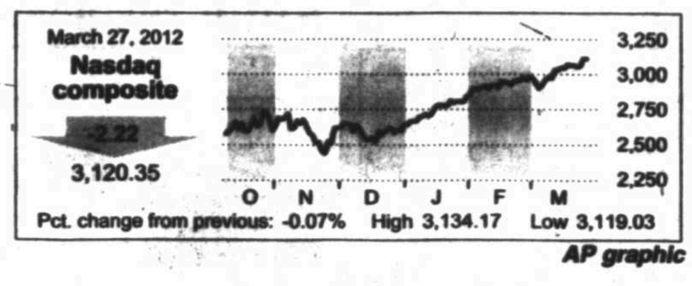
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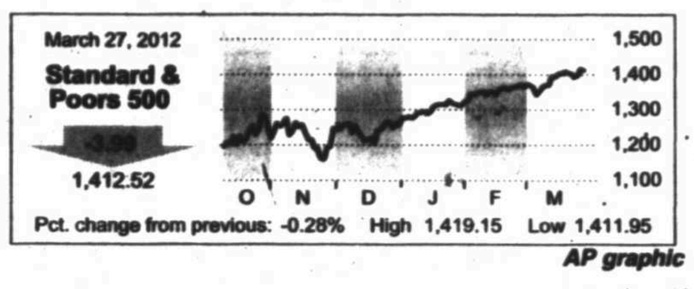
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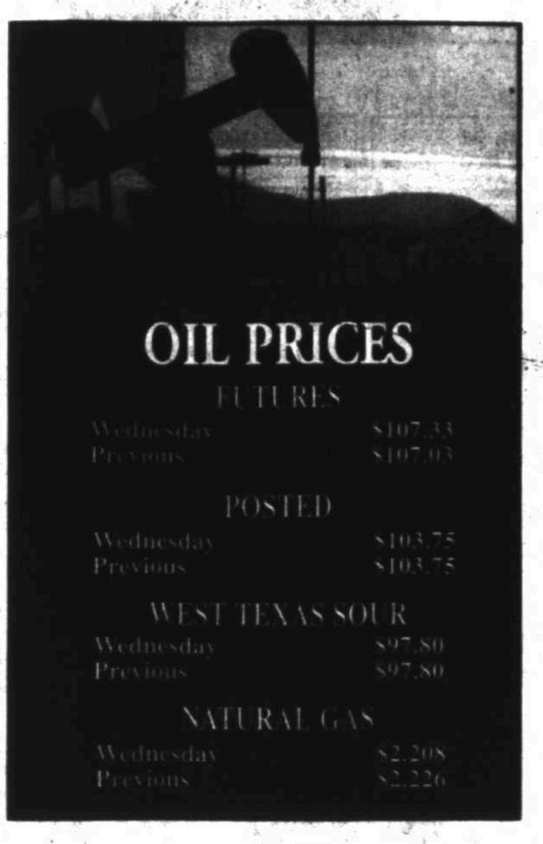
Business & Oil

A DAY ON WALL STREET









Hilton prepares to convert to Doubletree by Hilton brand

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

A new marquee will light up downtown Midland next month.

By April 30, the Hilton Midland Plaza will be known as the Doubletree by Hilton Midland Plaza, accompanied by renovations to the entire property.

General Manager Keith Dial said the renovations investment will be significant but did not have a specific dollar figure because the company stil is taking bids. "We will address every surface in the building," he said. Work will be done by local contractors, he said.

He said the move was made as Hilton moved to focus on primary markets globally and in the U.S., such as New York, Los Angeles and Miami. At the same time, Hilton wanted to reposition its Doubletree brand as a more upscale business-class facility.

"Doubletree is more like who we are," Dial said. "It's customer-centric with a common touch; our West Texas hospitality will fit right in with this brand."

Dial said he is excited about the move, and Anne Sparks, director of operations, agreed.

"It will be good for the building, it will be good for the staff and it will be particularly good for our clients," she said. She added the operating standards between the Hilton and Doubletree brands are identical in most ways.

Sparks, who has been with the Hilton Midland Plaza nine years, said the property has been extremely fortunate because its core staff has been with the hotel long-term, and she expects that trend to remain.

Aileen Manuel, director of sales and marketing, noted that even though the brand will change, the hotel still will be part of the Hilton portfolio and will continue to participate in the Hilton Honors rewards program. Half the hotel's clients use that program, she said.

Renovations will begin in early April before the new signage goes up and will focus on the hotel's guest rooms, Dial said. He described the room decor as more modern with brighter colors and feature new carpeting, drapes, lighting, art work, safes and closet door assemblies. The rooms are expected to be completed by August.

"The rooms are really our product," he explained. "That's where our profit margin lies, and we believe that's the first thing we should address."

In late summer or early fall, work will begin on the lobby and dining and bar facilities. The Starbucks will be moved and expanded into a combination grab-and-go Starbucks and gift shop. Dining will have five different dining room concepts. There will be a private dining room featuring glassed-in walls and a sidewalk cafe concept. The larger dining room will have casual seating and counter seating. What is now a meeting room inside the restaurant will become a private dining room that can be cordoned off. A new buffet will be located in what is now Executive Room C.

What was a spa and the current bar will be expanded to the south lobby and become part of a new lounge that Dial described as an adult game room with billiards, darts, foosball and a cigar enclosure designed to be brighter and with a younger, more urban feel.

"Our use has been ferocious," he said. "Our business in 2008 was one thing, and in 2009 we had a breather no one wanted, but we managed to do well. Last year was strong, but this year has been just nuts. February had 29 days, but it was the best month in the history of this building."

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Natural gas prices fall

Natural gas prices fell again Tuesday amid doubts that consumers, businesses or industry can put a significant dent in the huge surplus of the fuel in the U.S.

Natural gas futures fell 1.8 cents to $2.21 per 1,000 cubic feet after dropping 5 cents on Monday. That's a 10-year low and half of what natural gas was fetching back in July. Oversupply and mild winter weather have contributed to the plunge.

Any money that consumers are saving on natural gas may be going into the gasoline tank. The national average for regular gasoline in the U.S. is $3.90 per gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Since Jan. 31, the national average for gas has either risen or been unchanged on 53 of 56 days. It's risen 17 cents so far in March.

Meanwhile oil prices rose slightly. Benchmark U.S. crude oil gained 30 cents to $107.33 per barrel. In London, Brent crude for May delivery fell 45 cents to $125.20 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Dollar rises vs euro

The dollar rose against the euro Tuesday after U.S. consumer confidence fell slightly in March.

The Conference Board said that its Consumer Confidence Index slipped to 70.2 in March from 71.6 in February.

The euro fell to $1.3336 in late trading Tuesday from $1.3343 late Monday.

The dollar fell against the euro Monday after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the U.S. job market is still weak despite recent positive signs.

The dollar rose to 83.09 Japanese yen from 82.82 yen, to 0.9040 Swiss franc from 0.9038 Swiss franc and to 99.44 Canadian cents from 99.24 Canadian cents.

Gold for April delivery fell 70 cents to $1,684.90 an ounce.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2416590	9.60	-.33
S&P500ETF	974164141	17	-.44
SPDR Fncl	836991	15.83	-.15
Pfizer	605924	22.50	+.34
Bar iPVix	462745	17.20	+1.53

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EPAM Sy n	21.11	+4.13	+24.3
PrUvxST rs	15.28	+2.53	+19.8
CSVS2xVxS	6.97	+1.09	+18.5
Yelp n	27.65	+3.05	+12.4
CamelInfo	3.70	+.37	+11.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrShVixST	96.49	-10.52	-9.8
CSVelIVSt s	12.05	-1.31	-9.8
ETSh1mVix	158.06	-16.76	-9.6
Skechers	13.09	-1.21	-8.5
McMoRn	11.23	-.91	-7.5

Diary

Advanced	1,253
Declined	1,760
Unchanged	130
Total issues	3,143
New Highs	169
New Lows	8
Volume	3,414,449,204

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	47042	9.69	+.13
RareEle g	41982	6.38	+.35
NovaGld g	33935	7.11	-.28
CheniereEn	33115	15.11	-.30
Rentech	31342	2.13	-.01

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvalonHld	5.32	+.32	+6.4
HKN	2.34	+.14	+6.4
AdmRsc	69.89	+3.99	+6.1
RareEle g	6.38	+.35	+5.8
AmDGEn	2.00	+.10	+5.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SagaComm	36.50	-4.44	-10.8
DocuSec	3.08	-.34	-9.9
Univ Insur	3.70	-.23	-5.9
AdcareHlt	3.76	-.22	-5.5
Orbital	5.39	-.31	-5.4

Diary

Advanced	217
Declined	241
Unchanged	37
Total issues	495
New Highs	6
New Lows	3
Volume	78,570,954

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	747235	2.25	+.01
ArenaPhm	551370	3.26	+.25
Cisco	440851	20.91	+.07
MicronT	388636	8.58	+.33
Microsoft	353073	32.52	-.07

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
pSivida	2.50	+.67	+36.4
SoCmtyFn	2.65	+.69	+35.1
SCmtyII pf	9.40	+2.36	+33.6
CrownCstl	5.35	+1.00	+23.0
RepFBcp	2.32	+.42	+22.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AstexInt	4.40	-1.11	-20.1
GravityCo	2.93	-.48	-14.1
Neurocrine	7.76	-1.21	-13.5
Multiband	2.91	-.41	-12.3
CarverB rs	7.23	-.97	-11.8

Diary

Advanced	938
Declined	1,538
Unchanged	126
Total issues	2,639
New Highs	187
New Lows	16
Volume	1,603,254,662

Stocks edge lower after consumer report

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major stock indexes dipped Tuesday as weak readings on consumer confidence gave investors little reason to extend the recent rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 43.90 points to close at 13,197.73, a loss of 0.3 percent. Bank of America fell 3.3 percent, the biggest drop in the Dow, after an analyst downgraded the stock.

Major indexes opened higher, then pulled back after 10 a.m., when the Conference Board said its index of consumer confidence slipped in March. Higher gas prices offset the surging stock market. Around the same time, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Virginia reported that a measure of regional manufacturing plunged this month.

Other indexes edged lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 3.99 points to 1,412.52. The Nasdaq composite fell 2.22 points to 3,120.35.

More than four stocks fell for every three that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading volume was well below average at 3.4 billion.

The S&P 500 index and the Nasdaq are up more than 1 percent for the week. The S&P 500 has already gained 12.3 percent to start the year. That three-month surge easily beats the 8 percent return most fund managers hope to make in a whole year. The Nasdaq is up even more for the year, 19.8 percent.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $17.63 Down 0.35

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $82.86 Down 0.87

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $101.39 Down 1.62

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $34.50 Down 0.81

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.05 Down 0.35

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $8.10 Down 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.31 Down 0.43

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76f	48	31.64	-.15	+4.6
Abraxas	...	16	3.25	-.02	-1.5
AdamsEx	.65e	...	11.03	-.01	+14.4
Allymax	...	...	14.31	+.58	+116.5
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.42	-.01	+55.1
Alcoa	.12	14	10.06	-.16	+18.3
AlonUSA	.16	13	9.06	-.07	+4.0
AmIntlGrp	...	3	29.67	+.61	+27.9
Amgen	1.44	17	67.81	+.29	+5.6
Anadarko	.36	...	78.33	-1.13	+2.6
Annaly	2.37e	33	16.24	-.06	+1.8
Apache	.60f	9	101.38	+.34	+11.9
Apple Inc	10.60	18	614.48	+7.50	+51.7
ApldMatl	.36f	11	12.82	-.14	+19.7
ArenaPhm	...	...	3.26	+.25	+74.3
ATMOS	1.36	14	31.11	+.12	-0.7
AutoData	1.58	21	55.74	+.01	+3.2
BP PLC	1.92f	6	44.90	-1.33	+5.1
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.76	-.16	-0.6
BakrHu	.60	11	41.95	-1.16	-13.6
BlackMm	.04	...	9.60	-.33	+72.7
Barclay	.39e	...	15.98	-.26	+45.4
Bar iPVix	...	...	17.20	+1.53	-51.6
BasicEnSv	...	15	17.63	-.35	-10.5
BerkHa A	...	2012	2859.00	-986.00	+5.9
BerryPet	.32	...	49.65	-1.39	+18.2
BlkStMinCp	1.40f	22	33.89	+.21	+.9
BrkfldSq	1.36	16	39.57	+.08	-4.5
BrownFA	1.40	20	81.25	...	+2.5
BrownFB	1.40	21	83.72	-.03	+4.0
CBX s	.48	13	22.06	+.51	+4.7
CVS Care	.65	18	45.34	-.31	+11.2
Cameron	...	23	51.34	-1.52	+4.4
Caterpillar	1.84	15	109.06	-.69	+19.3
Celsion g	...	9	9.76	-.10	+33.2
CntryLink	2.90	23	39.12	-.04	+5.2
ChenEng	.35	7	24.24	+.03	+8.7
Chevron	3.24	9	107.04	-.69	+.8
Chicos	.21f	19	15.31	-.14	+37.4
Cimarex	.40f	13	77.86	-.51	+25.6
Cisco	.32f	16	20.91	+.07	+16.0
Citigrp rs	.04	10	36.76	-.05	+39.6
CloyEng	...	11	62.86	-.87	+9.2
CocaCola	2.04f	19	71.87	-.09	+2.7
ColgPal	2.48f	20	96.71	-.10	+4.7
ConAgra	.96	15	26.20	+.12	-.8
ConchoRes	...	21	101.39	-1.62	+8.1
ConocPhil	2.64	9	76.84	-.52	+5.4
Corning	.30	8	14.21	-.20	+9.5
CrackerB	1.00	16	55.96	-.53	+11.0
CSVS2xVxS	...	...	6.97	+1.09	-78.2
CrosTim	2.92e	15	43.97	-.18	-10.0
DCP Mid	2.60f	38	46.45	-.50	-2.1
DR Horton	.15	42	15.77	+.34	+25.1
DTE	2.35	13	55.34	-.10	+1.6
Dataram h	...	...	.68	-.02	-16.0
Dawson	...	...	34.50	-.81	-12.7
Dell Inc	...	9	16.66	-.04	+13.9
DevonE	.80	6	71.16	-1.49	+14.8
DirSCBear	...	...	17.13	+.39	-35.3
DirFnBear	...	...	20.50	+.48	-45.1
Disney	.60f	17	44.15	-.23	+17.7
DowChm	1.00	17	35.16	-.52	+22.3
EMC Cp	...	29	29.55	-.05	+37.2
EOG Res	.88f	28	111.29	-.88	+13.0
EmpDist	1.00	15	20.40	-.02	-3.3
Energen	.56f	13	49.90	-.31	-.2
EngyTsfr	3.58	43	47.03	-.39	+2.6
EnPro	...	18	40.75	+.85	+23.6
EntPrPt	2.48f	21	50.80	-.10	+9.5
Ericsson	.37e	...	10.26	+.01	+1.3
ExterranH	...	...	13.72	-.84	+50.8
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	86.62	-.41	+2.2
FifthThird	.32	12	14.00	-.30	+10.1
FordM	.20	7	12.32	-.16	+14.5
ForestOil s	...	16	12.63	+.30	-8.8
FMCG	1.25f	8	38.75	-.13	+5.3
FrontierCm	.40m	24	4.99	-.08	-20.6
FrontierPd	...	...	1.17	...	-9.3
GATX	1.20f	19	41.76	-.97	-4.4
GabBkdRT	.90m	...	7.25	...	+16.4
GAInv	.50e	...	20.00	...	+16.4
GenElec	.92	16	20.04	-.01	+11.9
Gollsmith	...	...	4.23	-.06	+32.2
Goodrich	1.16	20	126.10	+.15	+1.1
GtPlainEn	.95	10	20.32	+.19	-6.7
HalconR rs	...	...	10.27	-.50	+9.4
Hallibrtn	.36	11	32.83	-.82	-4.9
Heckmann	...	...	4.48	-.11	-32.6
Heinz	1.92	17	53.16	-.04	-1.6
HewlettP	.48	8	23.62	-.27	-8.3
Hibbett	...	...	62.17	+.09	+21.2
iShJapn	.20e	...	10.14	+.08	+11.3
iShEMkts	.81e	...	43.42	-.24	+14.4
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	55.13	-.35	+11.3
iShR2K	1.10e	...	83.81	-.59	+13.6
IntegrysE	2.72	18	53.28	+.22	-1.7
Intel	.84	12	28.19	...	+16.2
InterDig	.40	18	35.81	-.48	-17.8
JPMorgCh	1.20f	10	45.89	-.28	+38.0
JohnJn	2.28	19	65.40	+.23	-.3
JnprNtwk	...	23	22.23	+.81	+8.9
Keycorp	.12	8	8.36	-.10	+8.7
KimbCltx	2.96f	18	73.66	-.02	+.2
KindME	4.64	...	83.19	-.45	-2.1
KindMM	4.64i	...	76.00	+.25	-3.2
LegacyRes	2.20f	17	29.05	-.35	+2.9
LennarA	.16	56	27.63	+1.23	+40.8
Lowes	.56	22	31.18	...	+22.9
Lubys	...	26	5.62	-.07	+24.6
McDnlds	2.80	18	97.34	+.37	-3.0
McMoRn	...	...	11.23	-.91	-22.8
Merck	1.68	19	38.80	+.14	+2.9
MeritMed s	...	20	12.10	-.19	-9.6
MexcoEn	...	58	8.18	+.01	+16.9
MicronT	...	...	8.58	+.33	+36.3
Microsoft	.80	12	32.52	-.07	+25.3
MorgStan	.20	19	20.72	-.45	+36.9
Nabors	...	13	17.79	-.99	+2.6
NatGrid	3.00e	...	59.55	-.77	+4.3
NDrlMarco	.48	17	78.21	-1.67	+15.0
NokiaCp	1.26e	...	5.37	+.03	+11.4
NvMAd	.95e	...	14.46	+.11	-1.5
NvPRB	.94	...	14.42	+.04	-2.6
NuvPI	.92	...	14.23	+.16	-1.7
NSTFRB	.95e	...	14.46	+.12	+1.2
NTXGI	.82	...	16.25	-.07	-.5
OcciPet	2.16f	12	96.41	-.76	+5.0
Oracle	.24	15	29.35	+.19	+14.4
PerTech	...	16	4.89	...	+24.1
PerkElm	...	...	6.11	+.19	-14.8
PettUTI	.20	9	17.85	-.31	-12.2
PenRE	.80	...	15.49	+.11	+48.1
Permian	1.45e	17	23.16	+.09	+13.7
Pfizer	.88f	18	22.50	+.34	+4.0
PiaNtrl	.08	15	106.65	+1.65	+19.2
PlainsAA	4.10f	16	79.32	-.29	+8.0
PwShs QQQ	.49e	...	68.21	+.10	+22.2
Primsic	2.20f	21	114.55	+.57	+7.2
PrmEgy	...	...	28.55	+.04	+17.5
ProctGam	2.10	17	67.15	-.31	+.7
PulteGrp	...	...	9.06	+.27	+43.6
RangeRs	.16	80	58.57	-.70	-5.4
RegionsFn	.04	39	6.58	-.03	+53.0
Renren n	...	...	5.50	+.17	+54.9
RschMotn	...	3	13.89	-.15	-4.2
Rowan	...	31	32.81	-.54	+8.2
RoyDShllA	3.36	14	70.74	-1.43	-3.2
SpdrDJIA	3.51e	...	131.67	-.42	+8.1
S&P500ETF	2.64e	...	141.17	-.44	+12.5
SabnR	4.12e	15	60.03	-.47	-4.9
SanderFm	.68	...	53.73	-.94	+7.2
SandRidge	...	62	8.02	-.19	-1.7
Sapient	.36e	24	12.64	+.11	+.3
Schlmbrg	1.10f	19	69.96	-2.44	+2.4
Schwab	.24	21	14.92	-.31	+32.5
SigmaAld	.80f	20	74.68	+.01	+18.6
SiriusXM	...	17	2.25	+.01	+23.6
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SprintNex	...	...	2.83	-.03	+20.9
SP Engy	1.10e	...	72.07	-.73	+4.3
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	15.83	-.15	+21.8
Suncorg s	1.68f	13	37.79	-.17	-4.1
TelVetEsp	2.14e	...	16.66	-.24	-3.1
Tesoro	...	7	28.64	-.02	+22.6
3M Co	2.36f	15	89.14	+.02	+9.1
Trchmrk s	.80f	11	50.32	-.16	+16.0
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TriContl	.40e	...	15.97	-.08	+12.3
TylerTech	...	46	38.48	-.32	+27.8
UBWV	1.24	18	29.55	-.29	+4.5
Vale SA	1.55e	...	23.24	+.07	+8.3
ValeroE	.60	7	27.52	+.47	+30.7
VangEmg	.91e	...	43.78	-.20	+14.6
VerizonCm	2.00	45	38.66	-.67	-3.6
VulcanM	.04	...	44.12	-.17	+12.1
Walgrn	.90	12	34.80	+.43	+5.3
WeathfIntl	...	47	15.93	-.72	+8.8
WellsFargo	.88f	12	34.00	-.39	+23.4
WstnRefin	.04e	11	18.90	-.77	+42.2
WhitingPet	...	12	55.01	-1.61	+17.8
WmsCos	1.04f	21	30.99	+.38	+14.9
XcelEngy	1.04	15	26.47	+.10	-4.2
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,289.08	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	13,197.73	-43.90	-.33	+8.02	+7.48
5,687.65	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,276.31	-12.71	-.24	+5.11	+.28
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	458.23	+2.13	+.47	-1.39	+11.90
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	8,239.37	-49.42	-.60	+10.20	-1.27
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,432.73	-15.92	-.65	+6.78	+3.74
3,122.57	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	3,120.35	-2.22	-.07	+19.76	+13.18
1,416.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,412.52	-3.99	-.28	+12.32	+7.05
14,913.70	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,864.57	-48.88	-.33	+12.70	+6.15
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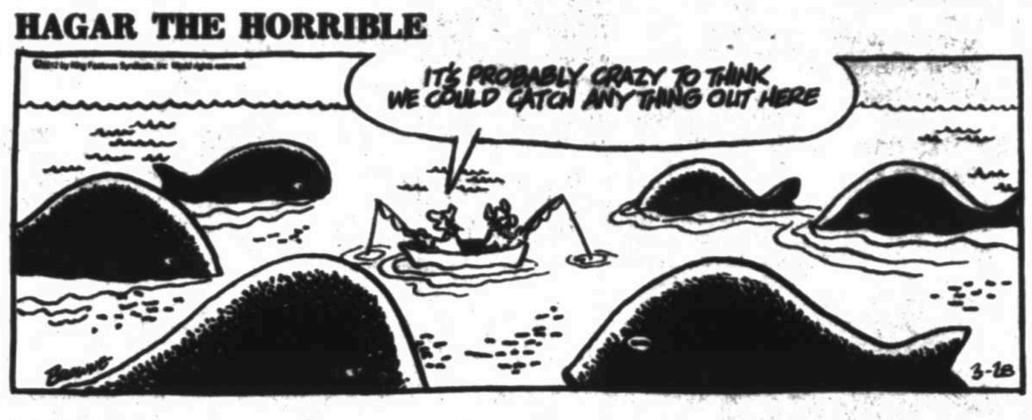
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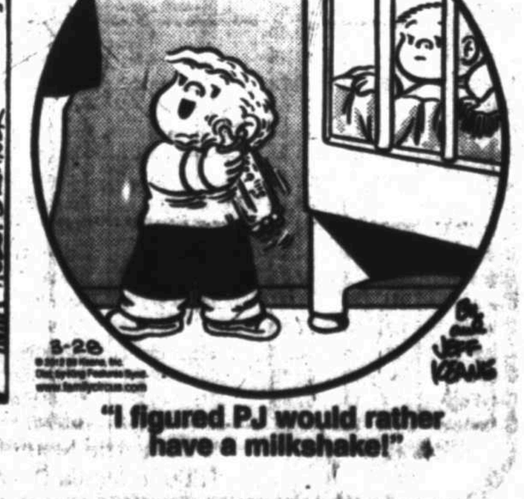
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Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres Formation in the Goldsmith San Andres Unit Lease, well number: B176W. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3854' – 5111' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Kenneth G. Molinero, DO
Notice of Practice Relocation

Dr. Molinero is leaving Premier Physicians and will be starting his orthopedic practice out-of-the-area after May 31, 2012.

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The Board of Trustees of the Presidio Independent School District and Anderson Building & Development LLC, Construction Manager for PISD, are inviting Competitive Sealed Proposals for subcontractors and suppliers to construct **Presidio Elementary School Addition** for Presidio ISD in Presidio Texas.

Competitive Sealed Proposals for **All Trades** will be received on or before Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. CDT, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 100 Market Street, Presidio, Texas, 79845, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Bid Bonds in the amount of five per cent (5%) will be required. **Bids by facsimile will not be accepted.**

Presidio ISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all formalities not involving price, time, or changes in the work and the right to disregard all immaterial, nonconforming, non- responsive, conditional, unbalanced, or combination bids, and to award contracts deemed to be in the best interest of the Presidio Independent School District.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the job site, 100 Market Street, Presidio TX 79845, on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 2:00PM CDT. Attendance is recommended but not mandatory.

Plans and instructions to bidders may be obtained by contacting ARC, 615 S Lamar St Austin, Texas, 78704, phone 512-441-2475 and can be viewed on their web site https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=111, Click: Public Planroom.

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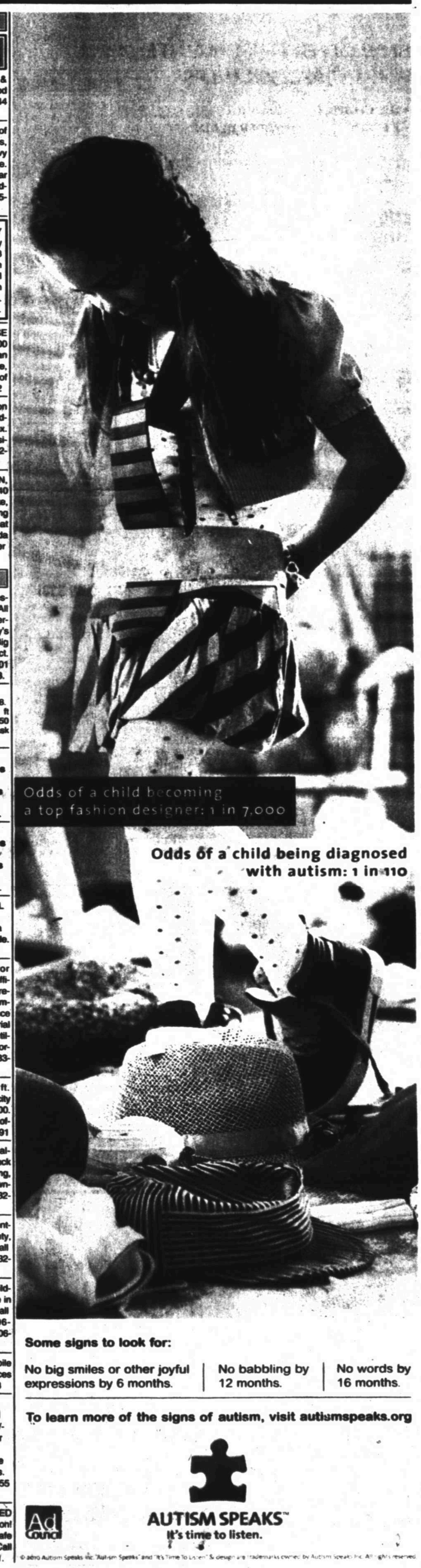
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