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Mayor to present State of City today

Water, traffic, economic growth among topics set to be discussed

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Addressing Midland's continually expanding population while also maintaining the characteristics that have long defined the Tall City will be among the goals discussed during today's State of the City Address.

Mayor Wes Perry will address the city during an 11:30 a.m. lunch today at Midland Center. With a population that has expanded by more than 16,000 during the past decade to an estimated 111,147 people in 2010, Perry said water needs, traffic and the energy-driven economy all are changing.

"Our theme is 'feel the energy,'" Perry said. "Part of that is just recognizing our economy is based on energy. What's more important is our human energy and how we work together and solve problems."

Instead of the typical format of a speech followed by questions from the audience, Perry has pre-recorded an interview with Basin PBS' General Manager Daphne Dowdy. The tape of their discussion, which will hit on topics from downtown development to water to affordable housing, will play during lunch and then Perry will hold a question-and-answer session with residents. The pre-taped interview also will air at 7 p.m. Monday on PBS and play on the city's access channel.

"It's just kind of a new spin on things and a little change," said Tasa Watts, public information officer.

With an increased population, Perry said more services are needed, whether that be through fire and police, water usage or education. The city, he said, is just one part of the community, and maintaining Midland's positive atmosphere will mean working as a piece of the bigger picture and supporting others such as the school district.

"The city as a whole is one community," Perry said. "We have to recognize those priorities may be citywide. It's not just what the city of Midland needs."

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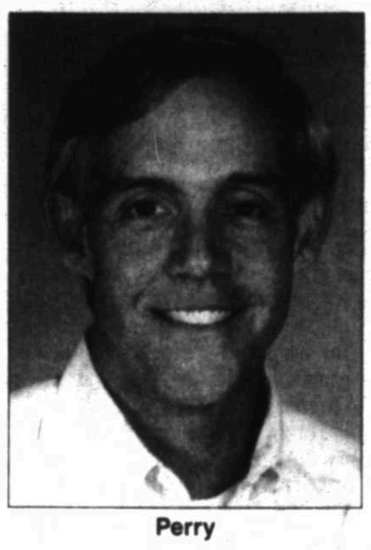
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Guy Landry (10) raises the Region V Tournament trophy as the No. 3-ranked Chaparrals celebrate after defeating McLennan Community College in Sunday's championship game.

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NATIONALS: The next game for the Chaps is March 15 in Kansas.

Find coverage of Sunday's game, plus more photos in SPORTS/1C

A tax or not a tax, that is the question

■ Legislators debate the difference among taxes, fees and surcharges.

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ Analysis

If you're a political lip-reader, taxes are not the same as fees, or surcharges, or exemptions, deductions and wagers.

Texas lawmakers are scrounging for cash and for ways to generate state revenue without breaking their promises not to raise taxes, which would trigger waves of opposition in the 2012 elections. By one count, the anorexic budgets proposed by the House, the Senate and the governor include about $150 million in new fees. That's a financial speck, relatively speaking, against the $15 billion or so lawmakers need if they want to bring those proposals up to the level of current spending, or the roughly $27 billion that would bring them up to what's needed to maintain current services.

They've forsworn taxes, many of them, but they also promised to educate kids, to build roads, to care for the needy and to do all of those things government is expected to do. It's the adult version of those mathematical story problems that made sixth grade so much fun.

The easy money is the money that's in the bank. Most Republican lawmakers are playing coy about tapping savings, but they'll have to before they raise significant money from most other sources. It's especially hard to raise taxes when you've got a rainy day fund with $9.4 billion available.

The loudest anti-tax crusader in the country, Grover Norquist, of Americans for Tax Reform, is already patrolling Texas for apostates. When state Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, filed legislation that would make it harder for Amazon and other Internet and mail-order retailers to avoid collecting Texas sales taxes, Norquist pounced, writing a letter to warn legislators that the bill would impose a new tax and that anyone who has taken an anti-tax pledge should stay away from it.

It's not a trivial issue: Comptroller Susan Combs, a Republican, is suing Amazon for $269 million, saying the

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Man recognized as oldest male Avon sales representative

By Fanny S. Chirinos
Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — When the Avon lady comes calling, sometimes his name is Bob.

Corpus Christi resident Bob Bettiga is darn proud to sell Avon. "Bob the Avon Guy," as he's marketed himself, has won several corporate awards to prove it.

A top salesman, he recently was named the oldest male company representative and is one of about three men selling Avon in the Corpus Christi area, he says.

"I love helping people, and Avon lets me do that," said the 82-year-old former financial planner. "Helping others is my motivation."

Helping someone achieve outer beauty is satisfying, but the thrill comes when enriching people's lives, he said. He loves helping people gain status by selling Avon.

Avon has about 600,000 representatives in the U.S. and about 6.5 million worldwide, spokeswoman Lindsay Fox said. Direct Selling Association, a trade organization, reports that about 20

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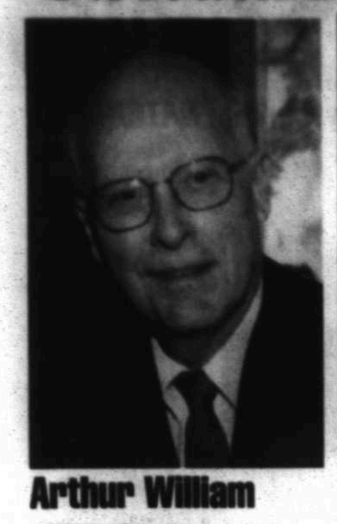

Arthur William (Bill) Glover

Arthur William (Bill) Glover, 82, of Weatherford died Saturday, March 5, 2011.

Born on February 19, 1929, in San Angelo, Texas, he lived in Midland, Texas, Roswell, New Mexico, and Denver, Colorado, before moving to Weatherford in 2003. Bill was a petroleum geologist working in the oil and gas industry for his entire career after graduating from the University of Texas in 1955. He was devoted to family and friends, and will be greatly missed.

Bill will be remembered for his unfailing kindness to all who knew him, his love for his family, especially his grandchildren, and his warm laugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Velma Glover, wife Naomi Glover, and daughter Kathryn Glover.

Survivors include his daughter, Cindy Vaszauskas and husband Jim of Weatherford; three grandsons, Chris, Jason and Trey Vaszauskas, sister-in-law Mary Glover, nieces and nephews Mark, Cindy and Andrew Glover, Kim Elliott, Elizabeth Williams, Mike and Carol Glover, Jack and Khaki Hoover, and many other family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held in Midland, Texas at a later date. Galbreaith-Pickard Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Billy Gene Payne

Billy Gene Payne, born in Van, Texas on September 17, 1930, went to be with his Maker on Friday, March 4, 2011, surrounded by his loving family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wylie and Hester Payne, his two brothers, J.W. and Wilburn Payne, and his two sisters, Catherine McMillan and Francis Long. Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife of fifty-seven years, Wanda, daughter Jeanine Trantham and her husband Joe, son Mark Payne and his wife Pam, daughter Teresa Speer and her husband Duane, and daughter Ginger Sharp and her husband Marc. He also left behind seven grandsons, five granddaughters, and two great-grandsons. He is also survived by his brother Bobby Jack Payne.

He served in the Army working with the early radar systems that guarded New York during the Korean War. Never intimidated by the challenges of a new job, he worked in many different areas from repairing bicycles to overseeing the installation of aviation equipment in twin turbine jets. When a job ceased to be a challenge to him, he would move on and find a new project. In the 1980's, along with his wife and brother Bobby Jack, he built West Texas Cable Company and helped to bring cable TV to much of west Odessa. After selling the cable company in 1986, he spent the next twenty years building a ranch on the Brazos River near Mineral Wells, tending to the cows and enjoying his friends, family and grandkids. A dedicated employee and employer, he knew there was much more to this life than just work. He took time to enjoy life and those around him. He always had time for others and would give you the shirt off his back, loan you his tractor or just help you do whatever needed to be done. A generous and caring man, he always looked for the good in others while uplifting and inspiring those around him.

Visitation with the family will be from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Funeral services officiated by David Fowler, pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, will be held on Tuesday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

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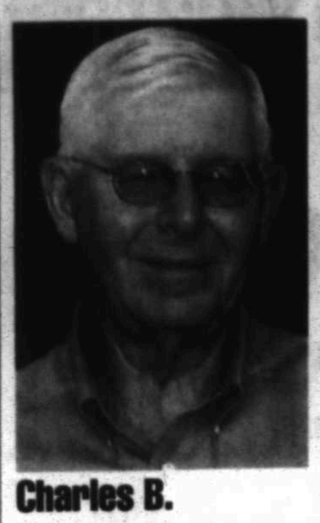

Charles B. Straughan

Funeral service for Charles B. Straughan, 74, of Lubbock will be at 4PM, Monday, March 7, 2011 at Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock. Internment will follow in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englunds Funeral Service of Slaton.

Charles died March 5, 2011 at Covenant Medical Center after a long illness.

He was born September 4, 1936 in Dallas, TX. Charles graduated from Quanah High School in 1955. He married Joyce Gamble on August 10, 1968 in Slaton.

Charles retired from Atmos Energy on October 15, 1997 with 38 years service. For the past 11 years, Charles volunteered his time to the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents Cecil and Annie Lou Straughan of Quanah and sister, Dorris Jane Dennis of Vernon and a grandson Tanner Straughan.

Charles is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joyce and sons, Tracy and wife, Kari Straughan of Midlothian and Clay and wife, Jessica Straughan of Lubbock. He is also survived by five grandchildren Caleb, Hunter, Brady, Brenna and Will Straughan.

The family suggests memorial to Westmont Christian Church or Special Olympics Texas.

Epiridion (Pete) Trevino Jr.

In remembrance of Mr. Pete Trevino was born to Espiridion Trevino I and Concepcion Valverde on August 18, 1944 in Melvin, TX and departed this life on March 4, 2011 in Midland, TX. He was married to Georgia S. Trevino on November 15, 1961 and was a dedicated and loving husband for 49 years until his passing.

He proudly served as Deputy Marshall of Sundown, TX in his early years, and worked at Texas Department of Transportation until his retirement 4 years ago.

He was very devoted to God and family. He was well respected by friends and family and well-liked for his friendly personality, listening ear and inspiring strength as the head of the family. He will be remembered by most for his witty sense of humor and ability to make a room break out in laughter.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Georgia, three brothers; Ismael, George and Henry, one sister, Berta, his five children; Corrina, Connie, Anna, Pete III and Ernie, sixteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Though our hearts seem empty, filling it with happy memories can help us find our smile. Memories are the legacy of love, thank you Pio, Dad and Popo for so much love to be remembered and had. Till we meet again.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 6:00 PM. Rosary will follow at 7:00 pm. Funeral mass will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven North. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Johnnie Luther Merrifield

Johnnie Luther Merrifield, age 88, went to meet his Lord and Maker on Friday, March 4, 2011. He was born in Sentinel, Oklahoma on May 7, 1922. Johnnie married the former Geneva M. Catlett on September 7, 1942. Geneva, the love of his life, preceded him in death on August 21, 2010, just shy of their 68th wedding anniversary.

Johnnie joined the army in October 1942 and served our country in northern France and central Europe during World War II. After his discharge in December 1945, he continued to work for the government as a fireman at Burns Flatt Air Force Base in Oklahoma and later transferred to Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, Texas. He retired from civil service when Webb AFB was closed in 1977.

After his retirement, Johnnie and Gevena purchased a home in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Originally it was meant to be a vacation home and to be used as a base during hunting season. However, they came to love the people and the beauty of Colorado and it wasn't long before they were living there and using their Midland home only when they came to visit family. Both Johnnie and Geneva were very active in the Pagosa Springs Church of Christ and Johnnie served as elder there until declining health forced them to return to Texas in 2007.

Johnnie was also preceded in death by his daughter, Darla Merrifield, his parents, five brothers, and two sisters. He is survived by his brother, L.D. Shultz and wife, Pat of Sentinel, OK; his children Larry Merrifield and wife Janice of Athens, TX, Sandra Hull and husband Mike of Midland, TX, and Mary Pearce and husband David of Midland, TX; six grandchildren: Wayne Merrifield and wife Christie of Hewitt, TX, Johnny Merrifield of Trinidad, TX, Brian Merrifield of Athens, TX, Shawn Hull and wife Caeli of North Las Vegas, Nevada, Tammy Awtry and husband Andrew of Colorado Springs, CO, Chris Pearce and wife Amber of Midland, TX; nine great-grandchildren: Amanda and Samantha Merrifield; Jacob and Hannah Hull; Skylar, Maddox, and Rowan Awry; Cheyenne and Kiah Pearce.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff of Manor Park and Home Hospice for the compassionate care they gave Johnnie during his last days.

The family will receive friends and family Monday, March 7, 2011 at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the North A Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Resthaven North. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Oleta Moore Darsey

Mrs. Oleta Moore Darsey, age 98 of Kerrville, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2011 at her residence. She was born December 15, 1912 in Merkel, TX to Walter and Ettna Mae (Cox) Darsey.

Mrs. Darsey enjoyed reading and loved her family, church and her Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.T. Darsey in 1990.

Survivors include daughter, Linda Lusk and husband, Doug of Kerrville; sister, Verne Terry of Plano; brother, Boyd Moore of Fredericksburg, TX; four grandchildren; and thirteen great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Bellview Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville, TX and Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, TX.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bellview Baptist Church 1710 N. Big Spring Street, Midland, TX 79701.

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Death Notices

"Curley" Willie J. Beard

Monahans - "Curley" Willie J. Beard, age 75, of Monahans died Saturday, March 5, 2011 in Odessa.

Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Southside Baptist Church with Reverend Jimmy Bryant officiating. Burial will follow at Monahans Memorial Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home.

Survivors include his son, Danny Beard of Monahans; a daughter, Dawn Gray of Monahans; 1 brother, Earl Beard of Midland; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

3-time shuttle crewmember John Lounge dies

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Three-time space shuttle crew member John Lounge, who was part of the first shuttle mission after the 1986 shuttle Challenger disaster, has died at age 64.

A NASA statement said Lounge died in Houston on Tuesday.

The Navy veteran joined the U.S. astronaut corps in 1980 and flew his first mission aboard the shuttle Discovery in 1985. His second mission came in 1988, when he was part of a shuttle Discovery mission that was the first flight after Challenger blew up during launch. His last flight came aboard Columbia in 1990.

In all, Lounge logged 20 days in space before resigning from the astronaut corps to become director of space shuttle and space station program development for Boeing-NASA Systems.

Chairman of OU Board of Regents dies at 72

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The chairman of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, Larry Wade of Elk City, died Sunday. He was 72.

Catherine Bishop, OU vice president for public affairs, said Wade died during the early morning hours at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Bishop said she didn't know the exact cause of death, but Wade had suffered from heart problems.

"Oklahoma has lost one of its most dedicated citizen leaders. Larry Wade devoted his life to building a better future for our state and his hometown of Elk City," university President David Boren said in a written statement. "As an active alumnus and Regent for the University of Oklahoma, he was a champion for students. His first priority was more scholarships for students to give all an opportunity to learn.

"He provided strong leadership for the successful OU Scholarship Campaign. Larry Wade was a loyal friend and a valued adviser to me for over 40 years. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

The Campaign for Scholarships that Wade led surpassed its goal of raising $100 million for endowed scholarships and, so far, has collected almost $140 million in donations or pledges, according to the university's website. The success of the campaign allowed OU to double its private scholarships in the last five years. The campaign has been extended for another five years with a goal of $250 million.

Dr. John Bell, vice chairman of the regents, also praised Wade's work on the scholarship campaign, and his dedication to the university.

"He was the ultimate OU fan," Bell said. "Larry's concern and involvement at all three universities governed by our board will be missed."

Wade was named to the board for a seven-year term in 2004 by then-Gov. Brad Henry.

British director Charles Jarrott dies at 83

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — British director Charles Jarrott, whose career of nearly 50 years in film and television included the acclaimed British royalty dramas "Anne of the Thousand Days" and "Mary, Queen of Scots," has died, a spokeswoman said Saturday. He was 83.

Jarrott, who had been suffering from prostate cancer, died Friday night at the Woodland Hills retirement community operated by the Motion Picture & Television Fund, the organization's spokeswoman Jaime Larkin said.

The London-born Jarrott served in the Royal Navy during World War II and was an actor before taking up directing in 1954. He worked mostly in television, then went on to direct a prominent string of feature films in the 1960s and 1970s.

He won a Golden Globe for directing Richard Burton as Henry VIII in 1969's "Anne of the Thousand Days," which told the story of the Tudor monarch and Anne Boleyn.

Two years later, he returned with the similarly themed "Mary, Queen of Scots," with Vanessa Redgrave in the title role.

The two films, produced by Hollywood legend and "Casablanca" producer Hal Wallis, were nominated for a combined 15 Academy Awards.

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Agencies at odds over day care fire probe

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — As Glenn Price prepared to bury his 3-year-old grandson, one of four children killed in a fire at a Houston day care, he expressed frustration about why the woman accused of leaving the children alone was able to flee to Nigeria.

"How could she have gotten out of the country?" Price said at his grandson Shomari Dickerson's funeral last week. "Jessica Tata, if you can hear us right now, be a real woman and come forward. You've got all these babies' deaths in your thoughts, in your conscience."

Investigators believe Tata fled the U.S. two days after the Feb. 24 blaze at her home day care center and shortly after she spoke with a lawyer about her possible criminal liability. The fire also injured three children, and Tata was charged a week later with manslaughter.

Authorities said they are doing everything they can to find Tata and bring her back to the U.S. But that's provided little comfort for many family members like Price, who said that "without a doubt" the investigation has been mishandled.

Local prosecutors and arson investigators have bickered over whether possible delays in charging Tata could have given her an opportunity to run. Fire investigators said they relayed a tip that Tata might flee, but prosecutors said they never got the information.

Houston fire chief Terry Garrison downplayed any rift, saying everyone is frustrated.

"We're upset because the closure for these families will take a lot longer," he said.

The first 911 call about the fire came in at 1:29 p.m., but surveillance video shows Tata was shopping alone at a nearby Target store from 1:09 p.m. until 1:22 p.m., according to court records and separate timelines prepared by the Houston Fire Department and the Harris County District Attorney's office.

When questioned around 3 p.m., Tata told investigators she was in the bathroom at the home when the fire started. But then she complained of feeling ill and was taken to the hospital. Investigators believe the fire was ignited by a stove top burner that had been left on.

"We tried to make contact with her (at the hospital)," Garrison said. "She says, 'I can't talk to you. I don't even know who you are. I have amnesia.'"

Fire investigators believed they had enough evidence to arrest Tata early the next day and show she'd left the children alone. But prosecutors said it wasn't enough and told investigators to talk to Tata and confirm there were no other adults in the home.

So investigators re-interviewed witnesses, confirmed with state officials that Tata was the day care's only employee and relayed a tip to prosecutors that Tata — a U.S. citizen who had family in Nigeria — might flee. Garrison said investigators again approached prosecutors, who didn't consider the flight-risk tip valid and again declined to file charges.

However, Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos said her office was never told Tata might flee.

"The primary thing is, was the defendant at home? If not, was there an adult in the residence at the time of the fire? Until you had evidence from witnesses to the negative, then you can't file charges," Lykos said.

When investigators tracked down Tata, a day after the fire following her release from the hospital, she refused to speak without a lawyer, Garrison said.

Tata, her brother and mother met with lawyer Mike Monks for about 20 minutes that afternoon. Monk declined to comment on the discussion but said neither Tata nor her family hired him.

"They came in to talk to me about possible criminal liability in the case," said Monks, who had represented Tata's family before.

Later that day, as media attention intensified, prosecutors inquired about new information, according to the fire department's timeline. Fire investigators said they had none, and unsuccessfully asked a third time for charges.

The next day, Feb. 26, investigators conducted more interviews — but Tata was on her way out of the country.

She'd flown from Dallas to Atlanta, and just before midnight, she was on a flight to Lagos, Nigeria, according to passenger records reviewed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Tata arrived in Nigeria the following day as investigators, unaware she was gone, finished talking with all the children's families and convinced prosecutors to charge Tata with injury to a child. Investigators learned Tata had fled while preparing the probable cause affidavit.

But it wasn't until a day later — four days after the fire — that a judge accepted the charge.

"We are doing everything we can to have that woman arrested and brought back to this country," said Lykos, the Harris County district attorney.

Interpol, the international police agency, has alerted its member countries, including Nigeria, telling them Tata is being sought by the U.S. The U.S. Marshals Service is offering a reward of up to $25,000 and put Tata on its 15 Most Wanted fugitive list.

Prosecutors have since filed nine more charges, including injury to a child and child abandonment. A grand jury on Thursday indicted her on four counts of manslaughter, which carry sentences of up to 20 years in prison.

Associated Press

FINAL GOODBYE Tiffany Dickerson cries at the gravesite of her son Shomari Dickerson on Thursday in Houston. The 3-year-old died in a day care fire Feb. 24.

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AUSTIN

Historic oak tree doomed by disease

AUSTIN — A giant oak tree that has stood at Laguna Gloria's Driscoll Villa in Austin for more than 200 years will have to come down, doomed by an incurable fungal disease.

The Austin Museum of Art's Laguna Gloria site director, Judith Sims, tells the Austin American-Statesman that the museum has spent $21,000 trying to keep the tree alive. However, arborists finally told museum officials that the tree, which stood on the land when "Father of Texas" Stephen F. Austin owned it, wouldn't last much longer.

Bartlett Tree Experts Regional manager Patrick Brewer says the tree suffers from a fungal disease that has attacked its roots and hollowed out its trunk. He says the disease is incurable and that the tree could fall at any time if not cut down.

WACO

4 killed in 2-vehicle crash

WACO — Four people are dead after a pickup slammed broadside into a car at a highway intersection east of Waco.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said the crash happened Saturday 10 miles east of Waco. DPS Sr. Cpl. Charlie Morgan said the pickup was southbound on Farm Road 939 when it apparently ran a stop sign and slammed into the passenger side of the car, which was eastbound on U.S. 84.

Killed were the truck's driver, 40-year-old James Mark Baize, and the car's three passengers: 25-year-old Lori Gale Gutierrez-Johnson; 2-year-old Cinnamon Kashmein Unique Johnson; and 5-year-old Robert Elijah Nadaniel Johnson, all of Mart.

The car's driver, 25-year-old Robert Eric Johnson of Mart, wasn't seriously injured.

6 killed, 3 injured in mobile home fire

Associated Press

GRANBURY — A fire raced through a lakefront home in North Texas early Sunday, killing six people and injuring three others, authorities said.

The fire broke out about 5:30 a.m. Sunday in a double-wide mobile home in Lake Granbury, about 65 miles southwest of Dallas, Hood County Fire Marshal Brian Fine told the Associated Press.

The fire happened after a birthday party that had largely broken up for the night, Fine said. The dead ranged in age from 18 to 30 years old and included three men and three women who had lingered after the party, he said.

Two of the injured were airlifted to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, where they were treated for smoke inhalation and minor cuts and discharged, Fine said. The third was admitted for observation at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Fine said.

The identities of the dead and injured were being withheld until their families could be notified, Fine said. None were from Hood County, however, making family contacts difficult, he said.

No cause has been determined for the fire, which was fought by multiple departments around the county, Fine said.

The Port Ridglea East development, where the fire took place, is made up mostly of retirees and weekenders.

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Gay legislators impacting marriage debates

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Of America's 7,382 state legislators, only 85 are openly gay or lesbian. They are, however, playing an outsized and often impassioned role when the agenda turns to recognizing same-sex couples with civil unions or full marriage rights.

In Hawaii and Illinois, gay state representatives were lead sponsors of civil union bills signed into law earlier this year. In Maryland and Rhode Island, gay lawmakers are co-sponsoring pending bills that would legalize same-sex marriage. In New York, a gay senator, Tom Duane, is preparing to be lead sponsor of a marriage bill in his chamber later this session.

"For my colleagues, knowing that I am not allowed to marry the person that I love and want to marry, that's very powerful," said Duane, a Democrat from Manhattan. "It's more difficult for them to take for granted the right they have to marry when I don't have it."

The gay lawmakers have impact in two important ways. Their speeches, often evoking personal themes, can sometimes sway wavering colleagues, and they can forge collegial relationships even with ideological foes through day-to-day professional and social interaction.

Rep. Deborah Mell, a Chicago Democrat elected to the state House in 2008, made a point of bringing her partner to legislative functions, and a year ago announced their engagement on the House floor.

Her fiancée, Christin Baker, was on hand when Mell gave an emotional speech Nov. 30 during the civil union debate. One of Mell's points: Current law would bar doctors from consulting her if Baker, her partner for more than seven years, became seriously ill.

"The more visible we are, the better," Mell said in a telephone interview. "When you look someone in the eyes, it's a little harder for them to deny that we should have the same rights."

Also speaking in that debate was Greg Harris, another gay Chicago Democrat, who urged his colleagues to be "on the right side of history."

The vote was 61-52 to allow civil unions, the Senate followed suit a day later, and Gov. Pat Quinn signed the bill into law on Jan. 31.

Harris — who is HIV-positive — said last week he felt pressure delivering that floor speech.

"What you say or don't say can win or lose a critical vote," he said. "There was a palpable sense that one way or the other, history was going to be made and everyone on the floor was going to be remembered for that vote."

In Hawaii, where a civil unions bill was signed into law last month, one of the key players was House Majority Leader Blake Oshiro, a gay Democrat.

Oshiro stood up in the closing minutes of the 2010 session to force a House vote on the measure, which was approved but vetoed in July by Republican Gov. Linda Lingle. In September, Oshiro won a primary election over a former Honolulu councilman who strongly opposed civil unions, then beat a Republican in November — ensuring the bill would re-emerge this year with a supportive Democrat, Neil Abercrombie, taking over as governor.

For Oshiro, the key moment was deciding to make a personal plea to members of his Democratic caucus to overcome their doubts and agree to a vote on civil unions in April 2010.

"I was thinking I wouldn't be able to really look in the mirror, knowing I had just let it fade," he said. "Ultimately, the caucus supported bringing it to the floor, even if some of them didn't support the bill.

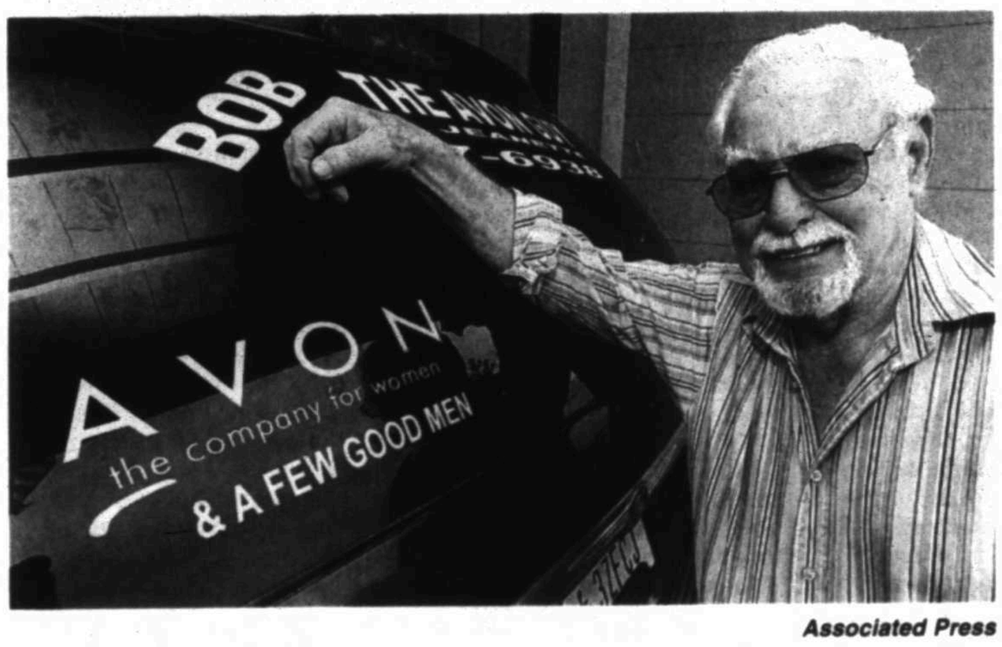
"That was my one 'ask,'" he said. "The governor vetoed it, but it really set the stage for this year."

Hawaii and Illinois are now among seven states that allow civil unions or their equivalent — state-level marriage rights in virtually everything but name. Five other states and Washington, D.C., let gay couples marry outright, and Maryland and Rhode Island would join that group if pending bills win approval.

The Maryland marriage bill cleared the Senate by a 25-21 vote on Feb. 24. The debate included a speech by the chamber's only openly gay member, Richard Madaleno, citing his partner of 10 years and their two children.

"He is my spouse in every sense of the word, but to the law, he remains a legal stranger," Madaleno said.

Timing is uncertain for a vote in the Maryland House, which has six openly gay members. But freshman lawmaker Mary Washington, a lesbian from Baltimore, has been anticipating the chance to speak in support of the bill.



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BOB CALLLING Robert "Bob The Avon Guy" Bettiga, of Corpus Christi, took over his wife's Avon business 7 year ago and now he is amongst the top producers in the country and has been recognized for having the Avon spirit.

AVON

From 1A

percent of direct sellers are male.

Fox said Avon's percentage is much smaller, but the company doesn't keep data on sales representatives' gender.

Bettiga admits being one of the few men selling Avon has come with its shares of lessons.

"I learned real quick not to approach a woman and ask if she wants to make a little money on the side," said Bettiga, unsuccessfully holding back a laugh. "I also learned to ask to meet a woman's husband or significant other. I had quite a few angry husbands asking over the phone why I was calling their wives."

Bob's leap into the world of beauty products started by accident about seven years ago, when his wife, Jeanette, broke her arm and found it difficult to keep up with her clients' needs.

She began losing customers.

Bob stepped in.

"I saw her sad and crying over not being able to do what needed done and I said, 'Heck, I can do that,'" he recalled.

Within four months, he quadrupled his wife's average sales. They sell more products than other independent agents between Victoria and Mexico without storefronts, they said.

They recently achieved the President's Council level for sales for a fifth consecutive year, having increased their sales in 2010 by 33 percent. Bob also won the Spirit of Avon award three of the past six years. The award is given to one representative each year who embodies the values of the company.

Jeanette handles the business' paperwork while Bob is the face of the company, approaching potential customers anywhere and anytime. Despite illnesses, surgeries and cancer treatments, Bob said he hasn't let his customers down.

"There's always access to a phone," Bob said. "It doesn't take much to call your customers and then place an order."

This past year, they had about $130,000 in sales, a figure that has been growing steadily since Bob took over.

And the secret to his success?

Actually not a secret at all, he said.

"When I approach someone, I already know they're going to be a customer, a helper or a new representative," Bettiga said. "And I rarely miss. I have a daily goal of adding one new customer each day. The longest streak I had was 23 days."

The Bettigas have no plans of slowing down.

"Let's put it this way. I've retired five times and still manage to work full time," Bob said. "I have the flexibility to make my own schedule, make good money and work alongside my wife. We do what we want, when we want. I'm having the best time."

TAX

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company should have but didn't collect sales taxes from Texas customers from 2005 to 2009. Amazon is only part of that problem, which Combs estimates at $600 million in lost sales and use tax collections every year.

That hole, corked, would help balance the budget, but even that's not enough. There are more fees under consideration. Lawmakers, including Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, have field-tested various changes to the state's largest corporate tax, which brings in less than a 2006 revision was supposed to produce. Now they're asking: If they adjust the levy so that it does what they hoped, is that a tax increase? If they leave the rates the same but lower the deductions businesses are allowed in calculating the tax, is that a tax increase? Does that violate any pledges? The answers, from the governor on down: Leave it alone.

Producers of high-cost natural gas could be marks this year. Getting rid of an exemption that was meant to encourage that production would bring in somewhere between $500 million and $700 million. That would help, but the industry, which is politically powerful, calls it a tax.

The "quality assurance fee" for nursing homes is back on the table. It's been around before, most recently in 2007 as an $8-per-patient per day charge that can be used, in turn, to match federal Medicaid dollars. That version would have added $400 million or so to the state budget. Nursing homes are wary of a legislative bait-and-switch because they've seen it before. They need higher fees, they say, to stay open. They'd settle for the fees they get now, but the battened-down budget proposals would cut their reimbursement rates by 33 percent.

With the quality fee under consideration, the nursing homes can't get in line for other money. When the fee — labeled "the bed tax" and "the granny tax" — died at the ends of previous sessions, they were left with nothing because other sources of money had already been committed to other programs. Color them nervous.

Lawmakers can save $3 billion to $4 billion with accounting and timing tricks, like writing a 23-month budget for the 24-month budget period and pushing the expenses from that last month into the next two-year budget. They also have $1.2 billion in other proposals, offered in a thick "government effectiveness and efficiency report" from the Legislative Budget Board. Those include a pill-splitting program out on the frontier of financial creativity: The state could save roughly $700,000 by getting state employees to order their prescription drugs in double-sized pills, which could then be split at home to get the proper dosage.

Maybe there will be a pain pill or two left for the budgeteers.

Lava spews 65 feet after crater collapse

Associated Press

VOLCANO, Hawaii — A new vent has opened at one of the world's most active volcanoes, sending lava shooting up to 65 feet high, scientists at Kilauea volcano said Sunday.

The Hawaiian Volcano Observatory said the fissure eruption was spotted shortly after the floor at the Pu'u O'o crater collapsed around 5 p.m. Saturday. It occurred along the middle of Kilauea's east rift zone, about 2 miles west of Pu'u O'o.

"As a volcanogist, this is what we do. These are the moments we wait for," volcanogist Janet Babb told KHON2. "It is exciting to see an eruption begin particularly if you can see it from the very start."

Kilauea has been in constant eruption since Jan. 3, 1983.

At the summit, lava receded rapidly late Saturday but seemed to slow Sunday. There were also about 150 small earthquakes were recorded within Kilauea in the past 24 hours.

Scientists said areas near the vent could erupt or collapse without warning, posing a threat to visitors or hikers to the area. Also potentially lethal concentrations of sulfer dioxide gas could be present within about a half-mile downwind of vent areas.

Because of the latest activity, the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park has closed Chain of Craters Road and all east rift zone and coastal trails. Kulanaokuaiki campground was also closed until further notice.

Babb told the Hawaii Tribune-Herald that the fissure has expanded to about 535 yards long and that scientists were hiking into the remote area to observe the fissure and take readings.

No homes are under threat.

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Perry said community members often ask him about water usage, which the city already has announced will have to be cut during summer months. With Midland's water sources, which include the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis Well Fields, at critically low levels, the city is aiming to cut its water usage by about 10 percent during summer months. Perry said that likely will be accomplished mostly through restrictions on irrigation.

Traffic also is a top concern of residents and something that is of increasing importance as roadways become more crowded, Perry said.

"Slow down," Perry said. "Don't text."

With changing technology allowing Midland's energy-based economy to grow, he said the city wants to support expansion while also ensuring it remains wise about how that growth occurs.

Typically, he said, Midland's economy goes up and down with the cycle of oil. With horizontal drilling and new fracking technology, though, he said the industry doesn't depend solely on oil prices but instead on using new techniques to harvest resources.

"The best place to find oil is where oil is already," Perry said. "That's what's happening — we're finding better ways to get (to it)."

Midland, he said, wants to promote a business-friendly climate and foster the population increases that come with that expanded technology and maintain a strategy for how it goes forward.

"If we don't pay attention to it, we can lose what we love about our town," Perry said. "How do you grow smart?"

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ 2011 State of the City Address, 11:30 a.m., Midland Center. The event is free to the public. Lunch can be purchased for $12. Reservations can be made by calling 685-7206.

■ Circus Gatti, Chap Center. Times: 4:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today. Tickets: Adults (18 and over) $20, students and seniors $16 and ages 2-12 $10. Seats are not reserved.

News radio talk show schedules

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6-9 a.m.: The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
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2-5 p.m.: Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m.: Local news reports
6-9 p.m.: Roger Hedgecock
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Anyone needing to send a press release to the Reporter–Telegram newsroom and don't know who to send it to, can send it to Managing Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com.

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Today in history

Today is Monday, March 7, the 66th day of 2011. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 7, 1911, President William Howard Taft ordered 20,000 troops to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border in response to the Mexican Revolution.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolutionary Wars, France declared war on Spain.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster of Massachusetts endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversations took place between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1960, Jack Paar returned as host of NBC's "Tonight Show," nearly a month after walking off in a censorship dispute with the network.

In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

Ten years ago: Ariel Sharon was sworn in as Israel's prime minister.

Five years ago: The Bush administration drew a hard line on Iran, warning of "meaningful consequences" if the Islamic government did not back away from an international confrontation over its disputed nuclear program.

One year ago: The Iraq war thriller "The Hurt Locker" received six Academy Awards including best picture, with Kathryn Bigelow accepting the first directing Oscar awarded to a woman.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Willard Scott is 77. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 73. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 71. Former Walt Disney Co. chief executive officer Michael Eisner is 69. Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Franco Harris is 61. Pro and College Football Hall-of-Famer Lynn Swann is 59. Golfer Tom Lehman is 52. International Tennis Hall-of-Famer Ivan Lendl is 51. Comedian Wanda Sykes is 47. Singer-actress Taylor Dayne is 46. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 40. Actress Rachel Weisz is 40. Actress Jenna Fischer is 37.

Thought for Today: "If you're not feeling good about you, what you're wearing outside doesn't mean a thing." — Leontyne Price, American opera singer.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Theft between $1,500 and $20,000:
Christopher J. Amalla, 25, of Littlefield, was arrested Saturday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram:
Juan G. Arredondo, 55, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Accident involving injury:
Earney L. Maker, Jr., 35, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of accident involving injury.

Intoxicated assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury:
Matthew G. Smith, 24, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of intoxicated assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

Escape while arrested and/or a confined felon, murder:
Rickey L. Taylor, Jr., 32, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday by Ector County deputies on charges of escape while arrested and/or a confined felon and murder.

Assault of a pregnant family member or house member:
Jesse J. Terrazas, 36, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of assault of a pregnant family member or house member.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Farewells for 2 space crews and for Discovery

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space shuttle and space station crews hugged goodbye Sunday after more than a week together but saved their most heartfelt farewell for Discovery.

On its final voyage after nearly three decades, Discovery, the most traveled rocketship ever, will be retired following this week's return to Earth.

The hatches between Discovery and the International Space Station were sealed Sunday afternoon, setting the stage for the shuttle's departure first thing today.

"We're going to miss you," the space station's commander, Scott Kelly, told the six shuttle astronauts. "But most of all, we're going to miss Discovery.

"Discovery has been a great ship and has really supported the International Space Station more so, I think, than any other space shuttle. We wish her fair winds and following seas."

Shuttle skipper Steven Lindsey nodded in agreement, then shook hands with Kelly. Lindsey noted that all the mission objectives had been accomplished: The new storage unit carried up by Discovery was installed and unloaded, leaving behind an empty, pristine compartment ready to serve its purpose.

Associated Press

SAY CHEESE In this March 3 photo, provided by NASA, inside the U.S. lab Destiny, 12 astronauts and cosmonauts take a break from a busy week aboard the International Space Station to pose for a joint STS-133/Expedition 26 group portrait.

Lead flight director Royce Renfrew radioed up congratulations to the two crews before the hatches slammed shut. He said he was "really proud to take Discovery home at the very top of her game," and he credited the astronauts in large part. "You guys rock," he said.

Mission Control gave Discovery's astronauts two extra days at the orbiting outpost. They took advantage of the bonus time to empty the storage unit of all the gear that went up inside it. The bonus days stretched the entire mission to 13 days on top of the 352 days already logged during Discovery's previous 38 missions.

In their last hour together, the 12 astronauts amused themselves in the new 21-foot-long, 15-foot-wide storage compartment. Taking turns a few at a time, they performed somersaults in the center of the chamber, bounced off the walls and floated through with outstretched arms like underwater swimmers.

The astronauts were having so much fun that Mission Control was sorry to interrupt. "I hate to ring the recess bell on you," Mission Control radioed, reminding the shuttle crew of one last job remaining before the hatches needed to be shut.

Immediately after undocking, Discovery will fly a victory lap of sorts around the orbiting lab, essentially for picture-taking. Then the shuttle astronauts will pull out an inspection boom and survey their ship for any signs of micrometeorite damage.

Landing is scheduled for Wednesday.

Aboard the space station, meanwhile, the crew hopes in the next week or two to unpack the humanoid robot that was left behind.

The robot, named R2 for Robonaut 2, is the first humanoid in space.

Mission Control, meanwhile, is monitoring a piece of space junk — an old rocket segment — that is threatening to come too close to the space station on Wednesday. Experts will assess the risk to the station following Discovery's undocking and determine whether the complex will have to move out of the way. The shuttle is not expected to be affected by the debris, officials said.

Only two other shuttle missions remain.

Endeavour is due to blast off April 19 with Kelly's identical twin brother Mark at the controls. Mark is married to Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who is recuperating from a gunshot blast to the head.

Atlantis will close out the 30-year shuttle program with a launch at the end of June.

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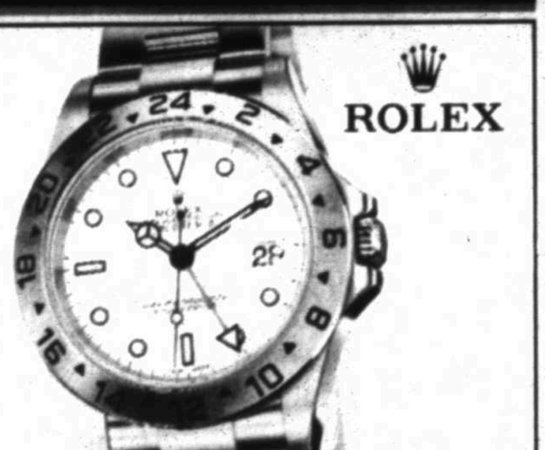
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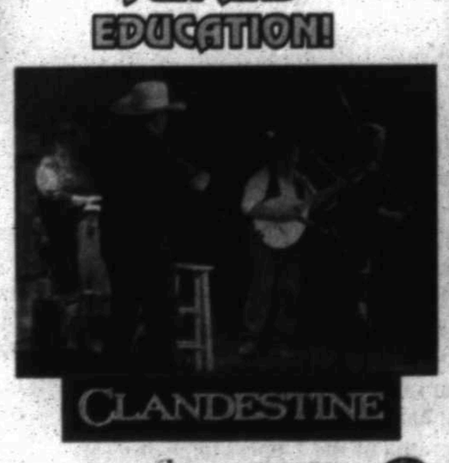
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Liberal judge takes mental activity to dangerous level

■ District court judge says decision not to buy health insurance is a mental activity.

RICH LOWRY
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"I can take care of my enemies all right," Warren Harding once said. "But my friends, my damn friends, they're the ones that keep me walking the floor nights!"

In the sense that so irked Harding, Judge Gladys Kessler is a great, good friend of ObamaCare. The U.S. district-court judge in Washington, D.C., delivered a more telling blow against the law in the course of ruling it constitutional than critics have in assailing it as a travesty.

At issue is the individual mandate. Two other district-court judges have struck it down on grounds that Congress doesn't have the power under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution to require that everyone buy health insurance. If someone doesn't purchase insurance, he hasn't done anything. He isn't engaged in activity that may or may not affect interstate commerce, but in sheer inactivity. Never before has anyone thought Congress could regulate nonevents.

The easy-to-grasp distinction between an activity and inactivity is one of the most powerful legal arguments of ObamaCare's opponents. But they hadn't yet run up against a jurist as ingenious as Judge Kessler. She brushes the activity/inactivity distinction aside because not doing something is a choice and therefore "mental activity."

Why hadn't someone thought of this before? The sophists in Eric Holder's Justice Department must be embarrassed that they didn't themselves dredge up this killer rejoinder.

The fundamental question in the ObamaCare case is whether there is any constraint on the ability of Congress to regulate economic activity. Do we still live in a system of dual sovereignty, split between the federal government and the states, as set out by the Constitution? Does the federal government only have certain enumerated powers? Is anything beyond its ambit? Judge Kessler's argument is a ringing "no" on all three counts.

Judge Kessler, a liberal Clinton appointee, takes what has been a Commerce Clause case and practically makes it a matter for the First Amendment. It's the most self-undermining defense of the constitutionality of a dubious statute since then-Solicitor General Elena Kagan told the Supreme Court that under campaign-finance reform, the government could ban certain pamphlets. Kessler, like Kagan before her, does everyone the favor of clarifying the issue.

Judge Kessler writes, "It is pure semantics to argue that an individual who makes a choice to forgo health insurance is not 'acting,' especially given the serious economic and health-related consequences to every individual of that choice. Making a choice is an affirmative action, whether one decides to do something or not do something."

When President Barack Obama is faulted during the next iteration of the Middle East crisis for his passivity, he can shoot back that he's really quite active — he's deciding not to do anything. We now know that this constitutes robust — muscular, even — activity.

Under the Kessler principle, there's no nonconduct that the federal government can't reach. Every day most Americans engage in nonactivities that affect interstate commerce. If you decide not to buy a house, not to buy a Chrysler or not to buy a Snuggie, you've impacted interstate conduct through affirmative mental actions. We've gone from the Constitution giving Congress the power to "regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes," to regulating on the basis of the mental activities of individuals deciding not to do something.

Long ago, the Commerce Clause got stretched beyond recognition. In 1942, the Supreme Court used it to uphold a law penalizing a farmer for growing wheat in excess of his approved allotment, even though it was for his own consumption. At least the poor sap was doing something. According to Kessler, Congress could also punish him for acting on a thought not to grow wheat.

Opponents of ObamaCare say that if it's blessed by the courts, there will no longer be any limiting principle on federal regulatory power. If that seems far-fetched, behold the mental activities of one Judge Gladys Kessler.

OUR VIEW

Oil show scores with investment in colleges

Colleges and universities all across the state are expecting a heavy hit in funding cuts from the Texas Legislature when the state budget is finalized. That will leave many of these institutions gasping for air as they try to find ways to face the cuts and keep the doors open.

In the Permian Basin, it appears that our colleges are prepared to meet the challenge that awaits them, but that doesn't mean that there won't be losses of programs as the cuts unfold.

That's why it was so nice to see the Permian Basin International Oil Show step to the plate recently by presenting $30,000 each to Midland College, Odessa College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. That was double the amount given for scholarships to the schools from what was given after the 2008 show.

While we already know that these schools are going to see funding cuts, we expect to see other donations of this type come forth as the area responds to the needs of the schools.

It is comforting to know that Permian Basin industries still possess that community spirit and willingness to invest in local education when needed.

Congrats to Midland's National Merit finalists

We add our congratulations to the six Midland High School seniors to gain the honor of being named National Merit Scholarship finalists.

The students are Calley Jones and James Kim, of Lee High School; Todd Hagist and Jon Langston, of Midland High School; and Vijay Agusala and Ben Hardie, of Trinity School.

They are among 15,000 finalists from across the nation. We think gaining finalist status deserves our recognition, and all six should be proud of their accomplishment.

Last fall we reported the six semifinalists from Midland were the most since 2007. There were two in 2009 and one in 2008. Certainly, things are looking up.

Guest editorial

Free speech must cover even hateful garbage

The tactics of the members of the Westboro Baptist Church are disgusting. A documentary about the small congregation from Topeka, Kan., its Pastor Fred Phelps and his clan has the well-deserved title, "The Most Hated Family in America."

The Westboro Church has a message for the United States: God is punishing this nation for its sins, principally homosexuality, and He is wreaking His vengeance on its men and women in uniform. Phelps and his family have taken this hateful message to protests near the funerals of American military personnel killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

One of those was Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, who died in an accident in Iraq in 2006. Snyder's father sued the church, and a jury in a federal court awarded him $2.9 million in compensatory damages and $8 million in punitive damages for invasion of privacy and emotional distress. An appeals court overturned that judgment.

Now the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in the case. Though the 8-1 ruling is emotionally difficult to stomach, there can be no doubt that the justices made the right decision.

Westboro protesters cannot trespass on private cemetery property. States can pass laws that reasonably govern the time, place and manner of their protests. But governments may not prevent them from protesting, nor can it allow them to be held liable for exercising free — though reprehensible — speech.

"Speech is powerful," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the majority. "It can stir people to action, move them to tears of both joy and sorrow, and — as it did here — inflict great pain. On the facts before us, we cannot react to that pain by punishing the speaker. As a nation we have chosen a different course — to protect even hurtful speech on public issues to ensure that we do not stifle public debate."

What the Westboro Baptist Church does is terrible. But it would be far worse to compromise a cherished constitutional right in an effort to silence them.

Regrettably, the ruling is a victory for the church. More important, it's a victory for free speech.

By San Antonio Express-News

Government continues to double its pleasure

■ Reports show too many redundant programs wasting billions of dollars

CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

Most of us have had the experience of viewing an item in a store and thinking, "I don't need another one of those. I already have one at home."

That is not how the federal government thinks. Its refusal to do so is why our deficit and debt are at record levels. If real people behaved like the government, they'd be broke too.

As the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday, there are "15 different agencies overseeing food-safety laws, more than 20 separate programs to help the homeless and 80 programs for economic development." Maybe getting rid of those redundant programs could actually spur economic development.

The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (a name that often seems oxymoronic) released a report at the urging of Sen. Tom Coburn, Oklahoma Republican. GAO didn't attach a cost saving to the report, but Coburn did. In fact, according to the Journal, Coburn identified "between $100 billion and $200 billion in duplicative spending." Now that's real money.

The March 2011 GAO report defines waste. On his blog, the Washington Post's Ed O'Keefe writes the GAO found that "The U.S. government has more than 100 programs that deal with surface transportation; 82 monitoring teacher quality, 47 for job training; 20 offices or programs devoted to homelessness; and 17 different grant programs for disaster preparedness." Who will save us from our spending disaster? Is there an app for that?

"Reducing or eliminating duplication, overlap, or fragmentation could potentially save billions of taxpayer dollars annually and help agencies provide more efficient and effective services," writes O'Keefe. Potentially? As Homer Simpson might say, "D'oh!"

Government suffers from a Charlie Sheen addiction. Unlike the actor, who has conducted several outrageous interviews in recent days, the preferred drug of choice for government is not cocaine, but other people's money.

Examples of duplication and waste are legion. "The GAO highlighted 80 different economic development programs at the Department of Commerce, HUD, Department of Agriculture and Small Business Administration, that spent a combined $6.5 billion last year and often overlapped. For example, the four agencies combined to have 52 different programs that fund 'entrepreneurial efforts,' 35 programs for infrastructure, and 26 programs for telecommunications," writes the Journal.

This is beyond ridiculous, except it is regular fare when you are a member of a congressional appropriations committee. In Washington, spending has become a matter of degree, which is why especially the new House freshmen will have a difficult time getting the government to stop.

How can any politician defend, excuse, or explain such behavior?

The title of the GAO report is understated: "Opportunities to Reduce Potential Duplication in Government Programs, Save Tax Dollars, and Enhance Revenue."

Opportunities? The report certainly offers them, but will Congress follow through? Potential duplication? Can there be any doubt? And how about just leaving it at save tax dollars and forget about the enhancing revenue part, because what government does not need is more revenue. It needs to cut the duplication, other waste and nonessentials, reform entitlements, rethink the defense budget and America's place in the world, and get back to living within the means of the American taxpayer.

This GAO Report should be carried to the House and Senate floors and waved around each time a member wants to spend more money or refuses to cut what we either don't need or already have.

There have been other reports, panels and commissions that have recommended spending cuts (the Grace Commission under President Reagan and President Obama's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, among others). Too often their recommendations have later been reversed or overcome with new spending (Grace) or ignored (Obama).

Spending twice on the same thing ought to offend every member of Congress. We need members who will commit to cutting out the doubletalk ... and the double spending.

DOONESBURY

By Garry Trudeau

Letters to the editor run Sundays on 11A and Wednesdays and Thursdays on 6A in the Reporter-Telegram. Submit letters via e-mail to letters@mrt.com or via fax to 570-7650. Letters must include name, phone number and address and are limited to 350 words.

WORLD BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LIBYA

Forces try to halt rebel move toward capital

BIN JAWWAD — Forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi, some in helicopter gunships, pounded opposition fighters with artillery, rockets and gunfire Sunday, dramatically escalating their counteroffensive to halt the rebels' rapid advance toward the capital.

They also battled to loosen the grip of rebels on two cities close to Tripoli. But in at least one case, their tactics appeared to lead them into a trap.

Residents said pro-Gadhafi troops punched into the city of Misrata, 120 miles east of Tripoli, the capital, with mortars and tanks but were pushed out five hours later by rebel forces. The rebel commanders intentionally opened the way for government tanks to enter the city, then surrounded them and attacked with anti-aircraft guns and mortars, said Abdel Fatah al-Misrati, one of the rebels.

"Our spirits are high," al-Misrati said. "The regime is struggling and what is happening is a desperate attempt to survive and crush the opposition. But the rebels are in control of the city."

MEXICO

Gunmen kill 3 at bar near US consulate in Juarez

CIUDAD JUAREZ — Gunmen attacked patrons at a bar near the U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez early Sunday, killing three people in the second deadly club shooting in a week in the violent northern Mexico border city.

Two young men died at the Muro bar during the shooting around 1:30 a.m. and a third victim died after being taken to a hospital, said the spokesman for Chihuahua state prosecutors, Julio Castaneda. Two more men suffered wounds, he said.

The prosecutors office had not yet identified the victims, who were between 20 and 25 years old, Castaneda said.

BAHRAIN

Shiite protesters besiege PM office

MANAMA — Thousands of Shiite opposition supporters blocked the entrance to the Bahraini prime minister's office but failed to disrupt a government meeting on Sunday as the campaign for reform in the strategic Gulf nation entered its third week.

Bahrain's Shiite majority has long complained of discrimination and political persecution in the island nation, which is ruled by a Sunni dynasty. The protesters demanded the prime minister step down because of corruption and a deadly crackdown on the opposition in which seven people were killed.

Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the prime minister and the king's uncle, has been in power for 40 years.

Supporters of anti-union bill hold rally

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — About 700 people rallied Sunday in support of Republican Gov. Scott Walker and his anti-union plan to balance the budget — a demonstration meant to counter three weeks of large anti-Walker protests in and around the state Capitol.

The rally was the culmination of a 10-stop bus tour sponsored by the conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity that started Thursday in Kenosha. It took place at the Aliant Energy Center in Madison, which is a couple of miles from the Capitol, where thousands of pro-union demonstrators rallied Saturday and Sunday.

Hundreds of pro-union counter-protesters lined up outside the arena entrance and parking lot carrying placards and chanting "Shame!" at the Walker supporters. The governor's backers held their own signs with messages such as "I Stand with Walker" and "Dems Serve Unions not 'The People.'"

Matt Seaholm, the state director of Americans for Prosperity, said the purpose of the bus tour and rallies was to show that Walker still has support among those who voted him into office in November.

"We've got to continue the push!" he said at the rally to loud cheers. "It's not going to end anytime soon."

The legislation was passed in the Republican-controlled Assembly but stalled in the state Senate because its 14 Democratic members fled the state to deprive their Republican colleagues of the quorum they'd need to vote on the bill.

Walker defends the anti-union bill as necessary to help Wisconsin plug a $3.6 billion budget hole, but unions and Democratic opponents say it overreaches and is more about busting the unions than balancing the budget because it aims to strip most public employees of nearly all their collective bargaining rights.

Union leaders have agreed to pay more for their benefits, which equates to an 8 percent pay cut, as Walker has proposed as long as they can retain their bargaining rights. Walker has refused to compromise, although he said last week that he was negotiating some changes with Democrats.

Associated Press

Remembering 'Bloody Sunday'

Thousands of marchers marked the 46th anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" voting rights confrontation in Selma, Ala. Activists staged the annual commemoration of the historic demonstration by walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge over the Alabama River on Sunday afternoon. Participants included U.S. Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, who was injured in the melee in 1965, as well as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Law enforcement officers attacked civil rights demonstrators marching toward Montgomery across the bridge on March 7, 1965. The movement only grew, and the Selma-to-Montgomery march was held later in response. The march is credited with helping build momentum for passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Crowd rallies against hearing on US Muslims

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some 300 people gathered in Times Square on Sunday to speak out against a planned congressional hearing on Muslim terrorism, criticizing it as xenophobic and saying that singling out Muslims, rather than extremists, is unfair.

Hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons and the imam who had led an effort to build an Islamic center near the World Trade Center site were among those who addressed the crowd.

"Our real enemy is not Islam or Muslims," said the imam, Feisal Abdul Rauf. "The enemy is extremism and radicalism and radical ideology."

The chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, Rep. Peter King, has said that affiliates of al-Qaida are radicalizing some American Muslims. He's planned hearings starting Thursday on the threat he says they pose.

King, a Republican from New York's Long Island, told CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday that he sees an international movement with elements in the United States of Muslims becoming more radical and identifying with terrorists.

Speakers at the cold and drizzly Times Square rally said King was targeting Muslims unfairly.

"American Muslims are as fully American as any other faith community," said Rabbi Marc Schneier, founder of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding.

Carnival in New Orleans warms up under sunny skies

By Cain Burdeau
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — With ideal weather as a backdrop, crowds poured onto the streets Sunday in the traditional warm-up for Carnival's big show on Fat Tuesday when New Orleans expresses itself in song, dance and masked spectacle.

Sunday featured celebrity-laden parades — including CNN's Anderson Cooper, actress Kelly Ripa, the rock band Train and actor Andy Garcia — and the typical drunken revelry of the French Quarter where tourists, locals and swarms of spring breakers rubbed shoulders.

Sunday was packed with the festivity that was missed on Saturday. Heavy downpours that canceled parades and forced the superkrewe of Endymion, a crowd favorite, to be pushed back a day. The line of thunderstorms that crossed the state spawned a tornado that killed a woman shielding her toddler son in Rayne, La.

In New Orleans, the warm-up was in full swing and people celebrated under beautiful clear skies.

On Bourbon Street, Pete and Helen Drago, Carnival old-timers dressed in beads and formal clothes, walked slowly through the still-brewing madness, arm-in-arm and on the lookout for some place to dance their specialty, the jitterbug. After 55 years of marriage, and even more years of Carnival under their belts, they were ready for another round of fun.

"That's what we do: We dance everywhere there's good music," Helen, 76, said. "Mardi Gras is dressing up, coming out, meeting people and having a good time."

"We're just messing around today," Pete, a former dancer with Louis Prima, a New Orleans music jazz singer and trumpeter who helped make Bourbon Street a party mecca in the 1950s. "Tomorrow we'll be dressed up!"

The tempo ratchets up even more on today — known as Lundi Gras — as the Carnival festivity moves closer to its climax on Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday. The excesses of Carnival end at midnight Tuesday with the beginning of Lent.

Sunday featured two of the biggest favorites: the Krewe of Bacchus and the Krewe of Endymion.

The grand marshals for the Endymion parade included Anderson Cooper, Kelly Ripa and Train. Andy Garcia reigned as Bacchus.

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Names & Faces

APPRECIATION DINNER FAR LEFT Mary Anne Dingus, Fred Westmoreland, Councilman John James and Randy Myers, City Urban Forester. LEFT Shane Kater and Kevin Martin with the Lee High School Junior ROTC receive their award in the Adopt a Highway category.

KEEP MIDLAND BEAUTIFUL

appreciation dinner

ABOVE Doreen Womack, Annabelle Ramirez, Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Crystal Crews, NewsWest 9 and Kathy Dowell, Jane Long Elementary. FAR RIGHT Dr. Steve Thomas, Bill Dingus and Dr. Deanna Savage, Midland College.

Keep Midland Beautiful held its appreciation luncheon Feb. 23.

Midland Independent School District Superintendent Ryder Warren was the keynote speaker.

Several were presented with awards including Kathy Dowell, the choir teacher at Jane Long Elementary, Lee High School's Junior ROTC, which was recognized for its dedication to the Adopt-a-Spot program, and Midland College, which was given the leadership award for its involvement in recycling and sustainability.

For its own part, Keep Midland Beautiful announced it achieved its lowest litter index on record in 2010 with Midland achieving a 1.6 rating on the litter index scale. The scale goes from one to five, with one being the lowest rating possible.

Award winners:

Volunteers of the year:
Dedi Rountree, Sylvia Shoemaker
Youth education: Kathy Dowell, Jane Long Elementary
Sponsorship: Suddenlink
Recycling: H-E-B
Adopt-a-Highway: Lee High School Junior ROTC
Adopt-a-Spot: YMCA
Beautification: Midland Independent School District
Government: city of Midland Transportation Division
Leadership: Midland College
Media: Midland Reporter-Telegram
2009-2010 board chairman: Ken Riley

2010 KMB statistics:

425 organized cleanups
203 tons of trash/debris removed through cleanup
15,377 total volunteer hours
3,388 tons of cardboard, aluminum, plastic, newsprint and mixed paper recycled
47 tons of computer e-waste diverted from landfill
455 tons of large items removed from alleyways
43 trees planted at MISD, city hall and Casa de Amigos
11 schools collected more than 16 tons of phone books and aluminum for recycling

STUDENTS JOIN HABITAT

On Feb. 26, students from the Lee High School Spanish Honor Society members of the First Baptist Church youth group joined Midland Habitat for a weekend build.

Because of the large number of members of the Lee Spanish Honor Society they requested two build days. This is an annual event for the Lee High School Spanish Honor Society students.

This was the first time Midland Habitat has had members of the First Baptist Church youth group on the construction site, according to a press release.

The build took place in the 400 block of South Lincoln Street.

HAVEYOUHEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

The West Texas Jazz Society hosted a Mardi Gras Party on Feb. 16 at the CAF George and Barbara Bush Commemorative Center.

The evening's entertainment was provided by the California Honey Drops from Oakland, Calif. The talented foursome played traditional jazz, blues and roots music. This young but virtuosic ensemble brought the feel of New Orleans to the casual atmosphere of the venue. Featured were trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, guitar, piano, drums, great vocal harmony and washboard.

Several dance society couples displayed their expert dance moves.

Hors d'oeuvres and the bar were furnished by Zucchi's Ristorante.

Seen in the crowd were Vicki and Clint Hurt, Rita and Tom Canton, Sheilagh and Billy Bassett, Richard Owens and Tracy and Randy Davis.

To receive information regarding West Texas Jazz Society events or to join the society,

contace cwaddill05@yahoo.com.

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Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority alumnae celebrated their joint heritage with the traditional Monmouth Duo on Feb. 17. The sororities were founded at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill., the Pi Phis in 1867 and the Kappas in 1870.

The Pi Phis were hostesses for this year's event, which was held in the home of Kathy Wallace. Co-hostesses were Katie Joyner, Cheryl Cotner, and Jennifer Ready.

In conjuncion with their national philanthropies, which focus on literacy, members of both groups brought children's books to be donated to Bynum School.

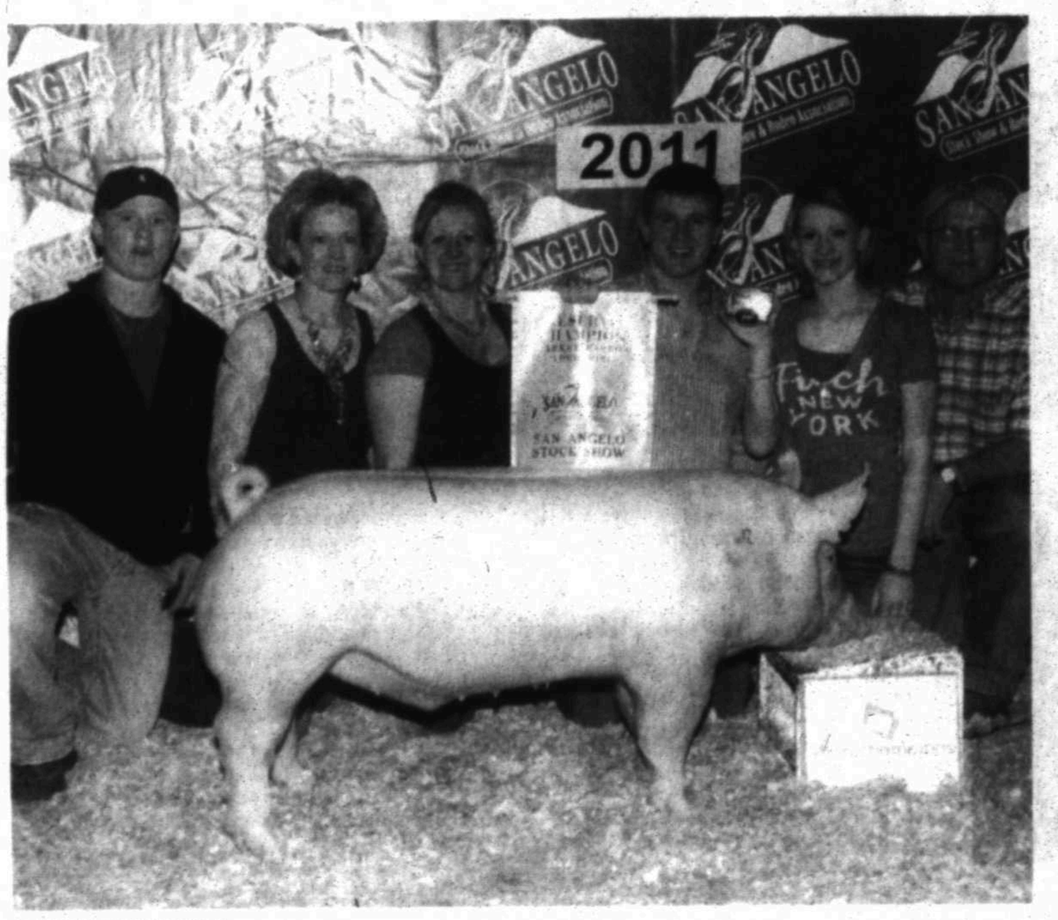
The sororities' colors were featured in table decor — wine and silver blue for Pi Phi and dark blue and light blue for Kappa.

The Pi Phi contingent included Joan Baskin, Anne Johnson, Becca Heidelberg, Jessica McCaslin, Becky Ferguson, and club president Ceci Westmoreland. Kappas included Robin Darr, Deborah Dean, Sigrid Coats, Sherry Frederick, Elizabeth Smith, and chapter president Toffee McAlister.

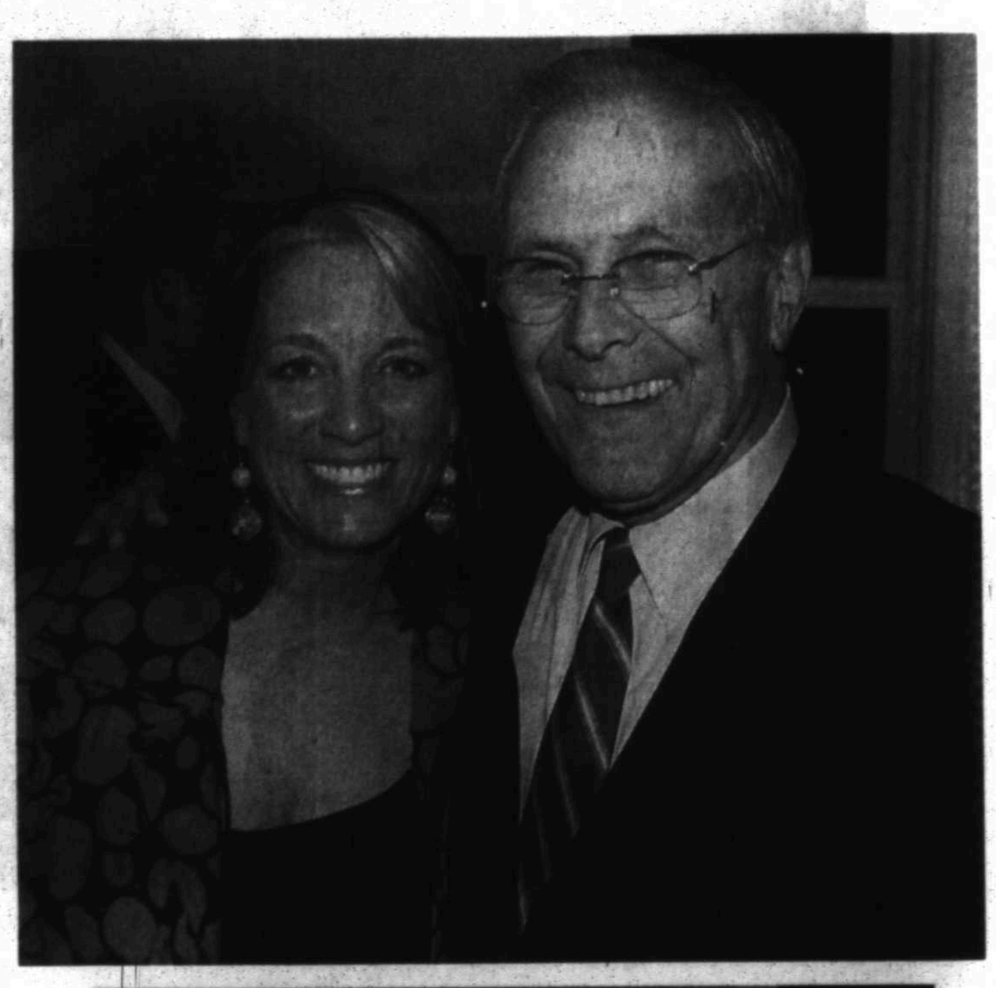
WEST TEXAS JAZZ SOCIETY ABOVE Earl and Rice Freeman Zachery AT RIGHT Sue Mullins, from left, ShirLee Plater and Charles Chambers

WEST TEXAS JAZZ SOCIETY ABOVE Tracie and Randy Davis

WEST TEXAS JAZZ SOCIETY FAR LEFT Richard Owens, from left, Margaret Gillham, president AT LEFT Billy and Sheilagh Bassett



STOCK SHOW
Ian Schaefer from Garden City won Reserve Champion York at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo.



RUMSFELD BOOK SIGNING
Midlander Hollen Wheeler attended a book signing party for Donald Rumsfeld last month in Chevy Chase, Md. Wheeler had served on the staff of the former secretary of defense, who is the author of "Known and Unknown."

ARMEDFORCESNEWS

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel S. Cadena recently reported for duty at Navy Recruiting District Dallas in Irving.

He is the son of Danny Cadena and a 2000 graduate of Lee High School. He joined the Navy in June 2002.

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Air Force Airman Jacob A. Neptune graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He is the son of Diana Neptune and a 2007 graduate of Lee High School.

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Army Pfc. William K. Warren graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of William Warren of Midland and a 2006 graduate of Odessa High School.

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Air Force Airman Victor E. Rivas graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

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BRIDGE RESULTS

Feb. 7
Strat A
1. Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites
2. Leonora Slusher-Helen South
3. Dorothy Brenneman-Brenda Brauner
Strat B
1. Dorothy Brenneman-Brenda Brauner
2. Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt
3. Ann Parish-Marty Massie

Feb. 8
Strat A
1. Paulette Turner-Marilyn Higgins
2. Bitsy Loewenstein-Jean Banks
3. Ann Servatius-Peggy Cook
Strat B
1. Paulette Turner-Marilyn Higgins
2. Bitsy Loewenstein-Jean Banks
3. Marlene Blumentritt-Irene Hamm
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North-South
1. Helen Shelton-Julie Harvey
2. Georgia Thomas-Juanice MacDonald
East-West
1. Kim Jones-Steve Houston
2. Fred Girard-Susie Girard

Feb. 9
Strat A
1. Bob Bacon-Roberta Bacon
2. Belle Harris-Ann Parish
3. Don Troy-Jean Pistole
Strat B
1. Bob Bacon-Roberta Bacon
2. Belle Harris-Ann Parish
3. Roni Oppenheim-Charlie Grimes

Feb. 10
Strat A
1. Belle Harris-Sarana Savage
2. Aggie Anguish-Linda Aaron
3. Charlie Grimes-Ann Parish
Strat B
1. Helen Davis-Gloria Jackson
2. Paulette Turner-Don Troy
3. Les Neal-John Seymour

Feb. 11
1. Jean Banks-Frances Levin
2. Nancy Liberty-Frances Mills
3. Ann Servatius-Leonora Slusher

Feb. 12
Strat A
1. Jane Myers-Leonora Slusher
2. Marilyn Matthews-Lena Nichols
3. Dixie Gifford-Ann Servatius
Strat B
1. Dixie Gifford-Ann Servatius
2. Paulette Turner-Mercedes Barker
3. Frances Levin-Greg Bartha

Feb. 14
Strat A
1. Dorothy Brenneman-Ann Parish
2. Charlie Grimes-Roni Oppenheim
3. Ann Servatius-Aggie Anguish
Strat B
1. Nancy Cvik-Linda Scarpelli
2. Paulette Turner-Marilyn Higgins

Feb. 15
North-South
Strat A
1/2. Betty Fernandez-Helen South
1/2. Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites
3. Flo Curry-Jane Myers
Strat B
1. Betty Fernandez-Helen South
2. Kathryn Gesell-Sadie Hudson
3. Janette Kuzmich-Bonnie Hubbard
East-West
Strat A
1. Joan LaFond-Ann Servatius
2. Debbie Kemp-Aggie Anguish
3. Charlie Grimes-Roni Oppenheim
Strat B
1. Belle Harris-Dorothy Brenneman
2. Janet Stoltz-Frances Mills
3. Irene Hamm-Marlene Blumentritt
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North-South
Strat A
1. Kim Jones-Jane Blackwell
2. Kathryn Noble-Nancy Cvik
East-West
1. Mike Robinson-Sherri Brockett
2. Cindy Carpenter-Etta Trantham

Feb. 16
Strat A
1. Belle Harris-Ann Parish
2. Paulette Turner-Gloria Crites
3. Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon
Strat B
1. Belle Harris-Ann Parish
2. Marty Massie-Linda Aaron
3. Don Troy-Marlene Blumentritt

Feb. 17
Strat A
1. Belle Harris-Sarana Savage
2. Don Troy Jean Pistole
3. Pat Grace-Marlene Blumentritt
Strat B
1. Pat Grace-Marlene Blumentritt
2. Patti Witt-Brenda Leonard
3. Marilyn Higgins-Georgia Temple

Feb. 18
Strat A
1. Ricki Perry-Janet Stoltz
2. Flo Curry-Jane Myers
3. Bob Bacon-Roberta Bacon
Strat B
1. Ricki Perry-Janet Stoltz
2. Kathryn Gesell-Helen South
3. Sue Marshall-Frances Mills

Feb.20
North-South
Strat A
1. Marilyn Matthews-Sandy Thomas
2. Flo Curry-Peggy Cook
3. Carol Hastings-Richard Stein
Strat B
1. Marilyn Matthews-Sandy Thomas
2. Carol Hastings-Richard Stein
3. Bob Bacon-Roberta Bacon
East-West
Strat A and B
1. Linda Aaron-Belle Harris
2. Dixie Gifford-Ann Servatius
3. Dorothy Brenneman-Helen South

Feb. 21
Strat A
1. Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites
2/3. Charlie Grimes-Roni Oppenheim
2/3. Paulette Turner-Don Troy
Strat B
1. Paulette Turner-Don Troy
2. Jerry Burchell-Linda Aaron
3. Gloria Jackson-Marilyn Higgins
Strat C
1. Gloria Jackson-Marilyn Higgins
2. Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt
3. Marlene Blumentritt-Nancy Cvik

Feb. 22
Strat A and B
1/2. Phyllis Laird-Martha Poss
1/2. Ann Parish-Helen South
3. Betty Marlow-Bitsy Loewenstein
Strat C
1. Phyllis Laird-Martha Poss
2. Betty Marlow-Bitsy Loewenstein
3. Marlene Blumentritt-Gloria Jackson

Feb. 23
Strat A
1. Flo Curry-Peggy Cook
2. Pat Grace-Paulette Turner
3. Marilyn Higgins-Georgia Temple
Strat B.
1. Pat Grace-Paulette Turner
2. Marilyn Higgins-Georgia Temple
3. Bob Bacon-Roberta Bacon

Feb. 24
Strat A
1. Belle Harris-Sarana Savage
2. Ann Servatius-Marilyn Higgins
3. Les Neal-John Seymour
Strat B
1. Belle Harris-Sarana Savage
2. Les Neal-John Seymour
3. Helen Davis-Gloria Jackson

Feb. 25
Strat A
1/2/3. Sadie Hudson-Frances Mills
1/2/3. Jean Pistole-Ann Servatius
1/2/3. Charlie Grimes-Roni Oppenheim
Strat B
1/ 2. Sadie Hudson-Frances Mills
1/2. Charlie Grimes-Roni Oppenheim
3. Nancy Liberty-Ricki Perry

Feb. 27
Strat A
1. Linda Aaron-Belle Harris
2. Gloria Crites-Mary Hammond
3. Jimmie Penn-Jean Pistole
Strat B
1. Linda Aaron-Belle Harris
2. Peggy Cook-Ann Servatius
3. Gloria Jackson-Paulette Turner

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	Channels	G	S	R	C	W	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Bachelor "The Women Tell All" (N)				(:01) Castle "Nikki Heat"		News	(:35) Night-line (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News at 6	Entertain-ment Night	How I Met/Mother (N)	Bled Love	Two and a Half Men	(:31) Mike & Molly	Hawaii Five-0 Thieves rob an armored car.		CBS 7 News at 10	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman	Late	
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	60/10 Mt. Cannon holds Naomi hostage.		Gossip Girl "The Kids Are Not All Right"		Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	South Park "Chef Aid"	South Park
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	House A patient has suspicious body scars.		The Chicago Code "O'Leary's Cow" (N)		The Simpsons	How I Met/Mother	House Call	Everybody Raymond	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Stranger"	
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Jack Van Impe	Michael Howard	Update News	Rev. Hansen	Light of the Southwest Authors; musicians. (N)					Uri Harel	Dr. Denis Otero	Dr. Ron Charles
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News (N)	Be a Mil-lionaire	The Event "And Then There Were More; Inostranka" Thomas launches a surprise attack. (N)				Harry's Law Adam helps a street "doctor."		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Late Night	
	KBPT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Palm Springs, CA"		Cities of Light: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain Muslims, Christians and Jews.		(DVS)		Charlie Rose (N)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Llama de Amor (N) (SS)		Eva Luna (N) (SS)		Triunfo del Amor (N) (SS)		Don Francisco Presenta (SS)		Noticias Telex	Noticiero Univision	La Verdad Oculta (N) (SS)	
	MyTV	15	15			16	Earl	Smarter	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		My News	Access H.	Earl	Family Guy	Curb	Entourage
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65			165	"Miami Rhapsody"		++++ "Tootsie" (1982) Dustin Hoffman.				++ "Sister Act" (1992)			(:45) ++ "Harvard Man" (2001)		
	HBO	300	68	14	14		(4:45) "The Blind Side"		Real Time/Bill Maher		++ "She's Out of My League" "R"			Paul	R. Gervais	Boxing		
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) "Love Happens"		+++ "Up in the Air" (2009) George Clooney.				Big Love		"Thargood" (2011) Laurence Fishburne.			
	HBO3	304	70	16	102		"American Splendor"		Six Feet Under		++ "Amelia" (2009) Hilary Swank.				++ "The Lovely Bones" (2009) Mark Wahlberg.			
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) "Head of State"		+++ "The Color of Money" (1986) "R"				++ "Tooth Fairy" (2010) "PG"			(:45) Lingerie		(:20) Avatar
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:50) ++ "Red Corner" (1997) Richard Gere.				+++ "Minority Report" (2002) Tom Cruise.						+++ "The Firm" (1993)	
	PLEX			96			(:15) ++ "The Sting II" (1983) Jackie Gleason.				"Perry Mason: Skin-Deep"				(:35) ++ "Dragnet" (1987) Dan Aykroyd.			Jewel-Hite
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:45) +++ "The Ghost Writer" (2010) "PG-13"				Shameless (TV)		Californ.	Californ.	Episodes	Episodes	Shameless (TV)	
	TMC	336	67	22	150	26	"The Janky Promoters"		+++ "Brothers at War" (2009) "R"				+++ "The Hurt Locker" (2008) Jeremy Renner.				"Wild and Wonderful"	
CABLE	AAE	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Caught Up"		Intervention "Darick"		Intervention "Jamie" (N)		Heavy A former college football player.		Heavy A woman is too heavy to have a baby.		(:01) Intervention "Darick"	
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) "Money Train"		+++ "Scarface" (1983) Al Pacino. A Cuban immigrant fights to the top of Miami's drug trade.								+++ "Scarface"	
	BET	58	26		40		106 & Park: Top 10 Live		++ "Out of Time" (2003) Denzel Washington, Eva Mendes.					The Game	The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams Show	
	BRAV	65	63		41		Bethenny, Married		Housewives/OC		Bethenny Ever After		Bethenny Ever After (N)		Bethenny Ever After		Housewives/OC	
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report (N)		Big Mac: Inside		Biography on CNBC		Biography on CNBC		Mad Money		Biography on CNBC	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan Tonight	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		Sons	Sons	American Chopper		American Chopper	
	DISN	56	27	36	25	36	Wizards	Wizards	"Wizards of Waverly Place"			Fish Hooks	Wizards	Wizards	Sonny	Sonny	Hannah	Hannah
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	College Basketball				College Basketball				SportsCenter		NFL Live	NBA
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	College Basketball				College Basketball				Final	Baseball	NASCAR Now (N)	
	FAM	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Greek "Legacy"		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
	FNC	45	59	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Unwrapped	Candy	Diners	Diners	Best Thing	Best Thing	Good Eats	Good Eats	Diners	Diners
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	DFW Sports	Mavericks Live (Live)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Minnesota Timberwolves. From the Target Center in Minneapolis. (Subject to Blackout)					Mavericks Live (Live)	Spotlight (N)	The Final Score	The Game 365	Golden Age
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	Two Men	Two Men	+++ "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007, Action) Bruce Willis, Justin Long.							++ "We Own the Night" (2007)		
	HALL	54	49	58		34	Martha	Hungry	Martha Stewart Show		Martha Stewart Show		Touched by an Angel		Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Hunters	House	House	Property	Property	Hunters	House	Hunters	First Place	First Place	Property	Hunters
	HIST	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Modern Marvels		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
	LIFE	28	25	25	26	48	"Flirting With Forty" (2008, Drama) Heather Locklear, Robert Buckley, Vanessa Williams.				"He Loves Me" (2011, Suspense) Heather Locklear, Max Martini, Gabrielle Rose. Premiere.				How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Old Christine	Will & Grace
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball Matthews		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow Show		The Ed Show (N)		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow Show	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Anubis	SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	George	George	George	George
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:18) DEA	(:26) UFC Fight Night Diaz vs. Guillard.				++ "The Punisher" (2004) Thomas Jane, John Travolta. Premiere.						(:27) Jail
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	"Underworld: Ev"		Being Human		Being Human (N)		Stargate Universe (N)		Being Human		Stargate Universe	
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)	
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	"The Black Swan"		++ "Safe in Hell" (1931, Drama)				+++ "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" (1962, Horror)				+++ "The Uninvited"	
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado: Edición		Aurora (SS)		Herederos-Monte		La Reina del Sur (SS)		Noticiero	Decisiones (SS)	Decisiones	
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Cake Boss		Cake Boss: Baby Special		Cake Boss (N)	Outrageous Kid	19 Kids-Count	19 Kids-Count	Cake Boss: Baby Special		Cake Boss	Outrageous Kid
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones Coffins litter a cemetery's grounds.		Bones A stabbing death is investigated.		Bones A murder similar to Brennan's book.		The Closer "Help Wanted"		HawthorNe "The Starting Line"		CSI: NY A public proposal ends in murder.	
	TVL	49	48	35	54	35	All/Family	All-Family	All-Family	All-Family	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
	USA	26	30	42	27	48	NCIS A murder victim's sister goes missing.		NCIS Investigating a Marine's murder.		WWE Monday Night RAW (Live)				(:05) White Collar "Power Play"		(:05) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	VS.	38	39				NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Tampa Bay Lightning.					Hockey	To Be Announced		NHL Overtime		Bull Riding	
	WGN-A	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park "Chef Aid"	South Park

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Bill Felsinger, left in photo above, and Johnny Fox enjoy a plate of pancakes and sausage Feb. 26 at the Lions Club Pancake Jamboree. LEFT Jim Ketcham serves up a plate of fresh hot pancakes at the annual event.

The 54th annual Lions Club Pancake Jamboree was held Feb. 26 at the Downtown Lions Club building, 200 Plaza Drive.

The all-you-can-eat pancake fundraiser supported Lions projects, including the Texas Eyeglass Recycling Center, Lions-sponsored summer camp and Lions District 2A1 Eye Bank and Acuna Mexico Eye Clinic.

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Habitat

Midland Habitat for Humanity dedicated its first home in 2011.

Ste phanie Carbjal and her two children were at the ceremony Thursday in the 1100 block of West Dakota.

The home was sponsored by local independent oil and gas companies. The sponsoring companies were Randy & Ginny Bailey, Buckeye Energy, William Chalfant, EOG Resources, Finwing Corporation, Henry Resources, LLC, Ed & Laura McCabe, Milagros Foundation, OXY, Permian Basin Landman's Association, Rod & Melody Prichard, SM Energy, Ronnie & Cindy Scott, Summit Petroleum, Weaver Foundation, and White Wing Petroleum.

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide.

Shrimpfest

Ellen Noël Art Museum held the 25th annual Shrimpfest on Feb. 28, featuring all-you-can eat shrimp, Monday at the Ector County Coliseum.

The event included music by the Main Stream Jazz Quartet, and silent and live auctions to raise money for the institution. It was expected that 1,400 pounds of shrimp were prepared for the event.

United Way

For the 10th consecutive year, the United Way of Midland raised $3 million during its fundraising campaign.

On Tuesday, United Way officials announced more than $3.15 million during the 2010 campaign. Total donations came in at about $100,000 more than 2009. The $3,155,522 contributed will go toward area programs that work to promote education, self-sufficiency and health. Having received 49 applications for the upcoming funding period, Community Investment Director Alice Freidline said volunteers will begin assessing programs and making site visits.

Dr. Seuss

The Midland County Public Library celebrated Dr. Seuss' 107th birthday Wednesday.

The event included guest readers, including MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren and County Commissioner Luis Sanchez.

TOP RIGHT Midland County Commissioner Luis Sanchez reads The Foot Book by Dr. Deuss Wednesday morning during a celebration at the Midland County Library for Dr. Seuss' 107th bithday. BOTTOM RIGHT United Way treasurer Steven Jeffcoat reports the 2010 financial report Tuesday during the Annual Meeting and Campaign Celebration. United Way raised over $3 million for the 2011 campaign. BOTTOM LEFT Chef Robert Rogers, left, describes one of the shrimp appetizers to Ray Pierson Monday at Shrimpfest at Ector County Coliseum. TOP LEFT Habitat dedicates its first home for 2011. From left, Alynda Best, Calina Tesillo, Clara Tesillo and Stephanie Carbjal.

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AUDIO ACOUSTICS

Your brain is the other vital part of hearing

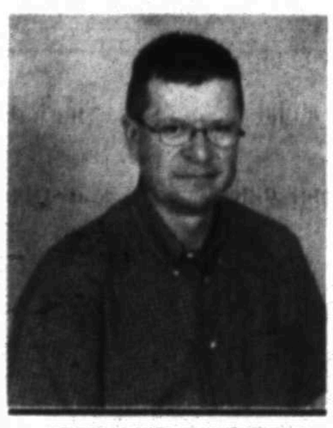
BY ORLAND PURCELL, AU. D., CCC-A

Everyone knows how important ears are in hearing—part of them are located outside your head. But a few inches away, inside your head, is the processing center that interprets those sounds, and scientists are just beginning to understand how our brains make sense of the sounds around us. And every increment of knowledge in this area helps hearing professionals do a little better job of designing and fitting hearing aids for patients.

A recent study sheds some new light on how we differentiate our own speech from that of others. It seems that activity in the auditory (hearing) cortex when we speak and listen is amplified in some regions and not in others.

Researchers from two California universities tracked electrical signals emitted from the brains of hospitalized epilepsy patients. These patients were chosen because, due to their epilepsy treatment, they already had electrodes implanted over their auditory cortices to track the focal points of their seizures. What those researches found was surprising.

Previously, neuroscientists had thought that a person's auditory system was quiet when they were talking. But in this study they found one group of millions of neurons firing together every time a person hears a sound, right next to millions of other neurons that ignore external sounds but fire every time a person speaks.



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The study did not determine why this distinction is necessary, but some postulated that tracking our own speech may be important for language development, monitoring what we say and adjusting to various noisy environments. It can also help us make sure that what we meant to say is actually what we say.

Many of us have seen the unfortunate video of the Grammy reporter who, apparently because of a type of migraine, was suddenly unable to form the words she meant to say. She said she could hear very well that she was not saying what she meant to say, but was unable to make the right words come out.

Some have noted that people with schizophrenia are often unable to distinguish between their own internal voices and the voices of others, which suggests they may lack the selectiveness of this auditory function.

The study has helped neuroscientists better map the brain, which should help neurosurgeons as they perform surgery on certain regions of the brain.

We already understood that hearing loss made it difficult to hear what others have to say. Now we have a better understanding of how important it is for us to hear ourselves. This could make hearing loss twice as stressful as we previously thought.

If you or someone you know is struggling with hearing loss, please understand that it is indeed a stressful situation that, in most cases, can be helped significantly with hearing aids. Many hearing loss patients are surprised at how much more comfortable they feel in a variety of social situations after getting hearing aids and getting used to hearing again.

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GOING NATIONAL

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HAVING SOME FUN The Midland College men's basketball team celebrates after winning the Region V Tournament on Sunday at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. The Chaps beat McLennan Community College, 71-57.

Chaps beat McLennan Community College for Region V Championship

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — In one night, Midland College swingman Dwayne Davis saw all the hard work his team put in this past season pay off.

From the early morning workouts, to the running and conditioning, the preparation to get to the NJCAA National Tournament was a year-long process for the Chaparrals.

On Sunday, behind Davis' game-high 23 points and another strong first half performance, the No. 3-ranked Chaps defeated No. 13 McLennan Community College, 71-57, in the men's championship game of the NJCAA Region V Tournament.

Chaps	**71**
Highlanders	57

With the victory, the Chaps (30-3) are heading back to the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. This is the 12th Region V Championship for Midland College and it will be the 10th trip to nationals and the fifth trip to nationals since 2004. They will open the tournament at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 15 against the winner of District 7.

> "I can't wait until the first game (at nationals). It's going to be just like this one. We're going to be aggressive, strong and just play hard. We're going to do what we do best."
>
> — **DWAYNE DAVIS**
> MC men's basketball player

"I can't wait for that first game (at nationals)," Davis said. "It's going to be just like this one. We're going to be aggressive, strong and just play hard. We're going to do what we do best."

Ty Nurse and Jamaal Trice each added 12 points for the Chaps.

This victory also makes up for the heartbreak suffered the year before in the regional title game against eventual national champion Howard College when the Chaps were the No. 1-ranked team in the NJCAA. MC coach Ross Hodge called that loss "painful".

"It starts with our sophomores who tasted that defeat last year," said Hodge, who is now 2-2 as a head coach in regional championship games, which includes two title games at previous stop Paris Junior College. "They did a phenomenal job all year and they were unbelievable on this trip. Their focus, their determination and they just play the right way. They play for each other and I'm just proud of them."

For the third consecutive game in this tournament, the Chaps put together another strong, dominating first half by taking a 44-20 lead into the locker room. The Chaps got that big lead by being

Please see **CHAPS**/2C

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CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH Midland College's Jessi Cowden, left, and Titania Simmons, right, watch from the sidelines on Sunday during the Region V Championship game at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock. The Lady Chaps lost to Grayson County College, 82-63.

Grayson's hot shooting knocks out Lady Chaps

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — At one point in the second half when the shot clock was winding down, Grayson County College's Angela Dennison threw up a long-range prayer and nailed the 3-pointer. That just shows how good things were going for the No. 12 Lady Vikings against Midland College in the championship game of the NJCAA Region V Tournament.

Lady Vikings	**82**
Lady Chaps	63

No matter what the No. 11 Lady Chaparrals tried on Sunday afternoon, they seemed a step slower than Grayson. They also didn't have a player respond like Ijeoma Uchendo, who poured in a game-high 23 points to lead the Lady Vikings to an 82-63 victory over MC at Rip Griffin Center.

"I think Grayson really played well," MC coach Ron Jones said. "They really deserved to win that game. Then us shooting 27 percent in the second half and them shooting 57 percent didn't give us a chance to get back in the game."

With the victory, the Lady Vikings (30-3) head to the NJCAA national tournament, March 15-19 in Salina, Kan. Their opponent will be determined after seedings come out this week.

To go with Uchendo's 23, Dennison had 16 points, Ujo Ugoka had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Ryah Lacy added 10 points for the Lady Vikings.

Meanwhile, Midland College ended its season at 27-6 and was denied a return trip to nationals.

The Lady Chaps were led by Danesha Long with 17 points and nine rebounds and Tanica Anderson with 11 points.

This game was a rematch from an early January meeting in which the Lady Chaps won 62-

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Area ADs preparing for slashed budgets

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

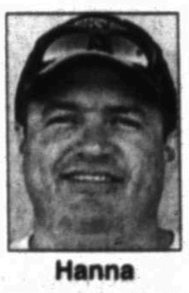
As the 82nd Texas Legislative Session continues in Austin, the talk of cuts to education have dominated headlines, and there will likely be significant cuts to athletic budgets in the coming months.

Many athletic directors across the area, though, are taking a wait-and-see attitude because even though they know cuts are coming and they will have to tighten their proverbial belts, they just don't know when the cuts will happen or how much will be cut.

"To me uncertainty is the key word," said Big Spring Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey. "We hear the horror stories and all this stuff, but I'm still uncertain about it. We haven't heard anything really specific other than our entire district is going to see cuts, that we know."

Howey

Ritchey



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While athletic and extra curricular budgets typically represent less than 3 percent of an overall school district's budget, athletic directors say they are going to feel the effects of the cuts as much as any part of the district.

Athletic directors are taking a look at everything they spend and seeing where things can be cut. One area that will likely see some reductions is travel, and all added that nearly everything will be looked at. One thing that won't be sacrificed will be safety of the athletes in regards to equipment, and eliminating sports would be a last resort or not even an option.

"We've been told to be prepared," said Midland ISD Executive Director of Athletics Todd Howey. "I've sat down and looked at our budget, and we are beginning to scrutinize all of our schedules for next year."

Howey said the athletic department at MISD has already streamlined a few things to save money, including having a purchasing procedure in place and stopping the practice of fall billing, which is to pay for expenditures out of the next year's athletic budget.

Howey added that athletic events produce some revenue that help offset costs, but even with that revenue stream, the district is preparing to have to do more with less.

"We've reduced what we buy for kids," Howey said. "We don't buy shoes like we used to, and we've reduced our supply budget by about five to 10 percent every year. We don't have a great deal of money laying around. We've got enough to get what we need and nothing extra."

Greenwood head football coach and athletic director Shad Hanna said that he may not know for sure what his budget is for next year until later this summer, but he said he is already preparing for what may come.

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Chaps hold off Clarendon to salvage DH split

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

The Midland College baseball team's resiliency was tested on Sunday.

After dropping the opener of their doubleheader, 5-2, at Christensen Stadium with Clarendon College, the Chaparrals got out to a sizeable lead in the middle of the second game.

Bulldogs	5-6
Chaps	2-7

While Clarendon did make it close late, timely pitching performances in tight situations by a pair of relievers delivered MC a 7-6 victory to earn the split for the day.

Kirby Wheeler got the start in Game 2 for the Chaps (9-10, 4-2 in WJCAC), but had control issues throughout the 2 1/3 innings he worked. When Wheeler departed in the third inning, the Chaps were down 2-0 with runners at the corners.

But Chris Posada took the mound and silenced the Clarendon (10-5, 4-2) bats for the next four innings.

After recording the final two outs of the third inning, Posada sat down 11 of the next 14 batters he faced. He allowed a single in the fifth, a walk in the sixth and a home run in the seventh.

Posada reached his limit in the eighth as all three batters he faced in the inning reached base and eventually scored. Clarendon's three runs in the frame pulled it within a run of the Chaps, 7-6.

Josh Stone got the call from the bullpen and immediately gave up a double to pinch hitter Julian Casaubon, which brought in Clarendon's last two runs in the frame. Stone retired the next three batters, though, eliminating the Bulldogs' threat.

Stone fought out of another tight spot that he caused himself in the

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

TAKING THE BAG Clarendon's Alex Howe safely steals second as Midland College's Joe Wielbruda is late with the tag Sunday in Game 1 of a doubleheader at Christensen Stadium.

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aggressive on the glass and playing solid defense. MC held McLennan (28-5) to 26.9 percent shooting in the first half and doubled the Highlanders in rebounds 22-11.

"The guys were also sharing the ball and getting the ball to the right guy," Hodge said.

Most of the time in the first half it was Davis with the hot hand as he was 5-for-5 shooting for 14 of his points.

"We just came out like it was the first game of the season," Davis said. "We came out aggressive and we needed to play some defense. We just went out wanting to get it done. I just tried my best. I went out and played as hard as I could. I was just hitting my shots. I wasn't worried about scoring, I was just playing my game."

Added Nurse about Davis' strong play, "When Dwayne is feeling confident, no one can stop him. He'll attack you, he'll make plays and hit 3s. He was huge for us tonight."

MC's lead in the second half was never really in jeopardy, although there were a few times that the Highlanders made a run to cut into the margin. MC had as much as a 55-31 advantage and the Highlanders were never able to get the lead down to single digits.

"You've got to give a lot of credit to McLennan," Hodge said. "We knew at halftime that they would not go away. You've got to give them a lot of credit. They could have hung their heads but they came out and made us earn it."

With the way they played in the regional tournament, the Chaps are feeling very confident heading into the national tournament.

"Now it's another mission. It's our third goal of the season," Nurse said. "We wanted to be regular season champs, we wanted to be regional champs and now we want to be national champs. All day we were focused, we were business-like in our approach and it's paid off for us."

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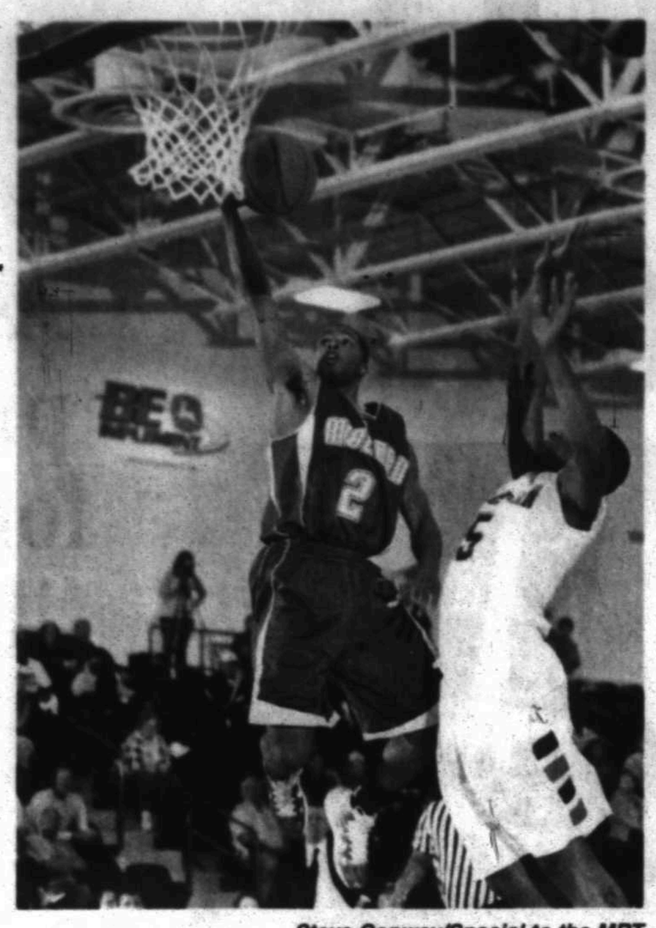

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FLYING HIGH Midland College's Bobby Hatchett (2) goes up for a layup Sunday during the Region V Championship game at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

NO. 3 MIDLAND COLLEGE 71, NO. 13 MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE 57

Midland College (30-3) — Bobby Hatchett 0-3 0-0 0, Marcel Campos 0-0 0-0 0, Ty Nurse 4-7 2-4 12, Guy Landry 2-8 0-0 5, Majok Majok 1-1 0-0 2, Jamaal Trice 4-7 3-4 12, Rodney Milum 3-6 0-0 9, Darren White 0-0 0-0 0, C.J. Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Dwayne Davis 8-13 5-7 23, Jordan Walker 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 24-51 14-19 71

McLennan CC (28-5) — Derico Dandridge 0-4 0-0 0, Oscar Griffin 3-7 2-3 9, Andre Potts 0-0 0-0 0, Ebuka Anyaorah 1-5 2-2 5, Jeffery Ricard 4-12 0-0 8, Karlos Gary 2-4 0-0 5, Jerran Young 3-7 0-2 7, Chris Harpe 2-3 2-4 7, Travis Flye 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Clark 1-2 0-0 2, Taylor Smith 4-6 3-6 11, Steven Werner 0-2 0-0 0, Cedric Jones 1-2 0-0 3, Terrance Tucker 0-2 0-2 0. Totals 21-56 9-19 57

Halftime - MC 44, GC 20. 3-point goals - MC 9-18 (Milum 3-6, Nurse 2-3, Davis 2-2, Landry 1-2, Trice 1-3, Miller 0-2), GC 6-23 (Griffin 1-3, Anyaorah 1-3, Gary 1-2, Young 1-4, Harpe 1-1, Jones 1-2, Ricard 0-3, Dandridge 0-3, Tucker 0-2). Total fouls - MC 22, GC 18. Fouled out — None. Rebounds - MC 41 (Miller 10), GC 30 (Smith 8). Assists - MC 8 (Landry 3, Davis 3), GC 11 (Ricard 3). Turnovers - MC 14, GC 13. Steals - MC 7 (Landry 2, Walker 2), GC 5 (Ricard 2).

Next: Midland College vs. District 7 winner, 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, NJCAA National Tournament, Hutchinson, Kan.

NJCAA Region V Tournament at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center Men's Bracket

Friday's games

Game 5: (W2) Howard College 65, (N3) Grayson County 51

Game 6: (W3) Odessa College 52, (N2) Collin County 51

Game 7: (W1) Midland College 115, (N4) Temple College 58

Game 8: (N1) McLennan Community College 76, South Plains College 61

Saturday's games

Semifinals

Game 11: (W1) Midland College 74, (W3) Odessa College 46

Game 12: (N1) McLennan Community College 62, (W2) Howard College 58

Sunday's game

Championship: (W1) Midland College (30-3) 71, McLennan Community College 57

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53 in Denison. Grayson's first year coach Elena Lovato said Uchendo didn't play in that game because of a bulging disc in her back and her presence on Sunday was a major difference.

"(Uchendu) didn't play with us the last time and we also did a better job of rebounding," Lovato said.

Lovato is also making her second consecutive trip the national tournament. She guided Trinity Valley Community College to a 9-2 record and sixth place finish at nationals after taking over for Bill Damuth on an interim basis when Damuth was suspended for the season for his actions at a conference game.

"This means a lot more because I recruited all of these players by myself," Lovato said.

The Lady Vikings took control of the game early as they built a 43-31 lead at the break.

It would only get worst for the Lady Chaps in the second half as the Lady Vikings' inside players of the 6-foot-1 Uchendu, the 6-2 Ugoka and 6-4 post Camille Redmond were very active on both ends of the floor.

"I have to give them all the credit, they love to get up and down the floor," Lovato said. "Sometimes I call a set and they just get up and go. I also have a great floor leader in my freshman point guard Ryah Lacy. She kind of takes control of the tempo."

Jones said a little frustration and some miscues compounded his team's woes in the second half.

"We were still fighting but we had a layup opportunity go out of bounds, missed some shots that the girls normally hit," Jones said. "If we had knocked down some shots early and had some momentum, then psychologically that gives us a little bit better opportunity. But we missed those shots and they came down and they hit some tough shots. They hit one from 40 feet at the end of the shot clock.

"I'm not disappointed with our effort. It just wasn't our day to get it done."

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UP OVER YOU Midland College's Morgan Schwartz (33) shoots over Grayson County College's Ljeoma Uchendu on Sunday during the Region V Championship game at Rip Griffin Center.

NO. 12 GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE 82, NO. 11 MIDLAND COLLEGE 63

Midland College (27-6) — Denaya Brazzle 0-0 0-0 0, Tanica Anderson 3-11 4-4 11, Anfisa Shulha 1-2 0-0 3, Jessi Cowden 2-5 0-0 4, Titania Simmons 0-1 0-0 0, Lindsay Ansley 1-5 4-4 6, Traci DeVance 0-0 0-0 0, Morgan Schwartz 2-5 5-7 9, Danesha Long 6-15 5-6 17, Ornela Bacchini 3-4 2-2 8, Nety Sousa 2-11 0-0 4. Totals 20-59 20-23 63

Grayson County (30-3) — Angela Dennison 5-6 2-2 16, Uju Ugoka 5-12 5-6 15, Jasmine Poteete 4-11 1-2 9, Damequia Montgomery 1-1 0-0 2, Ryah Lacy 3-11 0-0 7, Jaketia Baxter 0-0 0-0 0, Janice Bartley 0-1 0-0 0, DonQueniae Townsend 0-0 0-0 0, Cree Conner 0-0 0-0 0, Kasey Poovey 0-1 0-0 0, Camile Redmond 5-9 0-0 10. Totals 32-68 11-16 82

Halftime — GC 43, MC 31. 3-point goals — MC 3-16 (Anderson 1-5, Cowden 1-4, Shulha 1-2, Ansley 0-1, Schwartz 0-1, Long 0-2, Simmons 0-1), GC 7-19 (Dennison 4-5, Uchendu 2-4, Lacy 1-6, Poteete 0-3, Poovey 0-1). Total fouls — MC 17, GC 17. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — MC 41 (Long 9), GC 38 (Ugoka 11). Assists — MC 6 (Anderson 2), GC 21 (Lacy 8). Turnovers — MC 22, GC 13. Steals — MC 4 (Four with 1), GC 9 (Dennison 4).

Next: Grayson County vs. TBA, NJCAA National Tournament, Salina, Kan. March 15-19

NJCAA Region V Tournament at Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center Women's bracket

Today's games

Game 1: (W2) Odessa 85, (N3) Temple College 71

Game 2: (N2) Cisco College 71, (W3) South Plains College 64

Game 3: (W1) Midland College 71, (N4) Weatherford College 59

Game 4: (N1) Grayson County (28-3) 69, (W4) Howard College 50

Saturday's Games

Semifinals

Game 9: (W1) Midland College 75, (N2) Cisco College 70

Game 10: (N1) Grayson County 81, (W2) Odessa College 68

Sunday's Game

Championship: (W1) Grayson County (30-3) 82, Midland College 63

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top of the ninth. With one out, Stone hit back-to-back batters, placing the tying run in scoring position. A visit from Coleman calmed Stone, though, and he struck out the next two hitters to end the game and pick up his second save of the season.

"Posada was outstanding. He was the difference in the game," MC coach David Coleman said. "He came in, stabilized the game and pitched his tail off. He got us into the eighth with the lead. We then got Stone into the game and he made the pitches when they counted most."

Meanwhile, the MC bats found a charge in the third inning and right fielder Jordan Littlefield hit a two-run single to right to get the Chaps on the board and tie the score 2-2.

The Chaps took the lead for good in the fourth thanks to a single by Joe Wielbruda that scored Cameron Mavroulis. Alejandro Salas hit a two-run homer to right field in the fifth, giving MC a 5-2 advantage.

Nick Smelser and Nick Salois each hit RBI singles in the sixth and seventh innings, respectively, with Salois' base knock putting the Chaps up 7-3.

The Chaps could have easily put more runs on the board, but stranded 10 on base. That's an issue that haunted MC throughout the day. The Chaps left eight on base in the first game.

"I thought we had good at-bats all day," Coleman said. "Our approach was fine. We've got to start getting runners in. That was a problem we had all day."

Clarendon's eighth-inning rally started with a throwing error by MC third baseman Salas, allowing Alberto Morales to reach second. Back-to-back singles by Wigberto Navarez and Blake Marino brought Morales home, cutting the Chaps lead to 7-4. Casaubon's two-RBI double to right center cut the MC lead to 7-6, but that's as close as the Bulldogs got.

In Game 1, Clarendon scored a single run in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to break away from what was a 2-2 tie. The Bulldogs' Hobie McClain pitched a complete game, allowing two earned runs on seven hits.

The Chaps and Bulldogs play a second doubleheader today with Game 1 beginning at noon.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

WAITING FOR THE BALL Midland College's Alejandro Salas waits on the ball as Clarendon's Danny Loya slides safely into third on a sacrifice fly Sunday afternoon in Game 1 of a doubleheader.

GAME 1
CLARENDON COLLEGE 5, MIDLAND COLLEGE 2

CC	ab	r	h	bi	MC	ab	r	h	bi
Howe dh	3	1	1	0	Wielbruda 2b	4	0	2	0
Marin 2b	4	1	1	1	Baker cf	4	1	2	0
Moralez 3b	3	0	1	1	Smelser ss	4	0	1	0
Navarez 1b	4	0	0	0	Littlefield rf	4	1	1	1
Torres c	3	0	1	0	Salas 3b	3	0	0	0
Melton rf	1	1	1	0	Bienek dh	3	0	0	0
Loya cf	2	0	0	0	Longoria 1b	3	0	1	1
Stajduhar lf	2	1	0	0	Lopez c	3	0	0	0
Andino lf	0	0	0	0	Marvroulis lf	2	0	0	0
Jiminez ss	3	1	1	0					
Totals	**25**	**5**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**30**	**2**	**7**	**2**

Clarendon	002 011	1—5
Midland	100 100	0—2

E — Lopez, Smelser, McClain. LOB — CC 5, MC 8. 2B — Moralez, Melton. 3B — Longoria, Marin. SB — Howe, Loya. CS — Torres. SF — Moralez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Clarendon						
McClain W	7.0	7	2	2	0	1
Midland						
Rockafellow, L, 2-1	5.1	5	4	1	3	3
Fischer	1.2	1	1	1	1	2

WP — Fischer. PB — Lopez (2). BK — McClain.

GAME 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 7, CLARENDON COLLEGE 6

CC	ab	r	h	bi	MC	ab	r	h	bi
Howe dh	4	0	0	0	Wielbruda 2b	4	0	1	2
Marin 2b	2	1	0	0	Baker	4	2	2	0
Hickman ph-2b	1	0	0	0	Smelser ss	5	1	3	1
Moralez 3b	4	1	2	0	Salas 3b	4	2	2	2
Navarez 1b	3	2	1	0	Littlefield rf.	4	0	2	1
Melton rf	2	0	0	0	Longoria 1b	4	0	1	0
Marino ph-1b	2	1	1	1	Small c	3	1	2	0
Torres c	3	0	0	0	Diaz dh	2	0	0	0
Casaubon ph	1	0	1	1	Salois ph-dh	2	0	2	0
Fields pr-cf	0	0	0	0	Marvroulis lf	4	1	1	0
Loya cf	2	0	1	1					
Rivas ph-cf	1	0	0	0					
Andino lf	3	1	1	1					
Jimenez ss	4	0	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**6**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**	**36**	**7**	**16**	**6**

Clarendon	011 000	130—6
Midland	002 121	10x—7

E — Salas. DP — CC 1, MC 1. LOB — CC 8, MC 10. 2B — Baker, Littlefield, Smelser (2), Moralez, Loya. 3B — Longoria. HR — Salas, Andino. SB — Marvroulis, Wielbruda. CS — Small, Howe, Quinonez. SF — Wielbruda.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Clarendon						
Sanchez, L	4.0	8	5	5	3	5
Harrell	0.1	1	0	0	1	0
Cone	1.2	4	1	1	0	1
Montalvo	2.0	3	1	1	0	2
Midland						
Wheeler	2.1	2	2	2	3	0
Posada, W, 2-1	4.2	4	4	3	2	3
Stone, S, 2	2.0	1	0	0	0	3

HBP — by Stone (Hickman, Morales), by Wheeler (Andino, Navarez). WP — Wheeler, Sanchez, Cone. PB — Torres.

Americans top Jacks

From staff reports

Americans	**6**
Jacks	**2**

ALLEN — The Odessa Jackalopes dropped in the Berry Conference standings Sunday while Allen maintained its ironclad grip on first place in the conference.

The Americans scored early and often in a 6-2 victory at the Allen Event Center. With the victory, Allen improved to 41-13-2 with a Central Hockey League-best 84 points while the Jacks fell to 24-26-6, putting them sixth in the Berry Conference.

Allen's David Nimmo opened the scoring 3 minutes, 50 seconds into the match with an unassisted goal, and the rout was on. Three minutes later Nino Musitelli put the Americans up, 2-0. The Americans then added three more goals in the second period from Dave Bonk, Bruce Graham and Nimmo.

The Jacks cut into the 5-0 deficit with goals from Mike Ramsay and Luke Stauffacher in the first 4 minutes, 15 seconds of the third period, but Graham polished off the Allen victory with a power play goal.

The two teams meet again in Odessa at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday at the Ector County Coliseum.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL LATE BOXES

Thursday's Boxes

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 10, MCNEIL 3

MCS	020 240	2	—10	10	3
McNeil	010 020	0	—3	3	1

Nikko Velarde, Steve Withrow (5) and Hunter Redman. Colin Calbreath, R. Schult (5), Parsons (7) and Danny Beauckman. W — Velarde (2-0). L — Calbreath. 2B — MCS, S. Withrow, Bryant Burleson, Matt Withrow, Korey Lehto; MN, Douglass. HR — MN, Geissinger.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6, LAKE TRAVIS 3

MCS	110	030	1	—6	8	0
Lake Travis.	002	000	1	—3	6	1

Nikko Velarde, David Gates (7) and Hunter Redman. Sexton, Frazier (5) and Nelson. W — Velarde (3-0). L — Sexton. 2B — MCS, Steve Withrow, Mason Smith; LT, Balazs, Wilhelm, Gibbs. 3B — MCS, S. Withrow. HR — MCS, Redman, Matt Withrow.

Friday's Boxes

WESTLAKE 3, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 0

MCS	000	000	0	—0	2	3
Westlake.	003	000	x	—3	2	0

David Gates and Hunter Redman. Tucker Reid and Baldwin. W — Reid. L — Reid. 2B — MCS, Steve Withrow; WL, Andres Mitre. HR — WL, Lewis Guilbeau.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 10, SAN ANTONIO MACARTHUR 2

MCS	301	000	6	—10	12	0
SAM	000	002	0	—2	3	0

Cris Armstrong and Hunter Redman. Siller, McMahon (6), Saenz (7) and Saenz (7). W — Armstrong (3-0). L — Siller. 2B — MCS, Bryant Burleson, Nikko Velarde. HR — Matt Withrow.

Saturday's Boxes

VISTA RIDGE 10, MIDLAND CHRSTIAN 9

MCS	130	023	0	—9	11	3
Vista Ridge	501	400	x	—10	9	1

Caleb Thomas, Steve Withrow (4) and Tyler Hutson. Willy Lopez, Lucian Turk (6), Chance Kirby (7) and Besett. W — Thomas (0-1). L — Lopez. 2B — MCS, Bryant Burleson, Nikko Velarde, S. Withrow, Mason; VR, Besett, Ortega. HR — MCS, S. Withrow; VR, Besett, Wilson, Lindell.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 11, HENDRICKSON 5

Hendrickson	300	000	2	—5	9	1
MCS	500	042	x	—11	13	1

Farrow, Craigie and Triebes. Matt Withrow, Steve Withrow (5) and Hunter Redman. W — M. Withrow (2-1). L — Farrow. 2B — HHS, Turner; MCS, Armstrong 2, M. Withrow. 3B — HHS, Birge. HR — MCS, Nikko Velarde. Records — MCS 12-3

LOCAL SPORTS

UTPB to face Northeastern State

ODESSA — The University of Texas-Permian Basin women's basketball team will head to Tahlequah, Okla., to take on top-seeded and host Northeastern State on Friday, March 11 in the opening round of the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Tournament.

The RiverHawks gained an at-large bid into the tournament after losing in the Lone Star Conference Tournament to Texas Woman's, which is the No. 7 seed in the upcoming tournament.

Northeastern State sports a 24-4 record and ended the regular season with a 23-3 mark before beating Abilene Christian 65-59 in the opening round of the Lone Star Conference Tournament, Texas Woman's, which won the conference tournament, defeated the RiverHawks 54-50 for the second time in as many games.

UTPB and Northeastern State have six like opponents, including fellow Heartland Conference member St. Mary's. The RiverHawks edged out the Rattlers 59-53 in Tahlequah in their second game of the season. Besides St. Mary's, both teams have faced Incarnate Word, Abilene Christian, Cameron, Southwestern Okla. and Texas A&M-Commerce.

The Falcons will go into the tournament with a 21-7 record and winners of their last three games, including a 64-51 win over St. Edward's in the Heartland Conference Tournament finals.

Bootlegger Golf Tournament

Bootlegger Golf Tournament
Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Championship Flight

1. Cody Calders-Troy North, 62-65—127; 2. Jim Davis-Phil Bledsoe, 64-66—130; 3. Craig Fever-Johnny Fayo 67-64—131

Low last round — Jerry Reese-Jim Gilbert, 65

Presidents Flight

1. Troy Basham-Terry Weddle, 71-66—137; 2. Chris Baltzell-Chad Campbell, 70-69—139; 3. Keith Bitner-Kelly Baggett, 73-66—139

Low last round — Russell Matschull-Justin Smith, 70

First Flight

1. John Register-Devin Register, 70-66—136; 2. Bobby Hess-Jarrod Shelton, 74-64—138; 3. Don Embrey-Ronnie Baucom, 71-69—140

Low last round — Jeff Edwards-Jack Edwards, 66

Second Flight

1. Rick Jackson-Keith Connor, 76-73—149; 2. Andy Greenleaf-David Dakil, 76-75—151; 3. Gary Laughlin-Jay Laughlin, 77-75—152

Low last round — Rick Massey-Randall Papasan, 76

CUTS

From 1C

Fitting in the needs with budgets that could be reduced by a significant amount than in previous years will be the hard part for the athletic decision makers, and that means coaches and administrators such as Hanna have tough decisions ahead.

"I think it's going to be hard, because once they tell me it's going to be x amount of money and then we've got to figure out how to make it work," Hanna said. "Whatever the cut is, we have to start trying to figure out how you are going to fit every budget with the needs of the program."

As the prospects of cuts are out there for athletic directors, some are saying that they are looking at different ways to bring in money for the programs. Howey said they are looking at using a single supplier for athletic supplies, and that supplier returns some money to the district, while some programs across the state are considering offering sponsorships to companies.

Athletic directors could not give a certain percentage on what they will see taken out of their budgets, but they know the range could be broad from nothing to 15, 20 or maybe even a 25 percent cut to the budget.

But a major portion of those cuts will come in travel and transportation."

West Texas teams are used to travel, but with smaller budgets teams could be playing in fewer non-district tournaments that require long road trips, and making fewer overnight stays. And in some cases, booster clubs might have to foot bigger bills than they already are when it comes to helping teams travel.

Andrews ISD athletic director Jeff Cordell said districts may have to find some "creative" ways to make it all work.

"We are going to have to find ways to be very creative to still accommodate teams playing in this place, or that place," Cordell said. "I've planted the seed in my staff that in the very near future they are going to have to change and just be prepared to make adjustments."

Wherever the money comes from or how much is cut, the main thing that the athletic directors said was that they wanted to make sure that their coaches and teachers in their districts would still have jobs.

"That's the No. 1 thing is that you've got a job for next year," said Monahans athletic director Mickey Owens. "We can live with budget cuts, we can live with shorter travel if you've got a job. We can work with the budget because if you don't have a job it doesn't matter what the budget is."

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MLB

Spring Training Glance

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	6	2	.750
Minnesota	6	2	.750
Baltimore	4	2	.667
Texas	6	3	.667
Detroit	7	4	.636
Los Angeles	5	4	.556
Cleveland	4	5	.444
Oakland	4	5	.444
Toronto	4	5	.444
Seattle	3	4	.429
Boston	3	5	.375
New York	3	5	.375
Chicago	1	6	.143
Tampa Bay	1	7	.125

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	7	2	.778
San Francisco	8	3	.727
Cincinnati	6	3	.667
Colorado	5	3	.625
St. Louis	5	3	.625
San Diego	4	3	.571
Washington	4	3	.571
Milwaukee	5	4	.556
New York	4	4	.500
Philadelphia	5	5	.500
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500
Florida	3	4	.429
Chicago	3	6	.333
Los Angeles	3	7	.300
Arizona	3	8	.273
Houston	2	7	.222

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Minnesota 3, Baltimore 0
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Atlanta 5, Washington 0
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Florida 7, St. Louis 2, 8 innings
N.Y. Mets 6, Boston 5
Texas 8, Milwaukee (ss) 1
Oakland (ss) 5, Milwaukee (ss) 4
Kansas City 8, Chicago White Sox 3
L.A. Angels 7, Arizona 2
San Francisco 6, Seattle 1
San Diego 7, Oakland (ss) 6
Cincinnati 10, Chicago Cubs (ss) 0
Chicago Cubs (ss) 5, L.A. Dodgers 3, 10 innings
Colorado 3, Cleveland 1

Today's Games

Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss), Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 12:0 p.m.
Baltimore (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
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St. Louis vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
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Seattle vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.
Texas vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

SUNDAY'S TEXAS BOX SCORES

RANGERS 8, BREWERS 1
At Surprise, Ariz.

Milwaukee (ss)	000	100	000	— 1	8
Texas	102	201	20x	— 8	15

Greinke, Segovia (3), R. Hinton (4), Jame (6), Kintzler (8) and Nieves; Mi. Rivera, Harrison, Tateyama (4), Brazoban (5), C. Eppley (6), N. Ramirez (7), Z. Phillips (8), M. Lowe (9) an Treanor. Cash. W—Harrison. L—Greink HRs—Texas, C. Davis (2).

YANKEES 10, ASTROS 8
At Kissimmee, Fla.

New York (A)	020	022	202	—10	21
Houston	021	100	310	— 8	17

P.Hughes, S.Garrison (4), Bri.Anderso (7), E.Wordekemper (7), D.Phelps (8) an R.Martin; G.Molina, B.Myers, Lyon (4 Fulchino (5), Abad (6), G.Chacin (6), F.Ro driguez (8), W.Wright (9) and Corporan. Qui tero. W—D.Phelps. L—W.Wright. HRs—Ne York (A), Al.Rodriguez (1), Golson (1). Hou ton, Ca.Lee (1), Michaels (1).

CHL

TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	G
Colorado	57	34	19	4	72	211	17
Rapid City	59	34	21	4	72	187	18
Bloomington	54	32	17	5	69	157	15
Missouri	56	31	19	6	68	171	14
Quad City	58	31	26	1	63	161	15
Wichita	55	28	21	6	62	207	19
Dayton	56	28	24	4	60	174	16
Fort Wayne	56	27	23	6	60	161	16
Evansville	58	18	30	10	46	162	21

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	G
Allen	56	41	13	2	84	232	17
Texas	55	31	19	5	67	189	17
Tulsa	57	31	24	2	64	210	20
Bossier-Shreveport	57	30	24	3	63	195	17
Mississippi	57	25	27	5	55	173	19
Odessa	**56**	**24**	**26**	**6**	**54**	**201**	**21**
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College Baseball

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SOUTH

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Earlham at Spalding, ppd., rain
Florida Atlantic 9, Monmouth, N.J. 5
Florida 5, Miami 3
Fla. International 3, Seton Hall 1
Florida St. 7, Georgia 5
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King, Tenn. vs. Salem International, c rain
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Murray St. 12-2, N. Dakota St. 7-1
Oberlin at Transylvania, ppd., rain
Oglethorpe at Sewanee, ppd., rain
Ohio 4, Tennessee Tech 0
Purdue 10, Lipscomb 3
Radford 5, Wake Forest 4
Salem International at King, Tenn., pp rain
S. Illinois 2, Memphis 0
Stephen F. Austin 10, Centenary 2
St. John's 7, Georgia Southern 3
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MIDWEST

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SUNDAY'S TEXAS BOX SCORES

RANGERS 8, BREWERS 1
At Surprise, Ariz.

Milwaukee (ss)	000	100	000	—	1	8	1
Texas	102	201	20x	—	8	15	0

Greinke, Segovia (3), R. Hinton (4), James (6), Kintzler (8) and Nieves, Mi. Rivera; Harrison, Tateyama (4), Brazoban (5), C. Eppley (6), N. Ramirez (7), Z. Phillips (8), M. Lowe (9) and Treanor, Cash. W—Harrison. L—Greinke. HRs—Texas, C. Davis (2).

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Florida 5, Miami 3
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Florida St. 7, Georgia 5
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Murray St. 12-2, N. Dakota St. 7-1
Oberlin at Transylvania, ppd., rain
Oglethorpe at Sewanee, ppd., rain
Ohio 4, Tennessee Tech 0
Purdue 10, Lipscomb 3
Radford 5, Wake Forest 4
Salem International at King, Tenn., ppd., rain
S. Illinois 2, Memphis 0
Stephen F. Austin 10, Centenary 2
St. John's 7, Georgia Southern 3
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Vanderbilt 6, Brown 5

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TCU 8, Texas Tech 1
Texas 4, Stanford 2
Texas St. 14, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 1

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	46	15	.754	—
New York	32	29	.525	14
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	14 1/2
New Jersey	19	43	.306	27 1/2
Toronto	17	46	.270	30

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	43	20	.683	—
Orlando	40	23	.635	3
Atlanta	37	26	.587	6
Charlotte	26	36	.419	16 1/2
Washington	16	46	.258	26 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	43	18	.705	—
Indiana	27	35	.435	16 1/2
Milwaukee	23	38	.377	20
Detroit	23	41	.359	21 1/2
Cleveland	12	50	.194	31 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	51	12	.810	—
Dallas	45	17	.726	5 1/2
New Orleans	37	28	.569	15
Memphis	35	29	.547	16 1/2
Houston	32	32	.500	19 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	39	22	.639	—
Denver	37	27	.578	3 1/2
Portland	35	27	.565	4 1/2
Utah	33	30	.524	7
Minnesota	15	49	.234	25 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	45	19	.703	—
Phoenix	32	29	.525	11 1/2
Golden State	27	35	.435	17
L.A. Clippers	23	40	.365	21 1/2
Sacramento	15	45	.250	28

Sunday's Scores

Chicago 87, Miami 86
L.A. Lakers 99, San Antonio 83
Detroit 113, Washington 102
Philadelphia 125, Golden State 117, OT
New York 92, Atlanta 79
New Orleans 96, Cleveland 81
Oklahoma City 122, Phoenix 118, OT
Memphis 104, Dallas 103
Boston 89, Milwaukee 83

Today's Games

L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Utah at New York, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 6 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOX SCORES

GRIZZLIES 104, MAVERICKS 103

MEMPHIS (104): Young 2-3 1-1 5, Randolph 10-13 7-10 27, Gasol 6-9 4-6 16, Conley 7-15 2-2 17, Allen 2-8 0-0 4, Arthur 6-11 1-1 13, Battier 4-10 2-2 11, Williams 0-4 0-0 0, Mayo 4-11 2-2 11, Smith 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 47-87 19-24 104.

DALLAS (103): Stojakovic 0-4 0-0 0, Nowitzki 9-17 2-2 23, Haywood 2-3 1-2 5, Kidd 1-4 2-2 4, Beaubois 5-8 3-5 15, Marion 4-9 2-2 10, Terry 9-15 4-4 26, Stevenson 1-2 0-0 2, Mahinmi 0-1 2-2 2, Barea 4-6 1-1 10, Brewer 2-4 2-3 6. Totals 37-73 19-23 103.

Memphis	21	17	41	25	— 104
Dallas	27	28	23	25	— 103

3-Point Goals—Memphis 3-15 (Conley 1-2, Battier 1-5, Mayo 1-5, Smith 0-1, Williams 0-2). Dallas 10-21 (Terry 4-7, Nowitzki 3-6, Beaubois 2-3, Barea 1-1, Stojakovic 0-1, Stevenson 0-1, Kidd 0-2). Fouled Out—Mahinmi. Rebounds—Memphis 48 (Battier 11), Dallas 43 (Marion 12). Assists—Memphis 24 (Conley 10), Dallas 21 (Kidd 6). Total Fouls—Memphis 21, Dallas 23. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A—20,102 (19,200).

LAKERS 99, SPURS 83

L.A. LAKERS (99): Artest 3-8 0-2 8, Gasol 7-12 6-6 21, Bynum 2-2 0-0 4, Fisher 3-7 0-0 8, Bryant 12-25 1-1 26, Odom 7-13 0-1 15, Blake 0-5 0-0 0, Brown 6-10 0-0 12, Barnes 2-6 0-0 5, Walton 0-1 0-0 0, Caracter 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 42-90 7-10 99.

SAN ANTONIO (83): Jefferson 0-3 1-2 1, Duncan 1-7 0-0 2, Blair 2-7 2-4 6, Parker 6-14 2-3 14, Ginobili 3-10 0-1 6, Bonner 1-5 0-0 3, Hill 6-13 1-1 14, Neal 5-11 3-3 15, McDyess 2-4 0-0 4, Novák 3-7 0-0 9, Splitter 1-4 2-2 4, Anderson 1-1 3-3 5. Totals 31-86 14-19 83.

L.A. Lakers	34	31	16	18	— 99
San Antonio	13	24	15	31	— 83

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 8-23 (Fisher 2-3, Artest 2-6, Gasol 1-2, Barnes 1-2, Odom 1-3, Bryant 1-3, Brown 0-1, Blake 0-3). San Antonio 7-21 (Novak 3-6, Neal 2-2, Bonner 1-3, Hill 1-5, Jefferson 0-1, Parker 0-1, Ginobili 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 59 (Bynum 17), San Antonio 52 (Blair 12). Assists—L.A. Lakers 26 (Odom 6), San Antonio 14 (Neal 4). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 21, San Antonio 17. Technicals—Bryant. A—18,996 (18,797).

THUNDER 122, SUNS 118

PHOENIX (118): Hill 0-6 0-0 0, Frye 5-12 0-0 11, Lopez 3-7 1-2 7, Nash 5-11 1-1 11, Carter 11-22 1-3 29, Gortat 9-18 2-2 20, Pietrus 8-13 0-1 20, Dudley 4-6 0-0 10, Warrick 0-1 1-2 1, Brooks 3-5 2-3 9. Totals 48-101 8-14 118.

OKLAHOMA CITY (122): Durant 3-14 11-12 18, Ibaka 6-11 3-4 15, Mohammed 2-4 0-0 4, Westbrook 9-18 13-18 32, Sefolosha 3-5 1-2 8, Collison 5-6 1-1 11, Harden 8-12 8-9 26, Maynor 0-1 0-0 0, Cook 3-9 0-1 8. Totals 39-80 37-47 122.

Phoenix	28	33	30	18	9	— 118
Oklahoma City	25	32	29	23	13	— 122

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 14-31 (Carter 6-12, Pietrus 4-6, Dudley 2-3, Frye 1-2, Brooks 1-3, Nash 0-2, Hill 0-3), Oklahoma City 7-19 (Harden 2-4, Cook 2-7, Westbrook 1-2, Sefolosha 1-3, Durant 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 55 (Frye 15), Oklahoma City 55 (Collison, Sefolosha 9). Assists—Phoenix 32 (Nash 14), Oklahoma City 24 (Westbrook 11). Total Fouls—Phoenix 29, Oklahoma City 21. Technicals—Oklahoma City defensive three second 2. Flagrant Fouls—Collison. A—18,203 (18,203).

KNICKS 92, HAWKS 79

NEW YORK (92): Anthony 6-18 2-5 14, Stoudemire 10-20 6-6 26, Jeffries 0-1 0-0 0, Douglas 4-9 1-2 10, Fields 6-11 1-2 15, Carter 4-5 0-0 10, Sha.Williams 4-8 0-0 12, Mason 2-5 0-0 5, She.Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-77 10-15 92.

ATLANTA (79): M.Williams 2-7 4-4 8, Smith 8-17 0-0 17, Horford 2-8 0-0 4, Hinrich 6-9 0-0 15, Johnson 7-15 0-0 14, Crawford 5-13 2-2 14, Armstrong 0-0 1-2 1, Teague 2-4 0-1 4, Wilkins 1-1 0-0 2, Pachulia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-74 7-9 79.

New York	24	20	18	30	— 92
Atlanta	19	23	14	23	— 79

3-Point Goals—New York 10-23 (Sha.Williams 4-6, Carter 2-3, Fields 2-4, Mason 1-3, Douglas 1-4, Anthony 0-3), Atlanta 6-17 (Hinrich 3-4, Crawford 2-5, Smith 1-2, Teague 0-1, M.Williams 0-1, Johnson 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 45 (Stoudemire, Anthony 7), Atlanta 44 (Smith 11). Assists—New York 23 (Douglas, Anthony 7), Atlanta 15 (Horford 5). Total Fouls—New York 13, Atlanta 16. Technicals—Anthony, New York defensive three second 2, Smith. A—19,560 (18,729).

76ERS 125, WARRIORS 117

GOLDEN STATE (117): Wright 5-11 6-6 16, Lee 7-11 0-0 14, Udoh 2-3 0-0 4, Curry 8-16 5-5 22, Ellis 11-27 3-4 27, Biedrins 1-1 0-0 2, Law 3-8 1-1 7, Radmanovic 1-3 0-0 2, Amundson 4-6 2-2 10, R.Williams 3-8 0-0 7, Thornton 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 48-98 17-18 117.

PHILADELPHIA (125): Iguodala 5-13 5-6 15, Brand 6-13 0-1 12, Hawes 2-2 0-1 4, Holiday 7-13 2-3 16, Meeks 2-9 5-5 11, L.Williams 6-14 6-6 19, Young 7-12 6-7 20, Speights 4-6 0-0 8, Turner 9-15 2-2 20. Totals 48-97 26-31 125.

Golden State	25	31	24	26	11	— 117
Philadelphia	31	33	16	26	19	— 125

3-Point Goals—Golden State 4-19 (Ellis 2-7, R.Williams 1-2, Curry 1-3, Radmanovic 0-1, Law 0-1, Wright 0-5), Philadelphia 3-12 (Meeks 2-6, L.Williams 1-4, Iguodala 0-2). Fouled Out—Radmanovic. Rebounds—Golden State 43 (Lee 14), Philadelphia 62 (Iguodala 11). Assists—Golden State 19 (Curry 7), Philadelphia 32 (Iguodala 10). Total Fouls—Golden State 26, Philadelphia 17. Technicals—Golden State Coach Smart, A—11,294 (20,318).

HORNETS 96, CAVALIERS 81

NEW ORLEANS (96): Pondexter 0-4 0-0 0, West 8-13 7-9 23, Okafor 5-7 0-0 10, Paul 5-10 2-2 13, Belinelli 7-14 2-2 18, Green 5-10 0-1 10, Jack 5-9 4-4 14, Landry 3-6 0-0 6, Gray 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-75 15-18 96.

CLEVELAND (81): Gee 3-7 0-0 6, Samuels 4-9 3-7 11, Hickson 5-15 5-6 15, Sessions 3-10 9-12 15, Parker 3-10 1-1 8, Davis 6-11 1-1 17, Harangody 2-5 0-0 4, Eyenga 1-5 0-0 3, Harris 1-1 0-0 2, Erden 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 28-76 19-27 81.

New Orleans	27	24	22	23	— 96
Cleveland	24	24	18	15	— 81

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 3-10 (Belinelli 2-5, Paul 1-1, Pondexter 0-2, Green 0-2), Cleveland 6-18 (Davis 4-7, Eyenga 1-2, Parker 1-5, Harangody 0-1, Samuels 0-1, Gee 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 46 (West, Okafor 7), Cleveland 49 (Hickson 10). Assists—New Orleans 21 (Paul 11), Cleveland 19 (Davis 6). Total Fouls—New Orleans 21, Cleveland 19. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second. A—18,754 (20,562).

PISTONS 113, WIZARDS 102

WASHINGTON (102): Evans 2-7 0-0 4, Blatche 9-19 3-4 21, McGee 5-6 2-4 12, Wall 6-15 12-13 24, Young 7-16 4-7 21, Seraphin 0-1 1-2 1, Crawford 3-10 0-0 7, Booker 3-5 4-4 10, Martin 1-2 0-0 2, Shakur 0-1 0-0 0, Yi 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-82 26-34 102.

DETROIT (113): Prince 10-19 0-0 20, Wilcox 4-9 0-0 8, Monroe 5-6 2-3 12, Stuckey 8-18 3-3 19, Gordon 4-8 1-1 10, Hamilton 3-9 3-4 10, Daye 5-6 0-0 12, Bynum 1-1 0-0 2, Maxiell 1-2 2-2 4, Villanueva 6-11 1-1 16. Totals 47-91 12-14 113.

Washington	22	29	22	29	— 102
Detroit	29	31	22	31	— 113

3-Point Goals—Washington 4-16 (Young 3-7, Crawford 1-3, Wall 0-2, Evans 0-4), Detroit 7-18 (Villanueva 3-8, Daye 2-3, Hamilton 1-1, Gordon 1-3, Stuckey 0-1, Wilcox 0-1, Prince 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 48 (Blatche 9), Detroit 52 (Stuckey, Monroe 7). Assists—Washington 15 (Wall 7), Detroit 29 (Stuckey 9). Total Fouls—Washington 21, Detroit 25. Technicals—Washington defensive three second, Maxiell. A—17,506 (22,076).

BULLS 87, HEAT 86

CHICAGO (87): Deng 7-15 3-4 18, Boozer 6-15 0-0 12, Noah 3-6 5-7 11, Rose 12-23 3-3 27, Bogans 1-4 0-0 3, Gibson 2-3 4-4 8, Brewer 1-1 0-0 2, Asik 0-0 1-2 1, Watson 1-2 0-0 2, Korver 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 34-74 16-20 87.

MIAMI (86): James 10-18 5-6 26, Bosh 9-14 5-6 23, Dampier 0-0 0-0 0, Chalmers 4-5 2-3 11, Wade 8-19 4-6 20, Ilgauskas 1-5 0-0 2, Jones 1-1 0-0 3, Miller 0-5 1-2 1, Bibby 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-68 17-23 86.

Chicago	18	22	23	24	— 87
Miami	22	27	16	21	— 86

3-Point Goals—Chicago 3-14 (Deng 1-3, Bogans 1-4, Korver 1-4, Rose 0-3), Miami 3-9 (Jones 1-1, Chalmers 1-1, James 1-2, Wade 0-1, Miller 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 44 (Boozer 10), Miami 41 (James 8). Assists—Chicago 16 (Rose 5), Miami 18 (James 6). Total Fouls—Chicago 17, Miami 23. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second. A—19,763 (19,600).

CELTICS 89, BUCKS 83

BOSTON (89): Pierce 8-13 6-6 23, Garnett 6-12 2-2 14, Krstic 7-8 3-4 17, Rondo 3-7 0-0 6, Allen 5-12 1-1 13, Green 5-8 0-0 11, Murphy 0-2 2-2 2, Bradley 0-3 0-0 0, Pavlovic 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 35-68 14-15 89.

MILWAUKEE (83): Delfino 2-7 0-0 6, Brockman 2-4 0-0 4, Sanders 4-10 0-0 8, Jennings 8-19 4-5 23, Salmons 4-13 2-3 11, Mbah a Moute 8-13 3-5 19, Maggette 2-5 0-0 5, Dooling 3-7 0-0 7, Douglas-Roberts 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-80 9-13 83.

Boston	27	16	26	20	— 89
Milwaukee	26	23	16	18	— 83

3-Point Goals—Boston 5-10 (Allen 2-3, Green 1-1, Pierce 1-2, Pavlovic 1-2, Bradley 0-1, Murphy 0-1), Milwaukee 8-21 (Jennings 3-7, Delfino 2-6, Maggette 1-1, Dooling 1-2, Salmons 1-4, Douglas-Roberts 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 38 (Garnett 11), Milwaukee 47 (Brockman 9). Assists—Boston 23 (Rondo 8), Milwaukee 20 (Salmons 6). Total Fouls—Boston 17, Milwaukee 18. Technicals—Boston defensive three second 2. A—16,110 (18,717).

NBA LEADERS
AS OF MARCH 5
SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	56	527	435	1589	28.4
James, MIA	60	552	398	1575	26.3
Stoudemire, NYK	59	585	365	1545	26.2
Wade, MIA	58	530	369	1477	25.5
Anthony, NYK	56	492	386	1418	25.3
Bryant, LAL	63	566	364	1581	25.1
Ellis, GOL	61	571	283	1520	24.9
Rose, CHI	59	526	311	1450	24.6
Howard, ORL	61	500	410	1410	23.1
Martin, HOU	62	414	460	1424	23.0
Nowitzki, DAL	52	433	274	1193	22.9
Griffin, LAC	63	539	348	1433	22.7
Aldridge, POR	62	544	291	1382	22.3
Westbrook, OKC	60	450	406	1327	22.1
Bargnani, TOR	56	467	237	1237	22.1
Love, MIN	64	436	383	1336	20.9
Granger, IND	61	425	298	1272	20.9
Williams, NJN	58	396	321	1208	20.8
Randolph, MEM	58	466	232	1170	20.2
Gay, MEM	54	409	194	1069	19.8
Lopez, NJN	62	463	301	1227	19.8
Johnson, ATL	53	397	156	1020	19.2
Beasley, MIN	55	429	155	1056	19.2
Pierce, BOS	60	392	276	1144	19.1
Jackson, CHA	59	393	230	1121	19.0
West, NOR	62	465	232	1164	18.8
Scola, HOU	64	500	195	1195	18.7
Gasol, LAL	63	449	277	1175	18.7
Curry, GOL	53	360	162	982	18.5
Bosh, MIA	58	390	271	1057	18.2
Jefferson, UTA	63	483	178	1144	18.2

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	65	40	19	6	86	208	174
Pittsburgh	67	38	21	8	84	193	166
N.Y. Rangers	68	35	29	4	74	193	164
New Jersey	65	30	31	4	64	139	168
N.Y. Islanders	67	25	32	10	60	184	213

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	65	38	19	8	84	199	152
Montreal	66	36	23	7	79	176	167
Buffalo	65	32	25	8	72	189	187
Toronto	66	29	28	9	67	173	202
Ottawa	65	22	34	9	53	147	206

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	66	36	20	10	82	176	166
Tampa Bay	65	37	21	7	81	195	198
Carolina	66	31	26	9	71	191	201
Atlanta	66	27	28	11	65	184	214
Florida	66	26	31	9	61	165	184

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	66	39	19	8	86	219	193
Chicago	66	37	23	6	80	218	182
Nashville	66	33	24	9	75	167	156
Columbus	64	31	26	7	69	176	191
St. Louis	65	28	28	9	65	177	194

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	67	42	16	9	93	216	155
Calgary	68	35	24	9	79	207	193
Minnesota	66	34	25	7	75	171	174
Colorado	65	26	31	8	60	185	224
Edmonton	66	23	35	8	54	169	215

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	66	38	22	6	82	185	167
Phoenix	67	34	23	10	78	191	194
Dallas	65	35	23	7	77	180	183
Los Angeles	65	36	25	4	76	180	159
Anaheim	66	35	26	5	75	182	193

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's Scores

New Jersey 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO
N.Y. Rangers 7, Philadelphia 0
Washington 3, Florida 2, OT
Buffalo 3, Minnesota 2, OT
Calgary 3, Nashville 2
Vancouver 3, Anaheim 0

Today's Games

Washington at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES

SABRES 3, WILD 2, OT

Buffalo	1	1	0	1	— 3
Minnesota	0	2	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, Buffalo, Pominville 17 (Montador, Vanek), 1:23.
Second Period—2, Buffalo, Niedermayer 1 (Sekera, McCormick), 2:04. 3, Minnesota, Peters 1 (Staubitz, Burns), 14:13. 4, Minnesota, Zidlicky 5 (Bouchard, Havlat), 17:33 (pp).
Third Period—None.
Overtime—5, Buffalo, Stafford 26 (Sekera), :46.
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 6-11-15-1—33. Minnesota 6-14-6-0—26.
Goalies—Buffalo, Enroth. Minnesota, Theodore. A—18,091 (18,064). T—2:13.

CAPITALS 3, PANTHERS 2, OT

Washington	1	1	0	1	— 3
Florida	1	0	1	0	— 2

First Period—1, Florida, Thomas 3 (Repik, Santorelli), 15:03. 2, Washington, Backstrom 17 (Ovechkin, Knuble), 17:16.
Second Period—3, Washington, B.Gordon 2 (Carlson, Hendricks), 10:02.
Third Period—4, Florida, Booth 19 (Weiss, Kulikov), 17:24 (pp).
Overtime—5, Washington, Semin 23 (Johansson, Alzner), :48.
Shots on Goal—Washington 6-12-6-1—25. Florida 16-9-9-0—34.
Goalies—Washington, Neuwirth. Florida, Clemmensen. A—15,685 (17,040). T—2:24.

DEVILS 3, ISLANDERS 2, OT

New Jersey	0	1	1	0	— 3
N.Y. Islanders	0	1	1	0	— 2

New Jersey won shootout 2-1

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, New Jersey, Rolston 12 (Kovalchuk, Zajac), 4:09 (pp). 2, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 10 (Parenteau, Okposo), 17:06 (pp).
Third Period—3, New Jersey, Kovalchuk 24 (Josefson, Volchenkov), 2:52. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Comeau 18, 16:18.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—New Jersey 2 (Tedenby NG

Lakers rout Spurs for 7th straight win

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Kobe Bryant agreed it might have been the Lakers' best game so far.

It technically wasn't the worst for the San Antonio Spurs, though it often looked that way.

The Lakers may not catch the NBA's winningest team for the No. 1 seed in time for the playoffs, but they handed the Spurs a blunt reminder that the Western Conference is still theirs to surrender, beating San Antonio 99-83 in a blowout Sunday.

Bryant, who finished with 26 points, didn't make much of it.

"I don't think it's that big of a message that we sent today," he said.

It was the seventh straight victory for the Lakers, who are playing as well as any point this season. Coach Phil Jackson concedes that San Antonio's 6 1/2-game lead in the West may be too big to overcome with 18 games left. But the Lakers still made a few marks.

One is emphatically ending San Antonio's franchise-record home winning streak at 22 games. Another is beating the Spurs for the first time in three tries, including last month's stunning loss in Los Angeles when Antonio McDyess tipped in the game-winner at the buzzer.

Bryant, for his part, didn't show any excitement in winning this round.

"Why should I be?" he said.

Instead, Bryant sought to keep the lopsided win in perspective.

"We know we're capable of having games like this and San Antonio knows we're capable of having games like this," he said. "It just as easily could go the other way around."

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 14 points. He was their only starter in double figures; Tim Duncan scored two points and Manu Ginobili scored six.

Two days after San Antonio humiliated LeBron James and Miami in a 30-point blowout, the Spurs took their own lumps. The NBA's sixth-highest scoring team mustered just 37 points in the first half — matching a season low — and shot 36 percent from the floor.

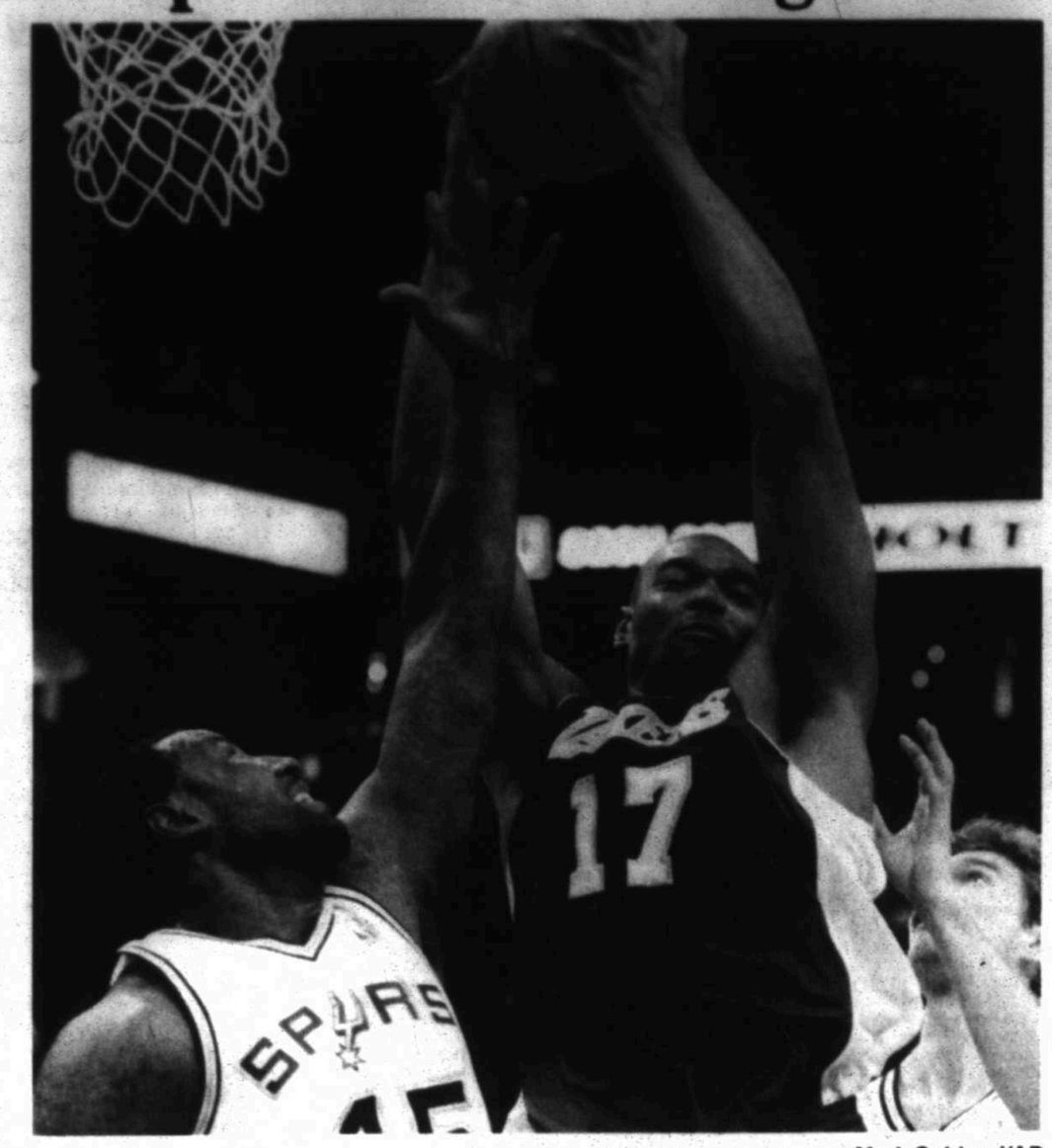
And it could've been worse. The Lakers led by as many as 32 in third quarter before the Spurs threw in the towel and emptied their bench.

"They hit us in the mouth from the beginning and by the time we realized it, it was the ninth round and we were down on the scorecard," Spurs guard Gary Neal said.

Pau Gasol scored 21 points and Andrew Bynum had 17 rebounds for the Lakers, who can match their longest win streak of the season with a victory at Atlanta on Tuesday.

It's part of arguably the toughest stretch this season for the Lakers, who are still out to prove they're the NBA's best despite trailing the Spurs all season. The Lakers will also play at Miami and at Dallas before coming home to face Orlando on March 14.

By the time the Magic leave Los Angeles, the Lakers will have faced four of the NBA's top seven teams in a span of eight days.



Mark Sobhani/AP

UP STRONG Los Angeles Lakers center Andrew Bynum (17) grabs a rebound between San Antonio Spurs players DeJuan Blair, left, and Tiago Splitter on Sunday during the second half at the AT&T Center in San Antonio. The Lakers defeated the Spurs, 99-83.

Lakers	99
Spurs	83

SUNDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

GRIZZLIES 104, MAVERICKS 103: At Dallas, Zach Randolph made a high-arching 17-footer with 0.3 seconds left, lifting Memphis over Dallas.

The Grizzlies erased an 18-point deficit shortly before halftime, then polished off the comeback with a wild finish.

Memphis went ahead with 14.3 seconds left when Shane Battier caught a blocked shot under the basket and flicked in a reverse layup. Then Dallas — which had won eight straight and 18 of 19 — went back ahead when Dirk Nowitzki made a jumper over Battier from the foul line with 3.1 seconds left.

The Grizzlies beat the Mavericks for the third time this season, winning the season series against their conference rival for the first time in franchise history.

CAVALIERS 96, HORNETS 81: At Cleveland, Chris Paul left the court on a stretcher and suffered a concussion in the New Orleans Hornets' 96-81 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday night.

The four-time All-Star lost the ball in the third quarter driving into the lane as he was defended by Ramon Sessions and Samardo Samuels. As Paul tried to retrieve the ball, he hit his forehead on Sessions' right shoulder and immediately fell to the court. Paul stayed on the floor as trainers from both teams attended to him.

Paul, who was moving his legs and feet, was placed on a flat board and a brace was put on his neck. Players from both teams surrounded him. He was wheeled to the locker room and gave a thumbs up to the crowd as he left the court. He was taken to Cleveland Clinic for precautionary tests, then rejoined the team for its flight to Chicago. He will miss Monday's game.

David West scored 23 points, and Paul had 13 points and 11 assists in 26 minutes.

BULLS 87, HEAT 86: At Miami, Derrick Rose scored 27 points, Luol Deng capped an 18-point effort with two free throws that put Chicago ahead for good, and the Bulls handed Miami its fourth straight loss.

Carlos Boozer scored 12 and Joakim Noah added 11 for the Bulls, who moved a game ahead of Miami into outright possession of second place in the Eastern Conference and beat the Heat for the third time this season.

LeBron James scored 26 points, Chris Bosh added 23 and Dwyane Wade had 20 for the Heat. James and Wade both missed shots that would have won it for Miami in the final 8 seconds.

KNICKS 92, HAWKS 79: At Atlanta, Amare Stoudemire scored 26 points, Landry Fields added 15 and New York easily beat Atlanta.

Carmelo Anthony, who was poked in the eye in the first quarter and later hit in the head in the first half, finished with 14 points, his lowest total since New York acquired him in a Feb. 22 trade.

THUNDER 122, SUNS 118, OT: At Oklahoma City, Russell Westbrook had 32 points and 11 assists, James Harden matched his career high with 26 points and Oklahoma City overcame an off night by NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant to beat Phoenix in overtime.

Vince Carter led Phoenix with 29 points but missed two of three free throws with the chance to put the Suns ahead with 17.4 seconds left. Steve Nash missed a potential tying 3-pointer after that, and the Thunder were able to close it out from the foul line.

76ERS 125, WARRIORS 117, OT: At Philadelphia, Andre Iguodala had his second straight triple-double with 15 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists to help Philadelphia beat Golden State in overtime.

Iguodala had 22 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds Friday in a win over Minnesota. He fed Evan Turner for a dunk late in OT to earn his third triple-double of the season.

PISTONS 113, WIZARDS 102: At Auburn Hills, Mich., Charlie Villanueva scored all of his 16 points in the second quarter, helping Detroit build a lead it wouldn't relinquish in a win over Washington.

Villanueva made three 3-pointers, then added a conventional three-point play that started a 10-0 run that put Detroit ahead 60-49 shortly before halftime. Tayshaun Prince, who has been bothered by back problems, added 20 points for the Pistons in his first appearance in five games.

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Players, umpires and MLB hold joint meeting

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — The unions for major league baseball players and umpires have held a rare joint meeting with management.

The 2 1/2-hour session Sunday originally was set at the request of the players' association in early October after a series of missed calls in the playoffs. That meeting was postponed because of a death in the family of one of the participants.

"We had a productive exchange about a range of issues of concern to players, umpires and the commissioner's office," union head Michael Weiner said.

Several former players attended the session, including Tony Clark, Steve Rogers, Phil Bradley, Bobby Bonilla, Stan Javier and Rick Helling. Clark is the director of player relations of the players' association.

Attending for MLB were executive vice presidents Joe Torre and Rob Manfred, senior adviser Frank Robinson and senior vice president Dan Halem.

"Just a conversation about areas of mutual concern," Manfred said.

SUNDAY'S SPRING TRAINING ROUNDUP

RANGERS 8, BREWERS (SS) 1: At Surprise, Ariz., Zack Greinke threw two uneven innings for Milwaukee's split squad and Michael Young drove in his first runs of the spring for Texas.

Greinke gave up five hits in two innings, but allowed only one run. Greinke, who was slated to throw 45 pitches and go three innings, needed 38 to get through the two innings and threw 22 for strikes.

YANKEES 10, ASTROS 8: At Kissimmee, Fla., Alex Rodriguez is showing something extra this spring.

Rodriguez hit his first home run of the exhibition season and the New York Yankees outslugged the Houston Astros 10-8 on a windy Sunday.

PHILLIES (SS) 5, RAYS 4: At Clearwater, Fla., Cliff Lee threw four shutout innings, Ryan Howard hit his second home run of the spring and a split squad of Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Tampa Bay Rays.

Lee, the prize of the winter free-agent market, was in mid-season form. He held Tampa Bay to two singles while striking out five and walking none in his second start.

GIANTS 6, MARINERS 1: At Scottsdale, Ariz., Tim Lincecum struck out seven in 3 2-3 scoreless innings and worked out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam to lead the San Francisco Giants over the Seattle Mariners.

The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner gave up three hits and walked three.

PADRES 7, ATHLETICS (SS) 6: At Peoria, Ariz., Padres closer Heath Bell pitched a scoreless inning in his spring debut and San Diego defeated the Oakland Athletics.

Bell had been out since the first day of camp because of a strained left calf. The All-Star reliever struck out two.

BLUE JAYS 5, PIRATES 0: At Bradenton, Fla., home run champion Jose Bautista went 3 for 3 with two doubles against his old team and Ricky Romero pitched four scoreless innings as the Toronto Blue Jays blanked the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Romero struck out six and allowed just one hit, a ground-ball single up the middle by Pedro Alvarez in the first inning.

METS 6, RED SOX 5: At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Carlos Beltran tested his right knee in a game for the first time this spring, getting a hit and sliding home in the New York Mets' win over the Boston Red Sox.

The All-Star outfielder was the Mets' designated hitter. Batting lefty in the second inning, the switch-hitting Beltran lined a single off Michael Bowden and jogged to first base. Beltran scored from second on Daniel Murphy's hit, sliding in before the ball was cut off.

ATHLETICS (SS) 5, BREWERS (SS) 4: At Phoenix, Gio Gonzalez struck out five in three hitless innings and the Oakland Athletics beat the Milwaukee Brewers in a split-squad game for both teams.

Gonzalez started and walked two. Tyson Ross followed with three scoreless innings, working around four hits and striking out four.

REDS 10, CUBS (SS) 0: At Goodyear, Ariz., Johnny Cueto pitched three scoreless innings and World Series MVP Edgar Renteria got two hits as the Cincinnati Reds beat a Chicago Cubs split squad.

ROYALS 8, WHITE SOX 3: At Glendale, Ariz., Mark Buehrle was hit hard in his second outing of the spring, allowing five runs and nine hits in three innings as the Chicago White Sox lost to the Kansas City Royals.

TWINS 3, ORIOLES 0: At Fort Myers, Fla., Danny Valencia kept showing he might be Minnesota's long-term solution at third base, putting the Twins ahead early in their win over the Baltimore Orioles.

BRAVES 5, NATIONALS 0: At Viera, Fla., Tommy Hanson pitched three hitless innings and the Atlanta Braves held the Washington Nationals to just two hits.

TIGERS 2, PHILLIES (SS) 1: At Lakeland, Fla., Phil Coke pitched four innings as he prepares for a starting role and the Detroit Tigers beat a split squad of Philadelphia Phillies.

MARLINS 7, CARDINALS 2: At Jupiter, Fla., Chris Volstad turned in a solid start, pitching three scoreless innings as the Florida Marlins beat the St. Louis Cardinals. The game was called in the middle of the eighth inning because of rain.

ANGELS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 2: At Tempe, Ariz., Jered Weaver was sharp, Bobby Abreu had a two-run double and the Los Angeles Angels hit former teammate Joe Saunders hard in a victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

CUBS (SS) 5, DODGERS 3, 10 INNINGS: At Mesa, Ariz., Ryan Dempster made progress toward his opening day start with four solid innings, Marlon Byrd had three hits and the split-squad Chicago Cubs defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in 10 innings.

ROCKIES 3, INDIANS 1: At Scottsdale, Ariz., Ty Wigginton homered and doubled, Jason Hammel threw three solid innings and the Colorado Rockies beat the Cleveland Indians.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Men

TEXAS

NORTH TEXAS 78, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 64: At Hot Springs, Ark., Tristan Thompson was 20 for 20 from the free-throw line and scored 36 points to lift North Texas to a 78-64 win over Florida Atlantic in the quarterfinals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament on Sunday night.

Thompson scored 24 of his points in the second half in helping the Mean Green (21-10) rally from an 11-point first-half deficit. He hit 7 of 11 field-goal attempts, including both 3-point shots.

Fourth-seeded North Texas advances to Monday's tournament semifinals to face No. 3 seed Western Kentucky. The Hilltoppers beat Louisiana-Lafayette 81-76.

The No. 1 seed Owls (21-10) led 34-23 late in the first half and 41-33 early in the second half before the Mean Green went on a 8-0 run to tie it at 41. Thompson had six points during the run.

Raymond Taylor led Florida Atlantic with 13 points.

TOP 25

NO. 1 OHIO STATE 93, NO. 10 WISCONSIN 65: At Columbus, Ohio, Jon Diebler scored 27 points and lived up to his "3-bler" nickname by hitting 7 of 8 shots from behind the arc, leading top-ranked Ohio State to an emotional 93-65 victory over No. 10 Wisconsin on Sunday.

Freshman Jared Sullinger added 22 points, William Buford had 18 and David Lighty scored 13 for the Buckeyes (29-2, 16-2 Big Ten), who hit 6 of 7 3-point attempts while building a 15-point halftime lead.

The Buckeyes had clinched the outright Big Ten title a day earlier thanks to No. 6 Purdue's 67-65 upset loss at Iowa.

Josh Gasser had 17 points, Jon Leuer 16 and Keaton Nankivil 10 for the Badgers (23-7, 13-5).

NO. 20 KENTUCKY 64, TENNESSEE 58: At Knoxville, Tenn., Brandon Knight scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half and the Wildcats finished second in the Southeastern Conference's East division to clinch a first-round bye in the conference tournament.

Terrence Jones had 15 points and 12 rebounds and Darius Miller also scored 15 as Kentucky (22-8, 10-6) got only its second SEC road win of the season.

Tobias Harris scored 18 points for the Volunteers (18-13, 8-8), who could have finished second in the East by beating Kentucky but dropped to fifth. Tennessee will face Arkansas in the opening round of the SEC tournament.

Women

TOP 25

NO. 8 DUKE 81, NORTH CAROLINA 66: At Greensboro, N.C., Jasmine Thomas scored 21 points and No. 8 Duke won its second straight Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship by beating No. 19 North Carolina 81-66 on Sunday.

Freshman Haley Peters added 14 points and Karima Christmas had 13 for the top-seeded Blue Devils (29-3). They shot 46 percent against a stingy North Carolina defense and held the Tar Heels (25-8) scoreless for 6 1/2 minutes down the stretch.

Jessica Breland scored 27 points for North Carolina, and her free throw put the Tar Heels up 54-53 with 9:28 left. The Blue Devils then reeled off 15 straight points as part of a 20-2 run to take command and beat their top Tobacco Road rivals for the second time in eight days.

Alison Vernerey finished with 10 points for Duke, the first team to repeat as ACC tournament champion since North Carolina won the event four straight years beginning in 2005.

NO. 1 CONNECTICUT 59, NO. 17 GEORGETOWN 43: At Hartford, Conn., Stefanie Dolson scored a career-high 24 points to lead the Huskies into the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

Tiffany Hayes added 10 points for the Huskies, who will face Rutgers on Monday night in the semis. UConn (30-1) has won 18 straight games since its lone loss of the season to Stanford on Dec. 30 that snapped the Huskies' record 90-game winning streak.

Sugar Rodgers scored 17 to lead Georgetown (22-10).

NO. 4 TENNESSEE 90, NO. 16 KENTUCKY 65: At Nashville, Tenn., Angie Bjorklund scored 23 points, including seven 3-pointers, and the Lady Vols hit a school- and tournament-record 16 3-pointers to win the Southeastern Conference championship.

Shekinna Stricklen scored 19 points and Meighan Simmons added 16 for Tennessee (31-2), which won its 15th SEC tournament title overall.

Victoria Dunlap and Bernisha Pinkett each had 15 points for Kentucky (24-8).

NO. 6 XAVIER 69, CHARLOTTE 53: At Lowell, Mass., Amber Harris had 23 points and 16 rebounds as Xavier advanced to the Atlantic 10 championship game with its 17th straight win.

Ta'Shia Phillips added 22 points and 11 rebounds for Xavier (27-2), which will play for its fourth A10 title in five years Monday night against Dayton.

NO. 7 NOTRE DAME 63, LOUISVILLE 53: At Hartford, Conn., Devereaux Peters had 19 points, nine rebounds, and six blocks to lead the Fighting Irish into the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

The Irish (25-6) will play DePaul on Monday night in a rematch of last Monday night's game in which the Blue Demons scored with about 6 seconds left to edge the Irish by one point. That win earned DePaul the No. 2 seed in the tournament.

NO. 12 DEPAUL 66, ST. JOHN'S 54: At Hartford, Conn., Anna Martin scored 17 points to lead DePaul into the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

Keisha Hampton and Katherine Harry each added 10 points for the Blue Demons (27-5), who will play the winner of the quarterfinal between Notre Dame and Louisville on Monday.

RUTGERS 68, NO. 20 MARQUETTE 62: At Hartford, Conn., April Sykes scored 16 of her 18 points in the second half to lift Rutgers into the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

Monique Oliver added 18 points and Chelsey Lee had 14 points and nine rebounds for the Scarlet Knights (19-11), who have won five straight and face top-ranked UConn in the semis.

NO. 22 GONZAGA 96, PORTLAND 71: At Las Vegas, Kayla Standish scored 23 points and Janelle Bekkering added 17 as the Bulldogs cruised into the West Coast Conference final for the fifth straight season.

WCC player of the year Courtney Vandersloot added 16 points and 14 assists for Gonzaga (27-4), which has won 17 in a row and takes on the winner of the Saint Mary's-San Diego semifinal in Monday's WCC final.

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SUNDAY'S NHL ROUNDUP

RANGERS 7, FLYERS 0: At New York, Ryan Callahan scored a career-high four goals and five points and the New York Rangers finally found some success at home in a dominating 7-0 victory over the sliding Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday.

Callahan, who had nine previous two-goal games and two four-points outbursts in the NHL, scored twice in the first period when New York built a 2-0 lead, added another in the second when the edge grew to 4-0, and netted his 20th of the season in the third with a goal off his skate.

FLAMES 3, PREDATORS 2: At Calgary, Jarome Iginla scored on a penalty early in the second period to become the 10th NHL player to reach 30 goals in 10 straight seasons, helping streaking Calgary beat Nashville.

Mike Gartner and Jaromir Jagr share the record with 15 consecutive 30-goal seasons. The 33-year-old Iginla has 471 NHL goals, two behind Denis Savard and Alex Mogilny for 49th on the career list.

CAPITALS 3, PANTHERS 2, OT: At Sunrise, Fla., Alexander Semin scored 48 seconds into overtime for Washington.

Nicklas Backstrom and Boyd Gordon also scored to help the Capitals take the Southeast Division lead.

CANUCKS 3, DUCKS 0; At Anaheim, Calif., Cory Schneider made 26 saves for his first career shutout, Manny Malhotra scored two goals and NHL-leading Vancouver won consecutive games for the first time in four weeks.

NHL scoring leader Daniel Sedin got a power-play goal in the third period for the Canucks, who had alternated wins and losses for a full month before back-to-back victories in Southern California to kick off a five-game trip. Schneider capitalized on a rare chance to play in place of starter Roberto Luongo, earning his first shutout in 29 career appearances.

SABRES 3, WILD 2, OT: At St. Paul, Minn., Drew Stafford scored 46 seconds into overtime for Buffalo, picking up the puck at the Minnesota blue line, going around Brent Burns and tucking the puck under goalie Jose Theodore's leg.

Jason Pominville and Rob Niedermayer also scored to help Buffalo move into eighth place in the Eastern Conference, a point ahead of Carolina for the final playoff spot.

DEVILS 3, ISLANDERS 2, SO: At Uniondale, N.Y., Brian Rolston scored in the sixth round of the shootout to give surging New Jersey its 29th victory in 24 games (20-2-2).

Blake Comeau tied it for New York with 3:42 left in regulation, firing a loose puck from the low slot past Martin Brodeur for his 18th goal this season.

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Tire gamble helps Edwards win in Las Vegas

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Carl Edwards is off to the best start of his career, and credits "a gift" from Tony Stewart for his first win of the season.

Stewart had the dominant car Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, but had to shuffle his strategy when a penalty on pit road crippled his chances. Edwards crew chief Bob Osborne took note of what Stewart was doing, then used it to get his own driver into Victory Lane.

"That car was spectacular. He did a really good job driving it, too," Edwards said of Stewart. "That was really a gift for us for him to have that penalty. It may have been the difference in the race there."

Stewart was the leader when he was penalized for leaving his pit stall with the air hose still attached to his Chevrolet. Crew chief Darian Grubb had to call for a two-tire stop to get Stewart back into the lead, the entire field saw it work, and Stewart was backed into a corner.

He had to take four tires on his final stop, most everyone else took two, and the longer time spent on pit road shuffled him too far back to make it back to the front.

Edwards, in a Roush Fenway Racing Ford, pulled away for the win, while Stewart, who dropped to 22nd after the four-tire stop, was unable to chase him down and finished second.

"We had the fastest thing on the planet today and we just gave it away," Stewart said. "It kills me to throw away a race like that."

That's how Edwards felt the last two weeks.

Edwards believed he should have won the first two races of the season, and had a hard time shaking the disappointment of not getting to Victory Lane before he arrived at Las Vegas. He was second in the season-opening Daytona 500 — he called winner Trevor Bayne to ask what he could have done differently on the last lap — then was certain he had the race-winning car last week at Phoenix before he was wrecked by Kyle Busch.

The win on Sunday, his second victory at Las Vegas and the 19th of his career, now has many thinking Edwards is a solid championship contender. He closed last season with wins in the final two races, and is now third in the Sprint Cup Series standings, three points out of the lead.

"This is the best start to a season that I've ever had," he said. "You know, Daytona could have gone any way. But Phoenix, that was a very strong performance from everyone. They had a little bit of bad luck there. Today, I felt like we had a solid top three car all day. That's three different types of racetracks with success on all three, so I'm really excited."

Stewart wasn't thinking about the big picture Sunday after finishing second to Edwards despite leading a race-high 163 laps.

Stewart was in second place on the final restart of the Daytona 500, but faded to a 13th-place finish. He then led 59 laps last week in Phoenix, only to finish seventh. Although Sunday's run moved him into the lead of the Sprint Cup Series standings, he was unable to take much solace in knowing he had cars capable of winning the first three races of the season.

"That's not in my makeup," said Stewart, who was trying to cross Las Vegas off the list of only two active tracks where he's yet to win a Cup race.

"This was a big deal today, and when you lead that many laps and have a car that's that fast and you lose it — I'm sure tomorrow when the emotion dies down we'll look back and say it was a great weekend, but just, man, it does not sit good right now."

Juan Pablo Montoya finished third and was followed by Marcos Ambrose, Ryan Newman and Martin Truex Jr. Denny Hamlin was seventh, while Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kurt Busch and Brian Vickers rounded out the top 10.

It was a rough day for most of the contenders, starting with pole-sitter Matt Kenseth's flat tire early in the race.

Las Vegas native Kyle Busch also had an early tire problem while running second to Stewart, and an engine failure ended his race and sent him to a 38th-place finish. Greg Biffle had a car capable of winning until a fuel issue took him out of contention.

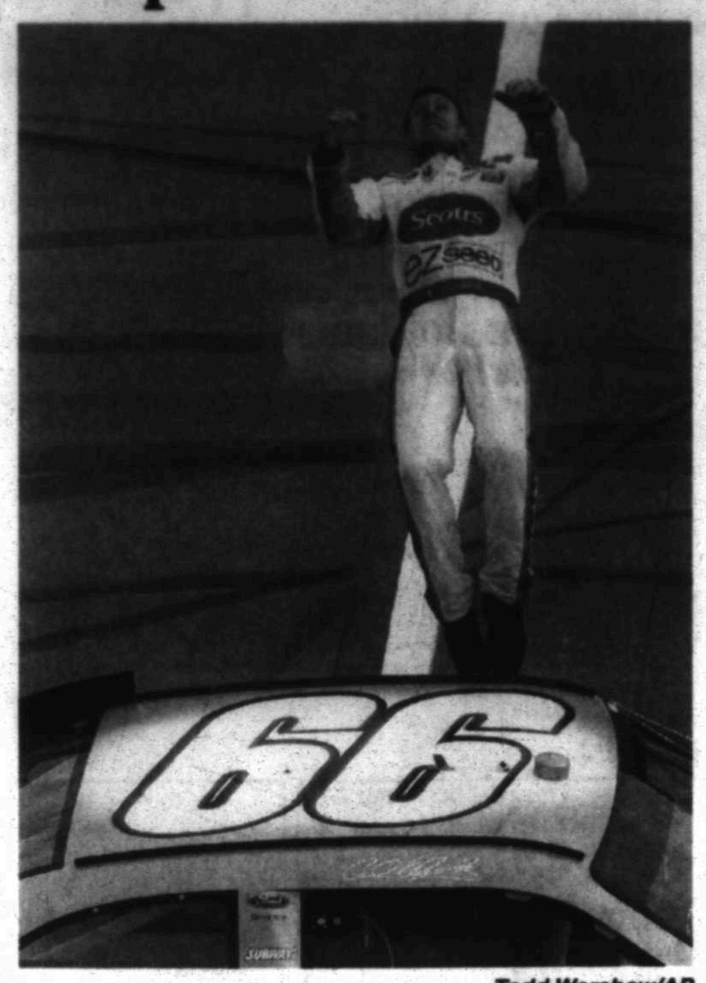
Kevin Harvick and Jeff Burton were both penalized for speeding on pit road, and on the same stop, Stewart was flagged for taking equipment out of his pit box.

"I don't know what happened on the pit stop there, but we had a miscue and had a penalty and had to go to the back, and unfortunately it kind of dealt our cards for us," Stewart said. "Darian made a good (two-tire) call getting us the track position back, but it also showed everybody else that they could do it, too."

Jeff Gordon, the winner last week in Phoenix, had a tire problem while running 10th and crashed his car. He finished 36th.

"I certainly wasn't expecting to blow a tire like that," Gordon said. "There was no sign whatsoever."

Kurt Busch is tied with Stewart, but is listed as second in the standings based on tiebreaker criteria. Like his younger brother, Kyle, he was disappointed to leave Las Vegas without a win.



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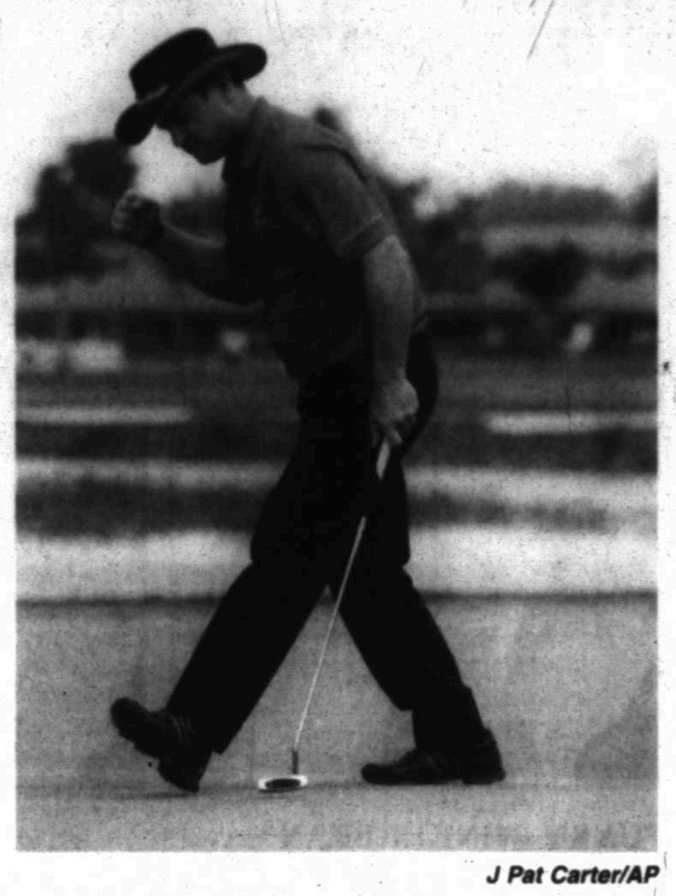
FLIPPING OUT Carl Edwards does a backflip off the side of his car Sunday after winning Sunday in Las Vegas.



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ROARING RORY Rory Sabbatini reacts after making a birdie putt Sunday on the 16th green during the final round of the Honda Classic in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Sabbatini won the tournament.

Rory Sabbatini wins Honda Classic by 1 shot

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Walking off the second tee Sunday, Rory Sabbatini veered left and stopped, peering toward a patch of 3-foot grass and the lake behind it.

Trouble for the Honda Classic leader? Maybe. Something was rustling in the rough.

"Is that a gator?" Sabbatini said.

The South African was wise to brace himself for any menace on the PGA National course. While no reptile sightings were confirmed, Sabbatini's five-stroke lead shrank to one in the space of seven holes, and a halt in play because of lightning delayed his march toward victory.

He weathered the weather, turned back a late challenge from Y.E. Yang and shot an even-par 70 for a one-stroke win.

"Luckily I had enough of a cushion that I didn't get too concerned," Sabbatini said. "I knew going into today that if I shot even par, it was going to be tough to catch."

He sealed the title with a 2-foot par putt on No. 18 for a 72-hole total of 9-under 271. The resident of Fort Worth, Texas, earned his sixth PGA Tour victory and his first since the 2009 Byron Nelson Championship.

Yang, Honda's 2009 winner, birdied the final hole for a closing 66 to finish 8 under. Jerry Kelly, who played with Sabbatini and Yang in the last threesome, shot a 67 and took third at 7 under.

"Rory did what he had to do to hold us off," Kelly said, "and we just didn't hit it good enough to make enough birdies."

Lee Westwood shot 70-284 and tied for 29th place, meaning Martin Kaymer will remain ranked No. 1. Westwood fell to No. 2 on Feb. 28 and needed a top-three finish to regain the top spot Monday.

Sabbatini is known for his fiery personality, outspoken nature and occasional digs at Tiger Woods, who skipped the event. But Sabbatini's demeanor was even-keel from the time he took the lead to stay on the front nine Saturday.

"I'm a passionate golfer," he said. "I love the game of golf, and I've had my moments. I'm not proud of everything I've done out here, but I'm trying to learn. I'm trying to be a role model for my children, and I know as my wife has said to me, I wouldn't want my son doing some of the things that I've done in the past."

Bottom line might not be bottom line in NFL talks

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

With five more days and nights — at least — to reach an agreement, the NFL and the players' union might find money off the top is not the bottom line.

The owners' request that about $2 billion of total revenues be deducted before they split the rest with the players has been a sticking point ever since 2008. That's when the owners opted out of the current collective bargaining agreement, which would have expired last Thursday if not for two extensions.

The deadline now is at the end of Friday, and a compromise on that figure — the owners already deduct about $1 billion for operating expenses from the $9 billion overall take — might be easier than reaching accord on expanding the regular season to 18 games or several other issues.

"We have made player safety our biggest concern, and we won't back off on that," said Tennessee Titans guard and player representative Jake Scott.

"There are so many moving parts, so much that goes on," added Saints tackle Jon Stinchcomb, also a player rep. "When you have these CBA negotiations, what we establish now will affect how we do business for years to come. It's more than just how to slash the pie. It's how you go to work, what your offseason will look like, benefits for former players, how protected are we when injuries come along. There are so many aspects being negotiated, it takes time to come to an agreement on all these different fronts."

One front that could have wiggle room is the owners seeking the additional $1 billion, which they say is essential for league and team operations because of the heavy debt many franchises have for stadium construction loans. Such numbers often are negotiable. Although the players aren't eager to take any sort of paycut, they might be amenable to a substantially reduced giveback that serves the owners well enough.

The rookie wage scale being proposed also shouldn't be too contentious as long as the owners plan to divert much of the money they save toward the veteran players and not their own pockets. All those players who wince when they see an untested rookie getting more guaranteed money than they've earned in their entire careers are firmly behind such a redistribution of those dollars.

Most dicey, as Scott suggests, is anything dealing with player safety and health benefits for current and retired players. That's where the proposed 18 regular-season games and two preseason games figure in.

The union is adamant, with so many injuries in a 16-game schedule — particularly brain trauma and major injuries that can have long-term effects — increasing the length of the regular season is not an option. The owners are just as adamant that the extra revenue 18 games would bring from league media partners and sponsors is necessary to keep the assets growing.

Commissioner Roger Goodell insists the preseason matches don't feature the quality fans deserve, so switching two of them for games that count is preferable.

For the players to agree on 18 games, they would want substantial reductions in offseason workouts, minicamps, and training camp. Should they get that, and if NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith can coax, say, five extra roster spots per team (160 more jobs), perhaps the league and union can find common ground in this area, too.

"To me, I feel like we were so far apart," Vikings defensive end Brian Robison said. "But they're trying to keep it out of the courts, which tells me that we're starting to agree on some things. I'm not saying that deal is going to be done real soon, but it's good to see that the guys on both sides are staying in the meeting room and making some progress toward our common goal, which is getting football back on the field when it's supposed to be there."

Roddick lifts US past Chile to Davis Cup quarters

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — Andy Roddick defeated Paul Capdeville 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-3 Sunday, giving the United States an insurmountable lead in a 4-1 win in the Davis Cup first-round series against Chile.

Roddick is 12-0 in matches that can clinch a Davis Cup series for the United States. He has played in 24 career ties since 2001 and has a 33-11 record.

"It's always sweet, and every time you clinch one you think it's the sweetest," Roddick said. "I think it's also pretty satisfactory when everything is stacked against you — you got the (clay) court, the crowd. It's a mental grind and you have to try and ignore everything."

The Americans will play Spain in the quarterfinal round in July in the U.S. The Spanish team led by Rafael Nadal beat Belgium 4-1 this weekend. Roddick's hometown of Austin, Texas, is being considered as the host, along with San Antonio and Albany, New York.

The U.S. team last played a home series in March 2009, beating Switzerland 4-1 at Birmingham, Alabama.

"I think it's been no secret that I've wanted that (to play in Austin), so I certainly appreciate the effort put forward and hopefully we can get it," Roddick said. "It would be a dream come true to play at home a really cool experience.

"A guy named Rafa coming to town will provide a little bit of energy. It's as good a second round as I've ever seen. Any place will be good as I'm just happy it will be on U.S. soil."

In completed first-round World Group series, Argentina closed out a 4-1 victory over Romania, Russia salvaged two matches in a 3-2 defeat to Sweden, and Germany defeated Croatia 3-2 when Philipp Petzschner beat Ivo Karlovic 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).

Chile and the U.S. could have abandoned the dead-rubber fifth match under a new Davis Cup rule because Sunday's first reverse singles match went four sets, but John Isner and Guillermo Rivera-Aranguiz elected to play with the American winning 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-5.

The No. 165th-ranked Capdeville was behind a break in the first set when he broke serve in the sixth and eighth games to go ahead 5-3 and serve out the set in the ninth game.

The No. 8-ranked Roddick patiently waited for his opportunity to pull away from Capdeville in the second set tiebreaker, taking a 5-0 lead.

Capdeville had little to give in the third set, but put up a fight in the fourth.

Iditarod starts up as mushers head for Nome

By Mary Pemberton
Associated Press

WILLOW, Alaska — Veteran musher DeeDee Jonrowe was dressed in her signature hot pink parka trimmed with wolverine and wolf fur on Sunday as she crossed the start line in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and pointed her dog team toward Nome.

The restart was held in the town of Willow, north of Anchorage, where 62 teams took off on the Iditarod Trail across a frozen lake marking the competitive portion of the 1,150-mile race.

The racers also left behind the party-like atmosphere that surrounded Saturday's ceremonial start in downtown Anchorage. The restart is a more businesslike affair as mushers say goodbye to family and loved ones and turn their attention to the world's longest sled dog race.

Some of them want more than just to finish the race. They want to oust defending champion Lance Mackey, who has dominated the Iditarod with four consecutive victories.

Mackey, 40, says he's hungry for a fifth and has the dog team to do it.

"Whoever takes the title from me will have to earn it," he said Sunday. "I'm good to go."

Race officials have described this year's Iditarod field as especially competitive, consisting of nine of the top 10 teams. Four-time Iditarod champion Jeff King retired after last year's race when he finished third.

The trail has good snow cover and is one of the best in recent memory, perhaps promising a fast race. If it is, the winner could cross the finish line in eight days or less.

The top 30 finishers will share a purse of $528,000. The winner will get $50,400 and a new truck. The payout for the others is reduced somewhat this year, ranging from $46,300 to $1,500.

Mackey, who finished the 2010 race in eight days, 23 hours, 59 minutes — the second-fastest finish in Iditarod history — acknowledges he doesn't need a new truck, but he wants one anyway.

However, what he really wants is to get every one of his 16 dogs in his team to the finish.

"They are pretty amazing animals," Mackey said.

The Iditarod began in 1973 to commemorate a race against time, when sled dogs and drivers teamed up in 1925 to defeat a deadly outbreak of diphtheria in Nome.

It was feared the disease would decimate Eskimo families living near the gold-rush town on Alaska's western coastline. Dog drivers drove teams 674 miles from Nenana to Nome to deliver the life-saving serum in five days.

Mitch Seavey, the 2004 champion, said while Mackey has done an outstanding job it is important that he gets a second Iditarod win. This year he has the team to do it, too.

"As good as Lance Mackey is and as successful as he is, he is not the only one who is a champion and can win this year," Seavey said. "I have a dog team that I think can do anything I ask them to do."

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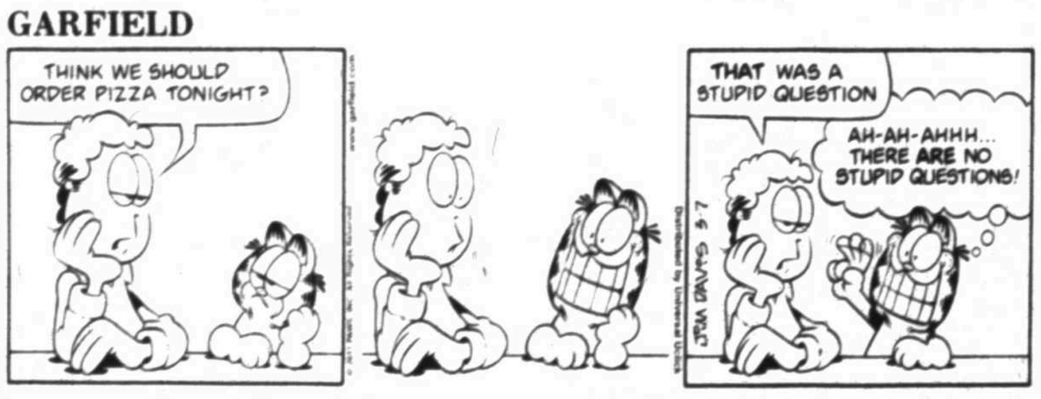

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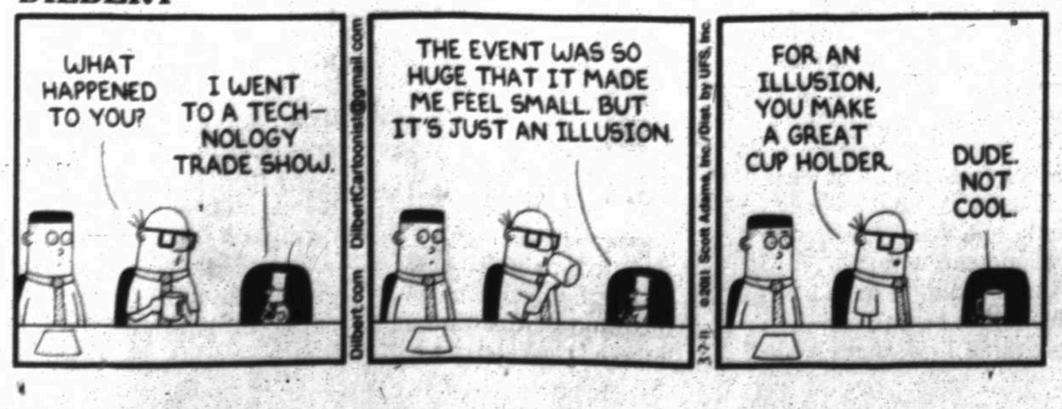

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"Drew has always wanted to learn to water-ski, so we got this lap pool."

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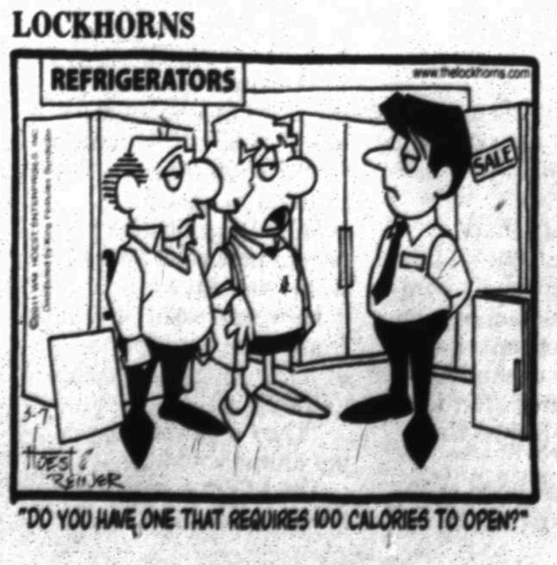

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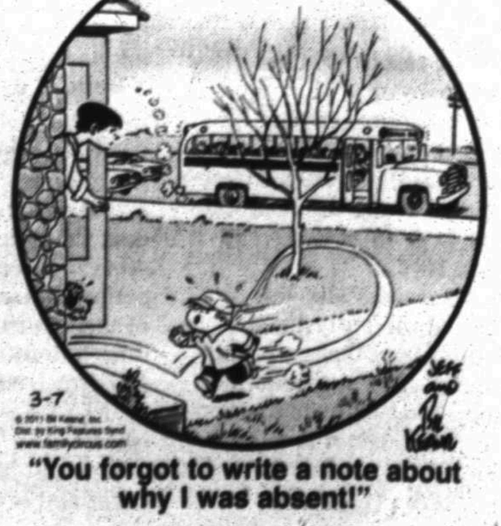

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high around 84 and west winds between 15 and 20 mph, increasing to between 25 and 30 mph with a possibility of gusts as high as 40 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low around 49 and west winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 76, a low around 33 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph, increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 70 and a low around 33.

The high on Sunday reached 68 while the low dropped to 33. The record high for March 6 is 90 set in 1946. The record low is 39 set in 1989.

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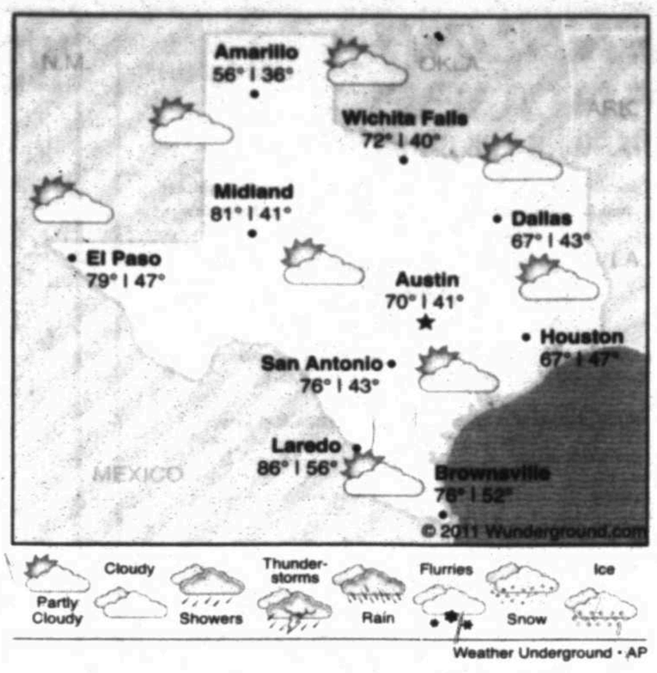
The wet storm in the Northeast will be slow to exit into the Canadian Maritimes today. The South will be dry under high pressure. The next storm is approaching the Midwest from the West. Along an active jet stream, showers and mountain snow will focus from California to Colorado and northernmost New Mexico.



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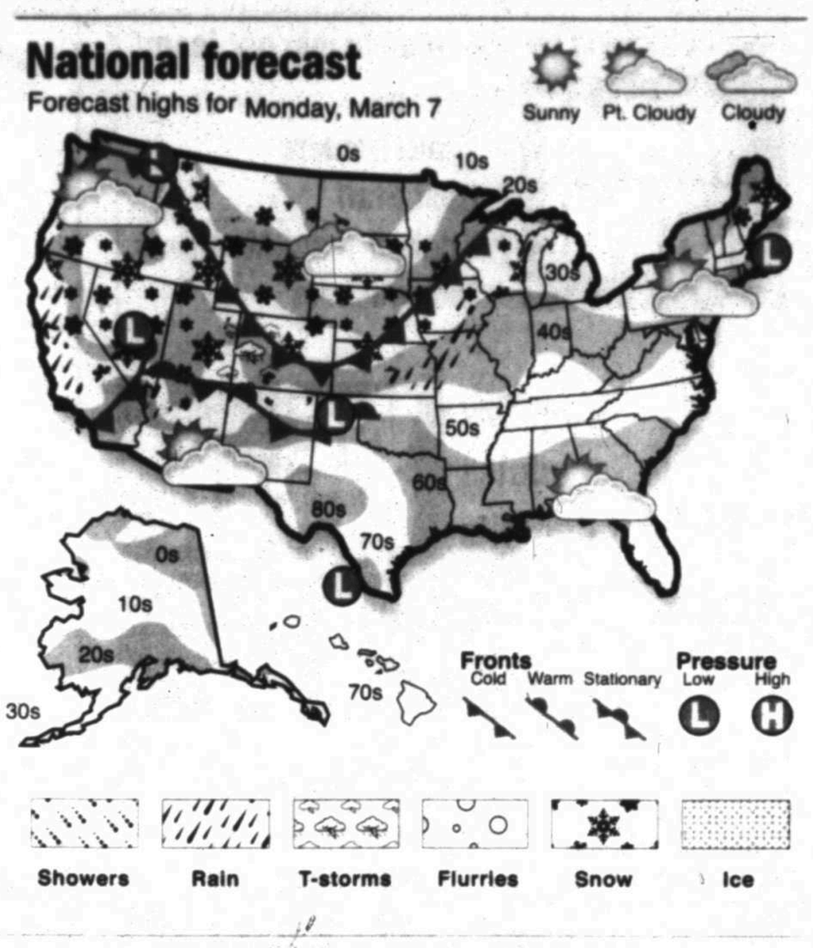

Kidney disease is price paid for neglect of health

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: Like many other young adults, I was too busy establishing a career during my 20s and early 30s to care much about diet and exercise. I felt healthy, so I saw no need to change my lifestyle. My doctor had told me my blood pressure was elevated during a number of my yearly physical exams, but I didn't ask any questions and took no action.

Then one morning, I walked into my doctor's office complaining of a severe headache and nausea. I was sent to the hospital with a dangerously high blood pressure reading. After just a few tests, I was told I had chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Even though it can be silent and cause no symptoms, high blood pressure should not be ignored. It is a leading cause of kidney disease, and because I didn't pay attention, my kidneys began to shut down. Abby, please tell your readers who are at risk for chronic kidney disease (and that's anyone with high blood pressure, diabetes or a family history of CKD) to check how their kidneys are functioning. I found out — too late — how important it is. — AZIZA M., NEW YORK CITY

DEAR AZIZA: Of course I will pass on your warning. According to the National Kidney Foundation, more than 26 million adults and thousands of American children have chronic kidney disease — and most of them don't know they have it. In addition, millions of people who have diabetes, hypertension and other diseases are unaware that they too are at risk for developing it.

Readers, March 10 is World Kidney Day. The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is offering free screenings during the month of March through the Kidney Early Evaluation Program in cities and towns across the country. With more than 50 local offices nationwide, the NKF provides early detection screenings and other vital patient and community services. To find a screening near you, visit www.kidney.org.

DEAR ABBY: One day, after dropping my son "Wyatt" off at day care, I looked back and saw an older kid push him and take away my son's toy. I was furious. What happened next restored my faith and softened my heart. A little girl walked over, handed Wyatt the toy she had been playing with and patted him on the head! I was very moved that someone so young understood compassion and was willing to give up something she enjoyed so my son wouldn't be upset.

Abby, please remind your readers that the littlest gesture can change someone's life. I'm glad I stopped to take another look at my son that day. I can't thank that little girl enough. — THANKFUL FOR LITTLE ONES, LEMAY, MO.

DEAR THANKFUL: I'm glad you stopped for that second look, too. You are absolutely right that the smallest gesture can change someone's life — and that statement applies to people of every age and from every walk of life. There are angels among us, and you saw one of the littlest.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K 6 5 4 2 ♡ 9 6 5 ◇ Q ♣ 10 8 7 5
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
3♣	Dbl	?	

What action do you take?
A — The opponents almost surely can make a slam, and there is very little you can do about it. The best is to make it as difficult as possible for them to exchange information, so this is simply a matter of whether to jump to five clubs or six! We like five clubs. That prevents them from checking on aces and gives them the opportunity to land in the wrong contract.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 6 ♡ A 10 5 ◇ A K J 6 ♣ A J 10 6 5
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?
A — If a jump to three spades is a splinter bid in your methods, showing a powerful diamond raise and a singleton spade, take that course. Or if a jump to three diamonds is forcing in your methods, by all means bid it. If neither of these actions is available, you have to jump shift to two hearts — an invitational jump to three diamonds would be a woeful underbid.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 5 ♡ A J 10 6 4 ◇ 9 5 2 ♣ A K 6 5
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	2◇
?			

What action do you take?
A — You have the worst possible hand for this auction — only 12 high-card points, admittedly prime, a singleton in partner's suit and three losers in the overcaller's suit. Pass and see what partner can do.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A 10 6 ♡ 6 2 ◇ 8 5 ♣ A K Q J 7 4
Your right-hand opponent opens one no-trump. What action do you take?
A — These days, this is the hand with which you double one no-trump. You expect to defeat that contract and, depending on how the bidding develops, you probably will have a chance to bid your suit later should you so desire.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 7, 2011:

This year, open up to new experiences, even if at times you might be fearful. You might often consider your values and the essence of life. For sure, if you don't risk, you will gain nothing. Listen to your inner voice more often. If you are single, let others come forward, because you will find that people are unusually reticent to be vulnerable. If you are attached, don't take a partner's coolness as anything else but him or her feeling fragile. ARIES drives a hard bargain.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Don't allow another person's negativity to color your mood. Clear your mind and do what you must. Empowered, you'll succeed at nearly anything you approach. Stay upbeat, knowing what is necessary to make a situation work. Your popularity grows as the day ages. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Know when to hit "cancel" for the day. Sometimes taking a day off is necessary in order to maximize your potential. Recharge, and you could become a human dynamo when you decide to finally appear. Tonight: Continue the theme.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Take a hint from Aries. You can only juggle so much in your life. Meetings and friends provide a great deal of upbeat, positive thinking. If you are single, a new relationship could be demanding. A child also might be feeling sad. Stay tuned in here. Tonight: Go where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Take a stand, knowing you could succeed. First, free yourself from another person's negativity and lack of perspective. Don't make the mistake of letting this person color the big picture. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil again.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Push comes to shove if dealing with touchy or difficult people. You wonder why you have made the choices you have up till now. Instead of lunging forward, stop. Take an overview of what is happening. Note the differences between yours and another person's needs. Tonight: Cut out and do something totally different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Deal with others directly, although you could find another person close to impossible to deal with. Tumble on the appropriate path, and this person will become easier to handle. A partnership might no longer be viable. Be honest about that matter. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Deferring draws some upbeat options that hadn't been considered. Listen and weigh your options. Clearly, knowing when enough is enough could be more important than you realize. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You could be goal-driven about a situation. You do need to handle a matter more clearly than in the past. Honor the differences of opinions. This attitude might be the result of a better answer in the long run but an immediate slow-down. Tonight: Exercise the day away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming. You might feel that someone is pushing you, though the appropriate response could be so far out of the ballpark that you cannot believe it. Your creativity and ability surge. Use care with a financial gamble. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Though you might judge that you start your morning on the wrong side of the bed, a lot changes quickly. If possible, maintain a low profile in what you take on. The power position of the day is "off stage." You know what is happening within your immediate circle. Tonight: Close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. You might not like everything that you have to do. The ramifications of one key talk could prove to be problematic if it's not handled in an appropriate manner. Use care in how you move forward in a situation. Tonight: Hanging out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Stay tuned in to what could be a changing money situation. Honor what is happening, but since the situation is subject to constant change, you could be uncomfortable. You might not enjoy what you hear from an associate. Know that you don't need to make a decision immediately. Tonight: Gather your bills.

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ACROSS
1 Pet adoption ctr.
5 Like drive-thru orders
9 Cash alternative
14 Come __ end: conclude
15 Most eligible for the draft
16 Popular branch of yoga
17 Small-time
19 Have __ with: talk to
20 Like strictly religious Jews
21 Invite to enter
22 Fawn's mother
23 Family folk
24 Simple to apply, in adspeak
25 Approx. leaving hour
26 Some Ga. Tech grads
27 Pass along softly, as a secret
29 Coin flip call: Abbr.
30 Yuletide spiced ales
31 Numero after siete
34 Fellows
35 Stage group
36 Occur together
39 '60s atty. general who served under his brother
41 Elephants, e.g.
42 End of a giggle
43 Angel dust, briefly
46 Completely stump
47 "May __ excused?"
48 Significant period
49 Handy bags
50 Rodin or Michelangelo
52 Evita's married name
53 Fortunate one
54 Put on a coat?
55 Color of suede shoes, in song
56 __-Seltzer
57 Hockey disks
58 Dines
59 Mouth off to

DOWN
1 Walked decisively
2 Christie sleuth Hercule
3 On a slant
4 Pharaoh's cross
5 Hot alcoholic drinks
6 Burger toppers
7 Group with thirtysomethings, briefly
8 "Mighty" tree
9 Vehicle's framework
10 Wham-O footbag
11 Addis Ababa's country
12 Television watcher's choices
13 Kit __ bar
18 Teamed, as oxen
21 Massage reactions
24 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge!"
28 Q-U connection
29 Cheap dance hall
30 Like small laddies
31 Halloween mo.
32 "Undersea World" explorer Jacques
33 Momentous
34 Warehouse gds.
37 Joins, as stones in a wall
38 Colored part of the eye
39 Expresses stern disapproval of
40 Touchy-__
42 Diaphragm spasm that may be cured by holding one's breath
43 "Downtown" singer Clark
44 Onion soup holders
45 Hooded coats
50 "Star Trek" helmsman
51 Palmtop computers: Abbr.
52 Very quietly, to Beethoven
53 Scale abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	C	L	U		B	E	F	O	G		N	U	M	B
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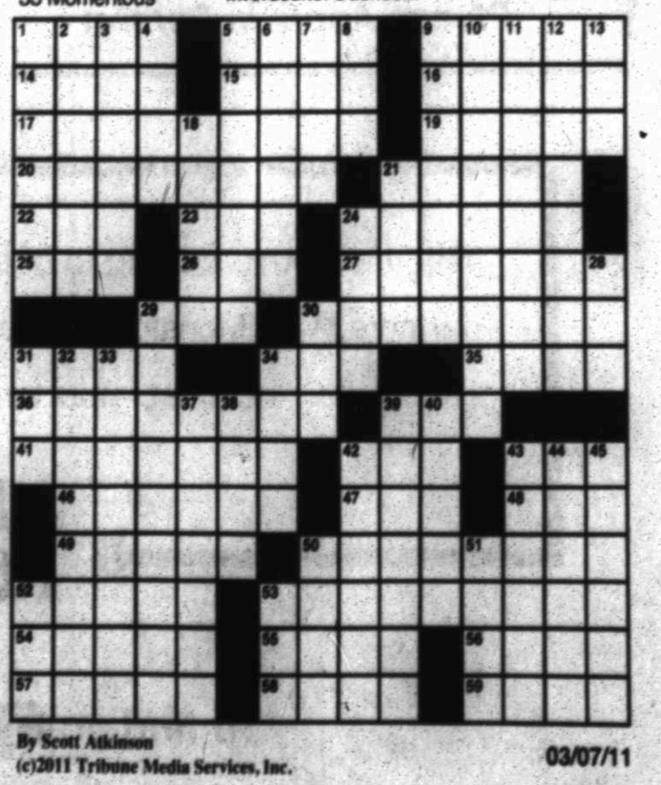

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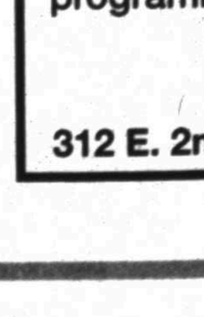

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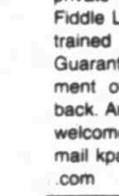

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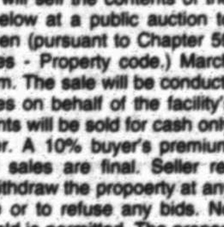

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