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Warren proposes new Midland High campus

Additional MISD changes include moving San Jacinto Junior High

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Though he knows it might sound crazy, Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said he may ask the community once again for bond funding to build a new Midland High School.

It's a question that's been asked several times — in 1996, 2000 and 2002 — and voters rejected them all.

However, now that the district is seeing enrollment grow steadily each year and has a desire to align schools with the state's configuration, Warren says it's time Midland develops a long-term plan for its schools and decides its philosophy for high schools.

"If you look at the way we're growing, we're going to have two of the biggest high schools in the state with 3,500 to 4,000 students each," Warren said, alluding to the district's growth of nearly 800 students each year.

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MISD budget includes salary increases, additional staff and teaching positions, a translation department and software to help English language learners. Page 4A

He spoke about "The State of MISD Now, and Our Vision for the Future" to about 30 residents at the Petroleum Museum's monthly brown bag lunch series Tuesday.

Warren said it's time the Midland community decides how they want their schools formed and gave the example that Allen ISD has decided it will forever remain a one high school town with enrollment topping 5,000, yet Frisco ISD has committed to only having 4A high schools.

Adding a third high school to MISD also may be considered, but it is a decision Warren said the community must make.

"I can't make a decision," he said. "I know for myself what I think is better, but that has nothing to do with Midland. It is a huge decision for any community."

Warren said MISD will have to come up with a way to get as much input as possible from the public, whether it be a survey or vote, but ultimately the school board will decide if Midland adds another high school.

Warren's presentation wasn't just about buildings, but about a transformation moving forward that puts students

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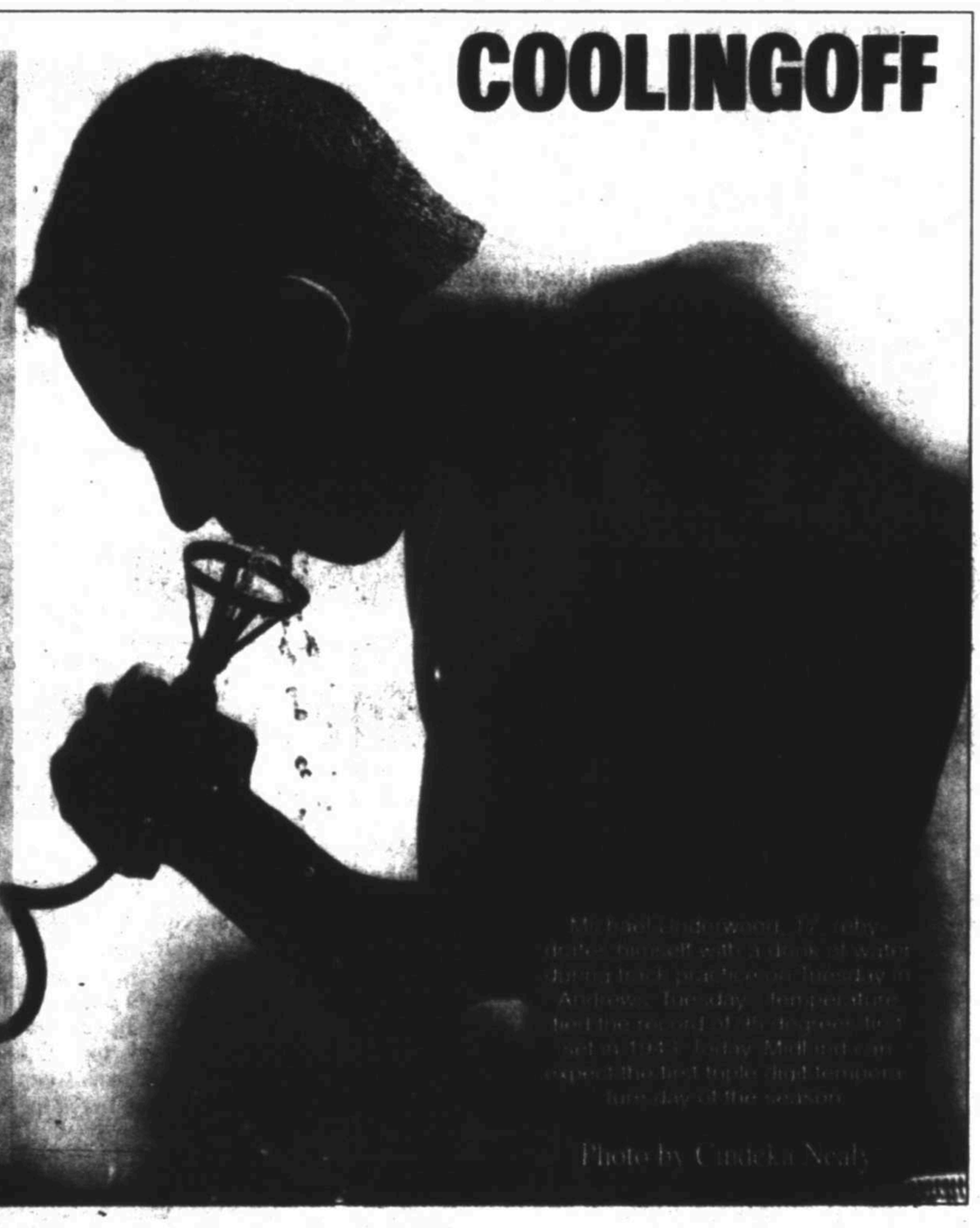
COOLINGOFF

And so, it begins

Today is expected to be the first triple digit temperature day of 2012. Although the next several months will be increasingly hotter, there is an end in sight. Meteorologists predict an end to the current dry, hot weather pattern in the latter summer months of the year, which could end an almost two-year drought.

Temperatures for the week ahead

The high for today is expected to be 101, beating the previous record for this date of 98 in 1996. If Midland reaches the expected high, it will tie the all-time record high for April set in 1989. That record is poised to be surpassed Tuesday if Midland reaches or exceeds April



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Council denies RSP Permian drilling request

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

In a split vote, the Midland City Council on Tuesday delivered its first denial for a drilling permit request since the inception of the oil and gas ordinance.

The council in a 4-3 vote told RSP Permian it would not be awarded its permit for a well near Briarwood Avenue and Roadrunner Trail. The well was planned for just more than 500 feet away from an existing residence and closer than that to several homes being developed.

Inside

Multiple crews work in record time to accomplish T Bar pipeline, project manager says. Page 4A

For residents in the neighborhood, the vote was a victory they say they've been working toward for months.

"I'm pleased the council sent a clear message to Midland," said Dr. Steven Rea, who helped lead the effort.

A total of 35 letters and two petitions were submitted to the city in opposition of the request.

Rea said the proposed well would have created a safety hazard also causing noise, dust and traffic problems. By voting against the permit, Rea said the council sent a message

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Parks and Recreation fund aims for $20 million

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

With the cutting of a cake on Tuesday, council members officially kicked off the campaign to raise $20 million by 2020 in support of the Midland Community Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, along with the city, hosted a community lunch event Tuesday to increase awareness of the endowment fund and to begin soliciting donations in an effort to meet its goals. Commissioners and City Council members said having a thriving parks system for decades to come is important both for quality of life and creating opportunities for recreation and tourism.

"We're grateful for the parks that we have and the community center," said Jerry Morales, councilman at large and member of the commission. "These parks need to be here for 50 and 100 years from now."

The endowment fund was started about five years ago but since then never has garnered much public attention, said Lourcey Sams, commission co-chairman.

When it was founded, the city contributed $30,000. Since that time, only a little more than $4,000 has been donated, he said.

By holding a campaign to raise awareness of the fund, Sams said members are confident the community will step up in support. The commission aims to raise $2 million in the first year of the campaign.

"I know that the citizens of Midland are generous

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A display featuring Midland park updates is shown at the Parks & Recreation Endowment Fund kick-off campaign luncheon Tuesday.

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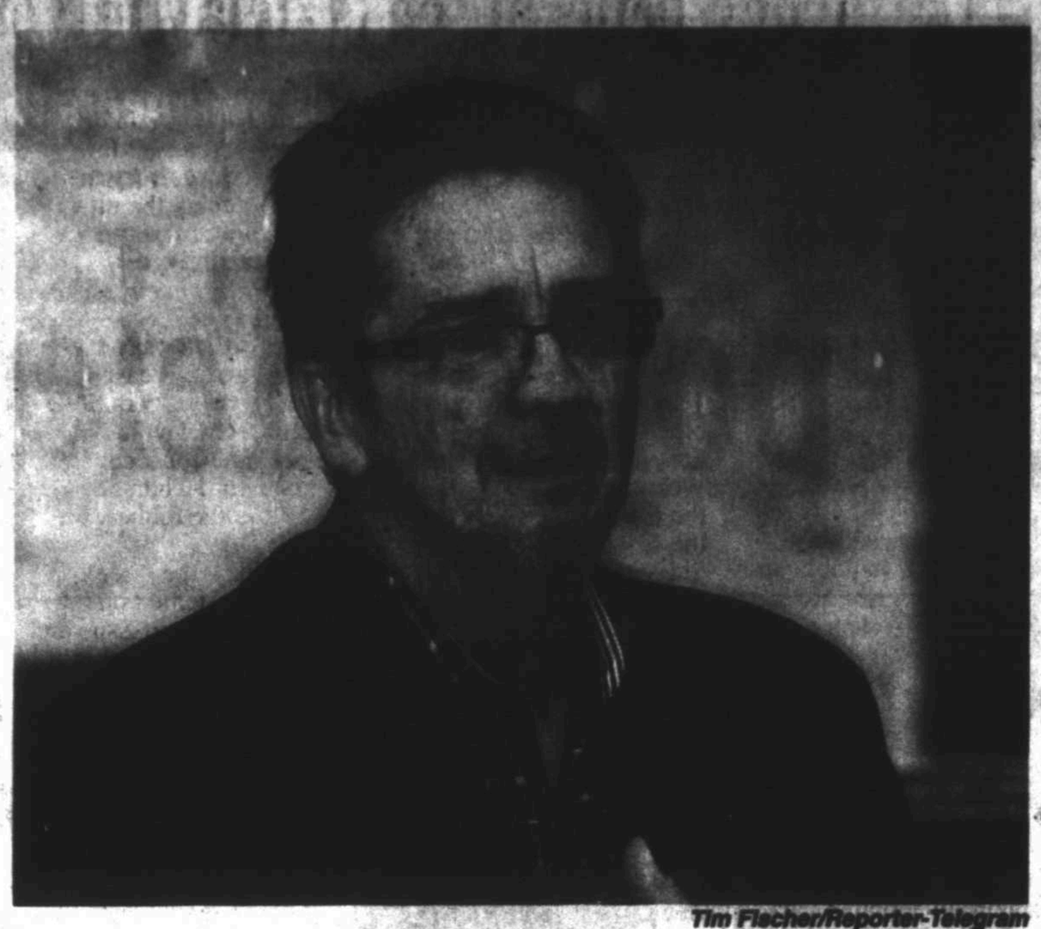

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Jimmy Patterson speaks Tuesday at the National Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony about being bullied as a child.

Coalition offers training on dealing with bullies

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Having once been a bully himself, Department of Public Safety trooper John "Bubba" Barton now brings the message to stop bullying to schools around the Permian Basin.

"I'm passionate about it. I was the bully and was bullied. There are certain parts you will always remember of it," he said.

But over the years, bullying has evolved to a constant, 24-hour battle for some with the advances in technology and social media networks. It's no longer just at schools.

Barton conducted a two-hour training session on bullying — how to recognize it and how to help victims — during Tuesday's national Victims' Rights Week event at the Midland County Courthouse.

Sponsored by the Midland County Victim Coalition, the free training seminar was open to all those in law enforcement and others who work with victims.

Bullying this year has been such a big issue among teenagers and students that coalition President Jennifer Painter said the group felt the subject needed to be brought out for the public to learn about it.

Barton said there are three individuals affected by bullying: The bully, the one being bullied and the bystander.

The only time he said he was ever bullied was when there was an audience for the bully and he knows that when he bullied others, it was because of encouragement from bystanders.

"Bullying affects boys and girls of all races, shapes and sizes. Everyone bullies just like everyone can be a victim when it comes to bullying," Barton said.

While boys may take their bullying out more directly through physical contact, Barton said that girls are more indirect and bully by name-calling or excluding others from their groups.

After he was confronted by those he had bullied, Barton said he changed in his senior year of high school but by then the damage to his reputation already had been done. The teachers had labeled him a trouble-maker and it was harder for him to make friends.

"My reputation was already out there that I was no good," he said.

Bullying can start with a few little snide comments, like "look at his/her shoes" or "I can't believe they're wearing that" and escalate from there, he said. It gets more personal over time and Barton said with websites like Facebook, once something is posted to defame someone, you never can get rid of it.

"Cyberbullying now doesn't stop at school, but it goes with them wherever they go," he said. "Bullying is nothing new. There's just more technology for it to continue."

Barton told those at the seminar they don't want victims to retaliate but that they should be encouraged to stand up and say that they're not going to take it anymore.

If one is being bullied, he said the victim should walk away and keep their cool. For those who feel like they don't have anywhere to go, Barton said victims should be encouraged to find a trusted adult with whom to confide.

Jimmy Patterson, a columnist for the Reporter-Telegram, also shared his personal experience of being bullied when he was in elementary school.

Patterson was the guest speaker at Tuesday's annual Victims Remembrance Celebration and said he didn't think about his own experiences from childhood until recently when the issue of teen suicides arose in the community.

"I hope that none of them were because they were victims of bullies," he said.

He told the celebration participants that when he was 9 years old, he had been baptized in his church and attended weekly with his parents. A shy kid, he went away that summer to church camp for the first time. On the first night, he was the last one in the bunkhouse and was told to wait outside.

Patterson said he was then pushed inside the building and made to run down the aisle between the beds where the other boys held belts in their hands and slapped him as he made his way down the "belt line."

He was struck repeatedly, he said, in the torso, back and legs and then pushed into the bathroom where he was turned upside down and his head was dunked into a toilet filled with urine.

"I don't know what happened after that, quite frankly," he said.

When he could, he escaped from the room and headed to the camp office where he called his parents, explained what had happened and they came to pick him up. The boys who bullied him were merely given a slap on the wrist. For the next nine years, until he was 18, Patterson said he and his family stayed at the church but he was never welcomed into the group of peers following the camp incident.

Still, Patterson told the crowd that being bullied is something that can be overcome. He encouraged those in attendance to step forward if they need help.

"The pain of bullying does subside. Bullying is a deep and hurtful pain when it's happening," he said.

"The scars will be there for a lifetime. Those who bear them must be guided so they can live."

The Midland High School drama class also performed a skit addressing bullying from their point of view in the schools for those at the event.

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MPD: Woman suffers bites in drug-related attack

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland man was released on bond Monday after he was arrested for allegedly attacking a woman with a knife and biting her multiple times in an attempt to get "crack money," according to a police report.

Milton A. Alexander, 40, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Alexander

Midland police were dispatched to the 5100 block of North "A" Street around 10:30 a.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance. The caller said she was bitten several times during an attack and the suspect was attempting to leave the scene, according to Alexander's arrest report.

Midland Police Department officers arrived before Alexander could flee and detained him while they interviewed the victim. She said Alexander chased her from the parking lot and up a set of stairs with a knife. There was a struggle on the floor and she was able to grab the knife from Alexander. In response, he allegedly bit her on the hand multiple times until she dropped the knife, the report stated.

Alexander then allegedly grabbed her purse and was looking for more "crack money." The report stated Alexander was forcefully keeping her in the apartment but she managed to slip away with her keys and attempted to flee. But, he allegedly caught up to her and bit her hands several more times, trying to get her to drop her keys.

She had no other injuries and Alexander suffered a superficial cut on his stomach. She did tell police she was in fear of her life because Alexander also allegedly assaulted her a few months ago.

Alexander is out of jail on a $25,000 bond. If convicted of the second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a weapon, he could serve up to 20 years in prison.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Richard Benavides, 20, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Linda D. Franco, 62, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of injury to the elderly.

Charlemagne S. Franklin, 22, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Joshua P. Harber, 25, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Martin O. Suchil, 23, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Jamie Varela, 33, of Odessa, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Autopsy results pending on Midland diver

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Autopsy results are pending on diver Richard Stovall, of Midland, who died while trying to collect soil samples from the lake bed of O.H. Ivie Reservoir.

John Grant with the Colorado River Municipal Water District says Stovall, owner of Stovall's Scuba & Travel, was in Ivie on April 18 to collect soil samples when he failed to resurface. Divers on Friday recovered Stovall's body in a chamber at the end of a 350-foot pipe below a pump station.

Grant says it does not appear that Stovall was trapped.

The Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office did not immediately provide details Tuesday.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

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HOUSTON

Woman has sextuplets; 3 boys, 3 girls

A Houston woman's newborn sextuplets, three girls and three boys, were in stable condition Tuesday at Texas Children's Hospital.

Lauren and David Perkins announced on their website that the children were born Monday about eight weeks premature. The babies weighed in between 1 pound, 10 ounces and 2 pounds, 15 ounces. The family said updates would be provided on the website but they are not granting interviews at this time.

On the website, the parents refer to their sextuplets as the "Perkins Pack." Lauren Perkins conceived the sextuplets after undergoing fertility treatment. According to their website, there was only a 1 percent chance for sextuplets.

"We knew something was up when we saw the doctor's jaw drop," they wrote on the website after an earlier ultrasound. "He had seen 6 babies!"

After having ultrasounds every two weeks, and being under close medical supervision, Lauren Perkins was admitted to the hospital Friday.

Lauren Perkins wrote that day that her blood pressure was good and that "Baby C and D are having trouble, but especially Baby C. She's not showing growth and limited movement, breathing and brain activity."

"I'll be 30 weeks on Sunday, so I'll be barely making the goal," she added.

Online:
Family's website:
http://bit.ly/xoUKmv

AUSTIN

Man allegedly used guitar in fatal beating

Police say a Central Texas man has been accused of using a guitar to beat his neighbor to death at the victim's apartment.

Travis County Jail records show 42-year-old Peter Levay, of Austin, was held Tuesday on a murder charge.

Bond has been set at $200,000 for Levay, who was arrested Monday. Online jail records did not list an attorney for him.

Authorities are trying to determine a motive for the killing of 63-year-old Maurice Eckert.

An affidavit says Eckert's body was found Sunday by police after Levay returned home and mentioned an altercation to his roommate.

Police said the death appears to have been caused by blunt trauma to the head and the weapon allegedly was a guitar.

LUBBOCK

Mother gets 25 years for infant's skull fracture

A mother convicted on charges of fracturing her weeks-old daughter's skull has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

A judge on Monday sentenced 20-year-old Jasmine Nicole Francis, of Lubbock, on two counts of intentional injury to a child. The girl, Ja'niyah, was 5 weeks old when she was injured in February 2011.

Authorities said the girl may have survived because a piece of skull broke off, allowing for relief from brain swelling.

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal reported that the infant's grandmother took her to the hospital after noticing a bump on the baby's head.

Francis, who faced up to 99 years in prison, testified that she tripped while carrying the girl, and the infant's head hit a wall.

US attorney general seeks delay in voter ID case

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The U.S. attorney general's office has requested a delay in the trial over Texas' voter ID law, saying the state's legal maneuvering is taking up too much time to meet the tight deadline.

Federal lawyers complained Texas had demanded a speedy trial in order to resolve the issue in time for the Nov. 6 general election. The law passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature last year requires voters to present a government-issued identification card to cast their ballot.

The law is before the district court in Washington, D.C., because Texas is covered by the Voting Right Act, which requires places with a history of racial discrimination to first clear any changes in voting laws with either the Justice Department or the Washington court. The Justice Department believes the Texas law, if enforced, will discriminate against Hispanic voters. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott insists it won't. Now, it's up to the court to decide.

Republicans say the law is necessary to prevent fraud, but Democrats say it will prevent the poor and the elderly from voting.

The U.S. attorney general's office had agreed to a July 9 trial date in order to resolve the issue before November. But in court documents filed late Monday, lawyers in the Voting Section of the U.S. attorney general's office complained Texas has filed repeated motions to limit the evidence that can be used in the trial, thus delaying action.

Attorneys for the federal government and civil rights groups say they now need more time because Texas continues to try to block requests for evidence, wrote Elizabeth Westfall, an attorney in the civil rights division of the Justice Department. She wrote that information requested on March 20 still had not been turned over with less than three months before trial.

"Texas has complied promptly with all discovery requests. We have no incentive to delay this litigation and are seeking a prompt ruling from the DC Court," said Lauren Bean, spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general. "The Department of Justice and the intervening parties are fighting to prevent implementation of the State's Voter ID law and, thus, have every incentive to delay the ultimate resolution of this case. That's precisely what they have now asked the court to do."

Texas officials say they need to have this case resolved by Aug. 15 in order to enforce the law in November. The court gave the state until Thursday to respond to the request for a delay.

On Friday, the three-judge panel denied one of Texas' requests to issue an order keeping lawmakers from testifying or turning over documents generated while they drafted the law. Abbott claimed lawmakers should not have to talk about or reveal their deliberations while creating new legislation. The court, though, disagreed and said the lawmakers who do not want to testify or turn over documents will have to each make their arguments individually to the court.

State Rep. Trey Martinez Fisher, chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Conference, said he felt Texas was intentionally trying to drag out the legal process.

"Texas is the only one capable of providing the documents ... needed for this case," Martinez, a Democrat who is intervening in the case to stop the law, said. "Texas would like to try the case and provide the evidence after the fact."

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For more information, call 685-1112.

Thursday

Family Science Night: Wild for Wildlife, 6:30 – 8 p.m., The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Admission: Free.

Friday

"Take Me Home: The Music of John Denver," 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Web: www.fivestartickets.com.

Community calendar

■ U.S. Senate candidate Tom Leppert will meet with Midlanders at 8 a.m. Friday at the Harvest Café, 2101 W. Wadley Ave., Suite 8.

■ The Permian Basin Walk MS is Saturday at Memorial Gardens Park on 42nd Street in Odessa.

The walk begins at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

To pre-register or or for more information, contact the National MS Society at 800-344-4867 or nationalmssociety.org.

■ The Marian Blakemore Planetarium is celebrating National Astronomy Day on Saturday with a presentation by Midland High School graduate Mark Craig, who is an advisor on space exploration to museums and themed attractions for NASA.

The daylong event kicks off at 10 a.m. with water rocket launching and closes with a star party at 7:30 p.m. at Hailey Park behind the planetarium. Craig will speak at 4 p.m. His lecture, part of the planetarium's "Relativity" series, is titled "NASA 3.0."

Charles Hemann, JPL solar system ambassador, will present an update on space missions at 3 p.m. and there will be free dome shows throughout the day: Zula Patrol: Under the Weather, 10:30 a.m.; Oasis in Space, 12:30 p.m.; and Dawn of the Space Age, 2:30 p.m.

Craig's lecture is free to Museum of the Southwest members; otherwise a donation of $5 is suggested. All other activities are free.

For more information, call 683-2882.

Meeting schedule

Midland Coalition

11:30 a.m. today

Palmer Drug Abuse Program building, 1208 W. Wall St.

Note: Anyone concerned about underage drinking and substance abuse is encouraged to attend.

Lake levels report

	This week	Last week	Year ago
O.H. Ivie	16.62	16.84	28.99
Thomas	0.93	0.99	4.5
Spence	0.42	0.43	1.85

Delivery (in gallons)

Midland: daily average this week, 11.108 million; daily average last week, 10.229 million

Odessa: daily average this week, 14.023 million

Water worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

Monday's total: 16.564,000

For more information, contact James Hughes, Texas Shrine Association president 2011, at 432-213-0758 or jamesah49@yahoo.com.

When you can water

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

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

■ All types of watering devices are permitted.

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

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

It's your birthday

Zahra Anderson, of Midland, is turning 1 today.

It's your anniversary

Clay Rice and Deedra Reed are celebrating their sixth anniversary today.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 1-0-9
Pick 3 night: 0-2-8
Daily 4 day: 5-2-5-1
Daily 4 night: 3-2-5-1
Cash Five: 5-10-20-28-30
Mega Millions: 3-9-15-37-38 MB: 39 Megaplier: 4

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, April 25, the 116th day of 2012. There are 250 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell Jr. signed an automobile registration bill that imposed a 15 mph speed limit on motorists.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1972, Polaroid Corp. introduced its SX-70 folding camera, which ejected self-developing photographs. Actor George Sanders was found dead in his hotel room near Barcelona, Spain; he was 65.

FUND

From 1A

and when they become aware of this fund they will help us grow the fund," Sams said.

The endowment fund is being managed by the Permian Basin Area Foundation. Only the interest income earned from the fund each year will be available to support projects within the parks department.

Morales said although the economy is strong now, that won't always be the case. By having an endowment fund, the parks department still can thrive and grow even in years when the city budget doesn't have room for extra parks funding, he said.

Whether through playing on the upgraded equipment at Hogan Park, biking at the BMX track or shooting basketball at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, kids need to have a place to remain active, Morales said.

Sams said in the first years of the campaign, the commission likely will form a committee that will vote on which parks project the endowment fund should support. In the long-term, they're hopeful they can raise enough to fund a large portion of the parks and recreation projects and costs, he said.

Mayor Wes Perry said he treasures the time he spends with his grandkids at Ida Jo Moore Park and knows it's only because of a contribution from other Midlanders that the park exists.

"A couple put in part of the money to build that park. They put some investment in our community," he said. "This is what Midland is about. It's about investing for our future."

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Rod Soliz and other members of Midland Parks and Recreation enjoy a barbecue lunch Tuesday afternoon at Centennial Plaza during the Parks Endowment kick-off challenge.

For more information or to contribute:

Midland Parks and Recreation
685-7370

Permian Basin Area Foundation
(432) 617-3213 or click on the "give" button at www.pbaf.org and search the "Field of Interest or Geographic Affiliate" link

DRILLING

From 1A

that it's willing to protect neighborhoods.

RSP Permian's request was first considered by the council in January. At that time, council members deferred the proposal and asked the company to meet with residents to determine if some compromises could be made.

In an effort to appease concerns, RSP changed its application so the proposed flow line from the well would run along Briarwood Avenue rather than through the neighborhood.

But, Rea said "nothing was accomplished" since the January vote and RSP never met with the neighborhood as a whole.

"We offered the opportunity to meet with us and work through our concerns and we were denied," he said, speaking to the council.

Steve Gray, of RSP, said they will assess the situation and determine whether to re-apply for a permit. Under the oil and gas drilling ordinance adopted in December 2009, there's no time limit for re-applying after a denial.

Gray said the company already has two permits within the city limits and also is drilling two wells in Midland County near the neighborhood off Briarwood Avenue.

He said the tank battery for those wells and the well that was denied Tuesday is located outside city limits and that it was adhering to all of the requirements in the ordinance.

Some residents and council members had requested RSP consider utilizing directional drilling techniques so the well could be shifted. Gray said in this case the company didn't believe it had another adequate surface location for the well.

"The main thing is we don't have anywhere to move it to," he said.

John James, councilman for District 3 who voted against the permit, said the oil and gas ordinance does require specific things — such as locating wells at least 500 feet away from already established residences. But, he said it also includes other considerations the council can look at when determining whether the permit is adequate for within the city.

In this case, he said, he felt like there were safety issues as well as questions remaining about if the well would actually be as far away from a home as is necessary.

"There were too many questions," he said.

Michael Trost, councilman for District 4, Vicky Hailey, councilwoman for District 2, and Jerry Morales, councilman at large, also voted against the proposal.

"Because of where it was located, it was still to me a safety issue," Trost said. "My decision really was to go with the neighborhood."

Mayor Wes Perry, Scott Dufford, councilman at large, and Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1 — who all are involved in the oil and gas industry — voted in favor of the permit.

"They have complied with every part of the ordinance," Sparks said. "I know the safety issues are small ... what we saw was a lot of misunderstanding."

Perry said if RSP does decide to re-apply, it will be up to the company's discretion as to how, and if, it changes its application.

"It's up to them now," Perry said. "If RSP wants to go forward, they can."

For now, residents in the northwest Midland neighborhood said they're grateful for the decision.

"It's a great relief," said Craig Tellinghuisen, who lives on Coyote Trail.

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WEATHER

From 1A

region with drought and above average temperatures for more than a year. "There is a good chance we are going to have above average temperatures in May, June and July," said Kurt Kotenberg, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

MISD handling the weather

The Midland Independent School District's main concern during the hot weather months is maintaining a consistent temperature inside its facilities. "Regardless of the outside temperatures, we will maintain a fixed temperature," Chief Financial Officer David Garcia said. He said it was unfortunate the costs will rise but added the district was able to negotiate favorable energy costs about a year ago. Garcia said the district took the drought into consideration when the budget was written and he expects to stay within budget again this year. But, with any organization that runs many facilities, Garcia said air conditioning issues are always possible. If safe and consistent indoor temperatures are unable to be kept at any campus because of aging equipment, arrangements for children will be made to ensure their health, Garcia said.

Safety in the heat

Stay hydrated and pay attention to heat-related illness symptoms, Fire Investigator David Hickman said. "Don't push yourself and be mindful of your body," Hickman explained. Any signs of headaches, fatigue or nausea should be monitored carefully if the person has been exposed to extreme heat for any significant amount of time. He said the department already has begun to receive emergency calls about the condition and treated several minor cases Sunday during the Tim Tebow and Switchfoot event at Grande Communications Stadium. He also urged the public to follow the county's burn ban policies and to have safety measures in place when cooking outdoors.

An end in sight

"As we get into August and September, we should start to see this weather pattern lessen," Kotenberg said. The La Niña pattern is expected to shift to neutral or into an El Niño pattern, which could provide cooler temperatures and more precipitation. He said temperatures will begin to become more in line with statistical averages and that Midland could expect significantly more rain. Although the drought conditions could lessen, he stressed the current situation. "Even if it does rain, it will take quite some time before it becomes normal again," Kotenberg said. He said the lake levels are so low, a significant amount of precipitation would be required to lift the lake levels.

Lake levels

As of Monday: Lake J.B. Thomas is at less than 1 percent capacity with about 1,857 acre feet of water; E.V. Spence Reservoir is about 0.42 percent capacity with about 2,183 acre feet of water; and O.H. Ivie Reservoir is at about 16.62 percent capacity with about 92,130 acre feet of water.

MISD

From 1A

and teachers in the best position to succeed.

"Some people assume our main goal is to build new buildings, but the first priority is academic excellence," Warren said. "We've got to get better academically."

To achieve more academically, Warren said he'd like to see the schools reconfigured to be kindergarten through fifth in elementary, sixth through eighth in junior high and ninth through 12th grades in a true high school.

Doing this would make it logistically impossible to put the 800 freshmen students onto the existing Lee and Midland high school campuses.

If a new campus is built for MHS, Warren said Lee would also receive upgrades inside to create a 21st century learning environment.

"They will see the same outside walls Lee has always had, but it will be a totally new building inside," Warren said. Though he was able to share specific plans for elementary school renovations and additions to combat growing class size, Warren said plans and a price tag are not solidified for secondary campuses.

"We're far down the road on the elementary schools and now we're trying to do it for the secondary schools," Warren said, noting MISD and Parkhill Smith & Cooper architects are working to complete the same process for the secondary schools.

Building a new Midland High on the 100 acres owned by the district north of Loop 250 at Big Spring Street, would allow students to participate in all extracurricular activities without leaving campus.

"My plan for Midland High School is to create a plan like Lee where no child has to leave school to participate in extracurriculars," Warren said.

Additionally, it is possible the current Midland High would be converted into San Jacinto Junior High — which is landlocked at its current location and has 200 fewer students than the other three junior high campuses. In turn, MISD's administrative offices would move into the current San Jacinto and MISD could sell the current administration and Masburn buildings, he said.

Having been told "Midlanders will not pay for a thing we don't need," Warren said he's working hard to develop the true needs study for secondary schools and the district so he can present it to the board in August.

Warren said he's received a lot of advice and guidance from people of Midland and many are telling him "to ask for everything at once and not to think about it in two parts" as originally planned, he said.

Warren said he is still optimistic board members will call for a November election that will start the district's transformation.

"People have said, 'if Midland doesn't support a bond now, in good economic times, they never will,'" Warren said.

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Willis mom slain in abduction of son fondly remembered

Associated Press

WILLIS — Friends and family of a Houston-area woman who was fatally shot trying to save her newborn son from being abducted remembered her fondly Tuesday as a mother who lived for her children and heroically fought for one of them until death.

Authorities say Kala Golden-Schuchardt had just left a pediatric clinic near her home in the Houston suburb of Spring on April 17 when she was shot several times by a 30-year-old nurse who then abducted her 3-day-old son, Keegan.

Witnesses reported that Golden-Schuchardt tried reaching into the Lexus that McClain had sped away in, screaming: "My baby!" She was able to give a description of her shooter to police before she died at a hospital. The boy was found safe hours later with the sister of the suspect, who remains jailed.

MISD begins budget work, approves teacher contracts

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Salary increases, additional staff and teaching positions, a translation department and software to help English language learners are among the new items requested in Midland ISD's preliminary budget for 2012-13.

The initial budget shared with trustees during Tuesday's special meeting includes $8.9 million in appropriations that vary from the 2011-12 school year.

Among the preliminary requests is $1.4 million to grant every teacher and librarian a $1,000 salary increase and $676,000 to give 2-percent salary increases to all administrative, clerical, technical and manual trades support staff.

"You're all aware of the housing issues we're going through, and we need to give something if we can," said Superintendent Ryder Warren.

Eighteen new secondary and 16 new elementary teachers, three full-time attendance clerks, three assistant principals and two new counselors also are included in the budget requests.

A change in support staff salary grades for bus drivers and a $5 increase for substitute teachers also are included in the budget, spurred primarily because MISD has 269 unfilled auxiliary and support staff positions.

Additionally, $110,000 is requested to establish a translation department that would help communicate information to students and parents in the district.

"We are struggling to meet the needs of kids and parents," Warren said, noting MISD serves students who speak 19 languages.

Chief Academic Officer Sylvia Garza also discussed $3.5 million in teaching and learning program requests. These included $1.3 million for 2,100 Imagine Learning perpetual licenses, staff development and technical support. The program takes English language learners through a technology-based literacy process and was implemented in MISD special education classrooms this year.

After hearing the district's needs and wants, MISD administrators and trustees must trim $1.8 million by the end of August to arrive at a balanced budget.

Warren said administrators will scrutinize staffing needs in regard to student enrollment growth and evaluate effectiveness of academic programs. Like this year, Warren said they will also recommend the continued suspension of the retiree rebate program and look for ways to reorganize the administrative office.

Presenting a balanced budget with a strong emphasis on academics, refraining from a tax rate increase and providing staff with a salary increase are Warren's top goals, he said.

Warren outlined the summer budget process for board members and asked for adoption of the 2012-13 salary schedule at the June 5 meeting, review of a budget proposal on July 24, an Aug. 14 budget workshop and possible approval on Aug. 28.

Also at the meeting, the board entered executive session to discuss teacher and administrative contracts for renewal and extension. Following the executive session, the board voted 5 to 2 to approve contracts for 1,626 administrators. Trustees James Fuller and Karen Fullen voted against the approval.

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Group works to rebuild, create enthusiasm for history

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The Midland County Historical Society is hoping to reinvigorate a passion for the county's history as it works to restart and re-establish itself as a nonprofit.

"We want people to take a hold of their history," said Pat McDaniel, interim president of the Midland County Historical Society, speaking during a meeting Tuesday.

Before they can do that, however, McDaniel said the society needs to establish a leadership group, adopt bylaws and reapply with the Internal Revenue Service for status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit. McDaniel said he still intends to be involved but wants others to come alongside and assist in the process.

"I need a society that is functioning," McDaniel said. "I don't want to do it by myself."

McDaniel said he became involved at the request of Nancy McKinley, a longtime historian who died in 2011 at the age of 97. Since McKinley's passing, McDaniel has been leading the charge of the society meant to act as an auxiliary to the Midland County Historical Commission. The commission is appointed by the county judge.

To truly have a historical society that captures and shares Midland's history, McDaniel said additional leaders are needed.

"I just want the history of Midland to be told in a decent and historical manner," he said.

In the future, McDaniel said he's hopeful Midland County will dedicate a new space for the Midland County Historical Museum. The museum presently is located next to the downtown public library.

McDaniel said he's asked commissioners to consider building a museum next to the Midland County Horseshoe. The facility could have room for traveling exhibits, and themed rooms dedicated to Midland's founding families, as well as the history of its prime industry.

The location would allow for more visibility of Midland's historical museum and provide a place to showcase additional history, he said.

He said for such a place to function well, volunteers would be needed to staff the exhibits.

Events to get the community involved and interested in sharing its history also could be held if the society is reorganized, McDaniel said.

Jim Collett, a former history teacher, said he's volunteered to help lead the society. He said a town of Midland's size needs to have a group preserving its history.

About 20 attended Tuesday's planning meeting held at the Haley Memorial Library.

Those interested in taking a leadership role said they likely will meet again in the coming weeks to determine how to adopt bylaws, elect officers and work toward becoming an official nonprofit.

McDaniel said he's excited about the future possibilities and wants the community to know everyone interested in history is invited to participate in the society.

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Crews work to build T Bar pipeline, manager says

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Sixteen companies already are working to ensure a pipeline and supporting infrastructure will be ready to deliver water from T Bar Ranch in May 2013.

Representatives with the Midland County Freshwater District No. 1 provided an update on the project to the Midland City Council on Tuesday. They said while it will be a challenge to meet the deadline, officials are well on their way and have established contingency plans for each segment of the infrastructure.

"This is a huge challenge but I could not be more excited about how we've gotten off the ground," said Jay Edwards, project manager with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.

If the May 2013 deadline is not met, the district will owe the city $150,000 for each month it's late, according to its contract with the city.

From the 16 companies involved, Edwards said there are more than 100 professionals engaged daily in ensuring the T Bar project is completed on time.

In June, test wells will be drilled so quantity and quality analysis can take place. Wells will then be completed in the fall that will be used to draw water from the more than 22,000 acre T Bar Ranch property in Loving and Winkler counties.

Power also will have to be established at the T Bar property to provide electrical service at the pump site, Edwards said.

From there, about 25 miles of pipeline will be built to an intermediary site with two storage tanks that will hold 10 million gallons of water. A chlorination station also will be established at the intermediary point.

State standards require water to be chlorinated for a certain period of time before being admitted into a municipal system. Edwards said starting that process at the midway point is more effective.

From those storage tanks, water will flow downward about 35 miles to a delivery point near Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Highway 191, Edwards said. A meter will be established there to determine precisely how much water is being drawn for the city and then the city will pay for whatever water it uses.

An elevated delivery tank also will be established near the delivery point that will allow the city to push water into its municipal system and into its airport system, Edwards said.

The Midland County Freshwater District will construct the infrastructure and then turn the elevated storage tank over to the city utilities department for management. The Midland County Freshwater District will maintain and manage the pipelines from T Bar Ranch to Midland, as well as the intermediary storage tanks and chlorination station.

Typically, it takes 16 months to build an elevated storage tank. Edwards said officials are talking with a company that can finish it in 10 months.

For now, the infrastructure is being constructed to allow for up to 20 million gallons a day of water to be delivered. However, Edwards said the pipelines will have the capacity to deliver 38 million gallons a day — as is required by the water district's contract with the city — though additional development would be needed to allow for delivery of that higher capacity.

Right-of-way acquisition has begun, with some property owners already agreeing to terms with the water district.

Robert Rendall, an attorney working with the district, said officials also still are moving forward with interim and long-term financing.

It's estimated the total project cost will come in between $150 and $160 million. Final costs have not been established yet, Edwards said.

José Cuevas Jr., chairman of the water district's board, emphasized the water district began with zero assets and will end the project without making a profit.

Courtney Sharp, city manager, said the district will provide regular updates to the city. It was awarded the T Bar contract by the City Council in January.

"This is the city of Midland's largest-ever public works project and it's the fastest," Sharp said.

In other business:

- Pecos Gathering and Marketing LLC was granted permission to tap into the city's water line provided it agree to be annexed in the near future. The business plans to use between 3,000 and 4,000 gallons of water per month, which is less than the average household.

Mayor Wes Perry said only those who are on the track to annexation will be provided water when outside the city limits. Customers outside of the city pay a rate of 1.5 times what city residents pay.

- Nearly 200 acres of land near Midland International Airport was annexed into the city through a second and final vote taken Tuesday. The land is in five tracts and is mostly owned by the city. It was zoned on first reading as an Industrial Park District.
- Zoning was approved on first reading that will allow for the development of town homes near the east side of Loop 250 and Wall Street.
- A request for an office building at West Cuthbert Avenue and Whitaker Street was deferred. The applicant wanted to build an 8,400 square foot structure that could be used for office space and storage.

Scott Dufford, councilman at large, said he didn't feel like the metal roof and a large garage door proposed fit with the character of the neighborhood. He requested the applicant tweak the design.

- The Police Department will purchase 16 video cameras for use in police cars at a cost of $78,848.
- Bids will be released in the coming weeks for the cleaning and repainting of all blue and silver surfaces at the Grande Communications Stadium and Citibank Ballpark.
- OGM Aviation LLC was approved for the execution of a land lease that will allow it to develop a hangar at Midland International Airport. The development will take place as part of the larger hangar development at the airport.

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Man killed when horse bucks him into oncoming car

Associated Press

NACOGDOCHES — An East Texas man was killed when the horse he was riding bucked him into the path of an oncoming car.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said 42-year-old Yancee Lavan Curbow of Nacogdoches died about 9 p.m. Monday at a Nacogdoches hospital, 1 1/2 hours after the incident on State Route 21.

The DPS report said Curbow was riding about two miles west of Nacogdoches when the horse stopped and threw him into the path of a car driven by a friend of Curbow's family.

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Opinion

Edwards belongs under a rock, not in jail

■ Trial of former presidential candidate opens the door for future ambiguous, politicized prosecutions.

RICH LOWRY
King Features

A new CBS News poll found John Edwards has a 3 percent approval rating, in a survey with a 3-point margin of error. It is possible no one approves of the disgraced former politician.

He is now on trial for allegedly violating campaign-finance laws in an elaborate scheme to cover up his love child during his 2008 campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. Lots of husbands cheat on their wives. Fewer do it while their wives are fighting a losing battle with cancer. Fewer still — in fact, only one comes to mind — do it while using their wife's grave illness and their attractive young family as credentials in a presidential campaign.

If Edwards were being prosecuted for shameful dereliction of duty as a husband and father, he'd deserve 30 years of hard labor. If he were on trial for extreme oleaginous insincerity, he'd deserve to be sent to the nearest supermax prison. If he could be charged with running two faux populist presidential campaigns (first in 2004, then in 2008) that were all about stroking his own ego, he'd deserve to hang at dawn.

None of these things is a criminal offense, though. And neither is paying hush money to your mistress. In the case of United States of America v. Johnny Reid Edwards, it is the United States of America that is out of line.

Two Edwards backers, heiress Rachel "Bunny" Mellon and the late trial lawyer and Edwards crony Fred Baron, provided payments to help Edwards cover his slimy tracks. Almost $1 million went to Edwards' mistress, Rielle Hunter, and to lackey Andrew Young, who claimed paternity of Edwards' love child with Hunter in an act of twisted and self-abasing loyalty to his boss. Even James Ellroy, the hard-bitten crime novelist whose work revels in corruption of all kinds, might recoil from this tawdry crew.

The government contends that the payments constituted campaign contributions in violation of federal limits on donations. The obvious hitch in this charge is that the money didn't go to the Edwards campaign and wasn't used by the Edwards campaign. Paying off your mistress is not a campaign expense, not even in 21st-century America, not even in Louisiana, not even in the John Edwards campaign.

Of course, news of the affair with a flaky, star-struck videographer would have sunk candidate Edwards faster than it took him to get one of his $400 haircuts. But he had a more elemental reason to keep his secret: to prevent his reputation from getting torn to shreds, regardless of his presidential campaign. If he had once again been a sitting U.S. senator, or a prominent trial lawyer in North Carolina, he surely would have been just as determined to hide his disgrace. As it happens, the payments and Edwards' lies continued after his exit from the presidential race. Dishonesty and betrayal weren't campaign activities for Edwards; they were a way of life.

Even the campaign-finance obsessives at Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) consider the case an overreach. CREW points out an absurdity that follows from the government's argument. If keeping Rielle Hunter quiet is rightly considered a campaign expenditure, as the prosecutors maintain, then the Edwards campaign could have funded her living expenses directly without breaking any rules. "Love child" could have been a legitimate line item in the budget somewhere between "get out the vote" and "phone banks."

The prosecution is a naked exercise in attempting to punish a loathsome man for his loathsomeness. As such it is an offense against the rule of law, which depends on clear rules and dispassionate judgments. Every wrong — even flagrant wrongs, played out in public and involving mind-boggling deceit — is not a crime. By stretching the laws to try to reach Edwards, the government is creating the predicate for future ambiguous, politicized prosecutions, perhaps of figures much less blameworthy than the reviled man currently in the dock.

John Edwards belongs under a rock, but not in jail.

OUR VIEW

Voters need facts to make decision on 4B sales tax

Midland will face staggering growth over the next few years, and it is imperative that we plan wisely to meet the city's future needs.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is doing just that with its efforts to build up the Parks Endowment Fund. The group is asking the community to donate $20 million by 2020 to help ensure a thriving parks system for years to come.

An official kickoff to the endowment fundraising efforts took place Tuesday at Centennial Plaza where it was announced the goal was $2 million during the first year.

There also has been a lot of talk in the community and on the City Council about asking voters to consider dedicating a portion of the 4B sales tax to help fund future costs of the city's parks. The tax currently is used to pay Scharbauer Sports Complex debt.

The 4B sales tax will end once the sports complex bonds are paid off, but there are several propositions being discussed that would allow voters to extend the tax for various city needs. For example, portions of the tax could be used to make improvements and maintain the sports complex and a portion to fund parks.

It has been our stance that the 4B sales tax should end as soon as possible. But that stance hinges on the will of the voters. In order for the tax to continue once the bonds are paid off, Midlanders must vote for it.

Now may be the time to begin this discussion because future uses of the 4B sales tax is an issue that is not going away.

Voters may find that extending the sales tax is a rather painless way to meet the monetary challenges the city will face because of the exploding population. On the other hand, voters may want to end the 4B sales tax for no other reason than to show they can end it.

We think a move eventually will be made to extend the quarter-cent sales tax for some purpose. All we ask is that the public be given the facts and be allowed to make the decision.

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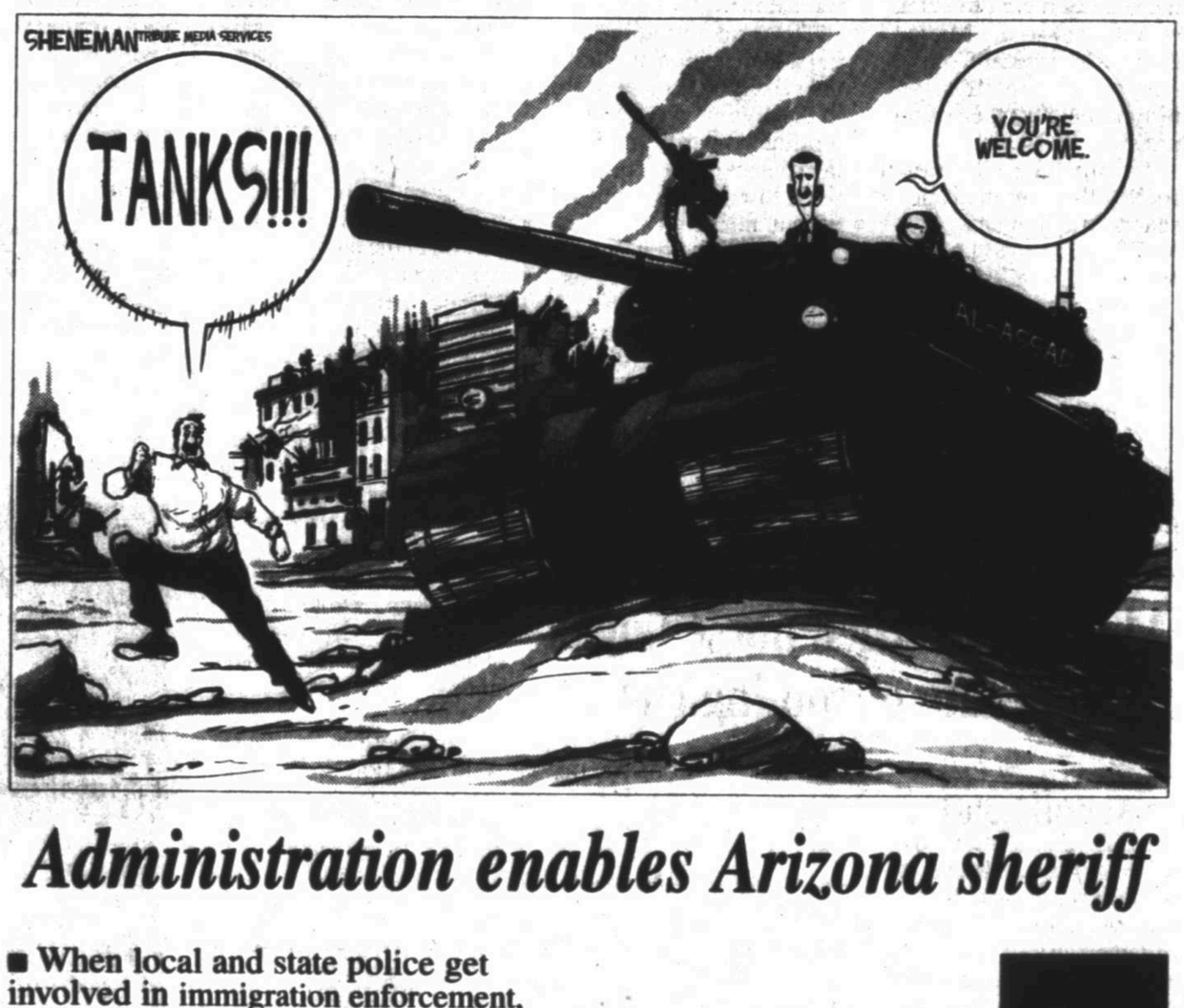

Administration enables Arizona sheriff

■ When local and state police get involved in immigration enforcement, things are bound to get messy.

RUBEN NAVARETTE JR.
Washington Post Writers Group

SAN DIEGO — Whether it's by feeding prisoners green bologna or outfitting them in pink underwear, Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, Ariz., always has been good for a laugh.

His peculiar sense of humor is on display now that an audio recording has surfaced of him yukking it up at a fundraiser in 2009 for an anti-illegal-immigration group in Texas.

According to The Associated Press, the sheriff made fun of the fact that federal authorities had opened an investigation of him on multiple fronts.

That investigation followed a civil rights probe of whether his deputies engaged in racial and ethnic profiling of Latinos as part of a crackdown on illegal immigrants. Meanwhile, the FBI is looking into allegations that the sheriff abused his power by investigating judges and other county officials in Arizona who dared to challenge him.

As I noted in a previous column, U.S. District Judge Murray Snow last year slammed Arpaio in a case involving a civil rights lawsuit from 2007. In the suit, sheriff's deputies were accused of racial profiling by using traffic stops as an excuse for immigration sweeps. Snow issued legal sanctions against Arpaio for destroying documents and also barred the sheriff and his deputies from detaining people for being in the country illegally. The judge also criticized deputies for circulating emails that "compared Mexicans to dogs."

About the same time, the Justice Department issued a report that accused the sheriff's office of having a "pervasive culture of discriminatory bias against Latinos."

In speaking to the group in Houston, Arpaio seemed proud of the fact that he was not cooperating with the federal investigations, and boasted that his deputies were still rounding up illegal immigrants.

"After they went after me, we arrested 500 more just for spite," Arpaio told the group, Texans for Immigration Reform.

The crowd roared its approval. Of course. What's not to love about sworn law enforcement officers who are entrusted with the power to deprive people of their liberty acting out of spite?

I'm not surprised. Take it from someone who has written about Arpaio for 15 years, dating back to when I worked for The Arizona Republic — for Sheriff Joe, belligerent is just another big word.

In an interview with the AP, Arpaio contended that his comments were "not official, under-oath speeches" as much as casual remarks to a friendly crowd that supports his efforts to crack down on illegal immigration. The only mistake, he said, was in using the wrong figure. He had said 500, but it was more like "thousands."

This story breaks just as the Supreme Court hears a legal challenge to Arizona's immigration law, which requires local and state police to do something they are not trained to do — enforce federal immigration law. The justices will consider whether such an attempt to regulate U.S. immigration policy is unconstitutional and leads to just the kind of abuses that have earned Arpaio the attention of federal authorities.

Immigration enforcement is not work for amateurs. There is nothing wrong with the practice as long as it is federal officials who are doing the enforcing. When local and state police take a stab at it, things are bound to get messy. People get profiled. Dark skin and Spanish accents become a shortcut around probable cause. And the civil rights of U.S.-born Hispanics likely are to be violated.

But here's the rest of the story, and it explains why Arpaio isn't afraid of the Obama administration. Both are partners in this endeavor. The Justice Department may be investigating Arpaio. But, in another part of the Cabinet, the Department of Homeland Security is enabling him. Immigration officials are taking full advantage of Arpaio's enthusiastic approach to rounding up illegal immigrants. After all, once these people are in custody, they're handed over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement where they're added to the monthly deportation figures that the administration touts to show critics that it's tough on illegal immigration.

And this part of the story isn't the least bit amusing.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

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NORTH CAROLINA

Aide: Edwards doubted he fathered mistress' baby

GREENSBORO — John Edwards' first reaction when he learned his mistress may be pregnant was to downplay the chances he was the father, calling the woman a "crazy slut," his former close campaign aide testified Tuesday.

It was the summer of 2007 and Edwards was in the midst of a presidential campaign. Andrew Young testified the former North Carolina senator hatched a plan to funnel money from rich friends to provide the woman a monthly allowance, even though Young said he doubted it was legal.

Months later, as word of the candidate's affair began to leak in the run-up to the crucial Iowa caucuses, Young said Edwards asked the aide to falsely claim paternity of the baby.

Young has been the lone witness during the first two days of Edwards' criminal trial. The 58-year-old Edwards has pleaded not guilty to six counts related to campaign finance violations involving nearly $1 million in secret payments provided by two wealthy donors as he sought the White House in 2008.

WASHINGTON

Authorities find new case of mad cow disease

The first new case of mad cow disease in the U.S. since 2006 has been discovered in a dairy cow in California, but health authorities said Tuesday the animal never was a threat to the nation's food supply.

The infected cow, the fourth ever discovered in the U.S., was found as part of an Agriculture Department surveillance program that tests about 40,000 cows a year for the fatal brain disease.

No meat from the cow was bound for the food supply, said John Clifford, the department's chief veterinary officer.

NEW YORK CITY

Archive of 870,000 images released online

The two men were discovered dead at the bottom of an elevator shaft in a 12-story Manhattan building, as if dumped there, one man sprawled on top of the other.

The rare crime scene photograph from Nov. 24, 1915, is one of 870,000 images of New York City and its municipal operations now available to the public on the Internet for the first time.

The city Department of Records officially announced the debut of the photo database Tuesday. A previously unpublicized link to the images has been live for about two weeks for maintenance and testing.

Culled from the Municipal Archives collection of more than 2.2 million images going back to the mid-1800s, the photographs feature all manner of city oversight.

Obama pushes low-rate student loans

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — President Barack Obama went after the college vote Tuesday, pitching cheaper student loans as he courted the one age group where he has a decided advantage over Republican rival Mitt Romney. The twist? Romney, too, has endorsed the idea, though it's unclear whether deficit-leery Republicans in Congress will go along.

In the race for the White House, both the Obama and Romney campaigns see huge opportunities to court younger voters. This week, their efforts are focused on the millions of students — and their parents — who are grappling with college costs at a time when such debt has grown so staggering it exceeds the totals for credit cards or auto loans.

Trying to make it personal, Obama told students at the University of North Carolina that he and first lady Michelle Obama had "been in your shoes" and didn't pay off their student loans until eight years ago.

"I didn't just read about this. I didn't just get some talking points about this. I didn't just get a policy briefing on this," Obama said. "We didn't come from wealthy families. When we graduated from college and law school, we had a mountain of debt. When we married, we got poor together."

Obama's emphasis on his personal experience set up a contrast with Romney, whose father was a wealthy auto executive. It's a point the president is sure to return to during this summer's campaigning.

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Late Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., introduced legislation that would keep the interest rate for subsidized loans for poorer and middle-class students at their current level for another year at a cost of $5.9 billion. The timing is important because the rate will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1 without intervention by Congress, an expiration date chosen in 2007 when a Democratic Congress voted to chop the rate in half.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has estimated about 15 percent of Americans, or 37 million people, have outstanding student loan debt. The bank puts the total at $870 billion, though other estimates have reached $1 trillion. About two-thirds of student loan debt is held by people under 30.

Members of both parties are assessing ways to cover the costs and then gain the votes in the House and Senate. Both parties have a political incentive to keep the rates as they are.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday, "I don't think anybody believes this interest rate ought to be allowed to rise." He added, "The question is how do you pay for it, how long do you do the extension."

Under the Democratic plan, the measure would be paid for by closing a loophole that lets owners of privately owned companies called S corporations avoid paying the Social Security and Medicare payroll tax on part of their earnings. It would apply to such companies with incomes over $250,000. The higher payroll taxes would also be required for some law firms, doctors practices and other professional services partnerships.

Congressional Republicans, however, were panning the idea of paying for the student loan plan with higher payroll taxes on those companies' owners.

"I don't think the temporary interest rate cut should expire this year," McConnell said. "But the way to prevent that is not by raiding Social Security and Medicare while making it more difficult for small businesses to hire college students already struggling in the Obama economy."

Romney said this week that he agrees the loan rates shouldn't be raised, coupling that stance with criticism of Obama's economic leadership.

"Given the bleak job prospects that young Americans coming out of college face today, I encourage Congress to temporarily extend the low rate," Romney said in a statement.

Some conservative activists have denounced Romney's decision to match Obama's position on student loan rates.

"Mitt Romney is going to sell out conservatives in his party" to improve his chances in the November election, Michael Brendan Dougherty wrote in a blog carried by sites including Free Republic.

By taking on student debt, Obama spoke to middle-class America and also targeted a growing economic burden that could hamper the national recovery.

While leaning on Republicans in Congress to act, he also sought to energize the young people essential to his campaign — those who voted for him last time and the many more who have turned voting age since then. Obama urged students to go to social media sites like Twitter to pressure their lawmakers to prevent the interest rates on the loans "from shooting up and shaking you down."

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BEIRUT

Top military officers targeted in Syrian conflict

Syrian President Bashar Assad's opponents appear to be resorting increasingly to assassinations of loyalist military officers in an escalation of their campaign to bring down the regime. At least 10 senior officers, including several generals, have been gunned down in the past three months, many of them as they left their homes in the morning to head to their posts.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Ugandan soldiers question whether Kony is dead

DJEMA — An Internet campaign that's gone viral aims to capture notorious rebel leader Joseph Kony, but Ugandan foot soldiers who have spent years searching for the man are starting to ask a question their top commanders prefer to ignore: Is it possible he is dead?

Ugandan army officials say the Lord's Resistance Army leader is alive and hiding somewhere within the Central African Republic. Rank-and-file soldiers, however, say intelligence on Kony is so limited that if he dies, or is already dead, his foes might never know and could wind up chasing a ghost through this vast Central Africa jungle.

Ex-BP engineer arrested in Gulf oil spill case

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Federal prosecutors brought the first criminal charges Tuesday in the Gulf oil spill, accusing a former BP engineer of deleting more than 300 text messages that indicated the blown-out well was spewing far more crude than the company was telling the public at the time.

Two years and four days after the drilling-rig explosion that set off the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, Kurt Mix, 50, of Katy, was arrested and charged with two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence.

The U.S. Justice Department made it clear that the investigation is still going on and suggested that more people could be arrested. In a statement, Attorney General Eric Holder said prosecutors "will hold accountable those who violated the law in connection with the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history."

Federal investigators have been looking into the causes of the blowout and the actions of managers, engineers and rig workers at BP and its subcontractors Halliburton and Transocean in the days and hours before the April 20, 2010, explosion.

But the case against Mix focuses only on the aftermath of the blast, when BP scrambled for weeks to plug the leak. Even then, the charges are not really about the disaster itself, but about an alleged attempt to thwart the investigation into it.

In court papers, the FBI said one of the areas under investigation is whether the oil company intentionally lowballed the amount of crude spewing from the well.

In outlining the charges, the government suggested Mix knew the rate of flow from the busted well was much greater than the company publicly acknowledged.

Prosecutors also said BP gave the public an optimistic account of its May 2010 efforts to plug the well via a technique called a "top kill," even though the company's internal data and some of the text messages showed the operation was likely to fail.

An accurate flow-rate estimate is necessary to determine how much in penalties BP and its subcontractors could face under the Clean Water Act. In court papers, prosecutors appeared to suggest the company was also worried about the effect of the disaster on its stock price.

The charges came a day before a federal judge was to consider granting preliminary approval of a $7.8 billion civil settlement between BP and a committee of plaintiffs.

In a statement, BP said it is cooperating with the Justice Department and added: "BP had clear policies requiring preservation of evidence in this case and has undertaken substantial and ongoing efforts to preserve evidence."

The FBI said in court papers that Mix had been repeatedly notified by BP that instant messages and text messages needed to be preserved.

Mix, who resigned from BP in January, appeared on Tuesday afternoon before a judge in Houston, shackled at his hands and feet, and was released on $100,000 bail. His attorney had no comment afterward. If convicted, Mix could get up to 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each count.

The engineer deleted more than 200 messages sent to a BP supervisor from his iPhone containing information about how much oil was spilling out, then erased 100 more messages to a contractor the following year, prosecutors said. Some of the messages were later recovered via forensic computer techniques.

Many of the messages had to do with an effort to plug up the well with heavy mud injected under high pressure.

In public statements, the company professed optimism that the top kill would work, giving it a 60 to 70 percent chance of success.

On the day the top kill began, Mix estimated in a text to his supervisor that more than 15,000 barrels of oil per day were spilling — three times BP's public estimate of 5,000 barrels and an amount much greater than what BP said the top kill could probably handle.

At the end of the first day, Mix texted his supervisor: "Too much flow rate — over 15,000 and too large an orifice." Despite Mix's findings, BP continued to make public statements that the top kill was proceeding according to plan, prosecutors said. On May 29, the top kill was halted and BP announced its failure.

The company's stock dropped 15 percent on the next trading day, the government said.

David Uhlmann, a University of Michigan law professor who was chief of the Justice Department's environmental crimes section, said the charges are probably "just the first of what will be multiple criminal charges."

"It could be the sign that the government believes there was a more far-reaching cover-up about the size of the spill," he said.

BP stock closed at $41.91 Tuesday, a drop of just 4 cents. Analysts said investors evidently recognized the charges involved just one, low-ranking employee and saw no hint yet of any kind of larger cover-up on BP's part.

The explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig killed 11 workers. More than 200 million gallons of crude oil leaked from the well off the Louisiana coast before it was capped.

Under the Clean Water Act, polluters can be fined $1,100 to $4,300 per barrel of spilled oil, with the higher amount imposed if the government can show the disaster was caused by gross negligence.

Al Sunseri, whose family-owned oyster business was damaged by the spill, said there was little real news in the arrest of Mix. "I personally believe it's so involved that we could never really understand the magnitude of the bad players involved," he said.

Billy Nungesser, president of hard-hit Plaquemines Parish who has long accused BP of misleading the public about the spill, said: "We're just glad that the truth, and all the truth, will come out. Where crimes were committed, BP needs to pay the price."

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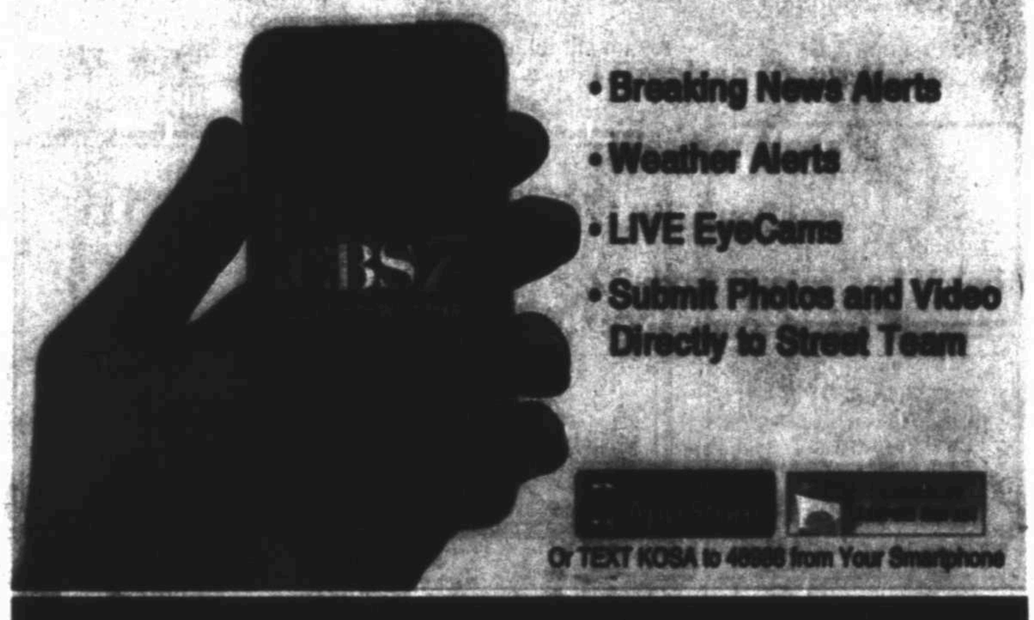

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ED TODD'S PROFILES

Ed Todd is a writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

World-class trombonist Bill C. Thomas vividly recalled one of those enlightening "moments of truth" that became an epiphany in his mid-teenage years in Midland.

He was an on-stage soloist playing the trombone with full heart when he convincingly realized his fate, his calling, as a musician.

"This is what I want to do for the rest of my life," Thomas, 37, recently recalled of that time more than 20 years ago, of his arduously playing "Blue Bells of Scotland" that required advance technique to gauge his mastery of the trombone as a ninth-grader under tutelage of trombone teacher Sharon Chase and band director Clyde Wilson at Robert E. Lee Freshman High School.

Today, Thomas is a trombonist in Switzerland's prestigious Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich, a 100-member symphony orchestra that plays traditional classical repertoire. Founded in 1868 and conducted by David Zinman since 1995, the orchestra performs in Europe, Asia and America and recently played in London's Royal Albert Hall.

"It is fantastic to go to work," Thomas said in a recent visit to his hometown. He expressed his sentiment, "Es ist wundervoll," while noting his Swiss-German "needs to get better."

Next year, another former Midlander, the "charming and just amazing" Susan Graham, a celebrated mezzo-soprano and an "incredible musician," will sing Gustav Mahler's "Das Lied von der Erde" ("The Song of the Earth") as a guest of the Zürich orchestra.

One of four trombonists, Thomas won a position on the Zürich orchestra in 2011 following a stringent audition, an American playing

Please see **TODD/3B**

Bill Thomas Jr. plays tenor trombone and played while serving in the U.S. Navy Band.

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Zach Harrell, front, Billy Hennings and other members of First United Methodist Church youth group partner with The Able Center and Texas Ramps Project to build a ramp Saturday for a homeowner.

Nonprofit looking for volunteers to build ramps for homebound Midlanders

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A statewide project is looking for volunteers to help build ramps for homebound Midlanders in an effort to get them out of their homes and help them be independent.

Officials with the Texas Ramps Project, which began building projects in the Permian Basin last May, volunteers and staff from the Able Center in Odessa completed a ramp over the weekend at a Midland County resident's home and said the project is one of a dozen scheduled so far.

Executive director John Lane said there are more than 150 referrals of people needing ramps but because of the shortage of volunteers and those trained in the area, they're only able to do one or two projects a month with only 12 to 18 projects to be completed this year.

"It's a great experience for volunteers that are there. They can understand the people we are serving who have no access to other things we take for granted — like being able to go out to church, the grocery store or to see a movie," he said.

"If we can get someone to the curb where there's some sort of paratransit, it really opens up the world to them. They can move around freely like anyone else."

Saturday, volunteers and a church youth group

Please see **RAMPS/4B**

Local cancer survivors gear up for Relay for Life

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Shane Beauchamp thought he'd just received his death sentence when he was told he had cancer at the age of 28.

He had been back and forth between doctors and bedridden for three months before receiving his diagnosis in July of 2008. It was Hodgkin's lymphoma, and it had spread, taking over his liver, spleen and other areas of his body. This weekend, he'll be walking in his third Relay for Life as a survivor.

Beauchamp is the Hero of Hope for this year's Relay for Life, which will take place at 6 p.m. Friday at Midland College. He will share his story of survival and hope at the event, as well as the ways he was helped by the American Cancer Society.

One of the things Beauchamp and his wife, Katy, found helpful was ACS's Patient Navigator program, which assigns cancer survivors to walk through a cancer battle with the diagnosed, their families and their caregivers.

"It was nice to actually talk to somebody that knew what we were fixing to go through, that could shoot straight with us," he said.

One of the recommendations Beauchamp's navigator made was to carry a tape recorder to all appointments.

"Whenever you're going through something like this, you kind of lose focus whenever you hear the big words," he said. "Sometimes you don't even understand about what's going on in your body because you get hung up on the bad news."

In addition to the support they found in ACS, the Beauchamps were floored by the generosity they received from the community. Their church pitched in to help with health insurance costs before Beauchamp was able to obtain temporary coverage through his previous employer. On one of his many trips to the hospital for severe dehydration, an ambulance driver wrote him a check out of the blue.

And now, Beauchamp walks to help end suffering, to promote awareness and to support others in the shoes he was in three years ago.

Please see **RELAY/4B**

Elizabeth Smart to speak at Rape Crisis Center event

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Handprints cover the walls of the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, ranging in size and color. They represent the diversity of children who have come to the center after being affected by sexual abuse, severe physical abuse or witnessing a violent crime.

One of the prints stands out to most who pass by as painful reminder of the scope of abuse — a small footprint of a 4-month-old, whose 3-year-old sister had been sexually abused in 2007.

"People know it occurs, but they don't realize the extent of it or the need there is," said Jamie Poe, the center's executive director. "It's all ages, ethnicities, male and female."

The center will host an "Appetites for Advocacy" fundraiser featuring speaker Elizabeth Smart from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 15 at Midland Country Club. The event will include a lunch and conclude with a silent auction. Sponsorship tables at the event range from $1,500 to $5,000, and individual tickets can be bought for $175.

Smart made national news after being kidnapped from her Salt Lake City, Utah bedroom as a 14-year-old in 2002. Her captor, Brian David Mitchell, sexually assaulted her multiple times before she was found nine months later.

Elizabeth Smart made national news after being kidnapped from her Salt Lake City, Utah bedroom as a 14-year-old in 2002.

"We wanted somebody to come and speak on a topic related to what we do," Poe said. "Her biggest message is basically one of survival."

Since the Midland Rape Crisis Center began providing support services to sexual assault victims in 1979, its programs have grown to include a 24-hour crisis hotline service, crisis intervention and hospital accompaniment, as well as professional counseling and educational programs. The Children's Advocacy Center Pro-

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Obituaries

Bettye Johnson Jones

Bettye Johnson Jones passed away in Midland, on Monday, April 23, 2012, at the age of 84.

A memorial service will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, in Midland, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2012. Bettye is to be cremated and her ashes will be buried next to her parents, Viola Calaway and William Bolton Johnson at Rose Hill Cemetery in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Bettye is survived by her husband, Charles R. Jones; three daughters, Charla Lynn Jones, Fran Elaine Norwood, and Claire Lee Hinkle; and four grandsons.

Bettye was born in Ft. Worth, graduated from Polytechnic High School, and received a bachelor's of education from Sul Ross University. She taught fourth and fifth grades in Texas and Oklahoma, during her career. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland and Yucca Garden Club. She was a loving wife and mother, a devoted friend, and a lover of animals, flowers, and books.

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

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Eloise "Grammoose" Armstrong

Eloise Armstrong, nee Frazier, passed away on April 19, 2012, in Midland, TX, from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Eloise worked proudly as a nurse at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, TX, for 27 years. She retired upon the birth of her grandchildren, who lovingly referred to her as Grammoose. She spent 18 happy years, busily involved in their lives.

Eloise was predeceased by her parents, Millard and Lillian Frazier, and her beloved sister, Nell Yarbrough, all of Florala, AL.

Grammoose is survived by her daughters, Laura Gonzales, of San Antonio, TX, and Kelye Odell of Kalispell, MT; step-daughters, Kathie Naron, of St. George, UT, and Jan Rowland of Birmingham, AL. She is also survived by her niece, Rhea Yarbrough Golden of Gallatin, TN, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services for Eloise "Grammoose" Armstrong will be Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Evans-Brown Funeral Home in Florala, Alabama.

The family would like to thank the staff of Manor Park-Younger Center for the excellent care they gave to Grammoose for the past six years.

"Nothing lasts, but nothing is lost.". ~ William Blake

To leave a message for the family, please visit: vaughanfuneralhome.com. Local Arrangements entrusted to Vaughan's Funeral Home of Boerne.

Johnny Eugene Ainsworth

Johnny Eugene Ainsworth, age 56, of Odessa, passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012, in Odessa, Texas.

Johnny was born in Hobbs, New Mexico, on November 4, 1955, where he was raised by his grandparents, J.L. Perry and Dorothy Perry. He went to school in Hobbs, New Mexico. He was the youngest manager ever, at Wackers in Jal, New Mexico. After that he built his own dealership up in Crane, then sold to Sewell, and worked for Sewell. He sold cars for over 30 years. He was also named Outstanding Young Man in America. He was involved in the Permian Basin Corvette Club and also in the Harley Davidson Club. He was a board member of the oil show and board member of Southwest Heritage Credit Union.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, J. L. Perry.

Survivors include his daughter, Casey LoRae Ainsworth Hernandez and husband, Esteban Hernandez and their four kids, Harley John Ainsworth, age 13, Destiny Faith Hernandez, age 10, Esteban Joshua Hernandez, III, age 9, and Diego Alfred Hernandez, age 8; his other daughter, Crissy Micha Ainsworth Torres and her husband, Francisco Torres and their two children, Cira Ramona Torres, age 6 and Francisco Juanito Torres, age 2 "Ceeko". He also had a grandson, Kane Lee Ainsworth, age 14 "Bubba". He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins that all loved him.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, April 26, 2012 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Mark Kirby of Beacon Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Esteban Hernandez, Francisco Torres, two grandsons, Harley John Ainsworth and Kane Lee Ainsworth, and Edgar Baiza, Edgar Baiza, Jr., Charlie Dixon, Cisco Torres, and Ricky Gregory.

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

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Rex J. Power

Rex J. Power, age 82, of Camp Wood, TX, passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Uvalde Memorial Hospital in Uvalde, TX. He was born on September 25, 1929, in Haskell, TX, to Carl and Faye (Glenn) Power.

Rex married Bette Stewart on September 27, 1954, in Abilene, TX.

He attended Hardin Simmons University, where he studied petroleum engineering. He was a graduate of the '53 Fox Class and served in the United States Air Force, as 1st Lieutenant, during the Korean war. He later was employed by Eastland Oil Company and worked his way to becoming a Independent Oil Operator in Midland, until 1984, when he retired to Camp Wood and enjoyed his "Big Green Tractor" and his brangus cattle.

Rex is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Bette Power of Camp Wood, TX; son, Lee Power and wife, Staci of Midland, TX; daughter, Pam Power of Camp Wood, TX; grandchildren, Trisha "Gertrude" Acosta, Bryan "Spruce" McBride, Michelle "Marcella" Fay, Jacob "Spragus" Power, Kaylee "Matilda" Power; great-grand children, Zachary "Cletus" McBride, Brylee "Bernicee" Acosta, and Nathaniel "Hey You Too" Acosta.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Power; mother, Faye Schnuriger; and brother, Glenn Power.

A Memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, with military honors, at the Power Residence, with Curtis Wilson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that donations in his name be made to the Uvalde Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, 535 N. Park Street, Uvalde, TX 78801 or a charity of your choice.

The family invites you to leave a condolence at: nelsonfuneralhomes.net. Arrangements are under the personal care of Nelson Funeral Home of Camp Wood, TX.

Ethelyne "Ef" Bernay Reese Bizilo

Ethelyne "Ef" Bernay Reese Bizilo, formerly of Midland, Texas, died Saturday morning, April 21, at the home of her nephew, David Bullion, in Austin, after a lengthy illness. She was 87. She was born May 25, 1924, in Brownwood, Texas, to Louis Quilla "Bud" and Tennie P. Cash Reese. She spent part of her childhood in the Indian Creek community outside Brownwood, where her mother taught school, and the remainder of her childhood and early adult life in Brownwood, Texas. She attended Howard Payne University, a family tradition. She met her husband, John Bizilo in 1945, when he was an Army platoon sergeant stationed at Camp Bowie in Brownwood and she was a United Service Organization (USO) volunteer. They were married on July 15, 1946, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brownwood and lived there until 1949, when they moved to Midland, where John began teaching. While in Midland, Ethelyne was employed as a draftswoman for Texaco. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Midland.

Among her many hobbies were bird watching, fishing, stained glass works artistry, and traveling. Ethelyne and John enjoyed traveling throughout America and Mexico, and had sighted and logged more than 500 species of birds in their bird watching ventures. They purchased a recreational vehicle for such ventures, and it was Ethelyne's job to plan, prepare, and drive during their outings. The couple spent many vacations at Rockport, on the Texas coast, with her mother and sister as guests. Ethelyne enjoyed visiting Ruidoso and Hobbs, New Mexico, as she enjoyed gambling and collected Indian jewelry of turquoise and coral.

She was an accomplished stained glass artist, creating many beautiful glass hangings, which she gave as gifts. She also took classes in cake decorating and jewelry crafting. An avid collector, Ethelyne had coin, doll, and Hummel figurine collections; with her sister Alta, she collected over 300 beanie babies in the 1990's, when they were extremely popular.

Survivors include her nephew, David Bullion and wife, Susie of Austin; nieces, Linda Smith and husband, Rick of Austin and Liz Holmsley and husband, Steve of San Antonio; nine great nieces and nephews; and six great-great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gregory Bartha, of Midland, for his many years of care and support, and the team from Hospice Austin for their compassion and excellent care during Ethylene's last few weeks. Special thanks to her home health caregivers, Sharene Swindall in Midland and Nikki Hervey and Susie Victor in Austin.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Hospice Austin or Hospice Midland.

Online condolences may be made at: cookwaldenforestoaks.com.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at the Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Austin, Texas. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 26, at Cook-Walden Forest Oaks, with the Rev. Don Long officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m., at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood, Texas.

Pallbearers are nephews, David Bullion, Steve Holmsley, and Rick Smith, and great nephews, Ben Holmsley, David Smith, Brett Bullion, Chris Bullion, and Shane Bullion.

Death Notices

Dickey Box

Dickey Box, 71, of Midland, passed away Monday, April 23, 2012.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 2012, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2012, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ.

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

Don Huestis

Don Huestis, 77, of Andrews, passed away Sunday April 22, 2012, in Midland.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., at McNett Funeral Home in Andrews. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 26, 2012, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Burial will be in Andrews Old Cemetery, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He is survived by three daughters, Dorothy Jean Huestis, Ann Huestis, and Jan Huestis-Favier; his former wife, Jane Huestis; Long-time companion, Mary Merritt; his best friend, Wanda Weatherby; two grandchildren, Tristan Lane Sheppard and Taryn Jane Sheppard.

Edna Mae Burkett

Edna Mae Burkett, 88, of Andrews, passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012, in Midland.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 27th at Burkett Cemetery in Coleman, Texas, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca McGary; son, Eddie Burkett; one sister, Sara Boyle; one granddaughter; and four great-grandsons.

Gladys Toller

Gladys Toller, 83, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2012.

A memorial service is planned for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Ellis Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

High-tech animal clinic at Texas A&M draws praise

By Monica Rohr
Houston Chronicle

COLLEGE STATION — Dread and hope flit through the air of the waiting room like storm clouds and clear blue competing for a place in the sky.

This is a place of last refuge, intractable hope and boundless love, the entrance to a battlefield between cutting-edge science and cancer.

It was here that Beverly Gorman and her husband arrived in January after an urgent 2,400-mile, 60-hour car trip from Olympia, Wash., a trek spurred by a grim diagnosis.

Aurora Bright Star, better known as Chancy, their 8-year-old Gordon setter, had an inoperable brain tumor near her pituitary gland and was given fewer than 90 days to live. Once eager to chase squirrels, Chancy now spent her days lying listlessly on the couch. Over Christmas, she suffered a series of seizures that left her limp.

Then the Gormans' veterinarian, Dan Hicks, told them about Texas A&M's Diagnostic Imaging and Cancer Treatment Center, home to one of the country's two animal TomoTherapy units.

The $3 million machine combines radiation therapy and CT scanning technology to treat tumors once considered untreatable.

After the clinic neurologist called Gorman to say he was at work reviewing Chancy's records — at 9:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve — she knew that's where they had to go.

"I got the feeling they weren't going to give up until they had done everything they could to help Chancy and us," she said. "No matter what, we were going to fight the tumor and the poor outcome with everything possible."

Instead of spraying radiation over the entire tumor area, TomoTherapy produces a beam that zeroes in on diseased areas with near-surgical precision while sparing healthy tissue and organs.

That can make the difference between blindness and sight for dogs like Chancy, whose tumor edged dangerously close to her optic nerve, or the difference between amputation and keeping a limb for dogs like Magnum, a boisterous Great Dane diagnosed with soft tissue sarcoma on a front paw.

Most of all, it means that pets like these run around the yard and chase squirrels a few more years.

"We're able to increase the cure rate for these patients, minimize the toxicity with each patient and increase the quality of their life for as long as possible," explained Michael Deveau, the clinic's radiation oncologist.

Before the unit went online last summer, the clinic's equipment was from the 1970s, useless in treating more serious cases. Often, the A&M veterinary oncologists referred patients to out-of-state treatment centers.

Now, the clinic treats seven to 10 patients a week with TomoTherapy.

Nick Vera of Spring took Magnum to the A&M clinic after he discovered a large lump on the 155-pound Great Dane's front paw. It was a soft tissue tumor wrapped around the tendons.

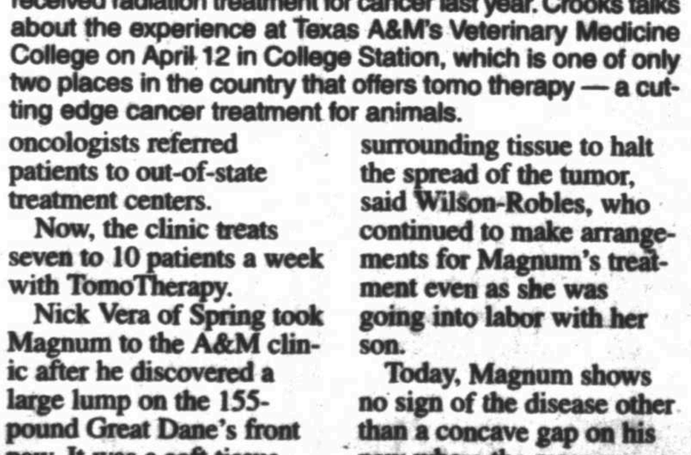
Such tumors contain microscopic, fingerlike projections that burrow deep under the skin and can't be treated with conventional radiation, said Heather Wilson-Robles, a veterinary oncologist. Usually, treatment is amputation.

With TomoTherapy, however, the A&M team was able to treat the microscopic cancers and enough surrounding tissue to halt the spread of the tumor, said Wilson-Robles, who continued to make arrangements for Magnum's treatment even as she was going into labor with her son.

Today, Magnum shows no sign of the disease other than a concave gap on his paw where the mass was removed.

"The way Magnum is, his personality, he's a runner around the yard. We couldn't picture him without a limb," said Vera, as Magnum clomped around a clinic examining room.

The average TomoTherapy treatment regime runs 20 days, and costs about $6,000 to $7,000 for a four-week protocol. The treatment can take less than 12 minutes, but preparation is meticulous and time-consuming.



Karen Warren/Houston Chronicle

Karan Crooks, of Willis, holds her dog Nutmeg. Nutmeg received radiation treatment for cancer last year. Crooks talks about the experience at Texas A&M's Veterinary Medicine College on April 12 in College Station, which is one of only two places in the country that offers tomo therapy — a cutting edge cancer treatment for animals.

On treatment day, the patient is hooked up to anesthesia and monitors tracking temperature, breathing and blood pressure, then wheeled into the TomoTherapy room on a gurney.

"We get attached to all our patients," said Deveau. "We owe it to them to provide the best possible care."

A bulletin board in the TomoTherapy control room is crowded with snapshots of patients and ex-patients: dogs (and one cat) pressing their noses toward the camera lens.

One of those former patients is Nutmeg, a golden retriever whose cancer is in remission after being treated for a melanoma in the jaw. Some of her teeth and jawbone had to be removed, but TomoTherapy allowed Nutmeg to retain function and avoid bone damage, said Deveau.

On a recent visit to the clinic, the dog nudged her owner, Karan Crooks, out of a chair and plopped herself down in the empty space.

"I lost my mother and my husband, and she was there for me. I needed to be there for her," said Crooks, a Willis resident whose voice cracked as she recounted Nutmeg's illness. "She's my companion. She deserved the right to have a chance for quality of life and longevity."

About 2,400 miles away, another success story is back to chasing squirrels and shadowing her owners' every pace. After four weeks of treatment, Chancy's brain tumor, while not eliminated, shrank considerably.

"With any luck, she'll outlive the tumor," said Gorman. "I forget some days that she has a tumor. She's back to wagging her tail and being herself, totally herself."

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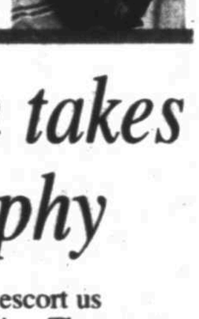

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

Crockett clown takes up photography

When you walk into Tom Bradshaw's house in Crockett you notice about a thousand clowns. Beautiful, professional paintings of clowns hang on the wall. Several shelves contain statues of clowns made of everything from chalk to porcelain. Some of the nearly life-size clowns are standing on the floor. Bradshaw even has some clown puppets. His elaborate collection features clowns of all sizes and colors.

Before entering his profession as a forensic photographer for the Houston Police Department, Tom spent some time as a clown.

"I used to don my clown attire and clown on roller skates," said Bradshaw. "Gulf used to have grand openings for their service stations. I worked at a roller rink and the gentleman that owned it bought a service station. For the grand opening, he got me to clown around. From then on, Gulf hired me to do service station grand openings all over Houston. Back then, people used to pull in to the station and the attendant would put gas in the tank. I'd make the car bounce up and down. People thought I was just acting silly, but actually I was letting air out of that gas tank so the guy could put more gas in."

Tom put away his clown outfits and became a crime scene photographer.

He took lots of pictures of murder victims. He was also the mayor's official photographer. He photographed the activities of the Houston Police Bicycle Relay Team as it traveled across the country and beyond.

"We've been to Alaska three times, Canada five times, been through every state in the United States and we've been to Kennebunkport, Maine to visit George Bush twice. While we were riding, we'd get officers to escort us through cities. The team would average 15 miles an hour and could make it on bicycles from Houston to New York in less than a week, riding day and night. The team had about 32 members and would switch off, each guy riding about eight hours. Sometimes we'd all take off and do some sight seeing. It was a fundraising effort and good PR for the PD, especially when we turned money in at the end of the year. In the 22 years we did fundraising for leukemia and muscular dystrophy we raised over $3 million."

Tom got interested in photography while serving in the military. He volunteers much of his time and has trophies and plaques of appreciation from several non-profit organizations. One of his photos has been on billboards and in various other print media for Special Olympics. He has photographed sports personalities and presidents.

These days he's taking photos of school and civic events around Houston County. His photos appear in the Grapeland Messenger newspaper, where his son is publisher.

"To me, photography is a type of art. Some people take pictures. I take photographs and enjoy it. Since I retired from the police department, I've taken more pictures than ever before."

I've seen Tom in action. He'll take dozens of photos to get one he likes.

TODD

From 1B

for discerning European masters demanding and expecting perfection however difficult the score.

"It is like an Olympic event," Thomas said. "You train and train and train." The result is "culmination of years of intense study. There are so many repertoires you have to learn."

His ensemble experience following his 1999 graduation from Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music includes the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the United States Navy Concert Band in which he was featured soloist on national tours.

"It is a steep learning curve because rehearsals are in German and French," Thomas said of Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich. "Not only am I trying to navigate the language, I am trying to figure out what is going on. They don't cut me a lot of slack." He is one of five Americans in the orchestra: two in the winds and brass and three in the strings.

Throughout the year, he is responsible for five instruments: the tenor and bass trombone, the tenor and bass sackbut (trombone) from the Renaissance and Baroque eras, and the contrabass trombone.

"Music can be so uplifting," Thomas said. "You forget all your problems and enjoy the moment."

Thomas expressed gratitude for his musical talents, his family, his mentors and his journey. He reflected on the Big Band Swing Era music (Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Frank Sinatra) of his grandfather, Wagner Thomas, and the "Star Wars" music of his boyhood.

"Playing the trombone gives me the ability to express myself in a deeply personal way, using the talents that God has given me," reckoned the athletic 6-foot-2 Thomas, who swept aside his interests in baseball, basketball, tennis and golf to focus on the trombone and academics at Midland's Robert E. Lee High School.

His "ultimate goal" as a classical orchestral musician is for listeners to be so "deeply moved" that they would know "that such a beautiful gift comes only from God and that it would bring them all closer to him."

Thomas reviewed his journey with the trombone and his life with his family, his lovely wife, Jennifer, and their talented 5-year-old son, Luke, who is studying the violin and who in Switzerland is becoming versed in German, Swiss-German and French to complement his native English.

"For family life, this job is fantastic," although the orchestra travels about 45 days each year and is in concert three or four days each week before an erudite audience.

"I am so proud of him," said the trombonist's father, Bill Thomas, who told his son in high school that "you can't make a living playing the trombone. He proved me wrong ever since. I am so glad."

A member of the National Honor Society and recipient of musical accolades, Thomas was captain of Robert E. Lee High School's 1992-1993 Mighty Rebel Band, directed by Randy Storie ("a great mentor"), which marched in the Rose Bowl Parade.

Thomas, who "grew up playing the piano at age 5," was a piano student of Shari Santorelli, who "taught me all of the theory and basically taught me a lot of the repertoire music that put me on the right track and pushed me."

Then, as a fifth-grader at Midland Christian School, Thomas got "stuck on" the trombone only after all the trumpet slots were taken. He continued playing the piano.

Early into his career, Thomas had just returned from performances in Brazil when, with the intervention of his mother, Paula Johnson, and his younger sister, Kelly Ann, then a student at Trinity School, he met Jennifer Sellers, a Trinity teacher.

"I picked Bill's wife," said the mother, who described her as "drop-dead gorgeous." However, "What makes Jennifer so gorgeous is her kind-hearted spirit." They married in 2002.

Of his work ethic, Paula Johnson said her son, with "nerves of steel," applied his athletic competitiveness to music. "He had a dream, and he never wavered" in his pursuit to be "the best" trombonist ever.

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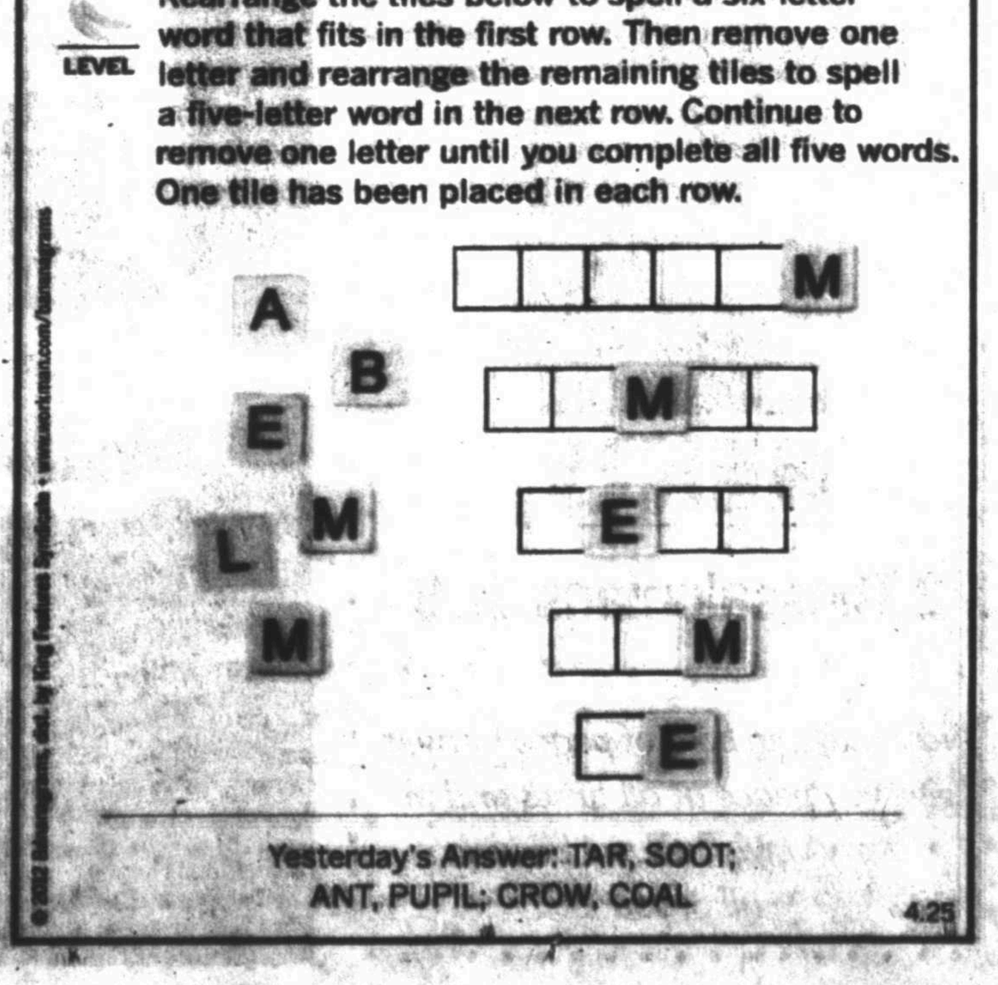

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RAMP

From 1B

spent up to five hours building a ramp for a woman who, according to Able Center staff, said she's been using the Midland Fire Department to get in and out of the house.

Able Center administrative assistant Theresa Weaver said the woman has had knee surgery and her trailer was lifted off the ground, making the porch too shaky.

"It's a modern day miracle and like a modern day barn-raising. They can come out and don't have to have any help," she said.

"They can come and go on their own now."

Lane said the Texas Ramps Project program was started in 1985 when a woman asked members of a Kiwanis Club to come and build a ramp for her in Richardson. Original staff members and volunteers didn't know how to build a ramp, but said they learned and started up a smaller program in Dallas, which now is the base for the TRP.

A few years ago, the TRP nonprofit was formed to try to reach every area of the state in hopes to get ramps built for many Texans in need.

Lane said there's a large demand of people in West Texas needing ramps built and officials would like to get the program developed in the next three years where they have enough qualified builders and volunteers to tackle between 50 and 60 ramp projects each year.

"We're trying to establish the project to be self-sustaining in the Permian Basin," he said.

Those wanting to volunteer can contact officials at the Able Center, 580-3439.

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Shane Beauchamp, above, is a Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor who is the Hero of Hope for this year's Relay for Life event. LEFT: Beauchamp and others participate in last year's survivor walk during Relay for Life.

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CRISIS

From 1B

gram, which was incorporated in 1996, added the ability for the center to administer interviews in a safe and friendly environment.

Children are able to speak with a forensic interviewer alone in a room while law enforcement and CPS personnel listen in and watch from an observation room. Officials also can speak to the interviewer through an earpiece to clarify any uncertainties about the child's testimony.

"It's very much a team effort and team approach," Poe said. "By a child being interviewed here, it's designed to prevent them from having to be interviewed and re-victimized multiple times down the road."

Forensic interviewers at the center gave 498 interviews last year alone to children ages 3 through 17, who are referred by law enforcement, Child Protective Services and the District Attorney's office. Though the number of interviews was well above the 350 per year average at the center, Poe credits the increase in awareness and reporting, as well as the rise in population because of Midland's booming economy, for the inflation in numbers.

In addition to interviews, the center provides a wide variety of therapy program services, including individual counseling, group therapy and types of therapy utilizing art, a play room, sand trays and even a team of therapy dogs. Victims of sexual assault can come to the center even years later for free therapy.

Did you know?

Of the total number of children served by Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas last year, 74 percent were involved in sexual abuse cases, 56 percent knew their perpetrator and 27 percent were not old enough to attend kindergarten.

The center is making a push to educate children in the community through programs for kindergartners through 12th-graders on topics like bullying and sexual abuse. Staff members gave presentations to more than 15,000 students, teachers and parents last year, and are looking for ways to expand upon the existing program and to reach out to more schools.

Despite Midland's booming economy, the center is expecting to face some challenges in 2013 as federal and state funding continues to be cut. Because the center does not charge for any services, it operates solely off money from grants, foundations and fundraisers. About 30 percent of the operational budget comes from fundraisers, Poe said.

The center also depends on volunteers and donations, such as the stuffed animals and quilts given to children there. In 2010, volunteer advocates provided more than 12,000 hours of emotional support, informing survivors and their families, and participating in the center's various programs.

Though many of the children interviewed at the center have a long road ahead of them, those who have utilized its services are generally better prepared for the criminal process, according to Midland County Sheriff's Office criminal investigator Sgt. Matt Vann.

"Victims often feel alone and terrified," Vann said. "We see there's often a difference in victims that receive counseling there and the ones that don't. They're better able to deal with the trauma; they're prepared for all the steps of the investigation."

To buy tickets for the "Appetites for Advocacy" fundraiser or for more information on the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, contact 682-7273. Tables are limited and RSVPs are due by May 11.

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RELAY

From 1B

As of early this week, more than 280 participants from 24 teams had signed up to participate in this year's Relay for Life, with a total of more than $46,00 raised.

Breast cancer survivor group Young and the Breastless has employed a purple-painted toilet in their fundraising efforts by passing it around yards in Midland. Those who find the toilet in their yard are invited to leave a donation for the team, then choose an acquaintance who will receive it next. By doing so, they hope to help "flush" cancer and spread awareness about the support group.

"We're having a lot of fun with it," said Debbie Riley, who serves on the group's survivor committee. The "Pass the Potty" campaign has raised more than $500 so far, $450 of which was received in a single day. The group also will bring the toilet to Relay for Life to collect donations at the event.

Beauchamp has attended Relay for Life since ending his treatment, and admitted he didn't know about the event until he found himself battling cancer.

"I didn't realize how many other people had really been through the struggles and had a victory like I had," he said.

He's looking forward to seeing the white Luminaria bags lit up along the track at Midland College in remembrance and honor of others. For him, it's a sign of the importance of community and hope.

"Cancer is a deadly disease," he said, "but it's not a death sentence."

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National Soft Pretzel Month celebrates versatile snack

April is National Soft Pretzel Month. Although a twisted knot of baked dough is delicious, there are so many other things to do with pretzels. This list of recipes includes a variety of pretzel ideas.

The first recipe that comes to mind is for seasoned pretzels that my husband loves to have on hand at all times. They are really good and, unfortunately, addicting.

There are several other recipes using store-bought pretzels and instructions to make soft pretzels like the ones you can buy at a fair. When it comes to topping your pretzel, you might enjoy sesame or poppy seeds instead of salt.

Paula Deen's recipe for dipped pretzels can come in handy for any holiday by using the appropriate colors of sprinkles. Tie up some dipped pretzels in colorful cellophane with a bow for a quick and easy gift from your kitchen.

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Yummy Pretzels
From "Dish Diva"

1 bottle Orville Redenbacher's Popcorn Popping Oil
1 small package original ranch dressing
2 Tablespoons lemon pepper
48-ounces waffle pretzels (does not work well with twists or rods)

Whisk first three ingredients together in a large bowl. Place pretzels in a large bowl or extra large zip-top bag. Pour dressing ingredients over pretzels and zip bag closed. Turn bag over many times to coat pretzels over the next few hours.

Smokin' Snack Mix
From "The Neely's Celebration Cookbook"

3 cups thin pretzel sticks
One (10-ounce) can roasted smoked almonds
2 cups sesame sticks
4 Tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted
3 Tablespoons light brown sugar
1 Tablespoon Neely's barbecue rub (below)
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 250. Toss the pretzels, almonds and sesame sticks in a large bowl. Melt the butter in a saucepan, and whisk in the brown sugar, barbecue rub, and cayenne pepper. Drizzle the butter mixture over the snack mix, and toss to coat.

Spread the snack mixture evenly over two rimmed sheet trays and bake for 30 minutes, tossing and stirring the mixture halfway through cooking.

Neely's Barbecue Rub

1 1/2 cups paprika
1/2 cup sugar
3 1/2 Tablespoons onion powder

Stir together all the ingredients in a bowl. If stored in an airtight container in a cool, dry place, this seasoning will last for up to 6 months.

Soft Giant Pretzels
From "Gale Gand's Brunch"

2 Tablespoons plus 1 1/3 cups warm water
1 package active dry yeast
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
5 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for kneading
1 teaspoon sea salt or kosher salt, plus more for sprinkling
1/2 cup baking soda

In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine the 2 tablespoons warm water with the yeast and stir by hand until the yeast is dissolved. Stir in the remaining 1 1/3 cups warm water and the brown sugar. Fit the mixer with the dough hook and set the bowl on it. Mix on medium-low speed, gradually adding the flour and salt. Continue mixing until the dough forms a ball. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead it until it is smooth, about 5 minutes.

Heat the oven to 475 and butter two baking sheets. Combine 2 quarts water and the baking soda in a large saucepan, and bring to a boil. Cut the dough into golf-ball size pieces. Roll the balls into 1/2-inch thick worms. Form each worm into a U shape; then cross the ends, twisting them at the middle. Fold the ends back to meet the bottom of the U, and press to secure the dough. Drop the pretzels, a few at a time, into the boiling water and cook for 30 seconds. Then fish them out, using a slotted spoon or a spider and place them on the prepared baking sheets. Sprinkle with sea salt. Repeat with the remaining dough. When all the pretzels have been boiled and salted, bake them for about 8 minutes, until golden brown. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Pretzels
From "Lone Star Eats"

1 package active dry yeast
1 cup lukewarm water
3 cups flour, divided
1 1/2 Tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon sugar
4 cups water
5 Tablespoons baking soda
Coarse salt

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Add 1 1/2 cups flour and the butter, salt and sugar. Beat for 4 minutes in electric mixer. Knead in the remaining flour until dough is no longer sticky. Cover and let rise. Punch down and divide into 10 pieces. Roll into 20-inch lengths and loop each into twisted pretzel shape. Place on greased baking sheet and let rise until doubled in size.

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Bring 4 cups of water and soda to a boil. Using a slotted spoon, carefully lower pretzels into water. When they rise to the top, return them to greased baking sheet. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake for about 10 minutes, or until browned. Makes 10 pretzels.

Cheesy Pretzels
From "Pillsbury's Sip, Nibble and Snack"

1 1/2 cups flour
2/3 cup milk
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
2 Tablespoons butter, softened
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg
Coarse salt

Heat oven to 400. Grease cookie sheet. Mix flour, milk, cheese, margarine, baking powder, sugar and 1 teaspoon salt in medium bowl with fork until soft dough forms. Smooth dough gently into ball on floured cloth-covered board. Knead 10 times. Divide dough in half.

Roll one half dough into rectangle, 12 x 8-inches. Cut rectangle lengthwise into eight 1-inch strips. Fold each strip lengthwise in half. Pinch edges to seal. Twist each strip into pretzel shape. Place seam side down on cookie sheet.

Beat egg in small bowl with fork. Brush pretzels with egg. Sprinkle lightly with coarse salt. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire rack. Repeat with remaining half dough. "To make Peanutty Pretzels, omit cheese and substitute 2 tablespoons crunchy peanut butter for the margarine. Substitute 2 tablespoons chopped salted peanuts for the coarse salt.

Chocolate Covered Pretzels with Sprinkles
From Paula Deen, Food Network

1 (12-ounce) package milk chocolate chips
1 (12-ounce) package white chocolate chips
24 large pretzel rods
Colored sprinkles

Pour milk chocolate chips into a microwave safe bowl and white chocolate chips into another bowl. Microwave separately until melted, stirring after one minute. Heat and stir until completely melted. Dip pretzel rods halfway into milk or white chocolate and allow excess to drip off. Roll in colored sprinkles and place on waxed paper to dry. Cover leftover chocolate and store in refrigerator.

Cayenne Pretzel Sticks
From Taste of Home, August/September 2001

1 cup vegetable oil
1 package ranch salad dressing mix
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 pound pretzel sticks

Combine first four ingredients in a small bowl. Divide pretzels sticks between two ungreased baking sheets. Pour oil mixture over pretzels and stir to coat. Bake at 200 for 1 1/2 - 1 1/2 hours or until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Cool completely and store in an airtight container.

Soft Pretzels
From "Keeping Good Company"

1 (11-ounce) can of refrigerated breadstick dough
Vegetable oil cooking spray
About 1 cup vinegar in a shallow bowl
Pretzel or margarita salt
Melted butter (optional)

Preheat oven to 375. Shape each piece of dough into a pretzel by making the half point of the dough the bottom point of a heart shape. Then bring both ends up and around to shape the top curves of a heart. Twist the two ends around each other once. Then, press the ends to each side of the bottom portion of the heart. Spray cookie sheet with Pam. Gently dip the pretzel shape in the bowl of vinegar, then place on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle with salt and bake until lightly browned, about 12-15 minutes. Brush lightly with melted butter, if desired, and eat while warm. Makes 8 medium sized breadsticks.

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Autism AWARENESS Month

Jackson Curtis, 10, far left, plays with one of the more than 300 balloons released April 14, during the Permian Basin Autism Network balloon release at Gratis Park. LEFT: Permian Basin Autism Network president Kim Armitage untangles a group of balloons as the organization prepares to release more than 300 to bring awareness to Autism. ABOVE LEFT: Tom Jones, left, and John Curtis blow up more than 300 ballons April 14, that are being released in honor of a loved one whom was diagnosed with Autism.
April is Autism Awareness Month and the Permian Basin Autism Network tied yellow ribbons to the fence at Gratis park before hosting its inaugural balloon launch.

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Dwarf magnolia trees can grow 30 feet tall

Dear Neil: We built our house 10 years ago. A local landscaping company planted a dwarf magnolia tree in a sunny spot. The tree is now 20 feet tall. Were we actually sold a dwarf tree?

Answer: Southern magnolias (Magnolia grandiflora) grow to be 60 to 75 feet tall and 35 to 40 feet wide at maturity. Some 30 or 35 years ago, a dwarf form called "Little Gem" was brought into the marketplace, and it's been a highly popular way of having the grace and beauty of southern magnolias without having the huge mature size. Little Gem grows to 30 feet tall and 20 feet wide, so it's half-sized in all respects to its big sister. More recently, a smaller-still variety called "Teddy Bear" has been brought into the market. It matures at 16 to 18 feet tall and 12 or 14 feet wide, yet it has full-sized leaves and flowers. So, yes, it sounds like your landscaper provided exactly what they promised.

Dear Neil: I've attached photos of my two fig trees. They both bear fruit, but neither plant is growing well at all. Can you figure out what I'm doing wrong? Each tree is several years old.

Answer: The plants actually look very healthy — ample new growth this spring, and leaves of good size. There are some dead stems that suggest the plants might have gotten dry last year or the autumn before. That will stunt or even stop growth. You could apply a very light dose of nitrogen (one-half cup per plant) to them now to promote a bit of vigorous new growth, although it's usually best not to apply much fertilizer at all to figs. Mulch over their roots with 3 or 4 inches of shredded tree leaves or compost, and soak them regularly during the summer. Weekly waterings during all that heat last year would have been necessary.

Dear Neil: I have a white substance growing on my crape myrtle twigs and leaves at property I have in the Metroplex. I've not seen it before. What is it, and how do I deal with it?

Answer: If you had asked me this 10 years ago, I assuredly would have said you had powdery mildew, the fungal problem that has been with older varieties of crape myrtles all the time we've grown them here in Texas. However, since 2005, parts of North Texas have seen a completely new scale insect attacking crape myrtles, particularly in cool, moist weather. As yet, it is still being identified. Apparently, that can take several years when it comes to scale insects. Systemic insecticides such as Merit applied as a soil drench in late April/early May and then a second time in July seem to give the best control. You also may see an unusual species of beneficial ladybugs feeding voraciously on the scales. They're black, with two orange spots on their backs. If you see them, or their unusual-looking small larvae, leave them alone. They'll probably remove all the scales for you.

Dear Neil: I grew up along the Gulf Coast, and my mom had a plant she called a "fireman's bush" because its flowers resembled a fireman's hat. It had thick, red petals. Do you have any idea what that might be?

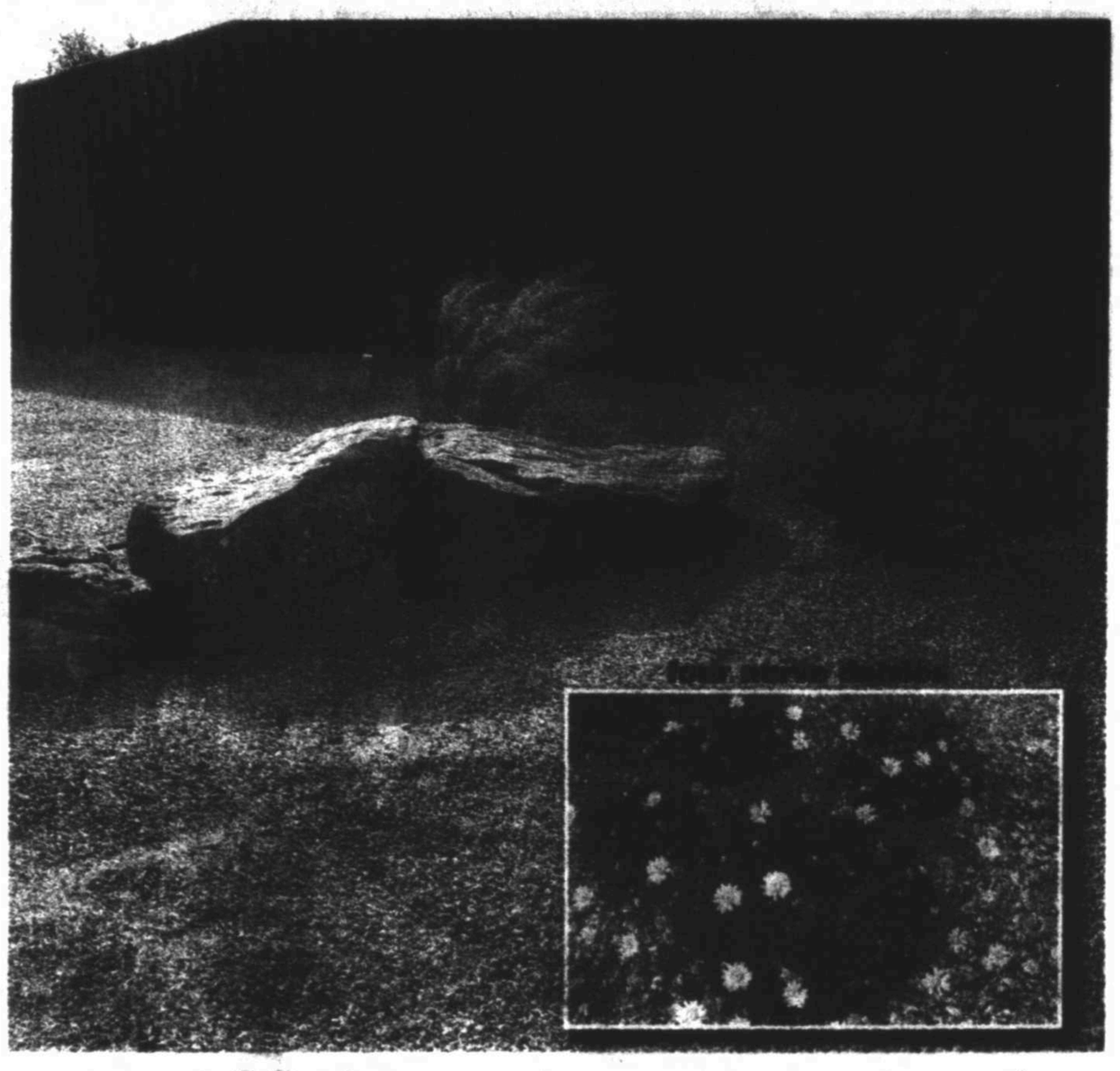
Answer: Please do a Web search for "photos of Erythrina cristi-galli." My bet is that's what you're looking for. It's a curious and strong-growing plant, although it's tender in extreme winters in the northern half of Texas. Mulch and cover it when temperatures are expected to drop to the lower 20s or colder.

Dear Neil: I saw your reference recently to Texas Master Certified Nursery Professionals. They sound like the kind of people I've been wanting for professional help for years. Is there a list of where I can find one?

Answer: Yes. They are all members of the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, so I began at that website. When I clicked on the area for consumers, it took me to www.landscapetexas.org, and that gave me the chance to "find a contractor or retail center." The page that came up finally gave with a chance to click "TNLA Certified Professionals." There may be a faster way to get that information, but I didn't see it.

Dear Neil: I do not have pets, but I do have fleas. Neighborhood cats pass through the area. Over the past five years, I've tried professional exterminators, hose-end sprays, aerosols and more, but I still have the fleas. Do you have any other suggestions?

Answer: You'll find a good bit of information on flea elimination on the Texas A&M Entomology website. The only thing I didn't see in your notes would be the application of one of the labeled insecticidal sprays with a hose-end sprayer to walls, fences and tree trunks, as well as down onto the ground. Fleas climb quickly to escape sprays. I really hope that helps.



Rock mulch, artificial turf can increase area temperatures

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In an attempt to reduce the need for water in your landscape, don't accidentally cause your energy bills go up. What you do outside your home can affect the temperatures inside your home.

Mulch is a great thing, and should be used in landscape beds, gardens, container pots, around trees and other plants. Used correctly mulch will reduce soil moisture evaporation, reduce soil temperatures, suppress weed growth and provide many other benefits. Mulch can reduce evaporation of water from the soil by 50 percent, which is a tremendous benefit.

Mulch comes in organic and inorganic forms. Organic forms include shredded tree limbs, shredded bark, cottonseed hulls, leaves and grass clippings. These are excellent choices because they breakdown over time, adding humus and nutrients to the soil. Inorganic mulches include rock, plastic, shredded tires and glass. They don't breakdown, are resistant to floating and blowing, most are resistant to flames and they reduce water evaporation from the soil.

Rock mulch has become very popular with the drought and limited water, but be cautious before adding it to your landscape.

Decomposed granite, crushed stone, lava rock, pebbles, pea gravel and other rock materials absorb heat from the sun and release it into the surrounding areas during the day and night. They actually increase the temperature. This extra heat increases cooling costs if it is near an indoor or outdoor living space. It also can increase plant stress and water needs.

Because rock mulch can absorb heat from the sun, the heat is released during the nighttime. This increases plant respiration rates, meaning a plant could use foods faster than it could make it. This is especially true if the plant is not adapted to these conditions. Be sure to select plants that are native and can tolerate hot, desert conditions.

If you intend to add a rock mulch to your landscape avoid placing next to the house on the south or west side, to you can avoid excess heat load. Use it away from the house or outdoor living spaces. Be sure to use plants in and around the rock mulch to provide shade on the rock to reduce the heat load. Try to provide 50 percent shade on the rock mulch using heat-tolerant trees, shrubs, ground covers and other types of plants.

Artificial turf is another option for reducing landscape water. It serves as an excellent alternative to the real thing in certain situations such as narrow strips found in parking lot and street side bed. Use care when using it in the home landscape. Artificial turf used near a patio or used in a play area can increase temperatures in the area. Real turf helps cool the area because it is losing water into the atmosphere.

Speaking of real turf, native grasses might be an avenue to explore for turf areas. When our water resources improve, blue grama and buffalo grass lawns may be an alternative.

Artificial turf exposed to the sunlight can be too hot for walking barefoot or for children to play on during the day. It may even have to be cooled down with water! The preparation for artificial turf requires excavation, added base material and compaction and can damage existing tree roots and may discourage healthy root growth into the area.

These materials are very attractive and can be used successfully in and around residential and commercial landscapes. But use these materials with discretion, because they have the potential to make your summer hotter than normal.

Trio of Gardens

The 16th annual Trio of Gardens benefiting Keep Midland Beautiful will be 1 to 4 p.m. May 6. Participants will be allowed to view three gardens in Midland. This year's event is focused on maintaining a landscape with the drought and water restrictions. Featured locations will showcase rainwater harvesting, container plants, keyhole gardening and changing irrigation. Tickets are $18 and are available the day of the event at each featured location. See Sunday's West Texas Living section for more information on this year's event.

MCS girls win state golf tourney; boys take 3rd

From staff reports

WACO — The Midland Christian girls golf team put together its best round of the season at the right time.

The Lady Mustangs shot 339 during the final round of the TAPPS 4A Girls State Golf Tournament on Tuesday at Twin Rivers Golf Course and erased a five-stroke deficit to win the title by 15 strokes. Along with Monday's round of 359, Midland Christian shot 698 as a team to win the title as Corpus Christi Incarnate Word finished second and came in at 713 over the two days.

"That was a good round," Midland Christian coach Kevin Wallum said. "Taking out a 92 at this level ... that's pretty good. We just played in rhythm, and Christian (Curnutte) was on and everybody was just on their game."

Curnutte won the tournament's medalist title after shooting a 73 on Tuesday and won the individual title by four strokes with a 154 as Jaime Bibby from Incarnate Word and Shanae Ammons of Lubbock Trinity Christian each shot 158 to tie for second.

The Mustang girls squad won its first state title since 2010 and fifth overall since 2003, and Curnutte became the first Lady Mustang to win a medalist title at the state tournament.

Loren Cheatham finished fifth and also earned all-state honors with her top-10 finish, and Madison Warpula finished sixth to all earn all-state recognition. Emily Brown finished tied for 12th and Lynley Lewis tied for 14th.

"You could tell by the look on their faces and the excitment when they won," Wallum said. "This meant a lot to them because of all that time on that course and at the driving range culminated with this. The story was in the girls faces when they won. It was great."

Curnutte's round also included an eagle on a par 5 and was one of three players from Midland Christian to record eagles on Tuesday. Warpula eagled a par-4 by holing a shot from about 110 yards, and boys player Daegan Blackwood eagled a par-5 by holing a shot from 60 yards out.

On the boys side, the Mustangs shot two strokes better on Tuesday but could not improve their position and ended up in third overall. Midland Christian shot 334 and finished at 670 for the tournament. District rival Fort Worth Southwest Christian won the tournament with a 655 over the two days.

Josh Hollar finished tied for 10th to lead the Mustangs with a pair of 82s to finish at 164 but lost a playoff for 10th to earn all-state recognition.

"There was a lot left out there," Wallum said. "Last week, we had

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Curnutte

Cheatham

TWICE WOULD BE NICE

Big Spring's Tuitt goes for 2nd state title

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Bridgette Tuitt learned the difference between being a talented track and field athlete and being a state champion last year. Now, the Big Spring senior is poised to win another state championship.

But, before she can attempt to defend her Class 3A state championship in the long jump, as well as make a bid for a few other state medals, Tuitt first has to qualify at the Region I-3A Track & Field Championships.

The regional meet is set to start at 9 a.m. Friday at Texas Tech University's Fuller Track in Lubbock. Tuitt, who will take part in five events at the regional meet this weekend, begins her quest to return to Austin at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the event she won a state title in — the long jump.

And while the competition in the event should be of a high quality, Tuitt obviously enters the long jump as the favorite to win gold. Tuitt relishes any type of competition she might find in the long jump, though.

"Going up against another competitive person only puts me more into the competition," said Tuitt, who has signed a letter of intent to run at Texas Tech next year. "That's a motivation for me. I don't like anybody going out there and doing better than me. It gives me more energy to go even further than someone else just did."

The long jump is just the beginning of what is a loaded schedule for the Big Spring senior. Tuitt will run in the preliminary races of the 200 meters and 400-meter and 800-meter relays later Friday. And, not only will she likely be running in the finals of those three events on Saturday, Tuitt also has the triple jump competition Saturday morning.

But, participating in five events at a track meet is a familiar scenario for Tuitt.

"I'm in five events just about every track meet," said Tuitt, who also won two silver medals at state last year as a member of Big Spring's 400 and 800 relays. "I know what to expect, how to warm up and how to get refreshed. I try to go out and just treat it like any other meet."

Winning a state gold medal hasn't left Tuitt complacent, either. Big Spring coach Nick Roberson says last year's state meet has only pushed Tuitt to become an even better jumper and sprinter during her senior year.

"The biggest thing I've seen in Bridgette this year is her maturity," Roberson said. "She doesn't try to buck workouts. She had the best workouts she's ever had this year.

"As a freshman, sophomore, I didn't know if she could be that type of athlete because of her work ethic. She hasn't tried to get out of a race or a jump. She's determined to win. It was easy to put my name behind her this year."

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MRT file photo

Big Spring's Bridgette Tuitt competes in the Region I-3A girls long jump in 2011 during the Region I-5A and I-3A track qualifying meet at Fuller Track Stadium in Lubbock. Tuitt finished in second place with a jump of 19 feet 1.25 inches.

MCS' Fletcher set for TAPPS state tennis tourney

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Jules Fletcher is a veteran of the TAPPS state tennis tournament, but even the Midland Christian senior still will feel some nerves when she takes the court today in Waco.

It's not because Fletcher isn't confident in how she will do over the next two days at the Waco Regional Tennis Center. It's because she always gets nervous before big matches. Today will be no exception.

Fletcher

"Being that I'm a senior, I just want to play hard for my team," Fletcher said. "I will probably be nervous, again."

Fletcher's first trip to the state tournament three years ago came as part of a girls doubles team with Melissa Oestmann, but the last two have come as a singles player.

And in all three years, Fletcher has been able to win her first round match but has lost in the quarterfinals.

That is something Fletcher would like to change, and she said her game is different this year as a senior than it's been when she was younger. With the help of a new coach at Green Tree Country Club in Jason Lester, Fletcher said her game is a little more complete and she plays smarter.

Midland Christian Jon Lanier agrees, saying that Fletcher has always been an athletic player but being able to mix that athletic ability with her tennis has been key to her development as a singles player.

"She'd just probably more like backboard everything back," Lanier said of Fletcher early in her career. "She's always been a really good athlete, and she could get to everything as she got even taller, bigger and stronger. She can overpower people, and also hang in there and keep the ball in play."

Beyond her improvement as a player, Lanier said Fletcher has been helpful to younger players who are making their first trip to the state tournament. Fletcher is the most experienced player on the girls side, and Lanier said that she can relate to them what it is going to be like.

Fletcher admitted the crowds are

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Darvish strikes out 10 in Rangers' win over Yankees

Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Yu Darvish prepares to deliver to the New York Yankees in the third inning Tuesday in Arlington. Darvish threw 10 strikes in 8 1/3 innings. The Rangers won 2-0.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish had a season-high 10 strikeouts pitching into the ninth inning and worked out of a couple of jams for the Texas Rangers in a 2-0 victory over the New York Yankees and countryman Hiroki Kuroda on Tuesday night.

In only the seventh MLB matchup ever of Japanese starters, Darvish (3-0) allowed seven hits and walked a season-low two in 8 1-3 innings. The 10 strikeouts were the most by a Texas pitcher this season.

Ian Kinsler put the Rangers ahead to stay when he led off the first with a deep homer to left center off Kuroda (1-3), who limited Texas to two runs and five hits over 6 2-3 innings. The 37-year-old right-hander, in his fifth season in the majors, struck out five and walked one.

But Kuroda was outpitched by Darvish, the 25-year-old righty making only his fourth major league start — and getting better each time on the mound.

Rangers	2
Yankees	0

Rangers manager Ron Washington was going to give him a chance to finish the game but pulled Darvish after Nick Swisher's one-out single on his 119th pitch.

Joe Nathan needed only one pitch to coax a game-ending double-play grounder by Raul Ibanez. It was his fifth save in six chances, closing out the Rangers' first shutout victory over the Yankees since Aug. 16, 2000.

The Yankees had the bases loaded with no outs in the third after Derek Jeter reached on a bunt single. Darvish initially failed to field the ball, apparently expecting someone else to get it.

But Darvish then got Curtis Granderson out on a called third strike before Alex Rodriguez grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Another sellout crowd at Rangers Ballpark broke into cheers of "Yuuuuuu!" that are already becoming quite routine.

Darvish walked off the mound clapping his hand on his glove while watching the replay on the huge video board high above the right-field seats.

After Robinson Cano hit a leadoff double in the fourth, Darvish needed only seven pitches to get out of that inning. Mark Teixeira and Swisher both struck out swinging on three pitches before Ibanez grounded out on the first pitch he saw.

Darvish struck out the side in the seventh, getting Jeter on a called strike for the third out.

The last matchup of Japanese-born starters was July 22, 2010, when Kuroda threw eight scoreless innings for the Los Angeles Dodgers in a 2-0 win over the Mets and Hisanori Takahashi.

MCA boys golf take 4th at state

From staff reports

KILLEEN — The Midland Classical Academy boys golf team finished fourth overall at the TAPPS 3A State Golf Tournament on Tuesday at the Courses at Clear Creek.

The Knights shot 374 on Tuesday and finished at 735 and were nine strokes out of third spot. Carrollton Prince of Peace won the title shooting a 685. Sophomore Daniel Snell had the best two days for the Knights as he shot a pair of 86s to finish at 172 and finish in 11th overall, one place from earning all-state recognition.

"We were pleased with fourth place, and the kids played fairly well because it was a hard golf course," MCA boys golf Jon Snell said. "I'm pleased with how they played this week, and they perservered through a lot of difficult things to get fourth."

The MCA girls squad finished in fifth, shooting a 457 on Tuesday to finish at 907. Madison Sheets ended up ninth overall shooting 99-108—207 and earned a spot on the all-state team.

TAPPS 3A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
The Courses at Clear Creek, Killeen
Tuesday's Final Results
BOYS

Team standings — 1. Carrollton Prince of Peace 344-341—685; 2. Bullard Brook Hill 353-335—688; 3. The Woodlands Christian 350-376—726; 4. Midland Classical Academy 361-374—735; 5. Dallas Shelton 362-376—738; 6. Katy Faith West Academy 381-401—782; 7. Austin Regents 399-394—793; 8. San Antonio Keystone 403-400—803

Medalist standings — 1. (tie) Ben Mitchell, Houston Cypress Christian 78-82—160; 2. Zach Partin, Carrollton Prince of Peace 78-83—161; 3. James Ray, The Woodlands Christian 82-83—165; 4. Zach Smith, Flower Mound Coram Deo 86-79—167; 5. (tie) Kyle Gary, Dallas Shelton 83-85—168; Gregory Steinhelper, San Antonio Keystone 84-84—168; 7. (tie) Ryan Tierney, Carrollton Prince of Peace 86-83—169; Carter Clements, Bullard Brook Hill 87-82—169; 9. Justin Jaggie, The Woodlands Christian 84-86—170; 10. Hunter Shattuck, Bullard Brook Hill 92-79—171

Midland Classical Academy Individuals
Daniel Snell 86-86—172, Timothy Snell 88-103—191, Benjamin Snell 89-92—181, Harrison Heast 98-100—198, Rett Taylor 99-96—195

GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Austin Regents 392-386—780; 2. San Antonio Keystone 416-419—835; 3. Hallettsville Sacred Heart 438-453—891; 4. Bullard Brook Hill 448-444—892; 5. **Midland Classical Academy 460-467—907**; 6. McKinney Christian 503-477—980

Medalist standings — 1. Alex Rossi, Austin Regents 75-75—150; 2. Jacey Patton, FW Temple 79-79—158; 3. Annika Park, Pasadena First Baptist 85-78—163; 4. Brigette Lee, San Antonio Keystone 82-87—169; 5. Madeline Moran, Houston St. Thomas Episcopal 94-87—181; 6. Margaret McCanse, Austin Regents 94-100—195; 7. Sydney Royer, San Antonio Keystone 101-103—204; 8. Meagan Jurica, Hallettsville Sacred Heart 103-102—205; 9 Madison Sheets, MCA 99-108—207; 10. Stormie Thoene, Bullard Brook Hill 97-111—208

Midland Classical Academy Individuals
Madison Sheets 99-108—207, Sterrra Rio 113-120—233, Angelo Johns 117-110—227, Avary Hyden 121-110—240, Anna Bunsen 122-121—243

Trinity boys win TCAF golf title

From staff reports

FORT WORTH — The Trinity boys golf team claimed another Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship golf title as it had players take three of the top four positions at the TCAF State Tournament on Tuesday at Hawks Creek Golf Course.

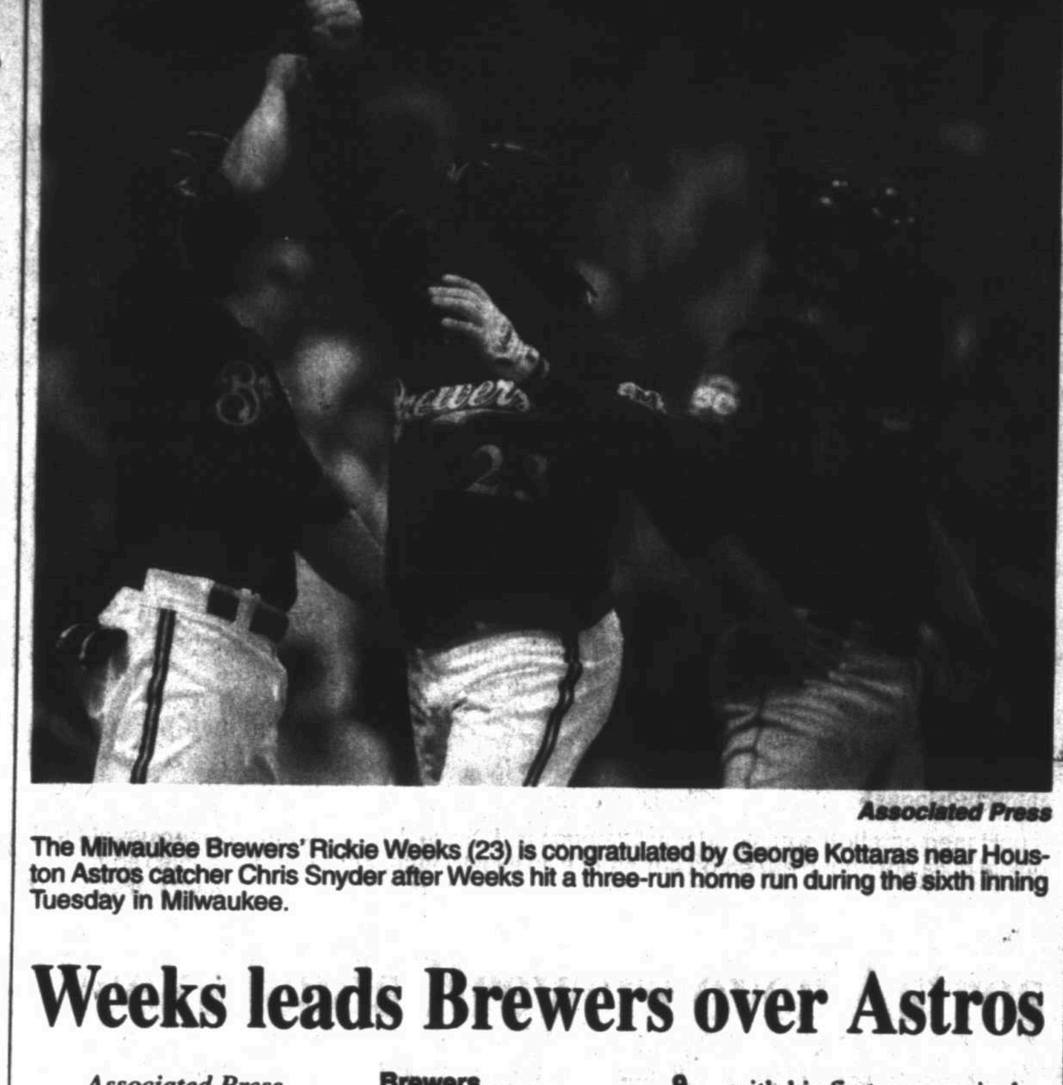
The Chargers' top team shot 249-240—489 and Trinity's second team finished second shooting 282-264—546 over the two days. In TCAF the top three scores are counted instead of the top four.

Trinity won its ninth straight state golf title and its final one in TCAF as Trinity will return to TAPPS next fall.

"They played a lot better (Tuesday) because (Monday) they struggled," Trinity coach Chris Jauz said. "They just started to figure out the course a little bit. It was a tough little course."

Trinity's Gage Morrow finished second in the medalist standings shooting 82-81—163 over the two days as he beat his older brother Trace Morrow in a scorecard playoff for the spot. Brett Womack finished fourth with an 81-83—164.

Jackson Willingham rounded out the first team scores, shooing 96-82—178. For the second team, Brandon Lee had a 95-85—180, Will Farish shot 90-91—181, Philip Beal a 97-88—185 and Brinton Harrington came in with a 109-97—206. Weldon Boley completed as an individual and shot 96-98—194.



Associated Press

The Milwaukee Brewers' Rickie Weeks (23) is congratulated by George Kottaras near Houston Astros catcher Chris Snyder after Weeks hit a three-run home run during the sixth inning Tuesday in Milwaukee.

Weeks leads Brewers over Astros

Associated Press

Brewers	9
Astros	6

MILWAUKEE — Rickie Weeks capped a five-run sixth inning with a three-run homer — one of four Brewers' homers in the game — and Randy Wolf picked up his first win of the season, as Milwaukee beat the Houston Astros 9-6 on Tuesday night.

Corey Hart, Travis Ishikawa and Carlos Gomez also homered for Milwaukee, which moved back to .500 (9-9) and beat Houston for the 11th straight time.

The Astros have lost eight of 10.

Wolf (1-2) struggled over six innings, giving up four hits and four walks, and striking out four. Bud Norris (1-1) surrendered seven runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings — with Weeks sending his 102nd and last pitch deep above the Brewers bullpen.

Alex Gonzalez added three hits, including an RBI single in the seventh, for Milwaukee.

John Axford allowed a single in the ninth but picked up his fourth save and 47th in a row dating to last season, tying him with Brad Lidge for the fourth-longest streak all-time.

Milwaukee blew it open with a five-run sixth behind two home runs. Ramirez singled to start the inning, and Hart followed with a 435-foot homer into the camera box just below the center-field scoreboard. George Kottaras walked, and Gonzalez singled. Then, with two outs, the slumping Weeks homered.

Weeks came in hitting .182 with two homers and just three RBIs.

Houston's Jose Altuve homered in the second to make it 1-0.

The Brewers made it 2-1 on Ishikawa's first homer of the season in the fifth. An RBI single by Carlos Lee in the sixth made it 2-2 before Milwaukee's five-run explosion.

The Astros closed the gap with three runs in the eighth on an RBI single by Chris Johnson, a sacrifice fly by Justin Maxwell and an RBI single by Jed Lowrie, but Francisco Rodriguez, after a wild pitch, got the final out of the inning, giving way to Axford.

Gomez led off the eighth with his first career pinch-hit home run.

Ishikawa was starting for Mat Gamel, held out of Tuesday's game with a sore shoulder following a violent home plate collision with Houston catcher Jason Castro on Monday. On the play, Gamel, attempting to tag up on a short foul out down the right-field line, barreled into Castro, who fell back and slammed his head on the ground but hung onto the ball for the out.

The collision may have led up to some early game fireworks Tuesday.

Norris plunked Weeks on the first pitch of the game, hitting him on the back of the arm above the left elbow. Weeks said a few words to Norris as he walked slowly to first. At one point, home plate umpire Rob Drake, who walked with Weeks, looked at Weeks and shrugged his shoulders. It wasn't clear if the pitch was on purpose.

A blunder cost the Brewers in the fourth, as Ramirez, forgetting how many outs there were, was doubled off second base while running on a lazy fly ball to right.

Zajac's goal in OT forces Game 7

Associated Press

Devils	3
Panthers	2 (OT)

NEWARK, N.J. — Travis Zajac scored at 5:39 of overtime and the New Jersey Devils avoided elimination and sent yet another Eastern Conference first-round series to a seventh game with a 3-2 victory over the Florida Panthers on Tuesday.

Steve Bernier and Ilya Kovalchuk also scored and Martin Brodeur made 14 saves for New Jersey, which squandered a two-goal lead and had fans dreading another first-round playoff exit until Zajac scored from the right hand circle.

The shot beat Scott Clemmensen to the lower corner and set off a mob scene on the ice.

Clemmensen was outstanding, stopping 39 shots in an emergency start for the injured Jose Theodore. Kris Versteeg and Sean Bergenheim tallied for Florida, which was looking for its first series win since 1996.

Game 7 will be played in Sunrise, Fla., on Thursday.

Two other series in the conference are also headed to Game 7s. Washington will be at second-seeded Boston on Wednesday and Ottawa will be at the top-seeded Rangers on Thursday.

The Panthers had a chance in a scramble in front of Brodeur just before Zajac's goal.

However, Zajac pulled the puck away from the crease and led a rush up ice. Zach Parise took his cross-ice pass and gave the puck to Kovalchuk, who found Zajac skating down the right wing for a shot along the ice into the net.

The Devils outshot Florida 42-16 in a game played before a sellout crowd.

Despite being outshot 29-10 in the opening 40 minutes, the Panthers rallied from a 2-0 deficit and entered the third period tied at 2-all.

The remarkable aspect was that the Panthers took only four shots in the second period and tallied on the two of the first three.

'Hounds lose to Hooks

Hooks	8
RockHounds	2

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — Jonathan Singleton drove in four runs and was a double away from hitting for the cycle to lead the Corpus Christi Hooks to an 8-2 victory over the Midland RockHounds at Whataburger Field.

After Tuesday night, the Hooks are out-scoring the RockHounds 17-5 in two games of the four-game series.

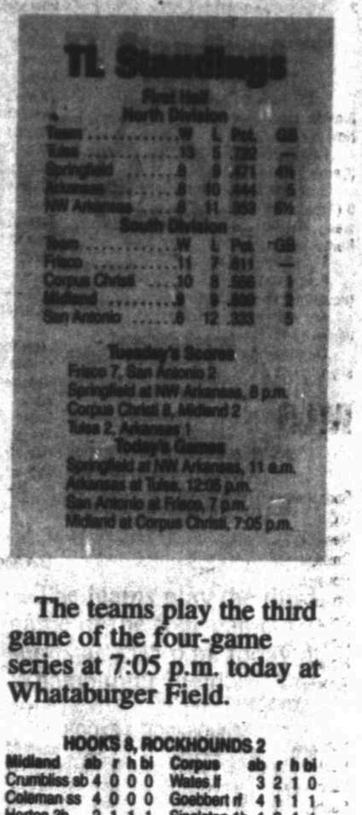
Midland had actually pulled to within 3-2 with a pair of runs in the fifth inning thanks to an error and a Michael Choice (2 for 4) RBI double.

But Corpus Christi answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth with an RBI groundout by Jake Goebbert and an RBI triple by Singleton to extend the lead to 5-2.

The Hooks added a three-run seventh inning.

Sonny Gray (1-2) took the loss for the RockHounds after giving up five runs on seven hits in six innings of work.

Jose Cisnero (2-1) picked up the win as he allowed both Midland runs and four of the five RockHound hits.



The teams play the third game of the four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today at Whataburger Field.

HOOKS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss ab	4	0	0	0	Wates lf	3	2	1	0
Dettman ss	4	0	0	0	Goebbert rf	4	1	1	1
Horton 3b	3	2	1	1	Singleton 1b	4	2	4	4
Choice cf	4	0	2	1	Barnes cf	4	0	0	1
Peterson lf	4	0	0	0	Hinze dh	4	0	2	0
Alsobi dh	3	0	0	0	Martinez 2b	4	0	0	0
Spina 1b	3	0	0	0	Wallace c	3	0	0	0
Barfield rf	4	0	1	0	Villar ss	4	1	1	0
Ortiz c	3	1	1	0	Simunic 3b	2	2	1	2
Totals	21	2	5	2	Totals	32	8	10	7
Midland						000	020	000	—2
Corpus Christi						200	135	30x	—8

DP — Corpus Christi, LOB — Midland 9, Corpus Christi 3. 2B — Ortiz (2), Choice (3), Wates (5), 3B — Horton (1), Singleton (2). HR — Singleton (2), Simunic (1). SB — Coleman (1), Horton 2 (2). CS — Hinze (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Gray, L 1-2	6.0	7	5	5	2	4
Hunter	1.2	2	2	2	1	3
Huttenlocker	0.1	1	0	0	0	0
Corpus Christi						
Cisnero W, 2-1	2.0	0	0	0	2	2
Leon	3.0	1	0	0	2	4
Flores	1.0	0	0	0	1	1

PB — Wallace. T — 2:43. A — 3,765.

Chaps loses non-conference baseball game to Wranglers

From staff reports

Wranglers	9
Chaps	5

The Odessa College baseball team had a five-run second inning to defeat Midland College 9-5 in a non-conference game at Christensen Stadium.

The Wranglers strung a few singles together against MC starter Colter Bostick (0-4) and then took advantage of a walk and an infield error for the big second inning.

Midland College (27-21 overall) had 15 hits in the game but stranded 12 baserunners.

The Chaparrals were led by Lee grad Nick Salois who was 3 for 5 with three doubles and a run scored. Ethan Kohnle was 2 for 5 with a home run, Justin Lee was 2 for 3 with an RBI and a walk, and Matt Reyes was 2 for 5 with two stolen bases.

MC returns to Western Junior College Athletic Conference play at noon Friday when it begins a crucial four-game series at El Paso Community College.

ODESSA COLLEGE 9, MIDLAND COLLEGE 5

Odessa College	001	020	010	—9	10	0
Midland College	102	020	000	—5	15	1

Tavares, Lumpp (4), Garza (5), Livingston (6), Hernandez (7), Vasquez (8), Lopez (9) and Da La Hoz; Colter Bostick, Jake Hollifield (5), Garhett Avery (7), Kory Hollums (8), Jake Bateman (9) and Stasi Russell. W — Garza, L — Bostick (0-4). 2B — MC: Nick Salois 3, Russell. HR — OC: Padilla, Da La Hoz; MC: Steve Withrow, Ethan Kohnle.

Records: MC 27-21

Next: Midland College at El Paso CC (DH), noon Friday

SOFTBALL PARINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bi-district
CLASS 5A

Weatherford (W4) vs. Lee (T3, 18-12), 8 p.m. Friday, Snyder

El Paso Franklin (R1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (T2, 15-17), 2 p.m. Saturday, Seminole HS

Lubbock Coronado (W2, 28-3-1) vs. El Paso Montwood (F1), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: noon Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Pecos HS

Odessa High (R3, 17-12) vs. Arlington Martin (T4, 16-8), Game 1: 8 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes game 2. All games at Wells Field, Abilene

Plano East (W6, 28-3) vs. Southlake Carroll (F7, 16-10), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Plano East HS; Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Carroll HS; Game 3 (if necessary): TBA, Monday

South Grand Prairie (R5, 19-11) vs. Haltom (T6, 21-7), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Haltom HS; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, South Grands Prairie HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 7:30 p.m. Monday, Euless Trinity HS

Richland (W8, 20-8) vs. Midlothian (F5, 20-9), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday, Midlothian HS; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Richland HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2

Keller (R7, 21-6) vs. Flower Mound (T8, 21-11), Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 3 (if necessary): 10 a.m. Saturday. All games at Trophy Club Nelson HS

Midland High (W3, 21-9) vs. Arlington Bowie (F4, 15-11), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11:30 a.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Eastland HS

Lubbock Monterey (R2, 19-11) vs. El Paso Hanks (T1), 5 p.m. Friday, Canutillo (N.M.) HS

El Paso Americas (W1) vs. Lubbock High (F2, 9-16), Game 1: 10 a.m. Saturday; Game 2: noon Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 5 p.m. Monday. All games at Seminole HS.

Odessa Permian (T3, 24-9) vs. Arlington High (R4, 12-18), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: noon Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following. All games at Jim Ned HS

Keller (W7, 21-5) vs. Lewisville Hebron (F8, 21-10), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 3 (if necessary): noon Saturday. All games at Coppell Softball Complex

Hurst L.D. Bell (R8, 23-7) vs. Mansfield (T5, 16-14), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield HS; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Hurst L.D. Bell HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 7:30 p.m. Monday, Colleyville Heritage HS

Grapevine (F5, 19-9) at Mansfield Legacy (W5, 25-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday

Plano (R6, 25-4) vs. Denton Guyer (T7, 20-6-1), Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Guyer HS; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Plano HS; Game 3 (if necessary): 7:30 p.m. Monday, Lewisville HS

Other Area Pairings
CLASS 3A

Presidio (R3) vs. Stamford (T4, 14-15), Game 1: 3 p.m. Saturday; Game 2: 5 p.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 6 p.m. Tuesday. All games at Fort Stockton HS.

Greenwood (F4, 20-10) vs. Clint (T3), Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; Game 3 (if necessary): 30 minutes following Game 2. All games at Sul Ross State University, Alpine

CLASS 2A

Forsan (R3) vs. Crane (T4), time TBA Thursday, Freddie Estill Softball Complex

Kermit (R4) vs. Coahoma (T3), 7 p.m. Monday, Seminole HS

FLETCHER

From 1C

bigger than in a normal tournament, and it can take a while to adjust.

"It's not just another tournament," Fletcher said.

As Fletcher takes the court today, there will be nerves but Lanier said her focus has been on peaking at the right time of year, and both Fletcher and Lanier are hoping that pays off over the next two days.

"She's expecting to play her best tennis when she gets down there," Lanier said. "She wants to go out the right way."

Along with Midland Christian, Midland Classical Academy will be sending single five players to the tournament. The MCA boys squad is coming off winning a district team championship as Max Sivalls won the boys singles title.

James Taylor will join Sivalls in boys singles as Daniel Fu and Daniel Shelbourne will compete in boys doubles and Clara Cliver in girls singles.

TAPPS 3A & 4A STATE TOURNAMENT
When: Today-Thursday
Where: Waco Regional Tennis Center
Midland Christian Qualifiers

Boys Singles — Jonathan Dorman, Zane Nelson

Boys Doubles — Garrett Nelson-Kevin Conley; Austin Rohwer-Austin Hedrick

Girls Singles — Jules Fletcher, McKenzie Stubbs

Girls Doubles — Katie Vaughan-Kalinda Wight; Natalie Keesee-Faith McKinney

Midland Classical Academy Qualifiers
Boys Singles — Max Sivalls, James Taylor
Boys Doubles — Daniel Fu-Daniel Shelbourne
Girls Singles — Clara Cliver

MCS

From 1C

talked about avoiding the blow up hole, without double (bogeys) and triple (bogeys) and we'd have a chance. A bogey won't kill you but doubles and triples will. We had too many big numbers out there."

TAPPS 4A Ggolf CHAMPIONSHIPS
Twin Rivers Golf Course
Tuesday's Final Results
BOYS

Team standings — 1. Fort Worth Southwest Christian 305-322—655; 2. Houston Second Baptist 309-339—648; 3. Midland Christian 339-334—673; 4 Fort Worth Christian 338-339—676; 5. Corpus Christi Incarnate Word 340-339—679; 6. Tomball Concordia Lutheran 339-341—680; 7. Dallas Parish Episcopal 344-337—681; 8. Katy Pope John XXIII 356-341—696

Medalist standings — 1. Andrew Hudson, FW SW Christian 77-76—153; 2. (tie) Grant Griffin, FW SW Christian 71-70—159; Mark Schroeder, Tomball Concordia 77-79—156; 4. William Wallace, CC Incarnate Word 77-80—157; 5. Cole Bradford, Dallas Parish Episcopal 79-79—158; 6. Andrew Hausenbuiler, Dallas Parish Episcopal 83-77—160; 7. (tie) Andrew Bloch, Tyler All Saints 79-84—163; Garrett Gunter, Houston Second Baptist 79-84—163; Jacob Morgan, Houston Second Baptist 85-78—163; 10. (tie) Scott Berwick, FWC 78-86—164; Jared Downs, Dallas Christian 81-83—164; Josh Holter, MCS 82-82—164

Won playoff for 10th place and final All-State

Midland Christian Individuals
Josh Holter 82-82—164, Deagan Blackwood 83-84—167, Jacob Hiller 86-84—170, Steven Rice 85-87—172, Reagan Brown 90-84—174

GIRLS

Team standings — 1. Midland Christian 359-339—698; 2. Corpus Christi Incarnate Word 354-359—713; 3. Houston Westbury Christian 360-378—738; 4. Dallas Parish Episcopal 395-385—778; 5. Lubbock Trinity Christian 402-398—800; 6. Tyler Grace Community 422-422—844; 7. Houston Second Baptist 439-451—890; 8. Houston Lutheran South 439-452—891

Medalist standings — 1. Christian Cumsille, MCS 81-73—154; 2. (tie) Jaime Bibby, CC Incarnate Word 80-76—156; Shanae Ammons, Lubbock Trinity 83-73—156; 4. Sarah Rosenburg, Parish Episcopal 86-85—166; 5. Loren Chambers, MCS 89-87—177; 6. (tie) Kelsee Harwood, Tyler All Saints 93-85—178; Madison Wargula, MCS 91-87—178; 8. Lauren Saenz, CC Incarnate Word 91-90—181; 9. Katherin Dya, Parish Episcopal 94-88—182; 10. (tie) *Audrey Redd, Houston Westbury Christian 92-95—185; Gabrielle Rendon, CC Incarnate Word 96-89—185

Won playoff for 10th place and All-State

Midland Christian Individuals
Christian Cumsille 81-73—154, Loren Chambers, 89-87—177, Madison Wargula 91-87—178, Emily Brown 97-92—189, Lynley Lewis 99-91—190

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NHL Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Tuesday's Games
New Jersey 5, Florida 2, OT, series tied 3-3

Today
Washington at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S TRANSACTIONS
DEVILS 3, PANTHERS 2, OT

Florida	0	2	0	0	0 — 2
New Jersey	1	0	0	1	0 — 3

First Period—1, Florida, Jokinen 1 (Campbell, Hagelin), 16:37.
Second Period—2, New Jersey, Kovalchuk 3 (Zajac, Salvador), 4:21 (pp). 3, Florida, Versteeg 3 (Weiss, Kulikov), 7:04. 4, Florida, Bergenheim 3 (Stoschek, Gerbe), 12:40.
Third Period—None.
First Overtime—5, New Jersey, Zajac 3 (Kovalchuk, Parise), 5:08.
Shots on goal—Florida 6-4-3-5—16. New Jersey 13-16-3-6—38.
Goalies—Florida, Clemmensen. New Jersey, Brodeur. A—17,625 (17,625). T—2:44.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Spor. Kansas City†	1	0	2	5	4	2
D.C.	2	2	0	6	5	5
New York	3	3	1	10	17	14
Chicago	2	1	2	8	6	6
Houston	2	1	2	8	5	5
Philadelphia	2	3	1	7	4	6
Columbus	1	2	3	6	4	5
New England	2	4	0	6	5	8
Montreal	1	5	2	5	7	15
Toronto FC	0	6	0	0	4	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	5	1	1	16	13	5
Real Salt Lake	5	3	0	15	12	6
Vancouver	3	2	2	11	6	2
Seattle	3	1	1	10	8	2
FC Dallas	3	3	1	10	8	10
Los Angeles	3	3	0	9	10	10
Chivas USA	3	4	0	9	4	5
Colorado	3	4	0	9	7	10
Portland	2	4	1	7	8	11

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Today
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

NBA DL Playoffs

FINALS
Los Angeles 1, Austin 0
Tuesday, April 24: Los Angeles 109, Austin 101, OT
Thursday: Austin at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday: Austin at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.

Coll. Baseball

SOUTHWEST
Sam Houston St. 8, Houston Baptist 3
Texas-San Antonio 4, Baylor 1
Texas Tech 9, New Mexico 5

EAST
FDU-Florham 6, College of N.J. 5, 13 innings
Hofstra 19, NY Tech 6
Rhode Island 13, Brown 4
Stony Brook 4, CCSU 3
York (Pa.) 6, Montclair St. 4

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 6, High Point 2
Coastal Carolina 10, Clemson 7
Duke 12, Charlotte 5
E. Kentucky 12, Ohio 1
ETSU 14, Furman 2
Georgia Tech 4, Georgia 3
Indianapolis 6-8, N. Kentucky 3-7
Louisville 10, Kentucky 2
Maryland 9, Towson 1
Memphis 4, Mississippi 2
Norfolk St. 6, N.C. Central 4
Transylvania 15, Mount St. Joseph 7
UNC-Greensboro 8, North Carolina A
Union (Ky). 12, Georgetown (Ky). 2, 7 innings
Virginia 3, Radford 2
Virginia Tech 7, Davidson 3
Wake Forest 5, Winthrop 2

AFL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	5	1	0	.833	363	329
Iowa	3	3	0	.500	352	353
San Antonio	3	3	0	.500	310	337
Kansas City	0	5	0	.000	170	275

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Utah	4	2	0	.667	372	363
San Jose	4	2	0	.667	379	314
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	376	307
Spokane	2	3	0	.400	271	281

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	3	3	0	.500	341	342
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	333	383
Georgia	3	3	0	.500	293	280
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	283	292
Orlando	1	5	0	.167	214	280

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	347	279
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	294	289
Milwaukee	2	3	0	.400	280	272
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	298	333

Saturday's Games
Chicago at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m.
Spokane at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.

Bowling

PBA
Senior Sun Bowl Standings
Tuesday
At Spanish Springs Lanes
The Villages, Fla.
Championship Round
Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis. ($7,500) def. Ricky Beck, Box Elder, S.D. ($4,000), 278-266.

Semifinals
(One-game matches, losers earn $2,700)
Beck def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 258-257.
Boresch Jr. def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 238-227.

Round of Eight
(Best-of-three games, losers eliminated, $1,700 each)
W.R. Williams def. Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, 2-1.
Beck def. Dale Eagle, Texarkoma, Fla., 2-0.
Boresch Jr. def. Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 2-1.
Baker def. Kenny Parks, Hammond, Ind., 2-1.

Round of 16
(Best-of-five games, losers eliminated, $1,300 each)
Mohr def. Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3-2.
W.R. Williams def. Johnny Petraglia, Audubon, N.J., 3-1.
Eagle def. Gary Hicks, Indianapolis, 3-1.
Baker def. Paul Kaczmarczyk, Manitowoc, Calif., 3-0.
Carter def. Peter Knopp, Germany, 3-1.
Boresch Jr. def. Randy Shoemaker, Fort Worth 3-0.
Kenny Parks def. Harry Sutton, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-1.
Baker def. Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3-1.

Round of 24
(Best-of-five games, losers eliminated, $1,150 each)
Baker def. Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 3-2.
W.R. Williams def. Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3-2.
Eagle def. Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3-1.
Mohr def. Paul McCordic, Sugarland 3-2.
Knopp def. Brian Brosseau, Ocala, Fla., 3-1.
Shoemaker def. Antonio Monacelli, Matawatchan, 3-0.
Carter def. Dale Tedor, Cedarburg, Wis., 3-2.

Round of 32
(Best-of-five games, losers eliminated, $1,000 each)
Richard Ross def. Bill Spigel, Hyde Park, N.Y., 3-1.
W.R. Williams def. Eddie Moss, Defiance, Ohio 3-2.
Eagle def. Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3-1.
McCordic def. Neff, Homosassa Springs, Fla., 3-1.
Knopp def. Keith Sharp, Orlando, 3-0.
Monacelli def. Dave Still, Titusville, Fla., 3-2.
Williams def. Mark Curtis, Lake Worth, Fla., 3-2.
Tedor def. Bruce Holt, Los Alamitos, Calif., 3-2.

Ski Report

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Top: 0-51 cm; Base: 0-102 cm; Lifts: 5 of 5 open; 39 runs (35 of 100 trails 27% open, 281 acres, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p)
Breckenridge — Top: 0-127 cm; Base: 0-127 cm; Lifts: 8 of 8 open; 155 runs (155 of 155 trails 100% open, 2,908 acres, Mon-Fri 8a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p)
Copper Mountain — Top: 0-127 cm; Base: 0-127 cm; Lifts: 8 of 8 open; 124 runs (124 of 124 trails 100% open, 2,433 acres, Mon-Fri 8a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p)
Loveland — Top: 0-51 cm; Base: 0-102 cm; Lifts: 4 of 4 open; 43 runs (43 of 93 trails 46% open, 1,365 acres, Mon-Fri 8a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p)
Vail — Top: 0-127 cm; Base: 0-127 cm; Lifts: 31 of 31 open; 193 runs (193 of 193 trails 100% open, 5,289 acres, Mon-Fri 8a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p)
Winter Park — Closed for Snow Sports

AL Boxes

RANGERS 2, YANKEES 0

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	4	0	0	0	Andrus ss	3	1	0	0
Grands cf	3	0	0	0	Andrus ss	3	1	2	0
Arlbsp dh	4	0	0	0	Hamltn cf	4	0	1	0
Cano 2b	4	0	0	0	Beltre dh	4	0	0	0
Teixeir 1b	4	0	0	0	MYoung rf	3	0	0	0
Swisher rf	4	0	0	0	Moreno lf	3	0	0	0
Nunez 3b	3	0	0	0	Napoli c	3	0	1	0
Cervelli c	3	0	0	0	Kinsler 2b	3	0	0	0
BChrdz 3b	3	0	1	0	Gentry cf	0	0	0	0
Martin c	2	0	1	0	Napoli c	0	0	0	0
					Mdlbrk 1b	3	0	1	0
Totals	32	0	7	0	Totals	28	2	5	2
New York			000	000	000 — 0				
Texas			101	000	00x — 2				

E—Ex.Chavez (1). DP—New York 1, Texas 2. LOB—New York 7, Texas 4. 2B—Jeter (6), Cano (9). HR—Kinsler (5), SB—Andrus (2).

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kuroda L,1-3	6	2-3	5	2	2	5
Rapada		1-3	0	0	0	0
Wade		2-3	0	0	0	0
Logan		1-3	0	0	0	1
Aardsma		1	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Darvish W,3-0		8	1	0	0	2
Nathan S,5-6		1	0	0	0	0

WP—Kuroda.
T—2:41. A—47,065 (48,194).

RAYS 5, ANGELS 0

Los Angeles	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Aybar ss	3	0	1	0	Jaynes lf
MOrdez 2b	4	0	0	0	Zobrist 2b
Pujols 1b	4	0	0	0	C.Pena 1b
Bourjos cf	4	0	0	0	Longori 3b
Trout lf	4	0	1	0	Scott dh
VWells lf	3	0	0	0	Joyce rf
Mnteiro 3b	3	0	1	0	BUpton cf
Conger c	3	0	0	0	JMolina c
Bourjos cf	3	0	0	0	SRdrgs ss
Totals	31	0	3	0	Totals
Los Angeles			000	000	000 — 0
Tampa Bay			100	112	00x — 5

DP—Los Angeles 1, Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Los Angeles 5, Tampa Bay 8. HR—Longoria (3), C.Pena (4), Scott (4), BUpton (1). SB—M.Izturis (4), Longoria (2). SF—BUpton.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
E.Santana L,0-4	5	8	5	5	1	4
D.Carpenter	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Takahashi	1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Tampa Bay						
Price W,2-1	9	5	0	0	1	6

E.Santana pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
WP—D.Carpenter.
T—2:25. A—14,933 (34,078).

ORIOLES 2, BLUE JAYS 1

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	4	0	0	0	EnChvz lf	4	1	1	0
KJhnsn 2b	3	0	2	0	Hardy ss	4	0	1	0
Bautist rf	4	0	0	0	Markks rf	3	0	0	0
Encrnc dh	4	0	0	0	AdJons cf	3	0	1	0
Lind 1b	3	0	0	0	Wieters c	3	1	1	1
Lawrie 3b	3	0	1	0	D.Clark 1b	3	0	0	0
Rasms cf	4	0	0	0	Betemit dh	2	0	1	0
Thams lf	4	1	2	1	Flahrty 3b	2	0	0	0
Arencb c	2	0	0	0	Aydlxs 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	5	1	Totals	27	2	5	1
Toronto			001	000	000 — 1				
Baltimore			100	100	00x — 2				

DP—Toronto 1, Baltimore 1. LOB—Toronto 7, Baltimore 4. 2B—Hardy (1). HR—Thames (1), Wieters (6). S—Flaherty.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
H.Alvarez L,0-2	7	5	2	2	2	0
Janssen	1	0	0	0	0	2
Baltimore						
Tom.Hunter W,2-1	6	3	1	1	3	3
Patton	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
O'Day	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Ayala	1	0	0	0	0	1
ETSU 14, Furman 2	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—2:22. A—11,058 (45,971).

MARINERS 7, TIGERS 4

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins lf	3	1	0	0	Jacksn cf	4	0	0	0
Ackley 2b	4	1	1	0	Boesch rf	4	0	0	0
Kuzmch rf	5	2	3	1	MCarr 3b	3	1	2	1
Jksntr dh	5	0	2	1	Fielder 1b	4	1	2	0
C.Wells pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Dirkng dh	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	5	2	2	1	JhPerlt ss	4	0	0	0
Liddi 1b	5	1	3	1	Avila c	4	1	1	2
Mrsnck cf	5	0	0	0	Kelly lf	3	0	0	0
Olivo c	4	0	1	1	Kelly ph	0	0	0	0
Kawsk ss	4	0	1	0	Inge 2b	2	1	1	0
					RSantg ph-2b	2	0	1	0
Totals	40	7	15	7	Totals	35	4	8	4
Seattle			103	010	101 — 7				
Detroit			001	210	000 — 4				

E—Mi.Cabrera (3). LOB—Seattle 9, Detroit 7. 2B—M.Saunders 2 (6), Raburn (2), Inge (1). HR—Liddi (1), Mi.Cabrera (6), Avila (3). SB—Ja.Suzuki (2). Liddi (1). S—Ackley.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Vargas W,3-1	6	6	4	4	1	4
Delabar	1	0	0	0	1	0
Wilhelmsen	1	2	0	0	0	2
League S,6-7	1	0	0	0	1	1
Detroit						
Scherzer L,1-2	5	10	5	5	2	6
Balester	2	2	1	1	1	1
Coke	2	3	1	1	0	1

PB—Olivo.
T—3:01. A—30,073 (41,255).

INDIANS 4, ROYALS 3

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Getz 2b	5	1	2	0	Kipnis 2b	3	1	1	0
AGordn lf	4	0	0	0	ACarer ss	4	1	2	0
Butler dh	4	0	0	0	CSper rf	4	0	0	0
Hosmer 1b	4	1	0	0	Donald ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Franco rf	5	0	0	0	Santn c	3	1	1	1
Mostks 3b	4	1	2	0	Hafner dh	3	0	1	1
Quntnr c	4	0	2	0	Duncan lf	3	0	1	1
Maier cf	4	0	3	2	Brantly cf	0	0	0	0
AEscor ss	4	0	1	0	Hannhn 3b	3	0	2	0
					Ktchm 1b	3	0	0	0
					Cnghm cf-lf-dh	3	0	1	0
Totals	39	3	12	3	Totals	32	4	9	4
Kansas City			000	100	011 — 3				
Cleveland			100	000	00x — 4				

DP—Kansas City 1, Cleveland 1. LOB—Kansas City 11, Cleveland 13. 2B—Getz (3), Quintanilla (1), Maier (1), A.Cabrera (4), Hannahan (4). SB—Kipnis (3). SF—C.Santana, Duncan.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
J.Sanchez L,1-1	4	2-3	4	4	4	7
Coffelt	1	1-3	1	1	1	1
K.Herrera		1	1	0	0	0
Jeffress		0	1	0	1	0
Collins		1	1	0	0	0
Cleveland						
D.Lowe W,3-1	6	1	3	1	1	5
Sipp	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pestano	1	2	1	1	1	1

C.Perez S,7-8 1 2 1 1 0 0
HBP—by Balester 2 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by J.Sanchez (Kipnis). WP—D.Lowe.
T—3:12. A—9,137 (43,429).

RED SOX 11, TWINS 2

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Aviles ss	5	3	4	2	Span cf	4	0	0	0
Sweeny rf	6	1	2	1	JCarrll ss	4	2	0	0
Pedroia 2b	6	2	1	1	Mauer 1b	3	0	1	0
Ortiz dh	5	2	3	2	Willngh lf	3	0	2	1
LAndrs ph-1b	1	0	1	0	CThms ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	4	1	2	3	Morneau dh	3	0	0	1
Youkils 3b	4	0	0	0	Valenci rf	3	0	0	0
Punto ph-3b	0	0	0	0	Wlnrd 3b	3	0	0	0
C.Ross lf	4	0	0	1	Brghs ph	1	0	1	0
DMcDn ph-lf	1	0	0	1	Parmel rf	4	0	0	0
Shppch c	4	0	1	0	Plfrs 2b	4	0	0	0
Shppch c	5	0	1	0					
Totals	44	11	18	11	Totals	33	2	4	2
Boston			352	230	010 — 11				
Minnesota			100	010	000 — 2				

LOB—Boston 10, Minnesota 7. 2B—Aviles (2), Sweeney (8), Pedroia (4), Ad.Gonzalez (4), Shoppach (3). Span (5), Willingham 2 (6), Burroughs (1). HR—Aviles (3), Ortiz (3). S—Aviles.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Beckett W,2-2	6	5	2	2	3	5
Atchison	2	0	0	0	0	3
Albers	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Blackburn L,0-2	3	8	5	5	1	2
Duensing	1-2-3	8	5	5	0	0
Gray	2-1-3	0	0	0	0	4
Al.Burnett	2	2	1	1	2	0

T—3:03. A—33,651 (38,500).

MLB Boxes

BREWERS 9, ASTROS 6

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Schafer cf	4	1	1	0	RWeks 2b	3	1	1	1
Maxwll ph-cf	0	0	0	0	Morgan cf	5	1	1	0
Lowrie ss	4	0	2	1	Braun lf	5	0	0	0
JDMrtn lf	4	1	1	1	ArRmr 3b	4	1	2	0
Ca.Lee 1b	5	0	2	1	Hart rf	4	2	2	2
Bogsvc cf	5	0	0	0	Axford p	0	0	0	0
Altuve 2b	4	2	2	1	Kottars c	3	1	0	0	0
Corprn 3b	5	0	1	0	CGomz ss	4	2	1	0
MGnzlz 3b	3	0	0	0	Ishikaw 1b	4	1	1	2
FRdrgz p	0	0	0	0	Wolf p	2	0	0	0
Bkhrdt ph	1	0	0	0	Axford ph	1	0	0	0
Wellnd pr	0	1	0	0	Loe p	0	0	0	0
Myers p	0	0	0	0	MPelrz p	0	0	0	0
Rymnd p	0	0	0	0	FRdrgz p	0	0	0	0
CJhnsn 3b	2	2	2	1	CGomz ph-cf	1	1	1	1
Totals	37	6	10	6	Totals	36	9	13	9
Houston			010	001	130 — 6				
Milwaukee			000	035	11x — 9				

E—Ishikawa (1). DP—Houston 2. LOB—Houston 10, Milwaukee 6. 2B—Ca.Lee (3), Ar.Ramirez (4). HR—Altuve (1), R.Weeks (3). SB—Lowrie (3). CGomez (1). S—Maxwell.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Norris L,1-1	5	2-3	9	7	7	2
Fe.Rodriguez		1-3	3	1	1	0
Myers		1	1	1	1	0
Milwaukee						
Wolf W,1-2	6	4	2	2	4	4
Loe	1	1-3	4	4	2	1
M.Parra		1-3	1	0	0	0
Fr.Rodriguez		1-3	0	0	0	0
Axford S,4-4		1	1	0	0	0

HBP—by Norris (R.Weeks). WP—M.Parra, Fr.Rodriguez. PB—C.Snyder. Balk—Wolf.
T—3:15. A—38,686 (41,900).

PIRATES 5, ROCKIES 4

Colorado	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Scutaro 2b	4	1	1	0	Presley lf	4	2	2	0
Fowler cf	4	1	1	0	McCtch cf	4	0	1	0
CGnzlz lf	4	2	3	4	McCtch cf	5	0	1	3
Tlwtzk ss	4	0	1	0	McGah 1b	2	0	1	1
Helton 1b	3	0	0	0	McGah 1b	1	0	0	0
Cuddyr rf	4	0	0	0	Navarr 3b	4	0	1	0
RHrndz c	3	0	0	0	Barajs c	4	0	1	0
Nelson 3b	3	0	0	0	Snyder rf	4	0	0	0
Chacin p	2	0	0	0	Corpas p	2	0	0	0
Brothrs p	0	0	0	0	JHrnsn ph	1	0	0	0
Roenick p	0	0	0	0	JCruz p	0	0	0	0
Rchrg ph	1	0	0	0	Ludwck p	0	0	0	0
Belisle p	0	0	0	0	Watson p	0	0	0	0
MPryn p	0	0	0	0	GJones ph	0	0	0	0
					McGehe p	0	0	0	0
					Hanhn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	6	4	Totals	33	5	11	5
Colorado			200	000	200 — 4				
Pittsburgh			100	000	22x — 5				

E—Belisle (1). LOB—Colorado 3, Pittsburgh 12. 2B—Scutaro (3), Presley 2 (2), McCutchen (4), Barmes 2 (2). HR—C.Gonzalez 2 (2), Barmes 2 (2). SB—Tabata (3). S—Presley, Tabata, Walker.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Moyer	6	6	1	1	3	3
Brothers	0	3	2	2	1	0
Roenicke	1	0	0	0	0	0
Belisle L,1-1	2-3	2	2	1	1	0
Mat.Reynolds	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Pittsburgh						
Correia	6	4	2	2	0	4
J.Cruz	1-3	2	2	2	0	0
Grilli	2-3	1	1	1	0	2
Watson W,1-0	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Hanrahan S,3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1

Brothers pitched to 4 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by J.Cruz (R.Hernandez).
T—2:57. A—10,484 (38,362).

REDS 9, GIANTS 2

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Pagan cf	4	0	1	0	Cozart ss	5	0	2	0
MeCarr lf	4	0	1	0	Stubbs cf	4	2	2	1
ElSnchz lf	0	0	0	0	Votto 1b	3	1	1	0
Sandovl 3b	3	1	1	0	Phillips 2b	3	2	1	3
Posey c	3	1	2	1	Arrdnd p	0	0	0	0
Schrhlt rf	4	0	1	0	Frazier 3b	4	0	0	0
Belt 1b	3	0	1	0	Bruce rf	3	1	2	2
Burriss 2b	4	0	0	0	Rolen 3b	4	0	1	2
BCrwfr ss	3	0	0	0	Ludwck lf	3	0	0	0
M.Cain p	1	0	0	0	Hanign c	4	1	1	0
Otero p	1	0	0	0	Latos p	2	0	0	0
					Mesorc ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	6	2	Totals	34	9	11	9
San Francisco			000	000	002 — 2				
Cincinnati			000	000	91x — 9				

DP—Cincinnati 2. LOB—San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 6. 2B—Cozart (5), Stubbs (2), Bruce (4), Rolen (4), Hanigan (1). HR—Posey (3), Phillips (2), Ludwick (3). SB—Pagan (2), Ma.Cabrera (4), Bruce (2). S—M.Cain, Stubbs.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
M.Cain L,1-1	6	1-3	5	3	3	2
Otero		1-2-3	6	6	6	1
Cincinnati						
Latos W,1-2	7	4	0	0	2	3
Arredondo	1	0	0	0	0	2
LeCure	1	2	2	2	1	0

HBP—by Otero (Votto).
T—2:53. A—19,051 (42,319).

NBA

Minnesota	26	39	.400	21
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers*	41	24	.631	—
x-L.A. Clippers	40	25	.615	1
Golden State	33	31	.516	7 1/2
Golden State	23	41	.359	17 1/2
Sacramento	21	44	.323	20

y-clinched playoff spot
x-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Tuesday's Scores
Atlanta 109, L.A. Clippers 102
Oklahoma City 118, Sacramento 110
Boston 76, Miami 66
New Orleans at Golden State, late
Phoenix at Utah, late

Today's Games
Washington at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXES
HAWKS 109, CLIPPERS 102

L.A. CLIPPERS (102)	Buttler 4-11 0-0 9

Griffin 17-23 2-4 36, Jordan 2-3 0-2 4, Paul 10-20 10-11 34, Foye 0-3 0-0 0, Martin 0-3 0-0 0, M. Williams 3-8 0-0 7, Young 2-5 0-0 5, Bledsoe 1-3 2-3 4, Thompkins 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 40-80 14-20 102.

ATLANTA (109) Johnson 10-17 2-3 26, Smith 6-17 2-3 18, Collins 1-1 0-0 2, Teague 7-12 6-6 21, Hinrich 3-5 0-0 6, Lishnson 2-5 2-2 6, Williams 5-11 0-0 11, Pargo 0-1 0-0 0, McGrady 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 36-77 12-16 109.

L.A. Clippers	28	22	22	30 — 102
Atlanta	23	29	33	24 — 109

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 6-19 (Paul 4-6, Thompkins 1-1, Young 1-2, M. Williams 1-3, Butler 1-5, Foye 0-2), Atlanta 11-24 (Lishnson 3-6, Hinrich 2-4, Green 1-1, Teague 1-2, Ma.Williams 1-3, Smith 0-1, Pargo 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 40 (Jordan 9), Atlanta 51 (Smith

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HAWKS 109, CLIPPERS 102

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 28 points, including a wild 3-pointer in the final minute, and the Atlanta Hawks held on for a 109-102 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday night, moving a step closer to wrapping up home-court in the first round of the playoffs.

Blake Griffin scored a season-high 36 points, while Chris Paul added 34 in a back-and-forth game in which neither team led by double figures until the Hawks went on a 15-2 run at the end of the third quarter, sparked by Jeff Teague and Josh Smith.

Johnson clinched it with a pair of 3s, knocking down a desperation shot with 38 seconds remaining and the shot clock running down. He threw up a two-handed heave that somehow banked in, giving the Hawks a 103-96 lead.

The score was tied at 70 when the Hawks took control. Teague scored seven straight points and got the best of his fellow Wake Forest guard at the defensive end, stuffing Paul on a drive to the hoop.

THUNDER 118, KINGS 110

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 32 points, reserve Daequan Cook had all 19 of his points in the fourth quarter and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Sacramento Kings 118-110 on Tuesday night to win their first game since top James Harden took an elbow to the head.

Durant extended his lead in a tight NBA scoring race with the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant despite sitting out the entire fourth quarter in a close game. Durant is averaging 27.97 points per game to Bryant's 27.86 with each having one game left.

Cook filled the scoring void, scoring Oklahoma City's first 14 points of the final period to put the Thunder ahead for the first time since the first quarter.

DeMarcus Cousins, who was allowed to play only after his 13th technical foul was rescinded earlier in the day, led Sacramento with 32 points.

CELTICS 78, HEAT 66

BOSTON — Sasha Pavlovic scored 12 of his of his season-high 16 points in the fourth quarter, leading a group of Boston Celtics reserves in a 78-66 win over the Miami Heat on Tuesday night as both teams rested their top players.

LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh were out for the Heat. Ray Allen, Kevin Garnett and Rajon Rondo didn't play for the Celtics.

Dexter Pittman had 12 points, James Jones scored 11 and Udonis Haslem grabbed 13 rebounds for the Heat, whose 25 turnovers were a season high.

Marquis Daniels finished with 13 points, Brandon Bass had eight points and eight rebounds for the Celtics. Boston's Paul Pierce finished with eight points. He started the game, but sat out the fourth quarter.

Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers trainer Gary Vitti, left, escorts Metta World Peace from the court after he was ejected for double flagrant fouls against the Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday. World Peace has been suspended for seven games.

Peace out

7-game suspension given for elbow

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The NBA responded to Metta World Peace's latest act of aggression with a seven-game suspension that will lighten the Los Angeles Lakers troublemaker's wallet and playoff schedule.

World Peace was suspended Tuesday for throwing a vicious elbow at Oklahoma City's James Harden, keeping the Lakers' starting small forward sidelined for most of the first postseason round.

World Peace was ejected from Sunday's game against the Thunder for striking Harden in the head with the back of his elbow, giving Oklahoma City's top reserve a concussion. The former Ron Artest claimed the blow was an accidental, overzealous celebration of a dunk, yet even Kobe Bryant and his Lakers teammates weren't defending his inexplicable actions.

"It's hard to get into a guy's head and know exactly what happened in that situation," Bryant said. "I haven't really spoken to him about it. You've really got to ask him."

World Peace will miss the Lakers' season finale on Thursday at Sacramento and the Lakers' next six games. The playoffs open Saturday, and Los Angeles is likely to be the Western Conference's third seed — and Oklahoma City is locked into the No. 2 seed, meaning the clubs could meet right after World Peace's suspension ends in the second round.

He will lose nearly $348,000 in salary if he serves the entire suspension this year. If the Lakers exit the playoffs swiftly, the remainder of the suspension must be served next season.

World Peace still hasn't answered media questions about his actions, but he issued a brief statement on his website, promising to follow up with a podcast.

"I apologize to the Oklahoma City Thunder fans and the OKC organization," World Peace wrote on ronartest.com. "I look foward (sic) to getting back on the floor with my teammates and competing for the Lakers fans."

Commissioner David Stern alluded to Artest's lengthy history of on-court altercations and strange behavior in announcing the penalty in a statement. Although Harden appears to be recovering well, he hasn't been cleared to return to the Thunder.

"The concussion suffered by James Harden demonstrates the danger posed by violent acts of this kind, particularly when they are directed at the head area," Stern said in a statement. "We remain committed to taking necessary measures to protect the safety of NBA players, including the imposition of appropriate penalties for players with a history of on-court altercations."

Chavez fight blocked over border concerns

Associated Press

EL PASO — A June 16 fight between WBC world middleweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. and Andy Lee will not happen in El Paso as scheduled after the University of Texas System chancellor blocked the use of the Sun Bowl, promoters said Tuesday.

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa contacted Texas-El Paso officials one hour before Top Rank was to hold a news conference to announce the fight, Top Rank vice president Carl Moretti said.

Citing security concerns over border violence, Cigarroa told UTEP officials the bout could not take place with UTEP facilities, Moretti said.

Moretti said Top Rank is searching for another venue for the June 16 fight. Houston and San Antonio are being considered, and arrangements should be made by the weekend, he said.

Moretti said the move was unique in his experience in boxing promotions, "and I've been in it for 25 years. I can tell you the people from UTEP were as amazed as we were and as shocked as we were."

The directive was the result of "a specific-event risk assessment," according to a UT System statement.

"The conclusion was that the risk was higher than normal. Based on this assessment, the decision was made that the university and Sun Bowl would not be an appropriate venue for this specific event," according to the statement.

A UTEP statement confirmed the UT System directive and referred further questions to system officials.

The move drew fire from officials along the West Texas border.

The decision "came as a shock to the Convention and Visitors Bureau," said William Blaziek, general manager of the bureau, said in a statement. "Implying that border violence is reason for cancellation is inflammatory and damaging to the image and reputation of El Paso and is not based in fact. El Paso has consistently been named the safest city in the United States."

Said state Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso: "This is just one more example of what happens when our state leaders disregard the facts by falsely calling border communities 'war zones' without any evidence to support their claims."

The 26-year-old Chavez is the son of former light welterweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez. He is unbeaten in 46 bouts, which include 31 knockouts and one draw. In his last fight, the Culiacan, Mexico, fighter beat fellow Mexican Marco Antonio in a unanimous decision in San Antonio Feb. 4.

North Texas hires Marquette assistant Tony Benford

Associated Press

DENTON — Tony Benford is finally getting his chance as a head coach.

Benford was hired Tuesday by North Texas after spending the past four years on Buzz Williams' staff at Marquette. He was a college assistant for 20 years, including stops at Arizona State, Nebraska and New Mexico.

"I couldn't be more excited about the opportunity of taking over the basketball program at North Texas," Benford said. "My philosophy is all about the players, and we will do everything in ensure that our players grow in the classroom, the community and on the court."

Benford replaces Johnny Jones, who left North Texas after 11 seasons to return to LSU as head coach. Jones played for the Tigers in the NCAA Final Four, and later was on coach Dale Brown's staff for another trip to the Final Four.

Jones was 190-146 over six seasons with the Mean Green, including two Sun Belt Conference tournament titles.

In his statement released by the school, which planned to formally introduce their new coach today, Benford thanked Jones "for doing such a great job in making North Texas a winner."

Jimmie Johnson: Forbes' most influential athlete

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson, for the second straight year, is ranked by Forbes as America's Most Influential Athlete.

"It is just a huge honor," he said. "And not only is it very good for me and my career and what I do in the racecar and my brand, I think it's very good for NASCAR as well."

This year, six of the 10 featured on the list are NFL quarterbacks, including Peyton and Eli Manning, as well as Tim Tebow, who debuted last year at No. 10, but is now ranked second.

The rankings, released Tuesday, are done by public opinion polling.

Forbes used Nielsen and E-Poll, which surveyed more than 1,100 adults about dozens of well-known athletes to measure their likeability and whether they are considered influential to marketers.

The term "influential" was among 40 those polled could choose from to describe the athletes. From the answers, 25 percent said "influential" described Johnson, and 40 percent stated they liked the five-time NASCAR champion.

Johnson was joined on the list by his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. But Earnhardt slipped from third to seventh, while teammate Jeff Gordon dropped off the list completely.

Also falling off the list was Michael Phelps, Troy Polamalu, LeBron James and Shaquille O'Neal, who was no longer eligible because he's retired.

Making the list this year was Jeremy Lin, Many Pacquiao, Eli Manning, Drew Brees and Aaron Rodgers.

Rahal hires Jourdain to race at Indy

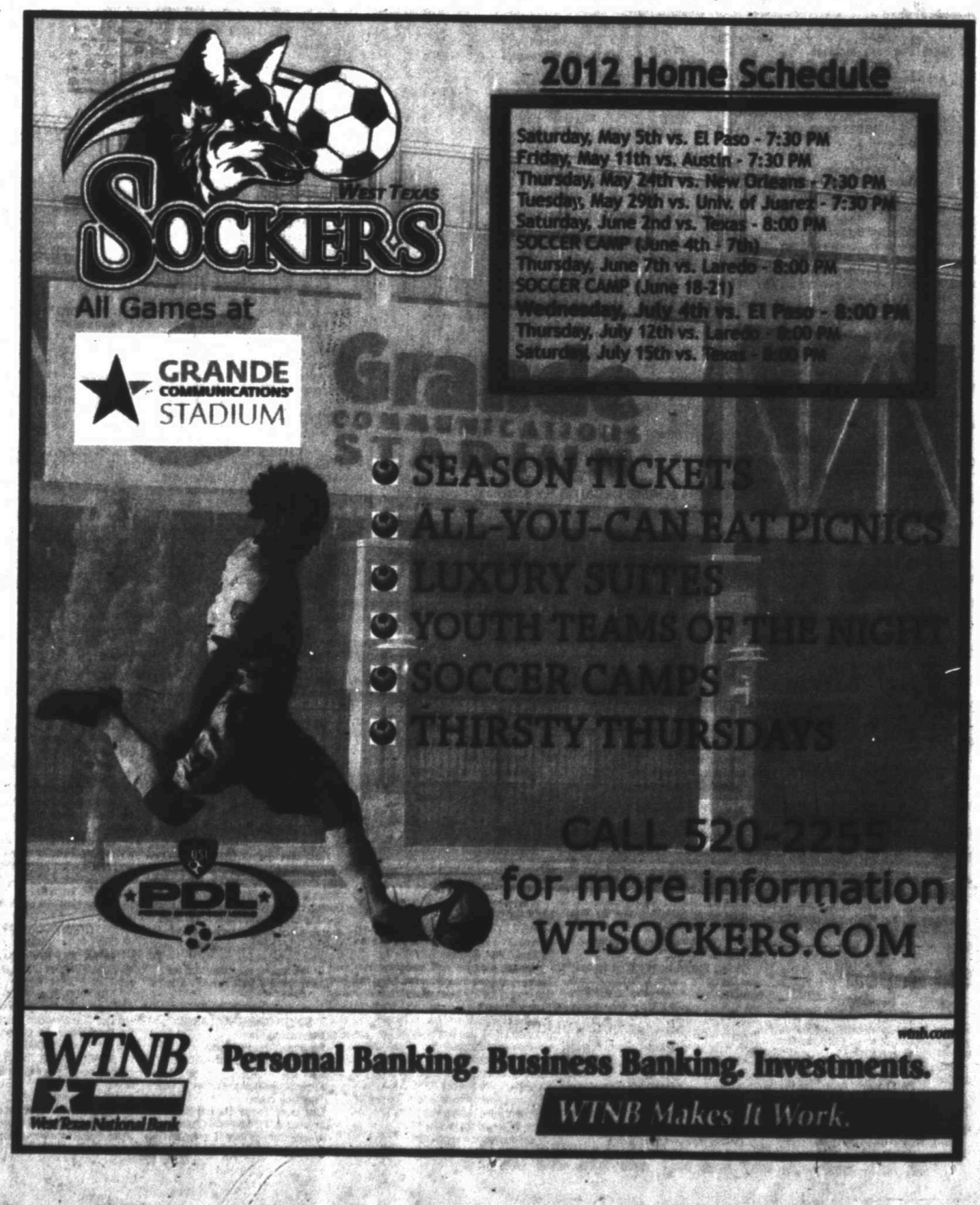
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing will field a car for Michel Jourdain Jr. in the Indianapolis 500.

Jourdain will drive the No. 30 Dallara for RLL in the May 27 race as a teammate to Takuma Sato, who drives full-time for Rahal in the IndyCar Series.

Although Rahal returned to the IndyCar Series this season for the first time since 2008, he and Jourdain have been victorious together before. Jourdain won with Rahal in the Champ Car Series at Montreal and Milwaukee in 2003.

"I am extremely happy about this new opportunity," said the 35-year-old Mexican driver. "My best years professionally came with Bobby Rahal."



Free agency helps, but draft is key

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The haul in free agency and through trades has strengthened the Broncos, Bills and Bears. Now comes the lifeblood of any NFL team: the draft.

Denver merely landed the best quarterback ever to hit free agency, Peyton Manning. Buffalo homed in on one player to be a difference maker, 2006 top overall draft pick Mario Williams, and signed him before his only visit to a team ended. Chicago dealt for the No. 1 receiver it lacked, getting Brandon Marshall, and bolstered its roster by signing running back Michael Bush and even a quality backup quarterback behind the injury-prone Jay Cutler in Jason Campbell.

Those moves make all three franchises, none of which had a winning record in 2011 — yes, we know, the Broncos won the pitiful AFC West at 8-8 — more viable contenders.

With Manning aboard, the Broncos are in a win-now mode.

"I think the bottom line is we want to do the best thing to surround him with a team that's going to give him an opportunity to win," Broncos boss John Elway said. "We want to come out of every draft ... with players that are impact players. As I said last year, you have a lot more misses in my mind when you draft to need, so we're going to find the best players in positions of need, but also try to find those impact players that are going to come in and help us right away.

"We're talking about now. Impact doesn't necessarily mean a starter, but one that can come in and help us win."

Unquestionably, Manning is the major addition, as influential a newcomer as you can get. Denver could use an upgrade at receiver, and the Broncos just might target one at No. 25 overall.

"If you look at where we were and where we are, the offensive mindset is a little bit different than it was. That is going to change the type of people that we are looking at offensively," Elway said. "Defensively, nothing has changed other than the fact that we've got-

AP file photo

Southern California defensive lineman Nick Perry runs a drill at the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis on Feb. 27. Perry is a top prospect in the upcoming NFL football draft.

ten to know (defensive coordinator) Jack Del Rio and the type of people he likes and the style that he is going to play defensively."

The style of defense in Buffalo will be aggressive, with Williams as the focal point. Coming off a torn chest muscle that cost him the final 11 games of last season, the defensive end/linebacker still got the biggest contract in NFL history for someone on that side of the ball: $100 million for six years, with $50 million guaranteed.

Bills general manager Buddy Nix, however, always has emphasized that building a competitive team is done through the draft, and there's no shortcut to that approach. Nix's goal from the beginning has been to compile experienced depth — through the draft.

"My point is we've said from Day 1 that if there's a guy there that we think can make the difference we'll be aggressive and go after the guy," Nix said. "So this just plugs up a piece of the puzzle and he'll get us over the hump. He's a position of need that we were able to fill, but the same philosophy will hold through in the draft.

"I think it had a lot of impact on us really," Nix added of putting Williams, end Mark Anderson (another free agency signing), and incumbent tackles Kyle Williams and Marcell Dareus together. "Therefore, we're a little freer as far as who we pick (10th overall)."

Offensive line could be where the Bills go with that selection. It's also what the Bears might address at 19th overall. They've already upgraded their receiving corps and depth in the backfield, and the defense is solid.

"We got better," star linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "On paper we're a better football team than we were last year at the end of the season, so I'm excited about that."

And Chicago hasn't even made a draft pick yet.

Free agency also strongly helped the Cowboys and Buccaneers retool weakened rosters, freeing them to concentrate on quality over need early in the draft. That most benefits Tampa Bay, which chooses fifth and could have available the top receiver (Oklahoma State's Justin Blackmon), the best pass rusher (North Carolina's Quinton Coples), most proficient running back (Alabama's Trent Richardson) or a shutdown cornerback (LSU's Morris Claiborne).

"I think there's value throughout this draft that fits the needs of our team," GM Mark Dominik said. "I don't truly believe a draft board is ever really set. You're always tweaking your board."

Thanks to free agency, some teams don't need to tweak too much.

Luck, Griffin nearly teamed up at Stanford

Enrolling at Stanford may have been the best decision Andrew Luck ever made.

Not enrolling at Stanford seems to have worked out equally well for Robert Griffin III.

The quarterbacks will be the No. 1 and No. 2 picks in the NFL draft on Thursday night, with Luck going first to the Indianapolis Colts, then Griffin — the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor — set to be picked by the Washington Redskins. So again, as they have plenty of times in recent months, Luck and Griffin will share the spotlight.

Just think — they almost shared a locker room, too.

And if they had, then maybe none of this would be happening.

"Looking back on it, it worked out really well for both those youngsters," said Jim Harbaugh, the coach who tried to pull it off.

The story starts in 2007, when Griffin got a tantalizing offer from Stanford, in short, if he committed to the Cardinal, then the Cardinal would commit to trying a two-quarterback system with him and Luck. Harbaugh — now the coach of the San Francisco 49ers — was Stanford's coach at the time, and after spending about an hour in his office chatting with Griffin came away with a strong inkling that he would win that recruiting battle.

A month later, the phone rang. It was Griffin. He apologized and said he was planning to enroll at Houston, where coach Art Briles was recruiting him. (When Briles went to Baylor, Griffin followed.)

"Thought we were really doing well with Robert," Harbaugh said. "Loved looking at his transcript. He was a 4.0 student in high school. His test scores were extremely high. I mean, this to me was a Stanford guy. This was a Stanford kid. And then ... he was going to go to Houston. That left a bruise. I really liked Robert. I really wanted Robert on our team. And I've been a big fan of his ever since."

Griffin had offers from plenty of schools, from Harvard to Texas and countless spots in between. Stanford, he said, was tempting.

"I thought about it, but when you look at it, two-quarterback systems hardly ever work," Griffin said a few weeks ago. "So I had to make the right call for myself at that time."

A good call for both players, as it turned out.

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Draft order

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

Early entries

Players granted special eligibility for the 2012 NFL Draft on April 26-28 in New York:

- Alexander Alexander, RB, Wyoming
- Dwayne Allen, TE, Clemson
- Edwin Baker, RB, Michigan St.
- Mike Ball, RB, Nevada
- Lawson Berryhill, RB, Kansas
- Justin Blackmon, WR, Oklahoma St.
- Michael Brockers, DT, LSU
- Bryce Brown, RB, Kansas St.
- Vontaze Burfict, LB, Arizona St.
- Orson Charles, TE, Georgia
- Morris Claiborne, DB, LSU
- Fletcher Cox, DT, Mississippi St.
- David DeCastro, G, Stanford
- Theo Ellis, TE, Minnesota
- Marcus Forston, DT, Miami
- Stephon Gilmore, DB, South Carolina
- Chris Givens, WR, Wake Forest
- Dorian Graham, WR, Syracuse
- Robert Griffin, QB, Baylor
- Jawel Hampton, RB, Southern Illinois
- Cliff Harris, DB, Oregon
- Dont'a Hightower, LB, Alabama
- Stephen Hill, WR, Georgia Tech
- Ronnie Hillman, RB, San Diego St.
- Mike Holloway, DE, Boston College
- Jayron Hosley, DB, Virginia Tech
- Janzen Jackson, DB, McNeese St.
- Lamichael James, RB, Oregon
- Alshon Jeffery, WR, South Carolina
- Alabrius Johnson, WR, Miami
- Damaris Johnson, WR, Tulsa
- Chandler Jones, DE, Syracuse
- Matt Kalil, OT, Southern California
- Dre Kirkpatrick, DB, Alabama
- Peter Konz, C, Wisconsin
- Luke Kuechly, LB, Boston College
- Ronnell Lewis, DE, Oklahoma
- Andrew Luck, QB, Stanford
- Terrell Manning, LB, N.C. State
- Jonathan Martin, OT, Stanford
- Bobby Massie, OT, Mississippi
- Whitney Mercilus, DE, Illinois
- Lamar Miller, RB, Miami
- Brock Osweiler, QB, Arizona St.
- Eric Page, WR, Toledo
- Donte Paige-Moss, DE, North Carolina
- Nick Perry, DE, Southern California
- Bernard Pierce, RB, Temple
- Kevin Pisa, G, Purdue
- Dontari Poe, DT, Memphis
- Reuben Randle, WR, LSU
- Riley Reiff, OT, Iowa
- Trent Richardson, RB, Alabama
- Josh Robinson, DB, Central Florida
- Stephen Schilling, WR, Rutgers
- Darrell Scott, RB, South Florida
- Tommy Streeter, WR, Miami
- Darron Thomas, QB, Oregon
- Johnny Thomas, DB, Oklahoma St.
- Philip Thomas, DB, Syracuse
- Barrett Ruder, QB, Auburn
- Oliver Vernon, DE, Miami
- Brandon Washington, DT, Miami
- David Wilson, RB, Virginia Tech
- Josh Wormley, DT, Temple St.

Dallas Cowboys should get defensive in NFL draft

Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys addressed some pressing needs during a flurry of free-agent signings

They added two veteran offensive linemen who are expected to be starters, got a proven backup for quarterback Tony Romo, a starting cornerback, a safety, a linebacker and a fullback in just a couple of days.

Now they need to get really defensive in the draft, starting with their No. 14 overall pick Thursday night.

"It would look like there is going to be potentially top defensive players there," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We have to take into consideration that we've done pretty well in free agency relative to our offensive line. ... So you're not off base to say likely it will be a defensive player."

While the Cowboys defense improved in coordinator's Rob Ryan's first season, despite the lack of a traditional offseason to install his scheme and work with his new players, there were five games where leads were blown in the fourth quarter.

Their aging inside linebackers became less of a factor and the secondary at times was just horrendous.

Need another indication of what the Cowboys are thinking about for their first pick?

The only on-campus pro day that coach Jason Garrett attended was at Alabama.

Sure, as Garrett claims, the timing worked and it was convenient for him to stop in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on his return to Texas from the NFL owners meeting in Florida last month.

But there also happen to be several Crimson Tide defensive players considered first-round possibilities.

They include safety Mark Barron, cornerback Dre Kirkpatrick and linebacker Courtney Upshaw, all of whom could fill needs for Dallas.

With all that the Cowboys did in free agency, there is more flexibility when it comes time to make picks throughout the draft.

"One of the objectives of free agency was to address some of the needs on our football team with players that we liked so we can on draft day pick who we feel is the best player," Garrett said.

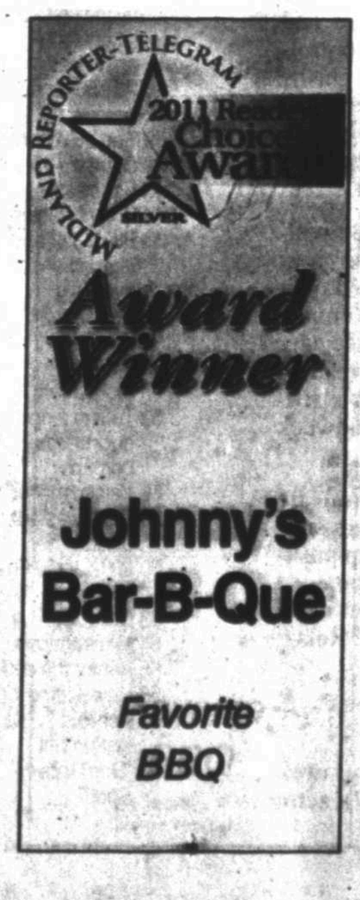
The Cowboys signed free agent offensive linemen Mackenzy Bernadeau and Nate Livings to starter-worthy multiyear contracts this offseason.

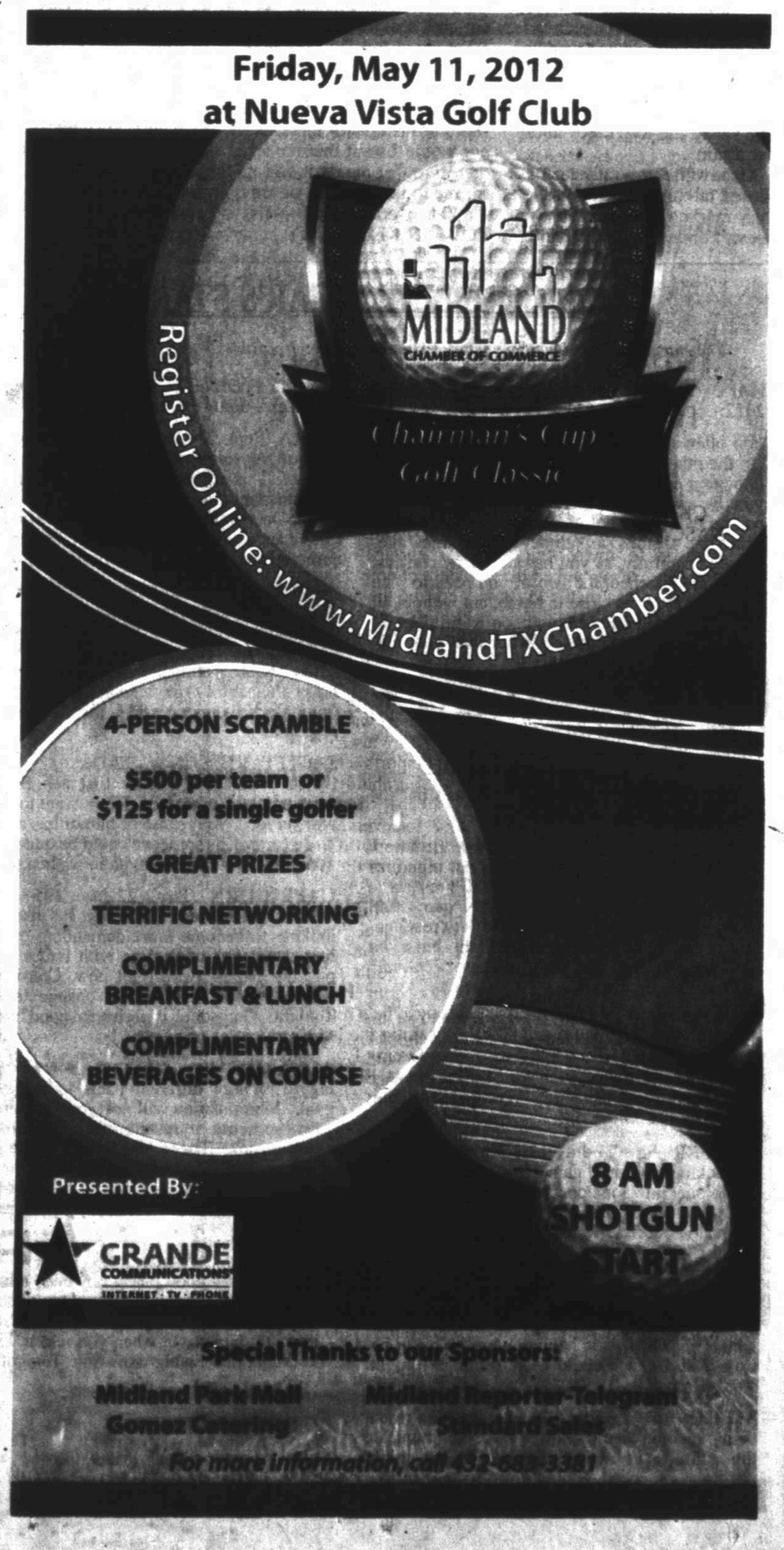
"We targeted players, we evaluated players and we felt good about the guys we were pursing," Garrett said. "We wanted to create competition within our football team. We felt like we did that, with guys that we really liked, the right kind of guys that have talent and upside, guys we think help our team now and going forward."

Cornerback Brandon Carr was the team's top offseason target, and the Cowboys quickly signed him to a $50 million, five-year deal that includes $26.5 million guaranteed. They also got quarterback Kyle Orton, safety Brodney Pool, linebacker Dan Connor and fullback Lawrence Vickers.

"In general, and because of how well we did in free agency, we'll able to draft, or trade. We could easily have a situation in our best interest," Jones said. "That free agency helps us in normally, purely looking at how we best improve the personnel on this team with the draft."

While the Cowboys have indicated that they have no intention of trading up in the draft, there is always the chance of other deals — either involving the No. 14 pick or any of their other seven picks, including two in the fourth round that opens the final day of the draft Saturday.





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TODAY Mostly sunny High 101 Low 72

THURSDAY Mostly sunny High 102 Low 65

FRIDAY Mostly sunny High 94 Low 63

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 101 and southwest winds between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 72 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 102, a low around 65 and southwest winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 94 and a low around 63.

The high on Tuesday tied the record of 95 while the low dropped to 56. The previous record high for April 24 is 95 set in 1943. The record low is 37 set in 1995.

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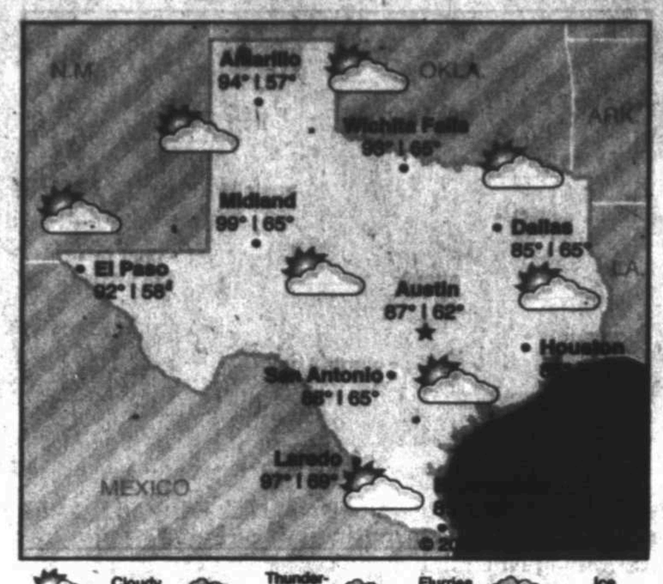
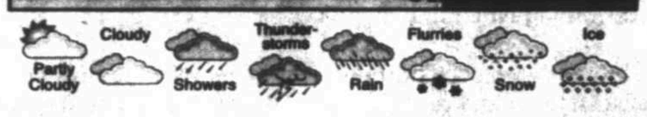
In the Northeast, the circulation around the recent snow and rain storm will continue to funnel chilly air into the region today. Enough moisture will linger to produce clouds and spotty showers over New England and part of upstate New York. A pocket of dry air will allow some sunshine over the mid-Atlantic states and part of the eastern Great Lakes.

Over the Midwest, a storm system will move along the boundary of hot air over the Plains and the chill in the Northeast. The system will produce not only clouds and showers but also some severe thunderstorms.





Precipitation

Monday	.0.00 in.
Tuesday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.05 in.
Total for year	.1.35 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.2.38 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	95
Low	56
Normal high	82
Normal low	52

Sunrise ... 7:08 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:25 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, April 25

Daughter asks if photo album should cover all of dad's life

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: My father is turning 60 this year, and I want to make him a photo album with pictures from throughout his life. However, Dad is widowed and remarried, so I'm having a hard time deciding what to do with respect to my mother. They were married 25 years before she died, and they loved each other very much. They raised two children together, and she was an important part of his life.

At the same time, I have a feeling that including pictures of Mom may upset my stepmother. While I am not close with her, I don't want to intentionally hurt her feelings. What should I do? — LAURA IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR LAURA: You're asking an intelligent question, and I commend you for your sensitivity. If the photo album is intended to be a surprise for your father, consider talking to your stepmother about the idea. It will give you an indication of how such a gift would be perceived by her.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 24, and I love my parents. Mom confided to me that she has been seeing a high school flame behind my father's back. She claims she loves this man and said she has slept with him, but she doesn't want to leave the security my father provides for her. She swore me to secrecy about her affair.

Meanwhile, my father has started talking to me about their marital problems. He doesn't understand why Mother isn't happy. I feel like I should tell him, but that would betray my mother. At the same time, not telling him what I know is betraying him. What should I do? — CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE: Your parents should not be confiding their marital difficulties to you. They should attempt to resolve them by communicating with each other — preferably with the help of a licensed marriage counselor. That your mother would turn you into a co-conspirator in her affair is despicable. Give her a deadline to level with your father or tell her that you will. He deserves to know the truth.

DEAR ABBY: I have fallen in love with a very special woman. She happens to be my daughter-in-law's mother. We are very happy together, but our children are extremely upset about this. My son and her daughter no longer speak to us at this point.

I feel it's my life and I shouldn't live it for the kids, nor would I want them to live their lives for me. Is it wrong for me to be with her, or are the kids overreacting? — IN LOVE IN KENTUCKY

DEAR IN LOVE: The "kids" are overreacting, and they shouldn't be trying to blackmail the two of you into doing what they prefer. It is your life, and just as you wish your son and daughter-in-law every happiness, they should be doing the same for you. This situation is not as unusual as they think, and they should not be judging or punishing you, because you are doing nothing wrong.

DEAR ABBY: I married "Darrel" six months ago. It bothers me that he wears a silver bracelet from a relationship that ended five years ago. He claims that if I were to wear a piece of jewelry from my first marriage, it wouldn't bother him as it is "just jewelry." How do you feel about this? — BOTHERED IN DAYTONA BEACH

DEAR BOTHERED: What I feel about this is not important; it's how you feel. If your husband's wearing the bracelet is a constant, irritating reminder that he was involved with someone else, he should remove it because it isn't "just jewelry" to you. And your feelings should be more important to him than the bracelet, don't cha think?

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A title in the end

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 3
♡ A K J 8
◇ Q 5 4
♣ Q J 7 3

WEST
♠ K J 10 9 2
♡ Void
◇ 10 8 7 2
♣ 10 8 6 4

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

SOUTH
♠ A 6 5
♡ Q 7 6 4 2
◇ A 9 6
♣ 9 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ◇

In 1981, Bobby Levin of Aventura, Fla., at the tender age of 24, became the youngest player ever to win the Bermuda Bowl, emblematic of the world team championship. Here he is some years later at work in the Life Master Pairs Championship.

The auction is routine. After the heart fit was located, Levin made a game try with two spades, declined by North.

West led the eight of diamonds, ducked in dummy and East's jack was won with the ace. The deuce of clubs was led to the eight, the queen and ace, and back came a trump, taken on the board with the jack.

The club three was led to the five, nine and 10 and West, who could not afford to lead another diamond, persevered with clubs and declarer ruffed East's king. The outstanding trumps were drawn, bringing about this position with the lead in dummy:

♠ 7 3
♡ —
◇ Q 5
♣ J

♠ K J 10 | ♠ Q 8 4
♡ — | ♡ —
◇ 10 7 | ◇ K 3
♣ — | ♣ —

♠ A 6 5
♡ —
◇ 9 6
♣ —

The jack of clubs was led. Both opponents let go a spade, as did declarer. Now declarer cashed the ace of spades and exited with a spade. No matter which defender won the trick, the forced diamond return would establish the fulfilling trick in that suit for declarer. Try it.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 25, 2012:

You often are more serious than you need to be. On the other hand, you make good choices. Tap into your innate intuitive ability to help guide you. Be aware of someone whose information or perspective could be off. If you are single, your charisma flashes a "come hither" message. Proceed carefully, as you have so many choices. If you are attached, the two of you need to plan frequent vacations close to home, but without all the people you interact with on a daily basis. CANCER understands you better than you realize.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Ask questions, even if you already believe you know the answers — you could be surprised by what comes up. Reorganize your plans or a project with more accurate information. Revitalize yourself by taking a brisk walk. Tonight: Chat the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer, and do not minimize those gifts. Someone you respect presents a new idea. Fatigue with the status quo could be wearing you down. Think of ways to reinvigorate areas of your life that might be a bit dull. Tonight: Buy that item you have been looking for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You are all smiles. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. This unpredictable energy also could come out in a creative endeavor. Discuss a change more openly and recognize your goals. Tonight: Live it up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Sometimes by backing out you'll gain a new perspective. Try not to play into someone's controlling ways. You will feel better and start to establish stronger boundaries. Relax. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Zero in on what you want with little fear as to what the reaction could be, and unexpected benefits might result. You might consider pushing away from someone who always insists on having things go his or her way. The distance could be refreshing. Tonight: Join your pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You resent being manipulated. You'll try to communicate this attitude to controlling people but might not always succeed. Toning down strong feelings might be imperative to restoring peace in your daily life. Focus on a child or imaginative project. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone you cannot seem to get a hold of. This person might not be directing this estrangement toward you; he or she simply needs space. Detach from a daily situation to claim your power and no longer be reactive. Tonight: Make sure you are surrounded by music you love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Deal directly with key people who could have a great deal of impact on your life. Sometimes passing on a message might not be enough. Discussions could become animated and difficult, but you have the ability to resolve conflicts easily. Tonight: If you don't like the message, don't respond.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others continue to take the first step. Start using the word "no" when you do not want to go along with an idea. Your sense of humor has an edge to it. Be careful, as someone could be quite reactive. Tonight: Look at your invitations, then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Rethink a decision. You might be insecure and looking to become more demanding or controlling. Your way of dealing with issues might be pushing others away right now. Consider what would be the best way to change the mood. Tonight: Get some exercise, a good meal and sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Be willing to explore different paths to achieve your goals. Manipulation will not work, as you'll only gain someone's resentment. Do not make assumptions. There are many reasons why someone would appear unresponsive. Instead of getting an attitude, consider all the possible reasons for this behavior. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You are coming from a good place; however, others simply aren't in the mood to listen. Don't keep pushing. Go off and enjoy yourself instead. Someone still might be uptight when you return. Let it go, and do not make a big issue of it. Tonight: Relax.

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BORN TODAY

Military and political leader Oliver Cromwell (1599), jazz vocalist Ella Fitzgerald (1917), actor Al Pacino (1940)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Fodder figure?
5 First Greek consonant
9 Antlered grazers
13 Australia's national gemstone
14 Wail
15 Winter forecast
16 Melodies for a soothing atmosphere
18 "Henry's Crime" actor Reeves
19 College application part
20 Nothing to suggest, as foul play
22 Positive energy
25 Home of the Ivy League's Bulldogs
28 Safe havens
32 Lawyers' org.
33 Shopping center?
35 Pooh-pooh
36 With 39-Across, convenience that might include the dish spelled out by the first few letters of the answers to 16-, 22-, 50- and 60-Across
39 See 36-Across
41 Course's 18
42 Sci. class
44 Sorority letter
45 Black hair and almond-shaped eyes, e.g.
47 Certain sail spars
50 Pick up momentum
52 Tour in a double-decker bus, perhaps
55 Velcro maker
59 Southwestern brick
60 2002 Jodie Foster thriller
63 Deli subs
64 Nile slitherers
65 Par for the course
66 Unwelcome look
67 Apollo's instrument
68 "Don't move, Spot!"

DOWN
1 Unspecified amount
2 Wall St. events
3 Landlocked Asian republic
4 Gerontologist's study
5 Mitt Romney's alma mater: Abbr.
6 Homer's saffron-robed goddess
7 Star shine
8 Big name in foil
9 Refined and discriminating taste
10 Low in fat
11 Numbers game
12 Double __ Oreo
15 Alpine competitor's protection
17 "Don't interfere," briefly
21 Grads-to-be: Abbr.
23 "My bad!"
24 Dork
25 Harbor party site
26 Can't stomach
27 All who retired with a perfect 24-0 record
29 Clucking quarters
30 Faith
31 Opposition group
34 Brownstone hangout
37 Dennis, much to Mr. Wilson's dismay
38 Will subjects
40 Mont Blanc, par example
43 "Piece of cake!"
46 Bro's playmate
48 Grand Marquis, for short
49 Decks out
51 Landlocked Asian republic
52 Satirist Mort
53 Nanties notion
54 Reason for an R rating
56 Odd old fellow
57 Wedding dance
58 Award for "Modern Family"
61 "Fresh Air" airer
62 Sussex suffix

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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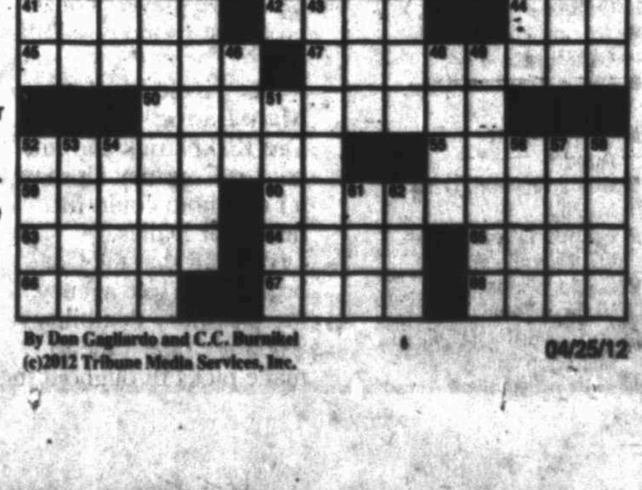

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A DAY ON WALL STREET

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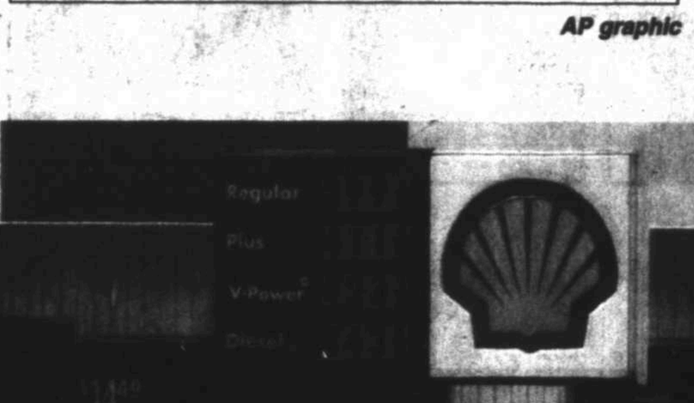

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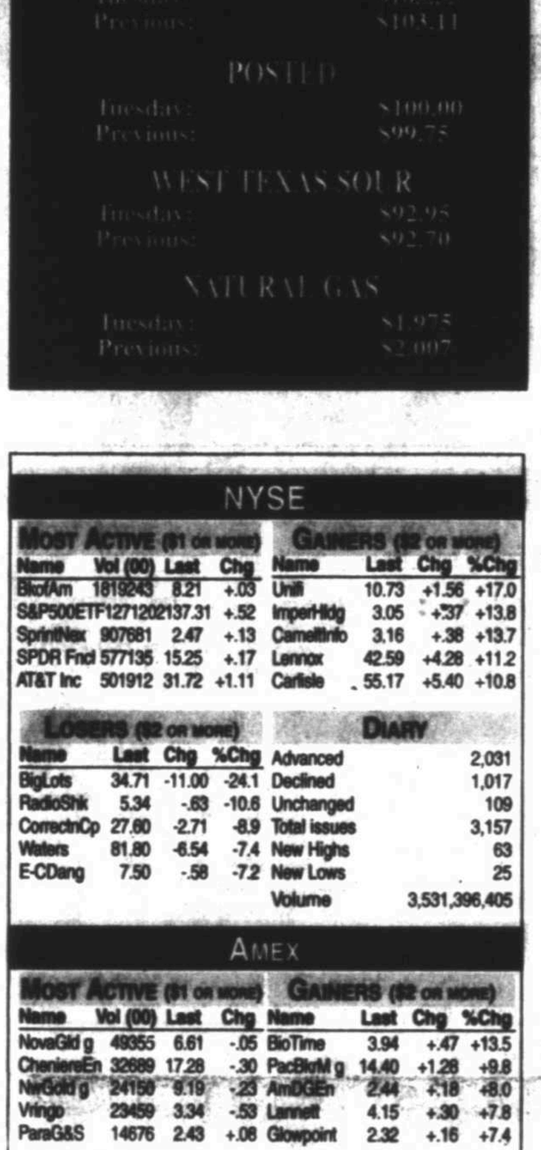

Associated Press

Gas prices are displayed at a Shell station in Beaverton, Ore., on Tuesday. Gas prices are beginning to fall, after a four-month surge pushed gas to nearly $4 per gallon earlier this month. The price of gasoline in the U.S. has dropped by nearly 9 cents per gallon since the first week of April following a decline in oil prices and gasoline consumption. Americans' confidence in the economy held steady in April from the previous month despite rising job cuts and falling home values.

Oil mixed

Oil prices were mixed Tuesday as investors weighed strong U.S. corporate earnings with ongoing concern about European debt. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude rose Tuesday by 44 cents to end at $103.55 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which is used to price international crudes, fell by 55 cents to finish at $118.16 per barrel in London.

Europe continues to be saddled with massive government debt, and borrowing costs rose Tuesday in Italy and Spain. In the U.S., stocks markets rose following strong first-quarter earnings from AT&T and 3M.

In other energy trading, heating oil gave up 1.03 cents to finish at $3.1295 per gallon while natural gas futures declined by 3.2 cents to end at $1.975 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar falls

The dollar fell against most other major currencies Tuesday after U.S. consumer confidence slipped in April and home prices fell in February. Traders also bought the euro following strong demand at an auction for Spanish government debt.

The Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index was at 69.2 in April, down from 69.5 in March. Economists were expecting an increase to 70.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home-price index shows that home prices fell in February from January in 16 of the 20 cities it tracks. A sign that the housing market is still struggling to recover.

The euro rose to $1.3189 in afternoon trading Tuesday, up from $1.3144 late Monday.

The dollar rose against the euro on Monday as worries about Europe's debt crisis intensified. Those fears eased Tuesday after Spain was able to sell a better-than-expected $2.6 billion in debt. The country's benchmark interest rate slipped below 6 percent Tuesday, a sign that investors are less worried about the Spain's finances.

In other trading, the British pound rose $1.6131 from $1.6125. The dollar fell to 0.9110 Swiss franc from 0.9144 Swiss franc and fell to 98.67 Canadian cents from 99.20 Canadian cents.

June gold climbed $11.20, or 0.7 percent, to $1,643.80 per ounce.

US gasoline prices now cheaper than a year ago

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After dropping for most of the month, gasoline is now cheaper in much of the U.S. than it was a year ago.

That hasn't happened in more than two years, and it could be part of a larger decline in gasoline prices that could lift consumer confidence ahead of the summer driving season.

"Gasoline prices are right in your face," said Fred Rozell, retail pricing director at the Oil Price Information Service. "It's something you have to spend money on every week. If prices continue to decline, people will feel better."

Pump prices have dropped by 9 cents a gallon since the first week of April to a national average on Tuesday of $3.85. A year ago, the average price was $3.86 per gallon. The price of gas is coming down now because crude oil prices are lower and refineries, which turn crude into gasoline and other refined products, are getting back up to speed.

OPIS said that drivers in the Midwest and Great Lakes states are seeing the biggest drop in gasoline prices. Pump prices in Minnesota are 21 cents a gallon cheaper than they were a year ago. In Michigan, they are down 16 cents a gallon. Prices also dropped by 10 cents or more in Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

The drop at the pump should be a relief for drivers, after some earlier predictions that Americans would pay a record $5 per gallon for gasoline this summer. As gasoline gets cheaper, analysts say Americans probably will be more likely to head out on summer road trips. They also may be more willing to open their wallets at convenience stores, hotels and tourist destinations.

OPIS expects gasoline prices to keep falling a little more over the next few weeks. Gasoline futures contracts, which are quickly reflected in pump prices, have dropped by 7 percent this month, including a 1 percent drop Tuesday.

Last year gasoline prices ranged from a high of $3.985 per gallon last May to a low of $3.206 per gallon in December. They rose again this year, peaking at a national average of $3.946 on April 6, following a surge in oil prices and concerns about refinery closures on the East Coast.

While pump prices were rising, drivers started buying less gas. MasterCard SpendingPulse estimated that U.S. motorists bought 2.55 billion gallons of gasoline last week, down 6.1 percent from the same week in 2011. Americans have found a variety of ways to cut down on driving, MasterCard economist Michael McNamara said. For example, consumers skipped trips to the mall and instead bought clothing and other goods online.

"When you look at the overall retail environment, the American consumer has weathered this storm pretty well," McNamara said in a conference call with reporters.

On Tuesday gasoline futures prices fell by 2.8 cents to finish at $3.1593 per gallon in New York.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1918345	8.21	+.03
S&P500ETP	1271292	137.31	+.52
SprintNex	907881	2.47	+.13
SPDR Fncl	577135	15.25	+.17
AT&T Inc	501912	31.72	+1.11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Unifi	10.73	+1.56	+17.0
ImperHldg	3.05	+.337	+13.8
CamelBrlo	3.16	+.38	+13.7
Lannce	42.59	+4.28	+11.2
Carlisle	55.17	+5.40	+10.8

Losers ($3 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BigLots	34.71	-11.00	-24.1
RadioShk	5.34	-.83	-10.6
ComcstnCp	27.60	-2.71	-8.9
Waters	81.80	-6.54	-7.4
E-COang	7.50	-.58	-7.2

Diary

Advanced	2,031
Declined	1,017
Unchanged	109
Total issues	3,157
New Highs	63
New Lows	25
Volume	3,531,396,405

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	49855	6.61	-.05
ChelseaTh	32699	17.28	-.30
NwGold g	24199	9.19	+.23
Vringo	23459	3.34	-.53
ParaG&S	14676	2.43	+.08

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioTime	3.94	+.47	+13.5
PacBiovtl g	14.40	+1.28	+9.8
AmCoSun	2.44	+.18	+8.0
Lannett	4.15	+.30	+7.8
Glowpoint	2.32	+.16	+7.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Vringo	3.34	-.53	-13.7
Accelr8	2.27	-.24	-9.6
Ellomay rs	6.44	-.66	-9.3
MGTCap rs	2.51	-.20	-7.4
TanzRy g	4.29	-.34	-7.3

Diary

Advanced	273
Declined	190
Unchanged	26
Total issues	489
New Highs	9
New Lows	15
Volume	63,032,423

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	671791	19.42	-.26
PwShs QQQ	426840	64.73	-.35
Microsoft	402049	31.92	-.20
SiriusXM	397527	2.19	+.05
Intel	340532	27.31	-.14

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GoodTme h	4.55	+1.74	+61.9
Homeow wt	2.04	+.59	+40.7
SyngyP wt	2.00	+.49	+32.5
IndiBMA	3.04	+.70	+29.9
SyngyP un	12.00	+2.64	+28.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ZionsBc wt	4.18	-.72	-14.7
Comdynte	28.57	-4.58	-14.6
DehaierMd	2.62	-.44	-14.4
Otsico un	5.70	-.98	-14.4
Netflix	87.68	-14.16	-13.9

Diary

Advanced	1,626
Declined	886
Unchanged	132
Total issues	2,644
New Highs	57
New Lows	36
Volume	1,652,616,150

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	.20	...	7.20	-.14	-12.8
AT&T Inc	1.76	48	31.72	+1.11	+4.9
Abraxas	...	19	2.83	-.02	-14.2
ActivsBlizz	.18f	14	12.44	+.08	+1.0
AdamsEx	.05p	...	10.82	+.07	+12.2
AMD	...	...	7.31	-.08	+35.4
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.88	+.10	+20.5
Alcoa	.12	18	9.68	+.03	+11.7
AlonUSA	.16	13	8.72	+.01	+.1
Amgen	1.49	17	68.63	+.34	+6.9
Anadarko	.36	..	72.09	+1.06	-5.6
Apache	.60f	8	91.28	+.38	+.8
Apple Inc	10.60	16	580.28	-11.42	+38.3
ApldMatl	.28f	19	11.49	-.06	+7.3
ATMOS	1.38	14	31.99	+.27	-4.1
AutoData	1.58	20	54.73	+.19	+1.3
BP PLC	1.92f	6	41.91	-.04	-1.9
BabcCCInv	1.20	...	15.95	-.24	-11.3
BakrHu	.60	11	43.04	+1.97	-11.5
BiolAm	.04	...	8.21	+.03	+47.7
Bar iPVix	...	...	17.91	-.45	-49.6
BasicEnSv	...	7	13.74	+.22	-30.3
BerkHa A	...	20	119700.00	+1400.00	+4.3
BerryPet	.32	...	44.62	+1.29	+6.2
BlkHlsCp	1.48f	31	32.60	+.32	-2.9
BostonSci	...	16	6.05	+.10	+13.3
BrMyrSq	1.36	16	33.67	+.03	-.4
BrownFA	1.40	21	62.75	+.86	+6.4
BrownFB	1.40	21	64.90	+1.05	+6.5
CVS Care	.55	17	43.42	+.17	+8.5
Cameron	...	22	49.01	+.76	-.4
Caterpillar	1.84	15	108.40	+1.50	+19.6
Celestic g	...	6	8.94	+.53	+22.0
CntryLink	2.90	23	37.94	+.16	+2.0
ChesEng	.35	.5	17.77	-.23	-20.3
Chevron	3.24	8	103.03	+.09	-3.2
Chicos	.21	18	14.81	-.28	+32.9
Cihanen	.48f	11	65.25	+1.41	+5.4
Cisco	.32f	15	19.42	-.26	+7.9
Citigrp rs	.04	9	33.42	+.17	+27.0
CleanHbr	...	10	75.27	+1.28	-.8
Clearwire	...	...	1.40	-.15	-27.8
CoastDistr	2.04f	20	74.12	+.43	+5.9
ColgPal	2.48f	20	98.48	+.71	+8.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	.96	15	25.87	+.10	-2.0
ConchoRes	...	20	98.70	-.47	+5.3
ConocPhil	2.64	8	71.86	-.45	-1.4
Corning	.30	8	13.35	+.14	+2.9
CrackerB	1.00	16	56.09	-.43	+11.1
CrosTim	2.95e	14	40.36	+.13	-17.4
DCP Mid	2.60f	37	45.32	-.05	-4.5
DTE	2.35	13	55.98	+.71	+2.8
Dataram h	...	...	.99	+.01	+22.2
Dawson	...	...	26.50	+.82	-33.0
Dell Inc	...	9	16.18	+.08	+10.6
DevonE	.80	6	66.79	+.86	+7.7
DirSCBear	...	...	19.50	-.44	-28.4
Disney	.60f	16	42.18	+.17	+12.8
DowChm	1.20f	17	34.63	-.13	+30.4
EMC Cp	...	24	27.50	-.16	+27.7
EOG Res	.88f	25	104.45	+.85	+6.0
EmpDist	1.00	15	20.33	+.29	-3.6
Energen	.56f	12	46.85	+.84	-6.3
EnrgyTsfr	3.58	44	47.72	-.04	+4.1
EnPro	...	16	40.80	+.10	+23.7
EntPrPt	2.51f	22	52.30	+.12	+12.8
Ericsson	.37e	...	9.45	+.21	-6.7
ExterranH	...	...	11.70	+.41	+28.6
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	85.31	+.82	+1.8
FifthThird	.32	9	13.95	+.14	+8.7
FordM	.20	6	11.39	+.04	+5.9
ForestOil s	...	15	12.10	+.12	-10.7
FrozenFd	...	...	1.28	-.03	-3.1
GATX	1.20f	19	42.39	+.84	-2.9
GabelVehT	.80m	...	6.80	-.03	+10.4
GAInv	.50p	...	28.73	+.29	+15.3
GenDisc	.56	16	19.54	+.47	+9.1
Genworth	...	22	6.04	-.02	-7.8
GoSmsh	...	...	4.65	-.06	+45.3
Goodrich	1.16	20	125.29	+.10	+1.4
GpFinlAm	.56	16	20.05	+.29	-7.6
HalconRes	...	...	9.50	+.06	-1.0
HeltTrAm	.36	10	33.39	+.43	-3.3
Hertz	1.92	17	62.33	+.39	-3.2
HiltonHt	...	...	63.19	-.87	+21.2
HuntBnk	.16	12	6.54	+.12	+19.1
IShJapn	.20e	...	9.69	+.06	+6.4
IShChina25	.77e	...	37.19	+.19	+8.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.81e	...	41.61	+.09	+9.7
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	52.80	+.42	+6.6
iShR2K	1.10e	...	79.70	+.60	+8.1
IntegrysE	2.72	19	53.49	+.50	-1.3
Intel	.84	12	27.31	-.14	+12.6
InterDig	.40	16	31.95	+1.16	-26.7
JPMorgCh	1.20f	10	43.28	+.43	+30.2
JohnJn	2.28	17	63.77	+.49	-2.8
JnprNtwk	...	23	21.63	+1.46	+6.0
Keycorp	.12	8	8.03	+.15	+4.4
KimbClk	2.80f	18	78.70	+2.05	+7.6
KindME	4.80f	...	84.90	+.20	-.1
KindMM	4.80f	...	76.30	+.02	-2.8
LegacyRes	2.22f	17	28.99	+.05	+2.7
Lullys	...	29	6.30	+.10	+39.7
McDnlds	2.80	18	94.59	-.60	-5.7
Merck	1.68	19	38.27	...	+1.5
MerMMGld s	...	21	12.90	+.35	-4.3
MexcpEn	...	49	6.92	+.02	-1.2
MicronT	...	...	6.51	-.12	+3.5
Microsoft	.80	12	31.92	-.20	+23.0
MongStan	.20	31	17.40	+.42	+15.0
MotrlaMob	...	...	38.14	-.29	-1.7
Nabors	...	12	15.95	+.23	-8.0
NetGrld	3.00e	...	53.99	+.93	+11.4
NOBVarco	.48	17	78.02	+.73	+14.8
Netflix	...	29	87.68	-14.16	+26.5
NoblsCp	1.26e	...	3.63	-.02	-24.7
NvMAd	.95e	...	14.91	+.04	+1.6
NvPwll	.94	...	14.83	+.05	+.1
NuvPI	.92	...	14.53	-.01	+.4
NSTFI3	.98e	...	14.38	+.02	+.5
NTXQI	.92	...	14.49	-.07	+.9
Nvidia	...	14	12.82	-.41	-7.5
OcciPet	2.10f	11	88.22	+.30	-5.8
Oracle	.24	15	28.69	+.21	+11.9
PerThou	...	19	4.82	-.02	+22.3
PetroDvl	...	...	5.15	+.10	-20.2
PetMUTI	.20	8	18.20	+.19	-18.9
PetroRS	.80	...	14.67	+.42	+40.5
Pmrian	1.40e	15	20.69	-.11	+1.6
Pfizer	.88f	18	22.63	+.25	+4.6
PioNrl	.08	15	105.71	+1.22	+19.3
PrimsAA	4.18f	17	89.91	+.09	+10.2
PwShs QQQ	.40e	...	64.73	-.35	+15.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Praxair	2.20f	21	112.43	-.24	+5.2
PrmEgy	...	17	23.76	-.24	+5.2
PrUShS&P	...	...	15.78	-.13	-18.2
ProctGam	2.25f	17	67.00	+.35	+.4
PulteGrp	...	...	8.60	+.38	+36.3
Qualcom	1.00f	19	61.86	+.30	+13.1
RadioShk	.50	8	5.34	-.63	-45.0
RangeRs	.16	80	58.54	+.47	-5.5
RegionsFn	.04	38	6.45	+.36	+50.0
RiteAid	...	...	1.41	-.07	+11.9
Rowan	...	31	33.37	+.69	+10.8
RoyDShllA	3.36	14	68.40	+.12	-6.4
SpdrDJIA	3.55e	...	129.72	+.70	+6.5
S&P500ETF	2.64e	...	137.31	+.52	+9.4
SabnR	4.10e	14	56.05	-.97	-11.1
SanderFm	.88	...	51.46	+1.63	+2.7
SandRidge	...	56	7.28	+.10	-10.8
Saplent	.36p	23	11.92	-.01	-5.4
Schlmbrg	1.10	18	72.71	+1.52	+6.4
SigmaAld	.80f	19	70.40	-.09	+12.7
SiriusXM	...	17	2.19	+.05	+20.3
Smucker	1.92	20	78.35	+.32	+.2
SprintNex	...	...	2.47	+.13	+5.6
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	15.25	+.17	+17.3
SP Inds	.75e	...	36.84	+.48	+9.2
Suncocl s	1.68f	13	39.50	+.20	+.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Symantec	...	16	16.01	-2.06	+2.3
TeleflEsp	2.14e	...	14.57	+.34	-15.2
Tesoro	...	6	23.12	+.05	-1.0
Textnst	.68	20	31.36	-.53	+7.7
3M Co	2.36f	15	88.49	+1.36	+8.3
Trchmrk s	.60f	10	48.89	+.58	+12.7
TriContl	.43e	...	15.56	+.10	+9.3
TylerTech	...	47	39.57	+.08	+31.4
Tyson	.16	11	17.93	+.27	-12.1
UBWV	1.24	17	28.94	+.27	-4.7
USSteel	.20	...	27.65	-.57	+4.5
Valeant	.60	7	23.93	+.31	+13.7
VangEmg	.91e	...	42.04	+.07	+10.0
VerizonCm	2.00	42	39.50	+.93	-1.5
VulcanM	.94	...	41.11	+.25	+4.5
WalMart	1.59f	13	57.77	-1.77	-3.3
Walgrn	.90	12	35.34	-.16	+6.6
WeathInt	...	42	14.14	+.45	-3.4
WellsFargo	.88	11	33.07	+.39	+20.0
WstnRefin	.16	10	18.16	-.22	+36.6
WhitingPet	...	12	53.91	+.41	+15.5
WmsCos	1.04f	22	32.31	...	+19.8
XcelEngy	1.04	15	28.71	+.21	-3.4
Xerox	.17	9	7.92	+.04	-.5
Zyngan	...	...	8.60	-.40	-8.6

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk %Chg
13,597.11	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	13,001.56	+74.39	+.58	+6.42	+3.22
5,027.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,048.73	+85.02	+1.17	+4.52	-2.82
467.64	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	461.70	+3.02	+.67	-.64	+9.21
8,718.25	6,414.69	NYSE Composite	7,998.02	+47.28	+.60	+6.63	-6.83
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,387.08	-14.76	-.61	+4.77	-2.60
3,134.17	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,961.60	-8.85	-.30	+13.68	+4.01
1,422.38	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,371.97	+5.03	+.37	+9.09	+1.84
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,397.15	+48.24	+.32	+9.15	+.53
868.57	601.71	Russell 2000	788.05	+6.20	+.78	+7.71	-8.45

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Closing Price $75.27 Up 1.26

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Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
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Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
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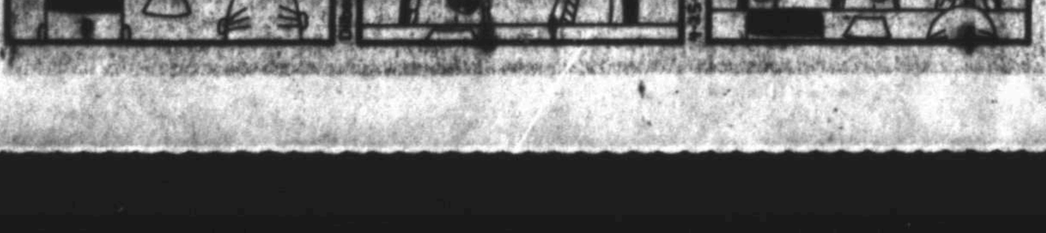

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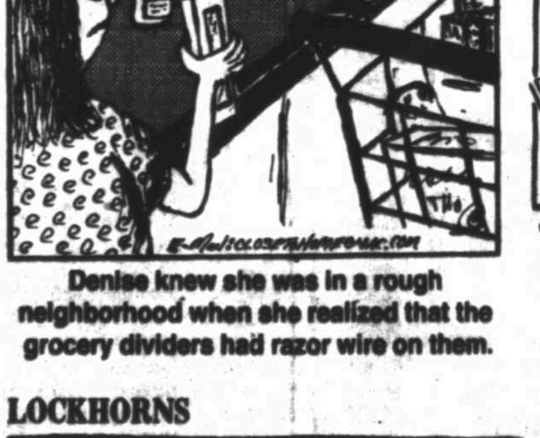

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN CAUDLE, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of April, 2012, Richard Dean Wynn and Patricia Gail Young qualified as Independent Co-Executors; that on the 19th day of April, 2012, Teresa Dawn Bailiff qualified as Independent Co-Executrix; and that on the 19th day of April, 2012, Letters Testamentary were issued to Richard Dean Wynn, Patricia Gail Young, and Teresa Dawn Bailiff as Independent Co-Executors in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Patricia Ann Caudle, Deceased," being No. P-17019 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Patricia Gail Young, 8300 Dunblane Drive, Midland, Texas 79707, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2012.

Richard Dean Wynn, Patricia Gail Young, and Teresa Dawn Bailiff, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Patricia Ann Caudle, Deceased

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., May 2, 2012 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the Purchasing Agent City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 4843-12

For: Annual master agreement for Flexible Base "City Base" Caliche for the Transportation Division..

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the city of Midland. In determining the best value for the city of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.042 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SATELLITE TRANSFER FACILITY FOR ANDREWS RECLAMATION PLANT

On April 25, 2012, H2Oil Recovery Services, Inc., 14950 Heathrow Forest Parkway Suite 150, Houston, TX 77032, filed an application with the Railroad Commission of Texas for approval of a **SATELLITE TRANSFER FACILITY FOR ITS ANDREWS RECLAMATION PLANT** to collect and separate tank bottoms and tanker washouts. Water that is separated as a result of gravity will be injected in a permitted commercial disposal well. BS&W will be delivered to a permitted oil and gas waste disposal facility. The remaining oily emulsion will be delivered to the Andrews Plant for reclamation. The proposed satellite site is located 11 miles west of Garden City in the T&P R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. A-935, Glasscock County, Texas. The site is located on real property owned by Frank Powell.

Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be April 25, 2012, which means protests should be received by May 10, 2012. Protests must be sent to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone (512) 463-6818.

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is requesting proposals for **Professional Services-District Audit** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 p.m. (noon), Thursday, May 17, 2012.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP #1058-042812 Enclosed".**

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from respondents be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until August 31, 2012.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

Legal & Public Notices

NO. 17003

IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES ALFRED TREADWELL, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Alfred Treadwell, Deceased, were issued on April 12, 2012, in Cause No. P-17003, pending in Midland county, texas, to: Judith Ann Melton.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Jared Melton
OWEN, VOSS, OWEN & MELTON, P.C.
700 West 7th Street - P.O. Box 328
Plainview, Texas 79073-0328

By: /s/ JARED MELTON

ODESSA-MIDLAND LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE TEXT

On April 9, 2012, Townsquare Media Odessa-Midland License, LLC filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for consent to assign the licenses for stations KHKX, Odessa, Texas (99.1 MHz), KMCM, Odessa, Texas (96.9 MHz) and KQRX, Midland, Texas (95.1 MHz) to Brazos Communications West, LLC.

The proposed assignee is Townsquare Media Odessa-Midland License, LLC. Its members and officers are Steven Price, Stuart Rosenstein, Alec Berkett, Dhruv Prasad, Erik Hallum, Scott Schatz, Stephen Kasten, B. James Ford, Andrew Setter, David Quick, David Lebow and Gary Ginsberg. Townsquare Media Odessa-Midland License, LLC is ultimately controlled by Oaktree Capital Group Holdings GP, LLC.

The proposed assignee is Brazos Communications West, LLC, whose members are C & J Woodcock LP and Tommy Vascocu. J & C Woodcock, Inc. is the general partner of C & J Woodcock, and its limited partners, James and Claire Woodcock, are the officers and shareholders of J & C Woodcock, Inc.

A copy of the application is on file for public inspection during regular business hours at 3020 N. Midkiff Road Suite 115 Midland ,Texas.

FOUND 2 PUPPIES FOUND IN MIDDLE OF ANDREWS HWY. About 2 months old, Call 432-238-2950.

FOUND FEMALE Basset Hound on Midkiff &Inear Wadley Has collar. 432-238-3473.

FOUND FEMALE Tan Chihuahua in the vicinity of the Hogan dog park at E. Wadley Ave. ~In Midland on 4/23. Call 619-200-4854.

FOUND GRAY female Schnauzer. Call to identify. 432-934-2114.

FOUND MALE Chihuahua mix, light brown, near Midkiff/Ohio. 432-230-5819.

FOUND, MALE, white/blonde, long-haired, large puppy. Wearing collar. He is at Midland Animal Control.

FOUND SCHNAUZER, Thomason and Midland Dr Area. Call 432-978-0058

FOUND SET of keys w/a remote, in alley of The Blooming Rose Flourist. 684-6705.

FOUND SMALL black puppy. Tues. near Rusk Elementary. Call 522-2401.

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BMW 2012 328i Convertible, 28k/Mi, Lux. Seating Pkg., 20" Wheels, Prem. Sound Pkg., Nav., Heated Seats, 13k Miles

(2) 2011 BMW 328i Premium Pkgs, Leather, Premium Pkg., iPod/USB Adapt., 19-31k Miles Both CPO'd 1 yr or 100K Miles

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Applicant must have worked with CPT and ICD9 coding and compatibility, electronic billing & posting, exception reports, claim appeals, disputes and collection methodologies. Experience with MicroMDpractice management system a plus.

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Applicant must be able to process medical records with attention to detail and handle heavy phones. A multitasker with a pleasant disposition and MicroMD software experience preferred. Excellent communication and clerical skills required.

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Physical Therapy Clinic looking for Office Personnel and Physical Therapy Tech's. Must have good communication skills, outgoing and loves to help people. Please fax resume to 432-570-8713.

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Looking for individuals to do light housekeeping and cooking in patients home. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please come by or send resume to: InHome Care, Inc, 808 W Indiana, Midland, Tx, 79701. Fax: 432-570-1303.

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Warehouse Helper/ Laborer
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Confidential FT
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