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Council reaches compromise on apartments issue

Certificate of occupancy held on two Blue Ridge buildings

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

In a 4-3 vote, City Council members agreed Tuesday to hold the certificate of occupancy on two buildings at the Blue Ridge Apartment complex while allowing the remainder of the development to proceed.

Staff with the apartments now will have 180 days to install remedies to the line-of-sight issues that exist between two of the northernmost buildings and the homes directly behind them on Caldera Boulevard before going in front of the council again.

At that time, council members will assess the property, determine whether the problem has been fixed to their satisfaction and vote on whether occupancy will be permitted for the complex that was constructed differently than what was approved by the council in 2008.

"We want to resolve this issue. I think it's in the best interest of the community that we resolve this issue," said Scott Dufford, councilman at large, who made the motion. "I just want the developer to know he is moving ahead somewhat at his own risk when it comes to those two buildings. I hope and pray that we get the situation remedied."

John James, Michael Trost and Vicky Hatley voted against the motion. James said the fixes offered weren't enough, while Trost stressed the issue for him centered more around how the developer was able to change his plans in the first place.

"I don't think the developer's gone far enough," James said, as several of the more than 40 in attendance at the evening meeting started to clap. "I think there's been a blatant disregard and disrespect for the neighbors (and) this council."

In addition to the certificate of occupancy being held for the two buildings that face north-south and overlook neighboring backyards, developer Ken Lokey also will be required to add an opaque film to the second floor windows of the building in the northeast corner of the property. The concession was one Lokey offered and one both council members and residents said they wanted to ensure was followed through on.

"I want to make sure we have clear expectations so there's not a question," Perry said. "We want to get this resolved."

Perry, Jerry Morales and Jeff Sparks voted for the ordinance as

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INSIDE

City Council takes a hard look at development issues.

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OPAQUE RESOLUTION John Guest, principal architect with BGO Architecture, shows the City Council a sample of an opaque window frosting they proposed to place on all third story windows facing north and the second and third floor windows facing north on Whitman Drive during a special hearing Tuesday night on the Blue Ridge Apartments.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Patrick Smith takes off to heel a steer in team roping Tuesday with partner Clay Tryan at the SandHills Rodeo. The event continues through Jan. 15 at the Ector County Coliseum. Visit www.sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com for more information.

School board approves extending school year

■ Students to get longer holiday vacations in 2011-12.

By Tony Waggoner
Staff Writer

Marked by changes reflecting the wishes of faculty and community members, the Midland Independent School District calendar is set for next year.

The MISD board of trustees approved Tuesday a calendar extending the 2011-12 school year into June while bringing back two weeks of Christmas vacation and extending Thanksgiving vacation to one week.

The calendar comes after district administration surveyed teachers and staff at each MISD campus and an online survey was posted on the district's website. Of the three calendar options surveyed, an overwhelming majority of survey participants voted to extend the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday breaks.

MISD students and faculty received eight days of Christmas vacation this past year and three days vacation for Thanksgiving break.

Extending holiday vacations comes at a price, though. Students will take final exams on June 1, 2012, and graduation will be held June 2.

Graduation will take place May 28 this year, with the last day of school and final exams taking place May 27.

Meanwhile, the board approved a measure that could exempt students from final exams this spring.

Board members and administration acknowledged final exam exemptions could offer incentives to students to attend class, make good grades and raise assessment test scores. All three requirements likely would be the criteria for

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Burglary spree ends; no bond set for suspect

■ Teen charged with committing crime, bonding out of jail and committing more crimes.

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland teenager remained in jail Tuesday after allegedly committing a string of burglaries while on bond for previous theft charges.

The alleged cycle of committing burglaries and thefts, bonding out of jail and being charged with committing another series of crimes ended Dec. 27 after Midland police were able to collect enough evidence from several burglaries to hold him without bail until a final trial date was scheduled.

"Cases like this are an aberration and make up less than 1 percent of our workload," District Attorney Teresa Clingman said. "Typically, when people are arrested they start assessing their actions and worry about their future, rather than commit new crimes."

But Jacob L. Lyon, 18, of Midland, bucked that trend and is being held on two second-degree felony charges of burglary of a habitation, one third-degree felony charge of theft and one misdemeanor charge of burglary of a vehicle.

The last round of thefts happened Dec. 16 at the 2600 block of Haynes Avenue in the early morning when police responded to a burglary of a habitation call, according to the arrest affidavit. After police spotted two males near the reported break-in, both began to flee, police said.

After detaining the first subject, a

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TUESDAY

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lifestyle

Running together

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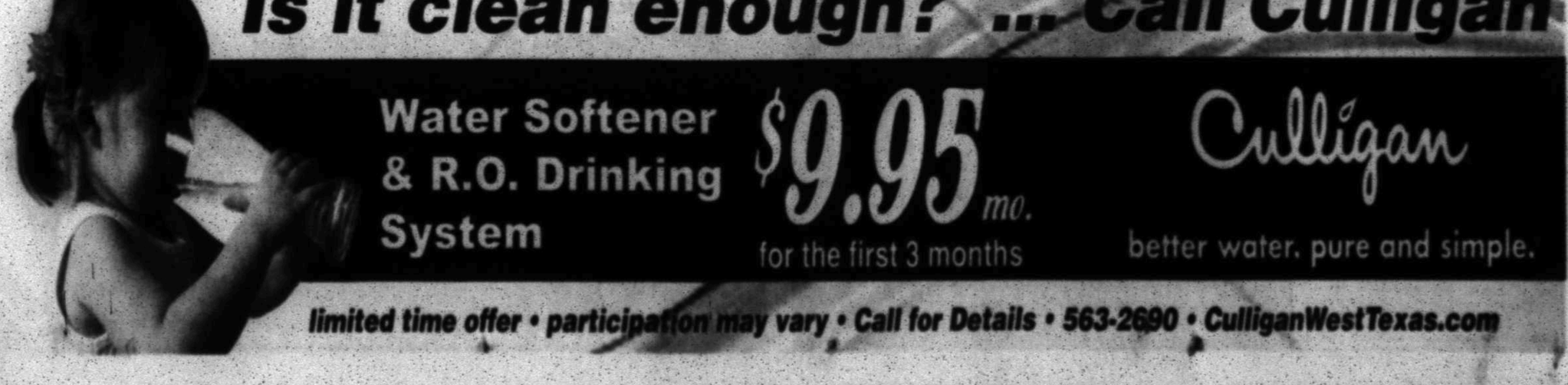

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PREPARING HIS STEER FOR THE SHOW

Kreslie Strange, 13, grooms his 18-month-old steer in preparation for last week's showing in the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo, Hereford Steer Show at Ector County Coliseum.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Reporter-Telegram and MyWestTexas.com is looking for community news items. If you think you have one, send it to Editor Stewart Dorsen at sdorsen@mrt.com. Selected items will find their way into the paper or online.

Airport report for December

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
December 2010: 40,265
December 2009: 35,161
Percent difference: 14.5
Year to date: 119,868 (15.3 percent increase from 2009-10)
December 2008 total: 38,547
Note: This is the seventh-straight increase.

Total Passengers
December 2010: 78,830
December 2009: 66,794
Percent difference: 14.6
Year to date: 227,760 (15.4 percent increase from 2009-10)
December 2008 total: 75,961

Total Seats Available
(Note: In 2010 there is one more airline flying into Midland International)
December 2010: 59,200
December 2009: 56,942
Percent difference: 3.4

Fuel Sales (in gallons)
December 2010: 606,582
December 2009: 391,172
Percent increase: 29.5
Year to date: 1,596,802 (20.4 percent increase from 2009-10)
December 2008 total: 566,764

Parking Revenues
December 2010: $150,352
December 2009: $130,141
Percent difference: 15.5
Year to date: $482,456 (14.1 percent increase from 2009-10)
December 2008 total: $150,101

Commercial Landings
Year to date: 2,021 (7.2 percent increase from 2009-10)

2010
Decreases
January 3.9
February 8.3
March 3.2
Increase
April 0.3
Decrease
May 1.3
Increase
June 3.4
July 4.5
August 5.8
September 14.5
October 17.1
November 14.2
December 14.5

Know a soldier coming home?

Military families can call 689-6698 or e-mail Vickie Gomez (zamogu@cableone.net) when they know their soldier is flying into our airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

It's happening ... this week

Today

■ Midland County Republican Women luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Midland Country Club. Guest speakers will be Marilyn Irving and Roger Williams, former Texas secretary of state. For more information, visit www.mcrw.us or call 520-3500.

Today through Saturday

■ Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo performances, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. Web: www.sandhills-stockshowandrodeo.com.

Thursday through Saturday

■ Midland County Livestock Show, Horseshoe Arena and Livestock Barn.

Saturday

■ "No Name Calling" story-time, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

■ Midland-Odessa Symphony's Masterworks III, 7 p.m., Mid-Cities Community Church. Info: Guest artist Peter Cooper, oboe.

Upcoming non-profit/support group meetings, events

■ West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia syndromes support group will meet at 11:45 a.m. Thursday at the Inspiration Centre, 4629 Andrews Highway.

Ron Ellison, Hospice education facilitator, will present "Out with the Old and in With the New."

For more information, call 520-3500.

■ Midland Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at 702 W. Dengar.

Carolyn and Joe Alexander are to present, "Finding Your Celtic Heritage."

■ Home Instead Senior Care is planning a workshop series for family caregivers beginning Jan. 20 at Inspiration Center, 4629 Andrews Highway. The sessions are set for 6-7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Caitlin Chapman at 689-4663 or caitlin.chapman@homeinstead.com.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home will be holding a reading event for children in first through sixth grades 4:30-5:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Visitor Center.

Children will be read a selection of books including "Chester Cricket's Pigeon Ride" and each child will receive a copy of the book.

Refreshments also will be served.

Space is limited. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

TAKING HIS OATH OF OFFICE

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Michael Trost raises his right hand as City Secretary Amy Turner administers the oath of office for City Council District 4 on Monday.

City of Midland launching new video program

The city of Midland has launched a quarterly TV news magazine-style program, which began airing Monday on government-access channels 6 (Grande) and 2 (Suddenlink).

"City Briefs," hosted by Public Information Officer Tasa Watts, will highlight City Council hot topics plus give residents useful information about city services.

LeaAnn Dearman, multimedia developer, will write, shoot and edit the program each quarter. The first edition will air at 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. through March.

The new video program is not costing the city an additional funding. The city of Midland operates with only one staff member and existing video equipment.

In addition to broadcasting "City Briefs" on the government access channels, it also will be streamed to the city's Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/CityofMidlandTX) and YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/cityofmidland) pages, which can both be accessed directly from the city of Midland's homepage at www.MidlandTexas.gov.

City plans survey for residents

The city of Midland is working with Texas Tech University and its Public Administration program to conduct a community survey starting in February.

The survey will be conducted via phone by Texas Tech University using a random sampling. The average time of the call should be no longer than 10 minutes. Texas Tech will have available both English and Spanish speaking representatives.

The city would like to focus on service satisfaction and use the results of the survey to make adjustments in order to better serve the residents of Midland.

Flu vaccines still available

The Midland Health and Senior Services division still has free flu vaccines.

Vaccines are available to the community from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Midland Health and Senior Services, 2303 W. Illinois Ave., in Kingsway Mall.

Flu season is unpredictable and can begin early in the fall and last into the spring. Influenza spreads readily from person to person in schools, workplaces and homes. Everyone over 6 months of age should get an annual flu vaccine to prevent sickness, unnecessary health-care visits, hospitalizations and death from influenza.

For more information, call the Midland Health Department 681-7613.

Help us celebrate Midlanders who make a difference

The Reporter-Telegram is looking to celebrate those people making a difference in our community.

If you know someone who goes above and beyond, e-mail that person's name and no more than 500 words about why we should recognize that person.

We will run these submissions regularly in the Reporter-Telegram.

For more information or to send in an entry, contact Editor Stewart Dorsen at sdorsen@mrt.com or 687-8856.

Radio talk show schedules

KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Show with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Vertz
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local News reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com/

KWEL (AM 1070)
6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon Laura Ingraham
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-6 p.m. Jason Moore
6-9 p.m. Michael Savage
Web: http://www.kwel.com

KMND (AM 1510, sports)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show
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Giffords moves arms, survival odds at '101 percent'

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — One of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' doctors declared Tuesday she has "a 101 percent chance of surviving," as she made more progress, moving both arms and breathing on her own for the first time — just three days after a bullet shot through her brain. Doctors emphasize she is in for a long recovery, and her neurosurgeon repeated his cautionary phrase of "she's holding her own."

But there was no denying what was clearly good news.

Giffords, a three-time Democrat, remains in critical condition at Tucson's University Medical Center where she was operated on Saturday after being shot during a meeting with constituents outside a Safeway supermarket. The attack killed six and injured 14 others. Six remained hospitalized.

Doctors previously reported Giffords raised two fingers of her left hand and gave a thumbs-up when responding to verbal commands. Now they say she is moving her arms.

Although her condition has remained virtually unchanged the past few days, doctors were hopeful.

"She has a 101 percent chance of surviving," said trauma chief Dr. Peter Rhee said. "She will not die. She does not have that permission from me."

And while she can breathe on her own, Giffords still has a breathing tube in place as a precaution, said her neurosurgeon Dr. Michael Lemole.

In their briefing Tuesday, doctors also reversed themselves in describing the path of the bullet. They now believe she was shot on the left side of the forehead, with the bullet exiting the back.

They previously thought she had been shot in the back of the head. They came to the new conclusion after reviewing X-rays and brain scans and consulting with two outside physicians with experience treating combat victims who were brought in on Monday.

Giffords is lucky the bullet did not cross into both sides, or hemispheres, of the brain, which can leave lasting damage, her doctors have said.

As doctors continued to monitor Giffords' recovery, details emerged about the care she received when she was rushed by ambulance to the hospital.

Trauma surgeon Dr. Randall Friese was the first to treat Giffords.

"I immediately went over to her bedside and began to coordinate her care," he said.

That meant going through a checklist much like what a pilot would do before taking off. Doctors checked to make sure there weren't any other bullet wounds, put in a breathing tube and assessed her mental state.

Despite not knowing if Giffords could hear him, Friese said he took her hand and told her that she was in the hospital and that doctors would take care of her.

"Then I said, 'Squeeze my hand, Mrs. Giffords.' And she did," recalled Friese.

He asked her several more times to press his hand and she responded.

Parents of shooting suspect apologize

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — In his own way, Jared Loughner did try to fit in.

Before everything fell apart, the 22-year-old went through the motions as many young men do nowadays: Living at home with his parents, working low-wage jobs at big brand stores and volunteering time doing things he liked.

None of it worked.

His relationship with his parents was strained. He clashed with co-workers and police. And he couldn't follow the rules at an animal shelter where he spent some time.

Now, he could be facing death. He is accused of trying to assassinate Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, killing six people and injuring 13 others in a weekend shooting rampage in Tucson.

And for all of it, his parents, silent and holed up in their home, apologized Tuesday.

"There are no words that can possibly express how we feel," they wrote in a statement handed to reporters waiting outside their house. "We wish that there were, so we could make you feel better. We don't understand why this happened.

"We care very deeply about the victims and their families. We are so very sorry for their loss."

The apparent target of the shooting spree, Giffords, 40, was able to breathe on her own Tuesday at an intensive care unit here, another hopeful sign of her progress, doctors said.

Meanwhile, the southern Arizona city shattered by the rampage prepared for an evening memorial service and a visit from President Barack Obama on Wednesday.

The details of Loughner's life emerged in interviews with people who knew his family and co-workers. Some said his relationship with his parents was strained.

One close high school friend who requested anonymity to avoid the publicity surrounding the case said he would wait outside 10 minutes for Jared to leave the house when they were going out.

When Jared would get into the car, he'd say that it took so long because his parents were hassling him.

The parents of another close friend recalled how Loughner's parents showed up at their doorstep in 2008 looking for their son, who had left home about a week before and broken off contact.

Tucson suspect's troubles didn't keep him from gun

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jared Loughner had trouble with the law, was rejected by the Army after flunking a drug test and was considered so mentally unstable that he was banned from his college campus, where officials considered him a threat to other students and faculty.

But the 22-year-old had no trouble buying the Glock semiautomatic pistol that authorities say he used in the Tucson rampage Saturday that left six dead and 14 injured, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Loughner's personal history did not disqualify him under federal rules, and Arizona doesn't regulate gun sales. His criminal charges were ultimately dismissed, the Army information was private and Pima Community College isn't saying whether it shared its concerns about Loughner with anyone besides his parents.

Loughner cleared a federal background check and bought the pistol at a big-box sports store near his home on Nov. 30 — two months after he was suspended by the college. He customized the weapon with an extended ammunition clip that would have been illegal six years earlier.

There is nothing to indicate that anything went wrong in the process leading up to that purchase — except the ultimate outcome. But the question hangs: Was there any single piece of behavior — or a combination of two or more — that might have prevented Loughner from obtaining the gun that police say he used during his rampage?

Background checks are designed in part to weed out prospective gun buyers who have felony criminal records, have a history of domestic violence or are in the country illegally. None of that applied to Loughner.

There were warning signs, but nothing in his past that should have disqualified him under the laws and regulations as they are written today.

Gun-control advocates say the shooting shows that Arizona, home of some of the nation's most permissive gun laws, must review its laws to make sure firearms are not falling into the wrong hands. Gun-rights proponents disagree and say more regulation would not have stopped the tragedy.

Arizona eased gun restrictions last year when it passed a law allowing residents 21 and older to conceal and carry a weapon without a permit, which allowed Loughner to furtively — and legally — carry his pistol to the mall where he is accused of opening fire.

No permits or licenses are required at the state level. Legal gun owners can bring concealed weapons into Arizona bars and restaurants, and state legislators are considering allowing students and teachers to have weapons in schools.

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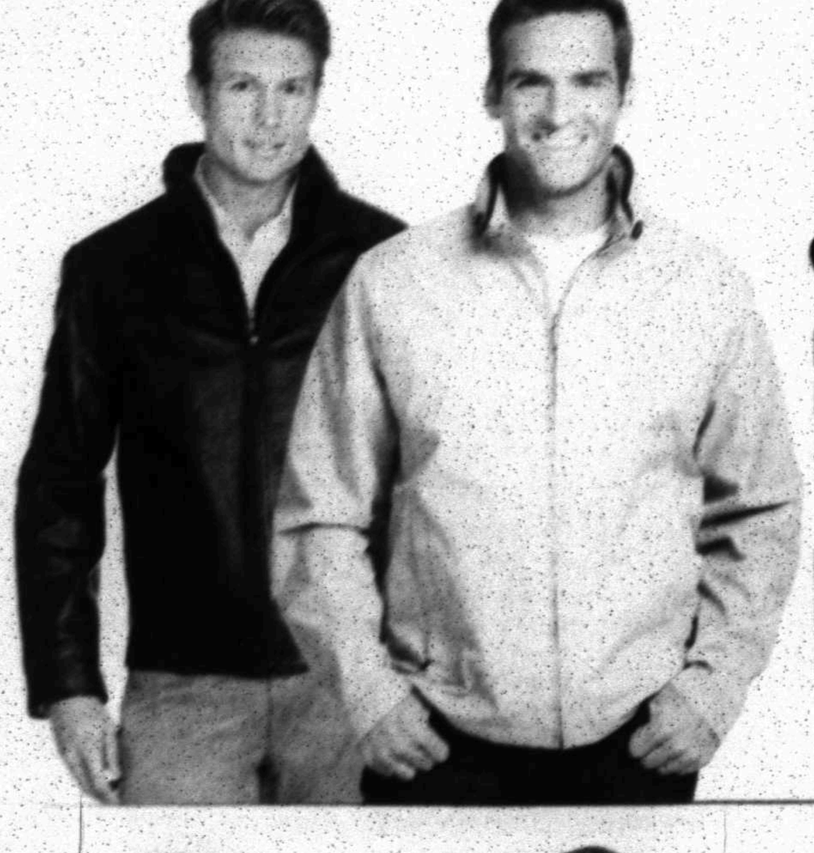

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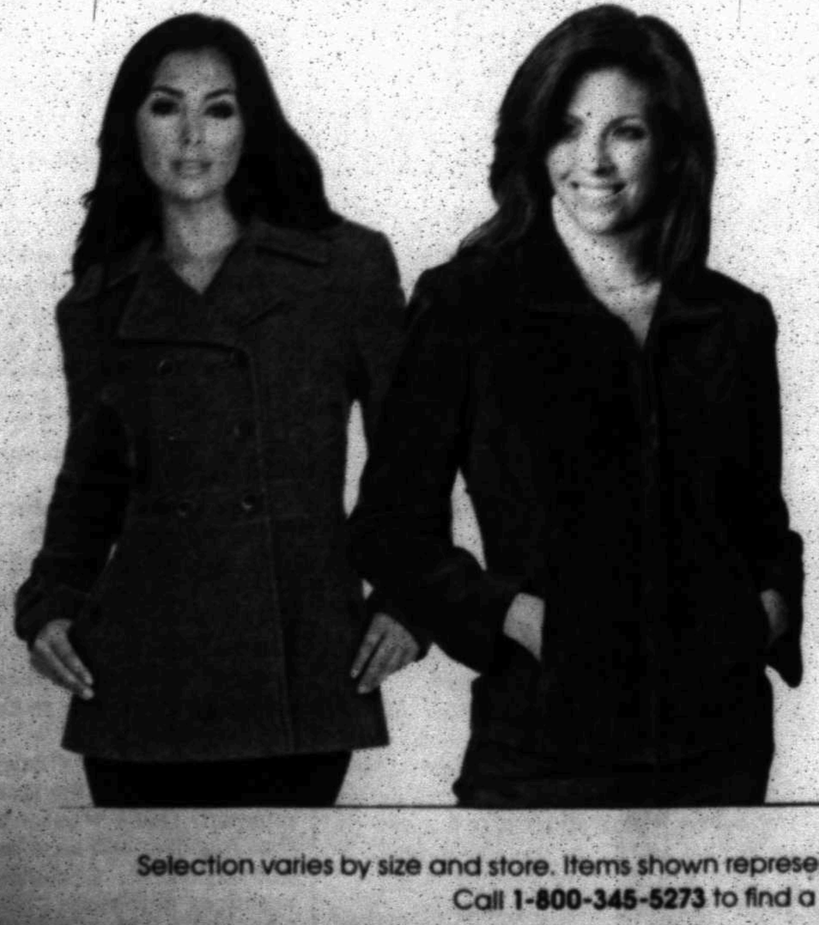

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16-year-old boy, police then discovered Lyon on a nearby roof trying to evade arrest, the report states.

Police said they found $436 on Lyon, which coincided with the approximate amount reported stolen by the homeowner. The victim said the money was contained in a five-gallon container, which police later discovered in a nearby trash bin adjacent to the home, the report read. Police also were able to match a shoe print on the back door of the residence that was kicked in and matched it to Lyon, according to the arrest affidavit.

Detectives then sought the permission of Lyon's mother to search her son's room, which is where they recovered several stolen items from previous burglaries, the report read. Police tracked down the complainants and matched serial numbers to electronic devices in Lyon's possession, according to the burglary of a habitation warrant.

Police cited previous arrests, including an arrest for three stolen firearms, the evidence obtained from the latest burglary and the subsequent discovery of other stolen goods as probable cause to issue the warrant.

If convicted, he could serve up to 20 years for each second-degree felony and up to 10 years for the third-degree felony. Police also have learned Lyon is a fugitive from justice from Maricopa County, Ariz., an area famous for its tough-on-crime sheriff, Joe Arpaio, who has garnered national attention for making male inmates wear pink undergarments.

The end result in Midland — victims were reunited with their stolen property — only happened because the victims kept track of their electronics' serial numbers, Sgt. Mark Garza, with Midland police's Property Crimes Unit, said he encourages people to be more mindful of serial numbers, receipts and paperwork in case of theft.

Fighting recidivism

While it is not clear in this case if the burglaries were to support a narcotics or alcohol addiction, Garza and Clingman both said the vast majority of the time an addiction is at the heart of crimes such as these.

Clingman said to fight recidivism — or repeat criminal offenders — courts can order in- or outpatient treatment, random drug and alcohol testing, an alcohol monitoring bracelet to be worn and drug treatment therapy.

She said some people are in denial over their habits but others hit "rock bottom" and begin to work on their lives to clean themselves up. Sadly, some simply prefer living at "rock bottom," she said.

She also said like most cities, Midland does have a problem with recidivism but because of the hard work and partnership with the various legal and law enforcement agencies, it isn't a severe problem.

Clingman said her department must weigh the financial burden to taxpayers against the city's stated goal of keeping Midland safe. Speaking of Lyon's previous theft charges, she said they were lower level misdemeanors and asked how long should he be kept in jail before a trial. It costs taxpayers about $64 a day to house inmates in the county jail.

"Most of the time we get it right; sometimes we don't," Clingman said.

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LOTTERY RESULTS

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Pick 3 Day:
9-6-4
Pick 3 Night:
5-7-1
Daily 4 Day:
5-9-7-7
Daily 4 Night:
7-9-8-0
Mega Millions
1-4-11-16-45
MB: 37 Megaplier: 4

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proposed by Dufford.

Like Tuesday's vote, approval of the outstanding two buildings will be granted if a majority of the council agrees.

Neighbors were mixed on their reaction to the decision. Several, citing a lawsuit that may be filed, didn't want to comment on the issue. Others said they were glad the certificate of occupancy was held and still others said they still have little faith the solutions offered will be added as proposed.

"We don't know whether we can believe anything that they say because they've said so many things in the past that haven't been done," said Rhonda Trammell, who lives directly next to the building in the northeast corner of the complex. "They're putting lipstick on a pig, in fact a bunch of pigs."

Before a vote was taken, John Guest, principal at Dallas-based BGO Architects, made a presentation detailing the solutions they've proposed. Holding up a window covered in an opaque film, Guest attempted to prove to council members it would block third-floor residents in the northernmost buildings from looking at their neighbors.

He also displayed a mock-up of wooden shutters that would cover third-story balconies on the two northern buildings as well as showing slides of carports that will be constructed to block the line-of-sight issues. The roofs of the carports block all but the tops of the homes behind the complex, according to his plans.

"I'm here to bring what we think is a solution that makes us a good neighbor, they're going to disagree," Guest said.

Four trees also would be added with one sitting in front of each of the stairwells of the two buildings in question.

Aside from the proposals, James and Trost wanted to know how the developer was able to shift his plans so far from what they'd approved earlier.

Guest said he didn't think the changes that were made were drastic enough to require they re-approach the council.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

DOWN TO VOTE City Council members approve the changes for the Blue Ridge Apartments 4-3 Tuesday evening with a condition they have final approval before occupancy on two units after they see the proposed line-of-site additions.

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"I don't think anyone missed it," Guest said. "It's not something that we hid."

In hindsight, Guest said someone on their staff probably should have suggested the council be informed instead of just the city's staff. City staff signed off on the plans without realizing they differed from what was approved.

City Manager Courtney Sharp said changes have been implemented to ensure such an oversight doesn't occur again.

Lokey agreed with Guest and added that even if the council's plans had been followed, line-of-sight issues still would've occurred. Of the two buildings that will have to be assessed before occupancy is permitted, Lokey said one was built as originally planned.

"I don't think any of this is what we would consider a severe change," Lokey said.

Several saw it differently.

"Perhaps that's where we'll have to agree to disagree," James said. "I think it's a dramatic change."

Straying from his typical reserved demeanor, Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1 where the complex is being constructed, reminded James that he was the one who made the 2008 motion to approve the complex despite line-of-sight problems.

"What we are trying to do is come up with a solution that everyone can live with. Is it going to be a perfect solution everyone can live with? No. But we are trying," Sparks said, adding no other solutions were offered from those who disagreed.

Hal Brockett, attorney for 23 residents who are considering filing a lawsuit requesting compensation for lost property value, said they're not "at peace" with the solutions Lokey proposed.

"Very simply what we're saying is do what you said you're going to do or if not come make peace with us," Brockett said. "Come in and settle with us."

Jason Hamm, with the law firm, said they'll consider the decision that was made along with their clients before determining whether to move ahead with a suit.

Disagreeing with some council members, Dufford said the decision they made Tuesday sends a strong message to developers.

"The message now is if you move something five feet this council wants to look at it," Dufford said. "The message is not sent that you can run over the council and ask for forgiveness later."

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Council takes hard look at development issues

Mayor: New philosophy in city development under way

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Whether it be for a storage unit, sports bar or request for housing construction, City Council members are being extra careful when considering development issues.

Giving preliminary approval for several requests and a denial to one application just hours before they would determine the fate of Blue Ridge Apartments, council members said Tuesday morning they want to make it clear developers need to ask permission first instead of seeking forgiveness later.

"We're changing philosophy," Mayor Wes Perry said.

Among the projects given an initial nod were requests for a sports bar off Loop 250, a new Comet Cleaners on Wadley Avenue and Marnies Circle, a doctor's office on Andrews Highway and the expansion of a pre-existing storage facility at Thomason Drive and Wall Street. Each issue will come before the council again for a second reading before being permitted to continue through the development process.

Midland resident Troy Welch was denied in a 5-2 vote for his application to construct two storage units on his property in north Midland.

Welch's contractor had started construction of the two facilities on Briarwood Avenue and Coyote Trail when city inspectors noticed the activity and issued a stop-work order because permits had not been secured. Two identical storage units already exist on the lot but were built before the area was annexed. The storage facilities have several units that are open for rental. Welch's home was constructed just behind the facilities.

"I hear this again, and it kind of bothers me," said Michael Trost, councilman for District 4. "I feel again that the council is being called into question, whether (they) can just go ahead and start building and then get the council approval."

Welch said he assumed the contractor had taken care of everything before concrete slabs were poured. He offered to build a fence behind the storage facilities and add wainscoting to all four buildings to improve their appearance.

Neighbors, though, said even with those additions, the commercial development would be a detriment.

"It would affect our property values," said George Hartzoge. "It's just a bad thing for the neighborhood."

Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1, said with two buildings already in existence, he didn't think two more would make a great difference for property values. He and Scott Dufford, councilman at large, were the only two to vote in favor of the proposal.

In the Colonnade Shopping Center at Loop 250 and Garfield Street, a pub being called Fibber Magees was approved unanimously despite opposition from one neighbor.

"I don't like the idea of people in my alley at 2 a.m., especially if they've had too much to drink," said Kaye Sexton, who lives on Castleford Road.

Sexton said much of the neighborhood consists of retirees and she opposes the added noise and commotion young men served by such a bar would bring to the area. "Too much testosterone and too much alcohol is not a good mix," she said.

Attorney Robert Rendall, speaking on behalf of the developers, said the owners operate 21 other sites in Texas and are working to establish a new type of facility in Midland that reaches young professionals. Planned for the empty space next to Jason's Deli, the sports bar would allow entrance only from the south side in an effort to keep noise away from the neighborhood and would be a "very modest, upscale facility," he said.

City staff pointed out the request comes in a shopping center that already has several facilities that serve alcohol.

Dr. P.J. Patel also moved closer to opening an office for himself and two other physicians at Andrews Highway and Upland Street.

The request for construction came before the council because the building designed for the lot was shifted about 15 degrees from the site plan the council approved for a different medical facility in 2003.

Perry said the catch that occurred before any building started was a great example of how the improved system works.

Perry said with the increased economic activity in Midland, development issues will continue to be prevalent and they want to ensure the rules are clear to potential builders.

"Developers just want to know what the deal is. If we can just be clear and concise," he said.

In other business, council members:

- unanimously approved an economic development project that intends to spur growth on the Highway 191 corridor between Midland and Farm-to-Market Road 1788. The Midland Development Corp. will pay up to $6 million to have water lines installed along the north side of Highway 191, while the city will spend up to $6 million installing sewer lines in the same place. With those amenities, development staff said businesses that range from hotels to restaurants would be able to consider building in that area.
- agreed to appropriate unclaimed or abandoned funds totaling $85,895 to the Midland Police Department for the purchase of equipment and technology.
- approved at a cost of $138,501.72 the purchase of 28 in-car video cameras for the Midland Police Department. Cameras typically wear out and are replaced in the MPD vehicles.
- approved a resolution for an agreement between the city and the I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Center that will last 40 years.

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Judge orders Michael Jackson doctor to stand trial

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Conrad Murray, the physician who was demonized by Michael Jackson's family and fans, was ordered Tuesday to stand trial for involuntary manslaughter after court testimony showed he administered a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives then left the pop star alone.

The ruling set the stage for what could be the final chapter in the Jackson saga — a high-profile trial that will examine all aspects of the star's death and try to finally place responsibility for his demise at the age of 50.

Witnesses at the six-day preliminary hearing filled a number of gaps in the story of Jackson's final hours, with accounts of his actions and the sad plight of two of his children watching briefly as their father lay dying.

Other witnesses recounted Murray's claim that he delayed calling 911 for perhaps more than an hour while he tried to revive the singer. A security guard indicated that Murray seemed to be rushing to hide evidence before paramedics arrived.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor said the hearing included sufficient evidence to support a possible finding of guilt at trial. Murray's defense attorney Ed Chernoff and prosecutors declined comment on the ruling.

Jackson's famous family members were in court and welcomed the development.

"I'm happy so far," LaToya Jackson said while walking to her car. Randy Jackson thanked prosecutors while flashing a peace sign outside the courtroom.

Murray, 57, has pleaded not guilty, and his attorneys have said he did not give Jackson anything that should have killed him. Murray could face up to four years in prison if convicted.

Compounding Murray's losses in court, the judge also granted a request by the California Medical Board to suspend his license to practice medicine in California. Murray currently has offices in Nevada and Texas, but the judge ordered him to notify authorities in those states of his suspension.

Chernoff pleaded with the judge not to take the action saying, "If you do that, he's dead in the water. He has no practice anymore, his patients have no doctor."

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exemption.

The decision now lies in the hands of Superintendent Ryder Warren, who said he doesn't think exempting students would have an adverse affect on their college futures. No timeline has been set for when Warren would decide, but he did express support for the exemptions during the meeting.

"Our kids truly understand the world of testing," he said. "It would not impact college readiness (for students)."

Board members appeared to agree, saying more than anything it would be motivation for students.

Exemptions from finals would only be for the spring semester. That's because a state mandate will require all students take final exams beginning next year.

In other news, the district's 2009-10 audited financial statements were approved.

Auditors granted the district an unqualified opinion, meaning all statements were found to be accurate per generally accepted accounting standards in the United States, MISD Executive Director of Business Services David Garcia said.

During audit discussions, Garcia spoke about increased property values in Midland.

The higher property values are in a community, the less money a district receives from the Texas Education Agency annually, Garcia said.

In the past five years, Midland has seen a net increase of $5 billion, he said. The 2004-05 fiscal year was the last time the district was able to access property value growth.

"Our local taxpayers are picking up a greater share of the operations of the school district every year the property values increase," Garcia said. "The state share decreases."

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NATION BRIEFS

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ALASKA

Alyeska asks to temporarily restart oil pipeline

ANCHORAGE — The operator of the trans-Alaska pipeline is asking permission to temporarily restart the flow of oil because of concerns about ice and wax building in the line while it's shut down due to a leak.

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.'s Katie Pesznecker said there is a device known as a cleaning pig in the pipeline.

She said the concern is that during a permanent restart when the oil begins moving again, the cleaning pig will push ice and wax into machinery and damage equipment.

The plan is to temporarily restart the pipeline to move the pig to an area where it could be sidelined and captured. Pesznecker said a temporary restart would also warm up the oil in the pipe.

The 800-mile pipeline has been shut down since Saturday.

ATLANTA

Farm lobbying group cautions states on immigration

States that crack down on illegal immigrants also should help farmers who need seasonal labor, the nation's largest farm lobbying group said Tuesday.

And if Congress doesn't overhaul immigration, farmers will assist the federal government in helping states create programs that give growers access to enough legal labor, under a policy approved at the annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The policy retains the Farm Bureau's long-held view that immigration policy should be set by the federal government.

"So far, all of these state programs have been on enforcement only," said David Winkles, president of the South Carolina Farm Bureau, whose members proposed the policy. "They don't address the fact that we don't have an adequate labor supply in agriculture."

SAN FRANCISCO

Court hears challenge to $65M Facebook settlement

Former Harvard University classmates of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg want to throw out a $65 million settlement of their lawsuit that alleged the social network was their idea.

Lawyers for twins Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss argued their case before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday. They claim they were duped into agreeing to the 2008 settlement after Facebook lawyers and executives misrepresented the value of the company.

But the three-judge appeals panel appeared reluctant to reopen the case. According to the San Jose Mercury News, the judges noted that the Winklevosses were well-educated and had good legal advisers at the time, so they should have known what they were getting into.

Census: Long-distance moves in US hit record low

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans are shunning long-distance moves at record levels as many young adults, struggling without jobs, opt to stay put rather than relocate to other parts of the U.S.

The new information from the Census Bureau highlights the extreme pressure that the sluggish economy is putting on people in this country, especially those in some of the hardest hit groups.

"It is truly a Great Depression for young adults," said Andrew Sum, an economics professor and the director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston. "Young adults are working at lower rates than they ever worked before since World War II. As a result, you would expect migration to fall because they have nowhere to go to."

The share of longer-distance moves across states fell to roughly 4.3 million people, or 1.4 percent, down from 1.6 percent in 2009. It was the lowest level since the government began tracking movers in 1948.

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> *Economics professor*

Among adults ages 25-29, about 3.2 percent moved to a new state last year, down from 3.7 percent. Moving rates for college graduates, who historically are more likely to relocate out of state, remained flat at a low of 2.1 percent. Moves by those lacking a college degree dipped slightly.

The young adults staying put for now include Rodrigo Canido, 28, a graduate business student at American University in Washington, D.C. He recently earned a law degree at the school but opted to stay on a little longer to pursue a MBA after many of his classmates complained of difficulty finding jobs.

Originally from San Francisco, Canido says he hopes to return to California and is optimistic he can find something at least part-time until he can get a "dream job" as a lawyer. "It's a lot of debt, but it's been difficult for everyone in this job market. In the long run, I think having a business and law degree will be beneficial," he said.

William H. Frey, a demographer at Brookings Institution who analyzed the data, noted that cities seeing relative gains were the handful that offered the promise of specialized tech jobs and hip lifestyles to more educated, young professionals.

"It is clear the weak economy continues to keep young people, especially college grads, locked down, unable to move to jobs, buy homes and start families," he said. "Many are hunkering down at home, or in so-called 'cool cities' until both the job and housing markets improve."

New York and Los Angeles were among larger cities seeing fewer losses as many younger people stayed put, according to 2007-2009 census data released Tuesday. Metro areas with diversified economies such as Austin, Texas; Raleigh, N.C.; and Portland, Ore., saw gains in college graduates relative to other cities.

Other metro areas seeing new gains or reduced migration losses among college graduates were San Francisco; San Diego; Boston-Cambridge, Mass.; and Washington, D.C.-Arlington, Va. All have burgeoning biotech industries and are home to several universities.

Large metropolitan areas in Sun Belt states continued to attract some young adults but at a slower pace. Compared to earlier in the decade, migration dropped in Phoenix; Las Vegas; Orlando, Fla.; and Riverside, Calif., as many people were locked in place due to a housing crunch and souring job market.

The findings, which are based on a pair of government surveys, are reflected in official 2010 census results released last month. Those results highlighted Texas as the big winner — picking up four new House seats as the state's strong economy helped attract new residents in the last decade.

Businesses hiring in 2011 face a buyers' market

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Companies planning to ramp up hiring this year will have an added luxury: their choice from a flood of applicants, without having to pay a premium for top talent.

Unemployment remains near double digits, and there are nearly five unemployed workers competing for each available job. That is giving employers more confidence, while at the same time enabling them to keep wages low.

The lack of opportunities over the past three years means it's risky for jobseekers to be choosy, particularly for those who have been out of work for more than six months. All that makes for a buyers' market, leaving hiring managers with little incentive to negotiate.

"They don't have to pay higher wages to get who they want," said Shierholz, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute.

Employers advertised 3.25 million jobs in November, the Labor Department said Tuesday. That's 39 percent higher than the number of jobs advertised in July 2009, a month after the recession ended. But it's still far below the 4.4 million openings posted in December 2007, when the downturn began.

Perhaps more important is the number of people competing for those jobs. With 15 million unemployed in November, the ratio was 4.6 unemployed workers for every open job. The ratio reached 6.3 in November 2009, the highest since the department began tracking job openings in December 2000. Still, in a healthy economy, it would fall to between 1.5 and 2, economists say.

Those figures don't factor in under-employed workers or people with jobs who may test the hiring waters.

While openings are up 39 percent from the low point during the recession, monthly hiring has risen only 4 percent to 4.2 million in the same period.

"It is disappointing that 17 months into the recovery, the hires rate still remained at depressed levels," said Henry Mo, an economist at Credit Suisse.

Economists don't agree on the reasons for the gap. Some say the unemployed lack the right skills for the available jobs. Others cite the housing slump, which makes it harder for those out of work to sell their homes and relocate to take a job.

Shierholz said the sheer number of applications from the vast pool of unemployed, and a more demanding attitude from employers could partly explain the delays.

Companies "think they should be able to get perfect, super-qualified workers for very cheap," she said.

Wages and salaries rose only 1.5 percent in the 12 months ending last September, according to the latest government figures. That's barely ahead of the 1.1 percent rise in inflation over the same period.

The good news for jobseekers is that economists expect a lot more openings in the months ahead. Some are projecting more than double the 1.1 million jobs added in 2010.

Ford Motor Co. said Monday that it will add more than 7,000 workers in the next two years. Discount-store operator Dollar General Corp. said last week that it will open 625 stores and hire more than 6,000 workers in 2011.

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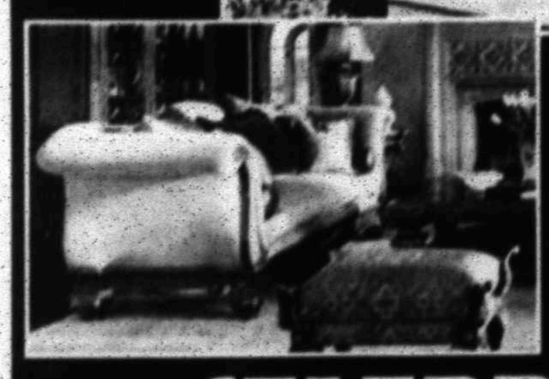

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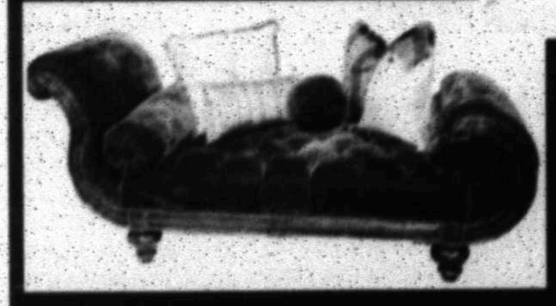

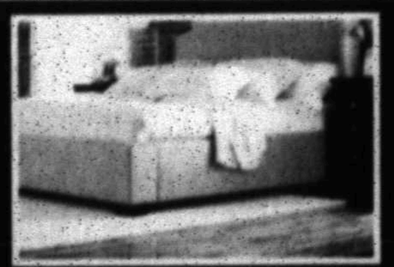

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Moratorium on socialism needed after Arizona shootings

■ Some would lead us to believe there is always someone to blame other than those really responsible.

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It would be merciful if, when tragedies such as Tucson's occur, there were a moratorium on sociology. But respites from half-baked explanations, often serving political opportunism, are impossible because of a timeless human craving and a characteristic of many modern minds.

The craving is for banishing randomness and the inexplicable from human experience. Time was, the gods were useful. What is thunder? The gods are angry. Polytheism was explanatory. People postulated causations.

And still do. Hence: The Tucson shooter was (pick your verb) provoked, triggered, unhinged by today's (pick your noun) rhetoric, vitriol, extremism, "climate of hate."

Demystification of the world opened the way for real science, including the social sciences. And for a modern characteristic. And for charlatans.

A characteristic of many contemporary minds is susceptibility to the superstition that all behavior can be traced to some diagnosable frame of mind that is a product of promptings from the social environment. From which flows a political doctrine: Given clever social engineering, society and people can be perfected. This supposedly is the path to progress. It actually is the crux of progressivism. And it is why there is a reflex to blame conservatives first.

Instead, imagine a continuum from the rampages at Columbine and Virginia Tech — the results of individuals' insanities — to the assassinations of Lincoln and the Kennedy brothers, which were clearly connected to the politics of John Wilkes Booth, Lee Harvey Oswald and Sirhan Sirhan, respectively. The two other presidential assassinations also had political colorations.

On July 2, 1881, after four months in office, President James Garfield, who had survived the Civil War battles of Shiloh and Chickamauga, needed a vacation. He was vexed by warring Republican factions — the Stalwarts, who waved the bloody shirt of Civil War memories, and the Half-Breeds, who stressed the emerging issues of industrialization. Walking to Washington's train station, Garfield by chance encountered a disappointed job-seeker. Charles Guiteau drew a pistol, fired two shots and shouted "I am a Stalwart and Arthur will be president!" On Sept. 19, Garfield died, making Vice President Chester Arthur president. Guiteau was executed, not explained.

On Sept. 6, 1901, President William McKinley, who had survived the battle of Antietam, was shaking hands at a Buffalo exposition when Leon Czolgosz approached, a handkerchief wrapped around his right hand, concealing a gun. Czolgosz, an anarchist, fired two shots. Czolgosz ("I killed the president because he was the enemy of the good people — the good working people. I am not sorry for my crime.") was executed, not explained.

Now we have explainers. They came into vogue with the murder of President Kennedy. They explained why the "real" culprit was not a self-described Marxist who had moved to Moscow, then returned to support Castro. No, the culprit was a "climate of hate" in conservative Dallas, the "paranoid style" of American (conservative) politics, or some other national sickness resulting from insufficient liberalism.

Last year, New York Times columnist Charles Blow explained that "the optics must be irritating" to conservatives: Barack Obama is black, Nancy Pelosi is female, Rep. Barney Frank is gay, Rep. Anthony Weiner (an unimportant Democrat, listed to serve Blow's purposes) is Jewish. "It's enough," Blow said, "to make a good old boy go crazy." The Times, which after the Tucson shooting said "many on the right" are guilty of "demonizing" people and of exploiting "arguments of division," apparently was comfortable with Blow's insinuation that conservatives are misogynistic, homophobic, racist anti-Semites.

On Sunday, the Times explained Tucson: "It is facile and mistaken to attribute this particular madman's act directly to Republicans or Tea Party members. But ..." The "directly" is priceless.

Three days before Tucson, Howard Dean explained that the tea party movement is "the last gasp of the generation that has trouble with diversity." Rising to the challenge of lowering his reputation and the tone of public discourse, Dean smeared tea partiers as racists: They oppose Obama's agenda, Obama is African-American, ergo ...

Let us hope that Dean is the last gasp of the generation of liberals whose default position in any argument is to indict opponents as racists. This McCarthyism of the left — devoid of intellectual content, unsupported by data — is a mental tic, not an idea but a tactic for avoiding engagement with ideas. It expresses limitless contempt for the American people, who have reciprocated by reducing liberalism to its current characteristics of electoral weakness and bad sociology.

OUR VIEW

Time has come for legislators to meet state's challenges

The 82nd session of the Texas Legislature convened Tuesday, and it could prove to be one of the most meaningful sessions in state history. There is no question state lawmakers have their work cut out. Texas faces many challenges, and the state's voters made sweeping changes Nov. 2 in an effort to see we meet those challenges head on.

This session is so critical because the state faces a revenue shortfall of at least $15 billion for general-revenue spending for the next two-year budget, according to the Associated Press. Some analysts, according to the AP, said the true shortfall could be much higher — closer to $27 billion.

That means lawmakers must face this issue with the idea of leaving the state debt-free and back on a more conservative spending pattern. That should mean just about everything should be on the table in this session, and we are hoping this will be one of the most inventive sessions on record. Imagination is needed to meet our challenges with the least pain possible to the state's taxpayers.

We do think Gov. Rick Perry correctly started the ball rolling with a mandated budget cut of at least 5 percent in every state department and agency. If the revenue shortfall is as severe as is being predicted, more severe cuts will have to be made.

We will be watching especially close as to how the legislators will deal with the areas of education and transportation. We agree cuts must be made, but in the matter of education, we think local school districts are the best judges of where those cuts should come.

We want to maintain control of our own schools and do not want Austin deciding what is best for the children of the Permian Basin. We want to determine how many students should be in a classroom. The idea of raising classroom numbers so we can hire fewer teachers is a major step backward.

The state must rein in spending on every front, and we may have to do without a few local perks along the way. We can live without the big budget items for a while.

Also, we are concerned with the recent spending in Washington. There is no question Congress has been generous in stimulus packages for all states, including Texas, but we fear we are becoming over-reliant on money from Washington. In fact, Washington has us in a bad position. In order to get stimulus money, you have to agree on how to use it. That often translates into unfunded mandates down the road that eventually will become a burden to the taxpayers of Texas.

Yes, this is an important legislative session, but we believe Texas can meet this challenge with proper leadership and come out on the other end in a better position than most other states in the nation.

Easy to see liberals' abuse of Tucson

■ The rhetoric to place blame on Sarah Palin or the tea party is misplaced and misses on the civility people expect.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Almost instantaneously the horrific shooting in Tucson, Ariz., became the occasion for partisan hatred.

It's one thing to charge your opponents with increasing the debt or serving the interests of the rich; it's quite another to say they are accomplices to mass murder. In the ostensible (and always worthy) cause of civility, prominent liberals rushed to blame conservatives, and especially Sarah Palin, for the mayhem in Tucson.

Palin's offense was posting a map on Facebook with a bull's-eye marking the districts of 20 Democrats she wished to see defeated. On the list was Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the target of Tucson shooter Jared Loughner. To connect Palin's map to Loughner's criminal act requires a massive leap that her detractors executed with ease, since they feel they have warrant to say anything about her without regard to evidence, logic or — ahem — civility.

Palin's martial imagery wasn't just innocuous, it was a tattered cliche. American politics runs on metaphors drawn from war, and has at least since the 19th century. What journalist didn't write about "targeted" districts or candidates in the last midterm election? Why do we say "campaign" and "rank and file," or refer to "battles" and "war rooms"? None of this has ever before been taken as an incitement to violence. Then again, never before was it a club with which to bludgeon the hated Sarah Palin, while nattering on about how our politics should be less venomous.

All indications are that Loughner is a pitiable, sick young man whose rampage defies reason. He is anti-government the way schizophrenics who believe the government is controlling their minds are anti-government — think the John Nash of "A Beautiful Mind," not the Milton Friedman of "Free to Choose." You could rummage through the detritus of his diseased mind and, with enough ingenuity and malice, use it to discredit any number of causes.

Was postmodernism responsible for his obsession with how the rules of language determine thought? Is monetarism to blame for his mad obsession with currency? Should secularists begin soul-searching, given his militant atheism? All of these connections have as much plausibility as the notion that he took deadly marching orders from a Sarah Palin Facebook posting (which there's no evidence he ever saw).

Loughner may have been obsessed with Rep. Giffords as much as three years ago, before anyone had heard of Sarah Palin, before the tea party, before the rise of our alleged "climate of hate" in response to President Barack Obama's election. Loughner attended an August 2007 town-hall meeting and left angered at her inability to answer a nonsensical question: "What is government if words have no meaning?"

Loughner's profile fits that of the Virginia Tech shooter — a disturbed individual whose strange behavior frightened his classmates and his friends. The chances are his case will be another in the sad annals of the untreated mentally ill doing harm to themselves and others. Except ghoulish political opportunists have latched on to this crime.

The political use of Tucson is the latest blast against a tea party that the left will never consider legitimate. First it was AstroTurf, then it was racist, now it is murderous. It's hard to see what could be next in this progression. Perhaps Palin really intended her targeted congressional districts to be wiped out in their entirety in an act of genocide? By calling conservative rhetoric "eliminationist," the left is already on the cusp of this escalation.

It is a time for deep breaths all around. The Tucson shooter shattered lives and, in targeting a public official, attacked our democracy. The stories of the victims are unbearably sad, and of the heroes unbelievably inspiring. In its horror — another mass shooting — and in its uplift — the pluck of the grievously wounded Giffords, the miracles of modern medicine, the kindness and courage of strangers — it's an event that should be larger than tawdry partisanship and unsupported finger-pointing.

Our new era of civility is off to a rocky start.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
weekdays

Americans shouldn't be willing to settle for second best

America — home of the free and land of the brave. America is a great country, but it does have its problems. We fought one war that should have been paid for by the Iraq oil, not the American taxpayers. The other one is an unwinnable war. Look at what these two wars cost this country in lives, money and debt to the Chinese.

We need to bring our service members back to this country, especially from Afghanistan, and start spending money on America's infrastructure. We need to take back this country from all our politicians. The way politicians act and vote, maybe we need them to start taking U.A tests. Too many past presidents have gotten companies to move to other countries and take with them American jobs where labor is cheap and there are almost nonexistent pollution laws.

It used to be Americans were proud of what they made. What's made in America anymore that's up to the standards it used to be made? All of us Americans let our politicians sell this great country down the river. In the future when we elect them, they need to understand Americans will not settle for their country becoming a second- or third-rate world economy or just a country that becomes a service-oriented nation.

Mark Buttery

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DOONESBURY

By Garry Trudeau

Haiti: A year after the quake, waiting to rebuild

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The man's body lay face down, his white dress shirt shining like wax in the sun, as he was unearthed in the ruins of a Port-au-Prince restaurant a year after the earthquake.

The bodies still being found in the rubble are a sign of how far Haiti must go to recover from a disaster that left the capital in ruins and is estimated to have killed more than 230,000 people.

In the days after the Jan. 12, 2010, disaster, volunteers and hundreds of aid groups flocked in with food, water and first aid that saved countless lives. But the effort to rebuild has been dwarfed by the extent of the need and a lack of leadership — both in Haiti and internationally.

President Rene Preval did not speak publicly for days after the quake, and many observers have criticized him for not spearheading a coherent reconstruction effort, or making the hard policy decisions needed to rebuild.

Still, advocacy groups also blame the Haitian government's weakness on an international community that is not keeping its pledge of support.

"The international community has not done enough to support good governance and effective leadership in Haiti," the aid group Oxfam said in a recent report. "Aid agencies continue to bypass local and national authorities in the delivery of assistance, while donors are not coordinating their actions or adequately consulting the Haitian people."

Street markets were soon up and running after the quake and Port-au-Prince's traffic is worse than ever. On Tuesday, Preval, his wife and other officials lay flowers at symbolic black crosses marking a mass grave outside the capital where hundreds of thousands of earthquake victims are buried.

But from the barren hillside, the destruction is clearly visible. The slogan "build back better," touted by former President Bill Clinton and others, remains an unfulfilled promise.

Less than 5 percent of the debris has been cleared, leaving enough to fill dump trucks parked bumper to bumper halfway around the world. In the broken building where the dead man was discovered last week, workers hired to clear rubble by hand found two other people's remains.

About a million people remain homeless and neighborhood-sized camps look like permanent shantytowns on the fields and plazas of the capital. A cholera epidemic that erupted outside the quake zone has killed more than 3,600 people, and an electoral crisis between Preval's ruling party and its rivals threatens to break an increasingly fragile political stability.

Ericq Pierre, Haiti's representative to the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, said "the problem is that at a certain point the international community gave the impression they could solve the problem quickly. ... I think there was an excess of optimism."

In a statement before today's anniversary, President Barack Obama praised humanitarian efforts to provide people with food, water and health care but noted that reconstruction has been too slow.

"Too much rubble continues to clog the streets, too many people are still living in tents, and for so many Haitians progress has not come fast enough," Obama said.

He said "Haiti can and must lead the way" but added: "The international community must now fulfill the pledges it has made to ensure a strong and sustained long-term effort."

Bailey: Paper proves Simpson's innocence

Associated Press

YARMOUTH, Maine — Evidence of O.J. Simpson's innocence was held back in the 1995 trial in which he was acquitted in the murder of his ex-wife and her friend in Los Angeles, one of his former lawyers says in a new document.

In the 20,000-word document, F. Lee Bailey tells of four people who could have bolstered Simpson's case but never testified. He also gives an overview of the sensational trial from his own perspective.

Simpson was found not guilty. Most Americans are convinced that he is guilty, Bailey said, but the document might persuade some doubters.

Bailey wrote the document, "The Simpson Verdict," in 2007 as a proposal for a book that never materialized. He published it on his website Sunday.

"It's time somebody put out the real facts of the case," he told the Associated Press.

In the document, Bailey said the defense team was prepared to call four people who never testified — a forensic scientist, an expert on battered women, a blood expert and the person whose possible testimony he says is the most important of the four: a man who might have seen the killers.

But the defense team decided not to call any of the four to the witness stand out of fear that additional jurors would be dismissed and a mistrial declared if the eight-month trial didn't soon end, Bailey wrote. Bailey said Monday he thinks the real killers were out to collect a drug debt and killed Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman after mistaking them for their targets.

The document might sway a sector of the public into believing in Simpson's innocence in the 1995 case, Bailey said.

Bill to abolish death penalty heads to Ill. governor

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois Senate voted Tuesday to abolish capital punishment, sending the historic issue to Gov. Pat Quinn and putting the state back at the center of an ongoing national debate.

In a state that has removed 20 wrongly condemned people from death row since 1987, the Senate voted 32-25 to end state-sponsored execution more than a decade after a former governor halted the punishment he said was "haunted by the demon of error."

"We have a historic opportunity today, an opportunity to part company with countries that are the worst civil rights violators and join the civilized world by ending this practice of putting to death innocent people," said Sen. Kwame Raoul, the Chicago Democrat who sponsored the measure.

National experts and advocates said repeal in Illinois — which has executed a dozen people in the last three decades and at one time had 170 condemned inmates — puts weight behind the national discussion.

"This is a state in which this was used and then stopped, it was debated for years, fixed — or reformed — and finally there was a resolution by just getting rid of it, so that's about as thorough a process as any state could do," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center. "That's significant."

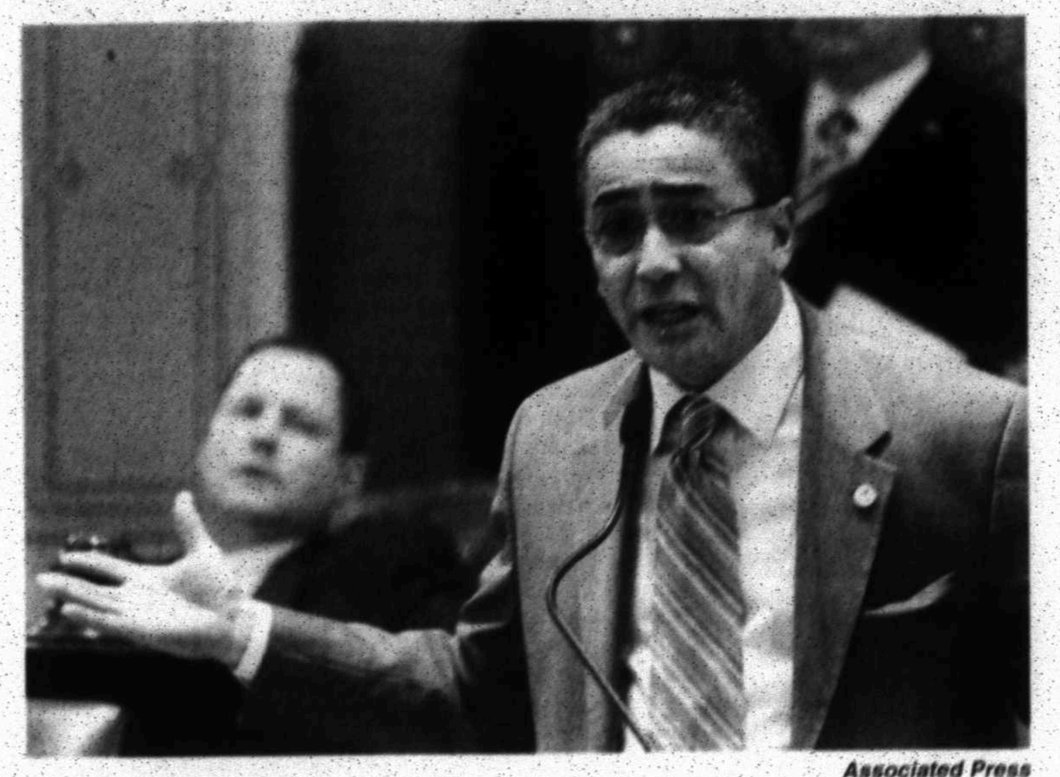
But Democrat Quinn, already wrapped up in a debate over a massive tax increase that could impact his political future, won't say what he will do with the legislation. He supports the death penalty but said he would not lift the moratorium on executions imposed in 2000 by then-Gov. George Ryan until he was sure the system worked.

Former law enforcement officials in the Senate argued prosecutors need the threat of death to get guilty pleas from suspects who opt for life in prison. They said allowing police and state's attorneys to continue seeking death will make them more willing to accept reforms in the ways crimes are investigated and prosecuted.

Others argued citizens still want the option of the death penalty for the worst of crimes.

"It's not a question of vengeance," said Sen. Bill Haine, D-Alton. "It's a question of the people being outraged at such terrible crimes, such bloodletting."

Illinois would join 15 states and the District of Columbia in ridding its books of capital punishment, including three — New Jersey, New Mexico, and New York — since 2007.



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CAPITOL DEBATE Illinois Sen. William Delgado, D-Chicago, argues death penalty legislation while on the Senate floor during session at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield, Ill., on Tuesday.

Students gather to mourn Omaha administrator

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Some students wiped away tears and many wore ribbons in their high school colors as they quietly filed from a fleet of yellow school buses to attend the funeral Tuesday of their assistant principal who was gunned down in her office by a teenager she had suspended earlier that day.

Nearly 2,000 mourners overflowed the sanctuary, balcony, prayer chapel and gymnasium at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in west Omaha to remember 58-year-old Vicki Kaspar. The administrator was fatally wounded last Wednesday by 17-year-old Robert Butler Jr., who later killed himself with the same handgun.

Hundreds of students from Millard South High School talked in low voices as they filed into bleachers and metal chairs set up in the church gymnasium from where watched the service via video link.

Many students and mourners in the main sanctuary wore red, white and blue ribbons, which have been selling for $1 to raise money for the families of Kaspar and Principal Curtis Case, who was injured in the attack.

The school district canceled classes at Millard South Tuesday to allow staffers and students to mourn. The 7 inches of snow on the ground prompted the closure of the rest of the district's schools Tuesday, allowing many others to attend via the school bus shuttle.

The Rev. Mike Swanton encouraged Kaspar's family to take comfort in the number of people sharing their pain.

"We don't have to suffer Vicki's death alone," Swanton said.

He said mourners should remember Kaspar's best qualities and try to emulate them.

"The reason Vicki's loss is so great is because she was such a wonderful person: a loving wife, mother and friend. Always caring about everyone else before herself," Swanton said.

Many mourners exchanged hugs with their neighbors near the end of the service after they were urged to share the sign of peace with one another.

After the priest adorned the casket with incense, the congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

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LONDON

Assange: WikiLeaks to speed release of leaked docs

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange vowed Tuesday to step up his site's release of secret documents while he fights extradition to Sweden, as his lawyers argued that sending him to Stockholm could land him in Guantanamo Bay or even on U.S. death row.

That claim, regarded by many legal experts as extremely unlikely, is part of a preliminary defense argument released by Assange's attorneys ahead of a court hearing next month.

The Australian computer expert is wanted in Sweden to answer sex-crimes allegations. American officials also are trying to build a criminal case against WikiLeaks, which has published a trove of leaked diplomatic cables and secret U.S. military files on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Assange's lawyers are seeking to link the two issues, claiming the Swedish prosecution is politically motivated — an allegation that Sweden strongly denies.

LONDON

UK lawmaker pleads guilty over expenses charges

A House of Commons legislator pleaded guilty Tuesday to dishonestly claiming about $22,000 in expense payments, an admission that could lead to his removal from Parliament and trigger a special election.

Eric Illsley told a court in London that he now accepted three charges of false accounting, which he had previously denied.

His bogus claims were exposed during a scandal over the expense claims of British lawmakers, in which it came to light that legislators had made inappropriate and unlawful use of public money.

Justice John Saunders said Illsley — who had already been suspended by the main opposition Labour Party and is now in parliament as an independent legislator — will be sentenced next month.

NIGERIA

Machete attacks in central Nigeria leave 19 dead

Men armed with rifles and machetes killed 19 people in attacks on three villages in volatile central Nigeria, authorities said Tuesday.

Three homes were attacked in the Christian village of Kuru Station about 18 miles (30 kilometers) from the central Nigerian city of Jos, a flashpoint of religious tension between Christians and Muslims, a community leader said.

"It was a very terrible scene, a very pathetic scene," Riyom local government chairman Simon Mwaekwom told the Associated Press on Tuesday.

IVORY COAST

4 dead as forces raid neighborhood

ABIDJAN — Security forces loyal to Ivory Coast's incumbent leader, who refuses to cede power, on Tuesday fired volleys of gunshots, leaving at least four people dead after they cordoned off a large section of a neighborhood known to be his rival's stronghold.

United Nations peacekeepers arriving in a convoy of 13 vehicles were forced by a mob to make a U-turn as they attempted to enter the area. Young men allied with incumbent Laurent Gbagbo amassed on the highway, wielding sticks and throwing large objects in their path.

PK 18, where the early morning raid occurred, is part of Abobo, an Abidjan district that supported Alassane Ouattara, who won the Nov. 28 election with a margin of over half a million votes, according to results verified by the United Nations.

Flooding continues in eastern Australia

Associated Press

BRISBANE, Australia — For weeks, the flooding in eastern Australia has been a slow-motion disaster, with drenching rain devastating wide swaths of farmland and small towns. Now, rivers are rising in Brisbane, the country's third-largest city, forcing people to flee both suburbs and skyscrapers.

Flooding that has unfolded since late November across the waterlogged state of Queensland turned suddenly violent Monday, with a cloudburst sending a raging torrent down the Lockyer Valley west of Brisbane. Hundreds had to be rescued by helicopter Tuesday.

Greg Kowald was driving through the center of the town of Toowoomba when the terrifying wall of water roared through the streets, carrying away cars and people.

"The water was literally leaping, six or 10 feet into the air, through creeks and over bridges and into parks," Kowald, 53, told the Associated Press on Tuesday. "There was nowhere to escape, even if there had been warnings. There was just a sea of water about a half-mile wide."

The flash flood killed 10 people and left more than 90 missing. Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said Wednesday. That raised to 20 the number of confirmed dead in all the previous weeks from high water.

Helicopters and other emergency vehicles were moving into the worst-hit towns in the valley on Wednesday, and Bligh warned that the death toll would likely rise.

Windows exploded, cars bobbed in the churning brown water and people desperately clung to power poles to survive in Toowoomba. Queensland Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson described it as "an inland instant tsunami."

"What we saw in Toowoomba was the water rise at lightning speed. Mother Nature has unleashed something shocking out of the Toowoomba region and we've seen it move very quickly down the range," Bligh said.

In Brisbane, 80 miles east of Toowoomba, Mayor Campbell Newman said almost 20,000 homes in low-lying areas of the city of about 2 million were expected to be swamped by Thursday, when the river system is expected to crest near the levels of a devastating 1974 flood.

"This is a truly dire set of circumstances," Prime Minister Julia Gillard told Australian Broadcasting Corp. television.

The Brisbane River broke its banks on Tuesday and was continuing its rise Wednesday — partly controlled by a huge dam upstream that has had its floodgates opened because it is brimming after weeks of rain across the state. Some streets and riverside parks were covered with water, though no major flooding was reported early today.

Associated Press

UNDER WATER In this photo provided by the Gympie Regional Council, a road sign is reflected in floodwaters at Gympie, Australia, on Tuesday. Military helicopters searched Tuesday for scores of people missing after a tsunami-like wall of water ripped through an Australian valley, tossing cars like toys in the deadliest episode of a weeklong flood crisis.

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MPD officers tell students the truth about bullying

By Tony Waggoner
Staff Writer

If you are a bully today, you don't have to be one tomorrow.

That was the message the Midland Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit tried to stress to fifth-graders Tuesday at Fannin Elementary.

Crime Prevention Unit officers Jimmy Young and Debbie Barnes offered students a glimpse into the truth and consequences of bullying in schools.

Bullying is a crime, Young and Barnes explained to students. And it is a crime that students could pay for heavily.

Send a hurtful message by cell phone text or e-mail, and the bully could be fined.

Push another student down, and the bully could be charged with assault and sent to Culver Youth Home School, a juvenile detention center in Midland, Young told the class.

Try to take another student's lunch money, and the bully could face a robbery charge.

Any unwanted physical contact could be considered a crime, Young said, explaining that jail is where many bullies end up. Fannin Elementary counselor Vicki Fletcher said the officers told students in another class that 90 percent of bullies land in jail when they are older.

The consequences can sometimes be graver.

Young and Barnes presented students a slide show of real life kids who were bullied. Each one of the students in the slide show committed suicide, as a result of being bullied.

In incidences such as this, the bully or bullies could be charged with murder, Young and Barnes explained.

"If you get bullied, tell somebody," Young said. "All these kids (in the slide show) were afraid to tell somebody."

The officers stressed the need to report bullying incidences, even if the student doing the reporting isn't the one who was bullied.

The message took some students by surprise.

Student Cole Haskell said he wasn't aware bullies could serve jail time for an offense.

Another student, William Powell, expressed fear that a fellow student could someday be part of the slide show the officers presented, as a result of being bullied.

"Bullying is really serious," Powell said.

The seriousness of bullying is a message Midland police are sending to students across the city. The program Tuesday afternoon was one of many the Crime Prevention Unit will present this week.

"We want the kids to just focus on school work," Young said. "We want to go to schools and try and prevent it before it happens."

The message, Fletcher said, needs to be continuously reiterated to students. That is why she and other counselors in the Midland Independent School District spend time in each class once a month talking about bullying and other issues.

MISD and Midland police aren't the only organizations addressing the issue. Centers for Children and Families in

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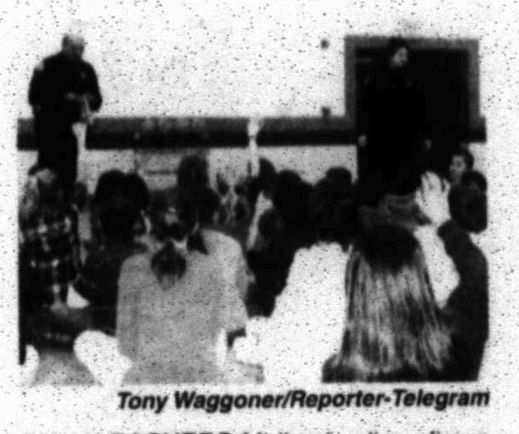

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BULLY BASHERS Midland police oficers Jimmy Young and Debbie Barnes talk to fifth-graders at Fanin Elementary on Tuesday afternoon about bullying.

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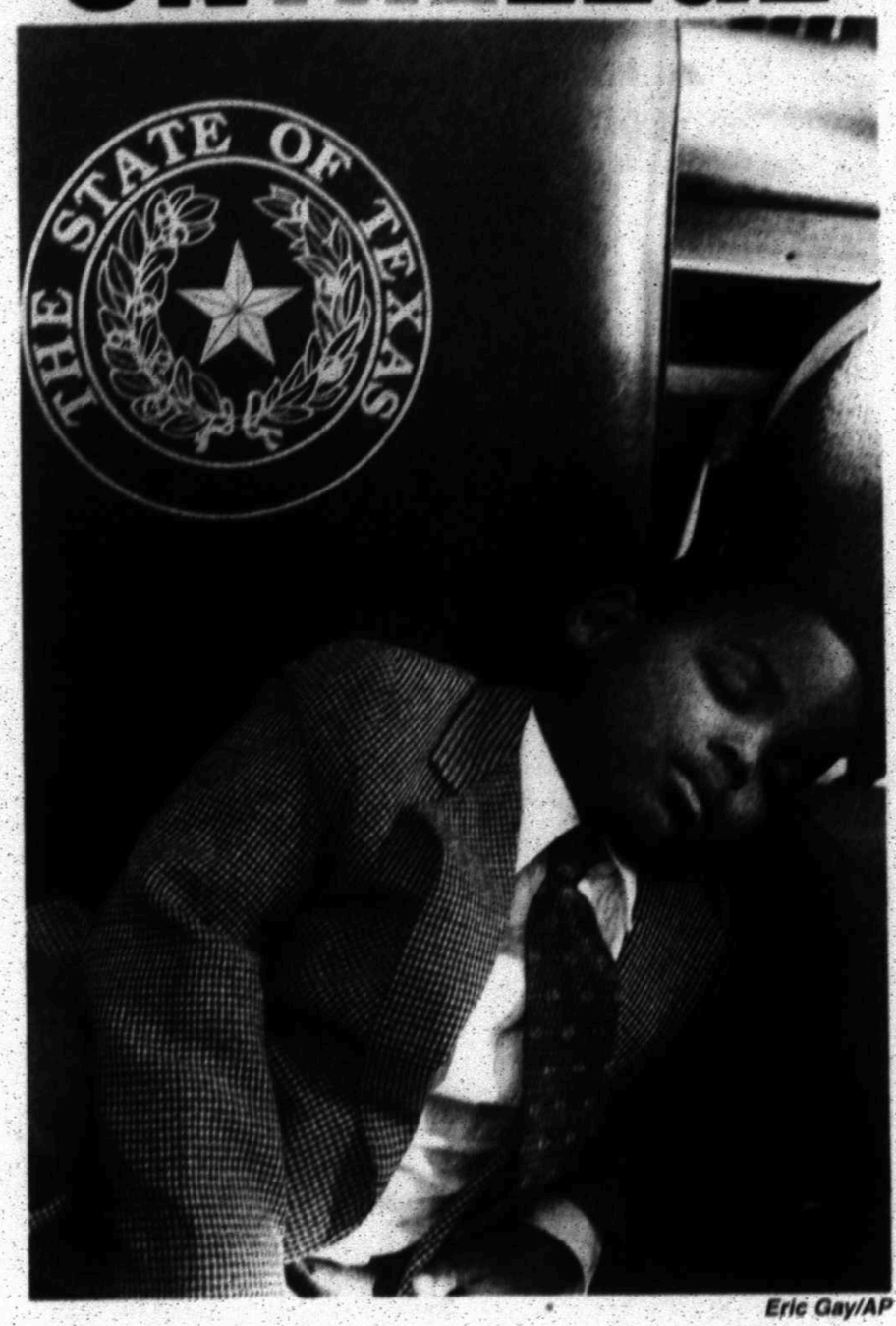

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Isaiah Johnson, 6, nephew of Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas, sleeps on his uncle's chair Tuesday during the opening session of the 82nd Texas Legislature.

Straus wins second term as speaker

Perry targets big government, immigration as 'emergency' priorities

By Jay Root and April Castro
Associated Press

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AUSTIN — Republican Joe Straus, who had been repeatedly criticized as too moderate for conservative Texas, easily won a second term as leader of the state House on Tuesday as lawmakers began a legislative session that must confront a massive budget shortfall and demands for a crackdown on illegal immigration.

The San Antonio businessman won 132-15, losing only a handful of die-hard conservative Republicans but winning all 49 of the Democratic votes — a rare display of bipartisanship in an increasingly divided Capitol. Straus, whose Jewish faith had been cited by opponents, condemned the "harassment" of his supporters and promised to "empower members" to do their jobs.

"Division, threats of retribution, attacks on people's religious beliefs, and distortions of people's records have no place in this House," Straus said after winning the post. "The men and women who are remembered beyond their years are not those who sow the seeds of discord, but those who plant for a future they may never see."

The speaker selection theatrics played out while Gov. Rick Perry, now the longest-serving of the current U.S. governors, wasted no time in pressing for his top legislative priorities during the 140-day session. In a speech he repeated in both chambers, Perry gave fast-track "emergency" designation to proposals aimed at curbing government condemnation powers and abolishing so-called sanctuary cities where conservatives say law enforcement should be free to turn in illegal immigrants.

Perry, whose book "Fed Up!" bashes Washington, said if the federal government doesn't step up to fight illegal immigration "we cannot compound their failure by preventing Texas police officers from doing their jobs."

The governor repeated his promise to preside over a balanced budget without raising new taxes, despite a fiscal mess that could change the face of state government. An official revenue estimate released this week shows the state is short as much as $27 billion of the amount that would be required to maintain the current level of services when adjusted for inflation and caseload growth.

"We all heard the message Texans sent on Election Day," Perry said. "They expect us to balance the budget without taking more money from the employers of this state, taking more money from the working families. They want state government leaner, more efficient."

In an unexpected departure from the GOP script on the budget, powerful Sen. Steve Ogden, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, warned that legislators needed to fix the underperforming business tax or face fiscal upheaval. The levy, known as the margins tax, was supposed to pay for property tax reductions but it hasn't produced as much revenue as lawmakers predicted.

"None of us were elected to go out and raise taxes on anybody. But the margins tax is different," he said. "If we don't change the margins tax, or at least change the trajectory of the

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Local business collects shoes for West Africa

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

While many will purge their closets of unwanted clothing and shoes as they clean out for the new year, one local business is looking to take in new and used athletic shoes and send them overseas to help out African villages.

Linda Freeman, owner of Run This Way in Midland, said she and her husband found out about the organization, Perpetual Prosperity Pumps Foundation, in November and put a collections container inside their store before the holidays.

Now, they're pushing for the charity shoe drive and are hoping to have collected 1,200 pairs of shoes by Feb. 15. Proceeds from the resale of those shoes will provide clean water, training and the means to start their own farm to two families in Ghana, West Africa.

The shoes will be collected and sent to the foundation, which in turn will sell them to vendors in Ghana. The money made from the sale of the footwear will then be used to adopt a family and purchase for them a starter kit consisting of hens, rabbits, fruit trees, access to water and a water pump system and a colonized bee hive, along with a quarter-acre of integrated vegetable farm. The money also will provide 12 months of training to the family to teach agriculture and organic farming.

"It's teaching them a skill and to raise their own food and helps them to become independent and to take care of themselves. It helps them to be entrepreneurs and perpetual like they said," Freeman said. "It's wonderful to be a part of this."

Volunteers with the organization said that as of Tuesday they have adopted close to 80 families with the program and are beginning to go into local orphanages. They hope to teach employees there how to grow food and raise livestock and pass it on to the life skills to the children.

It takes approximately 600 pairs of donated shoes to adopt one family and with a set goal of 1,200, Freeman is hoping her shop will be able to adopt two families by next month.

She's asking for brand new or gently used athletic shoes for adults size 7 or larger and new or used soccer cleats ranging from children's sizes to adults. For each person who makes a donation, the store will present donors with a $5 credit toward a new pair of shoes at Run This Way.

Since the Freemans have put out the collection bin near the front of their store, they said they've received about 50 pairs of donated shoes.

"It's a real exciting thing. People feel like they can contribute with something that basically would have ended up in the trash can," Linda Freeman said. "The better condition of the shoes, the better for these people. They don't have to be

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

RUN THIS WAY Used shoes collected at Run This Way will be donated to help villagers in West Africa.

Brandon Johnson, of Big Spring, is nuts about movies

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

Brandon Johnson, of Big Spring, says there aren't many people as passionate about movies as he is. "But I'm beginning to find a few."

Brandon studied film at the University of Texas and made a couple of small movies, spending a lot of money and getting loads of frustration in the process. His experience whetted his appetite to do something within the industry.

He works at his family's oilfield supply business to make a living.

He does other things to have fun. He is a drag boat racer and has racked up a few championships.

"College was an on-again, off-again thing," Brandon said. "I got so involved with drag racing my bouts I let everything else just slip away. Marriage changed all that. Now I'm focused in the right direction to take care of my wife and two little girls."

A couple of years ago, Brandon started a summer film program to screen box office hits at various locations around Big Spring. The first one, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," was shown on top of Scenic Mountain in Big Spring's state park.

"'Close Encounters' had just been put out on Blu-Ray so we could have a high definition picture. We advertised and did all sorts of things to promote the showing of the film. Weather came in that night and there was a football game. I learned that night never to schedule anything on a football night in West Texas because nobody will show up. Anyway, the guy I got the big screen from told me once he set up I had to pay the rental on it. I'm not a gambler, but I decided to gamble on this. I told him to go ahead and set it up and let's see what happens. Now on top of Scenic Mountain you can see what's going on in the weather real good. Clouds came up and five minutes into the movie it started sprinkling. It lasted about five minutes. We're sitting up there on the mountain, the storm's going from Sterling City to Colorado City and we're watching this movie about UFOs and we have this huge lightning show going on beyond the screen. There were only 150 people in the audience, but I didn't care. It was awesome."

His second screening was "Jaws,"

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Obituaries

Beth McAdams

Beth McAdams died peacefully at her home, Monday, January 10, 2011, surrounded by her loved ones.

Beth was born in Ryan, Oklahoma and graduated from Union Valley High School. She made Midland her home for the past 50 years. Beth was an avid traveler and an award winning photographer. She enjoyed participating in her sewing and bunko groups, and felt very blessed by her many dear friends. She was a faithful, long time member of North A & Tennessee Church of Christ.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Larry E. McAdams.

Beth is survived by daughter, Cindy Phariss and husband Eddie of Midland; daughter, Judy Sutton of Midland; son, Patrick McAdams and wife Robin of Phoenix, Arizona; and her beloved grandchildren, Kyrstin, Nicholas, and Noi.

There will be a non-formal visitation at Ellis Funeral Home from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. Thursday, January 13, 2011. Funeral services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Friday, January 14, 2011 at the North A & Tennessee Church of Christ. Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 P.M. Saturday, January 15, 2011 at Ryan Cemetery in Ryan, Oklahoma. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Dale McDonald

Dale McDonald passed away Saturday, January 8, 2011 with his loving family at his side. He was 73 years old. Dale was born on May 13, 1937 in Hannah, Oklahoma. He was the oldest of three children born to Harvey and Iva McDonald. He married the true love of his life, Doris Click on December 3, 1955. They have been married for 55 years.

Services are to be held at 10:00 AM at Griffin Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Dale learned to paint automobiles after a serious accident in the oilfield, loosing three fingers on one hand. He worked at Watson Truck & Supply for a number of years in the Body Shop and rig painting shop, sometimes with his hand heavily bandaged, perfecting his knowledge and natural talents. Dale never complained since he knew he would do whatever he had to do to feed his wife, and by this time, three small children. He had unending work ethics and gave whoever he might be working for, sometimes 12 to 15 hour days, again, never complaining. He truly believed in actually working hard long hours for his pay. He moved to Midland, Texas for several years before being given the opportunity to purchase the first of three paint stores, which led him and his family to Big Spring, Texas. With his wife by his side, he built two other stores in Midland, Texas and his hometown of Hobbs. Dale looked forward to going to work every day and felt like he had his dream job, doing what he liked and wanted to do for a living. Dale was an extremely kind business man, sometimes extending credit to customers he knew he would never get money from but knowing they had a family to feed and they needed the money. He has even been known to give those same customers money to buy groceries and never expected anything in return. His compassion for others was felt very deeply.

Dale loved spending any free time he had with his grandchildren and eventually great-grandchildren. He tried to go deer hunting every year with his sons and oldest grandson. Dale did not particularly like to hunt, therefore, never fired a shot from his gun but he was able to spend quality time with family and just relax and have fun.

Dale spent most of his younger years in Hobbs, NM and graduated from Hobbs High School in 1955. Dale is survived by his wife of 55 years, Doris Click McDonald of Hobbs. Three children, Michael Dale McDonald & Kay McDonald of Hobbs and Rev. Randall McDonald and wife, Rene of Midland, TX. One brother, Ronnie and wife, Marilyn McDonald of Autry, TX. One sister, Jolene Dick of Keller, TX. Five grandchildren, James Dale McDonald, II and wife, Beth Anne of Fredericksburg, TX, Jennifer McDonald and friend, Chris Humphries of Hobbs, NM, Parker Dale McDonald of Cullman, AL, Michael Dale McDonald, II of Odessa, TX and Morgan McDonald of Midland, TX. Six great-grandchildren, Amber McDonald, Hailey McDonald and Karla McDonald, all of Hobbs, NM; Kate, Natalie and David McDonald of Fredericksburg, TX.

Dale was preceded in death by his mother and father, Iva and Harvey McDonald, one son, Rickie Dale McDonald, brother-in-law, Bill Dick and mother-in-law, Helen Baker.

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Gordon Daman, Sr. "Mr. Sonic"

Gordon Lee Daman, Sr., 72, passed away at Midland Memorial Hospital on Sunday, January 9, 2011, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born October 14, 1938, in Tulsa, OK, the only child of Gordon W. and Cora B. Daman. He attended elementary school in Oklahoma City before moving to Midwest City in 1947 with his parents. He graduated from Midwest City High School in 1956 and attended Central State University in Edmond, OK (now UCO) where he met his future wife, Glenda Sue Smith. They were married on December 21, 1958 and spent 52 wonderful years together. A daughter and two sons were born to this union.

Gordon spent 18 years with Safeway and Little Jim's grocery stores in Oklahoma City. In 1976, he moved his family to Midland, TX to open the first Sonic Drive In, then located at 2310 N. Big Spring. He soon became known as "Mr. Sonic" to Midlanders. He had a smile and a kind word for everyone he met.

Survivors include his wife Glenda, daughter Geri Lyn, son Gordon, Jr. and wife Tobi, son Greg and wife Antonia, twin granddaughters, three step-grandchildren, four step-great grandchildren all of Midland, TX, sister-in-law Charlotte Fox, Midwest City, OK, many nephews, nieces and friends.

The family will receive visitors from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 2:00 pm at Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Allison Cancer Center, 400 N. Garfield, Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701 or to the charity of your choice.

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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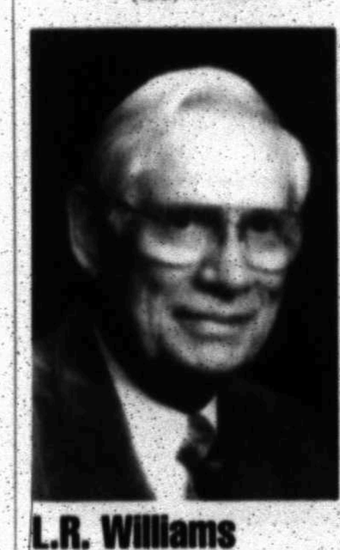

L.R. Williams

L.R. Williams passed away on January 8, 2011 while being cared for at the Hospice House in Odessa.

L.R. was 88 years old having been born to Luther Renno (L.R.) and Carrie (Brown) Williams in Scranton, Texas on February 2, 1922. L.R. met Peggie Jean Mayers in Abilene, TX and they married on May 7, 1946. L.R. was the president of Mechanical Seal and Service and retired in 1982. L.R.'s previous experience with both the CCC and the US Army Engineering battalion in World War II led him to design and build a number of homes in the Permian Basin. Both L.R. and Peg were members of the Church of Christ and, most recently were active at Crescent Park Church of Christ in Odessa. L.R. and Peg became Enrolled Agents with the IRS and opened their own tax preparation business, Mobile Tax Service.

L.R. was preceded in death by his beloved Peggie Jean on July 18, 2010. L.R. was a great student, teacher, pastor, and advisor of Christ's ways and life, and modeled his life after the teachings of Christ.

L.R. is survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral services for L.R. Williams will be held in Crane on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 2:00 pm in the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home, with Minister Michael Smith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your local hospice organization.

Raymon Dereed Sharp

Raymon Dereed Sharp was born on October 10, 1926 in Quay, New Mexico. He left the lease here in Midland, TX on January 11, 2011. Ray is survived by his wife of twenty years, Libby M. Harpole Sharp of Midland, TX. He is also survived by his children Paris & Estela Sharp of Midland, TX, Newt & Vicki Sharp of Joplin, MO, Frank & Mary Starr Schaffer of Grove, OK, Anne Sharp of Joplin, MO and Sarah Sharp of Springfield, MO and a host of Grandchildren: Jake and Hallie Sharp, Paris Paul Sharp II, Lauren Sharp, Cory Sharp, Taylor Sharp, Tucker Sharp, Rose Smith, Sarah Anne and Jared Lesh, Robbi Parrish, Emily Saxton Doss and Suzanne Kissie Collinsworth and his Great Grandchildren Keelin, Amarah, Vade Anne, Brock and Gunnar. Always a lover of his dogs, he is also survived by his four legged companion Coffee Con Crema de Tejas.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife Suzanne Childress Sharp on March 13, 1986 and his mother Effie Greer Sharp on May 14, 2001. Ray was a graduate of the Class of 44, Joplin High School and attended the University of Houston.

Ray grew up on a ranch in Quay Valley and loved to tell many stories of his family and life there. He served his country proudly with the 82nd airborne division in the European theatre during WWII. He was a wonderful Husband, proud Father, Grand & Great-Grand Father. He was a hard working Oilman managing many companies over the years and was a co-founder of Big Star Oil & Gas in Midland, Texas. Always busy, Ray was a tireless rancher, a fearless miner & telephone pole lineman, long time member of the CAP and the best friend you could ever have. He loved making "beads" for all his girlfriends and could shell the prettiest pecans that he proudly grew and shared with friends. An avid puzzle solver, Ray always kept his hands busy and his shop hopping either to complete work around the lease, complete a project or to build a train set. Ray and Bud's "morning meetings" in his shop are legendary and solved many of the world's problems.

Ray accomplished more in the last 25 years, than most folks will in a lifetime. He feared nothing. Ray survived world war, oil boom and bust, car wrecks, mine explosions, bar fights, fast cars, wild horses and cows and more nights out dancing than any of us will ever be able to remember. We were proud to call him husband, father, grandpa and best-friend. He taught us to love deep, to forgive most and to work our tails off and to do it with humor. He will be missed for his wisdom, his laughter and his straightforward speech. We will all miss him very much, and as Ray would say, "see you directly"!

A celebration of life service is planned for Thursday January 13, 2011 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel at 10:00 am. Western attire appropriate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an animal charity of your choice.

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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Stephen M. "Mark" Franks

Stephen M. "Mark" Franks, age 53, passed away January 10, 2011 after a short illness. He was born April 24, 1952.

Mark is survived by his mother, Betty Franks of Midland; son, Kelly Franks of San Angelo; grandmother, Joy Green of Midland; sister, Mary O'Connor of Iowa; sister, Carla Nunley of Snyder; 5 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Haskell Franks.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Santa Rita Senior Village in Midland.

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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William Thomas "Tommy Wright

Funeral services for William Thomas "Tommy Wright, 57, of Lumberton will be 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at Farmer Funeral Home with interment following at R. S. Farmer Memorial Cemetery. Tommy died January 7, 2011 in Arlington, Texas.

Tommy was born in Lufkin, grew up in Silsbee and was a resident of Lumberton. He was an operator for Total Refinery in Port Arthur.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years Patsy Wright of Lumberton; son W. T. Wright of Bossier City, Louisiana; brothers Russell Wright of Silsbee and Joe Wright of Midland; mother and father-in-law Archie and Imogene White of Lumberton; aunt Edith Wright of Missouri City, Texas; eight nieces and nephews, two great nieces and several cousins.

Death Notices

Arnold Prichard

Arnold DeForrest (A.D.) Prichard, 91, died Jan. 10 in Odessa.

Services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Survived children, Pat Prichard (Tami), Steve Prichard, Donny Prichard (Audrey), Glenda Alexander (John), Linda Wilkins; brothers, Bob (Mary), Reverend Houser (Kathleen); 8 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Beauty Melinda Brodnex

Funeral service for Beauty Melinda Brodnex 57, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home. Beauty Melinda Brodnex died January 10, 2011, at a local hospital.

Erlene Sims

Erlene Patricia Sims, 85, died on Monday, Jan. 10, in Midland.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Grace Temple Baptist Church in Kermit. Interment will follow at Kermit Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Family Services Funeral Parlor.

Ra'zia Goodley

Funeral service for Ra'zia Goodley are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home. Ra'zia Goodley died January 10, 2011, at a local hospital.

Willie Manley

Funeral service for Willie Manley 79, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home. Willie Manley died January 11, 2011, at her residence.

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projected near the lake in Big Spring's Comanche Trail Park. Eight hundred people came out to see it. He then showed "Raiders of the Lost Ark" in the city's amphitheater. He has the facility booked for three years showing Indiana Jones movies. He showed "ET" and "Jurassic Park" at the state park and the showings set new records for state park attendance. This year he plans to screen "Ghostbusters" downtown, "Memphis Belle" at Hangar 25 Air Museum, and "Back to the Future" at a location yet to be decided.

Brandon also does a "music from the movies" program on KBYG radio in Big Spring. His 6-year-old daughter co-hosted his Christmas broadcast, which featured the soundtracks from "Home Alone," "Polar Express," "Charlie Brown Christmas" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

He is planning a fundraiser for the Big Spring Film Society. He would like to see his city have a film and music festival. The website is bigspringfilm.org.

Bishop who took part in 2nd Vatican Council dies

McClatchy News Service

LOS ANGELES — Roman Catholic Bishop John J. Ward of Los Angeles, who had been one of three surviving American bishops who participated in the groundbreaking Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s, died Sunday in Culver City, Calif. He was 90.

Ward died of complications from old age, according to a statement from his family.

A Los Angeles native, Ward served the local archdiocese for more than 50 years as a priest and bishop, establishing several benchmarks along the way. He was the last priest ordained by the first archbishop of Los Angeles, John J. Cantwell, and the first graduate of St. John's Seminary in Camarillo to become a bishop.

During his career, he served under four archbishops and, at the time of his retirement, had served longer — 33 years — than any other bishop in the United States.

"No other bishop achieved such a record of service for the church here in Los Angeles," Cardinal Roger Mahony said in a statement from Rome, where he was attending meetings. Mahony called Ward "the definitive churchman," adding, "His many years of ministry as a priest and bishop gave vibrant witness to his abiding love for the church and all who belonged to the body of Christ."

Over the course of his career, Ward built a reputation as a cheerful, engaging man with a love for a good steak and a cigar.

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brand new, but they should be a sellable product that these people can actually use."

Run This Way is the only collection site for the state of Texas, according to the foundation's website. Even after the Feb. 15 collection deadline has passed, Freeman said she still would like to have the collections bin set out for customers to donate throughout the year.

"It's so exciting to find a way to take people's athletic shoes, which they aren't using, and turn it around and make it a blessing for someone else," she said. "We love the idea of giving back and being a part of something.

It's an amazing thing when you think that you can help a family over there that doesn't have access to water or food. It's so exciting to be a part of it; so cool."

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com.

To make a donation, visit Run This Way at 3209 Courtyard Dr., Suite L, in the Highland Plaza Shopping Center or call 520-7866. For more information about the Perpetual Prosperity Pumps Foundation, visit online at www.pppafrica.org.

Fabled Texas Railroad Commission may face some changes

By Vicki Vaughn
San Antonio Express-News

> "If you have part-time appointed people, then bureaucrats who aren't accountable will make the rules and regulations."
>
> — ELIZABETH AMES JONES
> Railroad commissioner

The Texas Railroad Commission, a storied regulatory body more than 100 years old, could be in for big changes if recommendations by Sunset Advisory Commission staff are adopted during the legislative session that begins this week.

The proposed changes are broad and range from renaming the commission to altering the way its commissioners are chosen.

The Railroad Commission has no jurisdiction over railroads. It regulates oil-and-gas exploration and production, pipeline safety, surface mining and gas utility rates. It can set rates and levy fines and penalties.

In a report issued in November, the Sunset staff recommended replacing the Railroad Commission with an agency called the Texas Oil and Gas Commission.

Sunset staff also called for the commission's three leaders, now elected statewide, to be replaced by five part-time commissioners who would be appointed by the governor.

But making big changes to the Railroad Commission "is going to be difficult," said Bruce Bullock, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at SMU's Cox School of Business. "Similar efforts have failed in the past."

The Sunset Commission staff has said that if its recommendations are adopted, Texas could save about $27.6 million a year, but a savings of that amount likely won't inspire legislative action in a state that faces a $27 billion shortfall.

"It's a drop in the bucket," said Cal Jillson, professor of political science at SMU.

Because the name doesn't reflect what the agency does, "we agree with the name-change," said Bob Dunn, former president of the Gas Processors Association, a 125-member group based in Tulsa, Okla., that has 70 members with Texas operations.

But the association has a problem with the proposal to have part-time appointees govern the agency.

"This is the largest industry in the state of Texas," Dunn said. It doesn't seem appropriate to have the biggest contributor to the state regulated by part-time commissioners, he said.

In a hearing last month, Sunset Commission members said it's a concern that because railroad commissioners are elected and the oil and gas industry contributes so much campaign funding, in effect, commissioners are taking money from the oil and gas industry that they regulate.

"Sunset members had very obvious problems with conflicts of interest. It isn't a liberal or conservative issue," said Andy Wilson, a researcher at Public Citizen Texas, the consumer advocacy organization.

Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones, of San Antonio, and Commissioner Michael Williams, of Arlington and formerly of Midland, have said they'll run for the U.S. Senate. The third commissioner, David Porter, also formerly of Midland, just assumed the post.

Jones said the commissioners' jobs should remain elective because that would give Texans representation that's accountable.

"If you have part-time appointed people, then bureaucrats who aren't accountable will make the rules and regulations."

Justin Furnace, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, agreed. His organization "absolutely does not support a move to five part-time officials," he said.

Sunset Commission staff also called for the new oil and gas agency to be self-supporting, saying that could be accomplished by raising fees, including what oil and gas exploration companies pay to drill wells.

Jones said she likes that idea. "All of us should look for a better way of doing things, and I like the notion of self-funding. That to me is a meaty issue and a meaningful suggestion. I look forward to working with the Legislature if they embrace that."

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	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Nikita A Division operative becomes a fugitive.		Hellcats "Pledging My Love"		Married... With	Married... With	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	South Park	South Park
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	8	8	3	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Human Target "Intangible; Cool Hand Governor" Guerrero is framed for murder. (N)				The Simp-sons	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Everybody Raymond	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Faye Hardin	Rico Cortez	Update News	House Call	Light of the Southwest Auditions: musicians.				Uri Hare!	Dr. Brad Young	Jim Staley	Biblical Israel
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News (N)	Be a Mil-lionaire	Minute to Win It (N)		Chase A woman kills to keep her family intact.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mask" (N)		News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Late Night	
	KBPT PBS	13	13		13	6	PBS NewsHour (N)		American Masters Life and career of actor Jeff Bridges. (N)		American Masters History of the Doors.				Charlie Rose (N)		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Linea de Amor (N) (SS)		Eva Luna (N) (SS)		Youndo del Amor (N) (SS)		La Rosa de Guadalupe (N) (SS)		Noticias Telex	Noticiero Univision	La Verdad Oculta (N)	(SS)
	MyTV	16	16		16		Earl	Smarter	Burn Notice (N)		Burn Notice (N)		My News	Access H.	Earl	Family Guy	Curb	Entourage
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65			165	(5:15) "Heartland"		★★★ "An American Rhapsody" (2001)				★★ "1918" (1984) Hallie Foote			(:35) ★★★ "Scary Movie" (2000)		
	HBO	300	08	14		14	"Ghosts-Girlfriend"		★★ "It's Complicated" (2009) Meryl Streep.				★★★ "The Informant!" (2009) Matt Damon.				Ricky Gervais	
	HBO2	302	09	15	101	23	(4:00) "Meet Joe Black"		"Sergio" (2009)		Book, Eli		★★ "Sherlock Holmes" (2009, Action)				(:15) "Drag Me to Hell"	
	HBO5	304	70	16	102		(:15) ★ "Whiteout" (2009) Kate Beckinsale.				★★ "Edge of Darkness" (2010) Mel Gibson.				★★ "Gothika" (2003) Halle Berry		Invictus	
	MAX	320	71	17	120	24	(5:15) ★★★ "Whip It"		(:15) Opportunity Knocks						★ "Cop Out" (2010) Bruce Willis.		"Housewives"	
	MAX2	322	72	18	122		(:10) ★★ "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" (2009)				★★★ "WarGames" (1983) Matthew Broderick.				Life on Top	Life on Top	★★★ "Private Parts"	
	PLEX			96			Wagon Tr... Have Gun		(:56) Gunsmoke		★★ "The Kid From Texas" (1950)		★★★ "Geronimo: An American Legend" (1993)				Sherando	
	SHOW	220	66	19	140	25	"The Hurt Locker" R		Episodes	Californ.	Inside the NFL (N)		Shameless "Pilot" (TV)		Inside the NFL		"My Best Friend's Girl"	
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) "Doppelganger"		★★ "Grand Theft Parsons" (2003)				★★ "Expired" (2007) Samantha Morton.				★★ "Everybody's Fine" (2009)	
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 A man is found stabbed to death.		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter (N)		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	"Once Upon"		★★ "Swordfish" (2001) John Travolta.				★★ "The Specialist" (1994, Action) Sylvester Stallone.					Brass-Bed
	BET	58	26		45		106 & Park: Top 10 Live		★★ "The Five Heartbeats" (1991) Robert Townsend.					Together	The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams Show	
	BRAV	65	63		41		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)				Top Chef (N)		Matchmaker	
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report (N)		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA (N)		Parker Spitzer (N)		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live	
	DISC	55	25	31	24	42	MythBusters		MythBusters		Flying Wild Alaska (N)		Gold Rush: Alaska		MythBusters		Flying Wild Alaska	
	DISN	56	27	26	25	36	Good Luck Good Luck		"Adventures of Sharkboy"			Suite/Deck	Phineas	Phineas	Good Luck	Good Luck	Hannah	Hannah
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	College Basketball Teams TBA (Live)				College Basketball Duke at Florida State (Live)				SportsCenter		NFL Live	NBA
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	College Basketball Teams TBA (Live)				College Basketball Kansas at Iowa State. (Live)				College Basketball Nevada at Idaho. (Live)			
	FAM	53	54	34	42	33	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose?	Whose?
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity	
	FOOD	64	59	27	58	54	Ace. Cakes Best Thing		Bobby Flay Bobby Flay		Worst Cooks		Dinner: Impossible		Diners	Diners	Worst Cooks	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Indiana Pacers. From Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Subject to Blackout)					Mavericks Live (Live)	Cowboys Insider (N)	The Final Score		Cowboys	The Final Score	Century in the Making
	FX	31	31	59	64	60	Two Men	Two Men	★★★ "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard.							★★ "Spider-Man 3" (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire.		
	HALL	54	49	56		34	The Boss	The Boss	Little House on Prairie		"Thicker Than Water" (2001) Melissa Gilbert.					Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Hunters	House	Property	Property	Disaster	Disaster	House	Hunters		Vanilla	Vanilla	Disaster	Disaster
	HIST	71	62	29	50	43	Modern History		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		10.0 Megaquake (N)					Mega Disasters		Brad Meltzer's Dec.
	LIFE	28	25	25	28	46	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Reba	Reba "Sister Act"	★★ "Mad Money" (2008, Comedy) Diane Keaton. Queen Latifah, Katie Holmes.					How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Frasier	Frasier
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball Matthews		Countdown		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word			Countdown		Rachel Maddow Show
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Anubis	SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George		My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers		BlueMount	MANswers	Walker, Texas Ranger	
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	57	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters			Ghost Hunters Inter.		Ghost Hunters Inter.	
	TBS	25	11	44	69	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	Are We There	Are We There Yet?		Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)	
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) "Bohemian Girl"		Rainer		★★★★ "The Good Earth" (1937) Paul Muni.					Rainer	★★★★ "The Great Ziegfeld"	
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado: Edicion		Aurora		El Fantasma de Elena		Alguien te Mira (SS)			Noticiero	Decisiones	Decisiones
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Brace for Impact		The Man With Half a Body		My Strange Addiction	My Strange Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras			My Strange Addiction	Toddlers & Tiaras "Fancy Faces"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones Pulverized human remains are found.		Bones A tattooed body is discovered.		Bones "The Parts in the Sum of the Whole"		Bones Pregnant teen murdered.			Southland Sammy and Nate feel threatened.	CSI: NY A man is bludgeoned to death.	
	TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford Sanford		Sanford Sanford		Raymond Raymond		Raymond Raymond			Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS Gibbs upsets Ziva's connection to Ari.		NCIS The death of an IDF agent.		NCIS "Angel" Tense reunion.		NCIS The team tries to replace Ziva.			★★ "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005, Comedy) Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott.		
	VS.	38	39				NBA Spec1	NBA Spec1	NBA D-League Basketball						NBA Spec1	NHL Overtime (Live)	Dakar	The T.O
	WGN-A	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

Investigator: Unclear if teen ran away or abducted

By Angela K. Brown and Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Authorities searching the past two weeks for a missing 13-year-old girl in West Texas are unsure whether she was abducted or ran away, but they're treating the case as a criminal investigation, authorities said Tuesday.

Hailey Darlene Dunn, a middle school cheerleader, was reported missing Dec. 28, according to Colorado City police. No Amber Alert was issued because the case did not meet the state's criteria, which requires solid evidence that a child has been abducted, among other things.

State Trooper Sparky Dean said there is no evidence that she ran away or met foul play, although investigators continue to follow leads — including a witness account that Hailey and two girls were walking in a neighborhood a day or two before she went missing.

The FBI, the Texas Rangers and several sheriff's departments are among about a dozen agencies involved in the search. They've scoured about 30 square miles on foot and by helicopter and talked to people in several neighborhoods in Colorado City, a 4,500-resident town about 200 miles west of Fort Worth.

"It's always been a criminal investigation. You don't bring in this kind of manpower for just a runaway," Dean said. "Early on we were exploring all angles, that she might have run away, but we're trying to find Hailey — bottom line."

Investigators are trying to figure out the names of the girls who may have been with Hailey and talk to them about what Hailey may have said, if anything unusual occurred and to clarify the date that the teen disappeared.

"There's a strong indication that these two girls were the last to see her," said City Manager Pete Kampfer, also a spokesman for Colorado City police. "Investigators are following all leads — some that she was a runaway and some that she may be under duress, being held against her will."

Hailey was reported missing by her mother, whose boyfriend told police that he last saw Hailey on Dec. 27 when she said she was going to her father's house and then to a friend's house, Dean said. Both adults have been given lie detector tests, but authorities are not releasing those results, Dean said.

The girl is described as white, standing 5-foot-1, weighing 120 pounds, with hazel eyes and brown hair with blondish streaks.

Her father, Clint Dunn, said Hailey is popular, isn't into boys or drugs and "she's just a good ol' American girl."

Dunn, 33, lives across a field from where his daughter lived with her mother, and from his back door he can see their front door. He said he never saw Hailey the afternoon she disappeared.

"The more this goes on, the more I'm focused on somebody's got my child," Dunn said. "Somebody knows something. My child has not vanished into thin air."

More than 100 billboards featuring a picture of Hailey, information about the case and a law enforcement phone number have been set up along interstates in West Texas and even in other states, Dean said. There is a $15,000 reward for information leading to the teen's return.

Hundreds have attended prayer vigils in several cities.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon: Charles D. Conat, 51, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Burglary of a building: David T. Frazier, 25, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on charges of burglary of a building and possession of a controlled substance.

Aggravated sexual assault on a child: Dani L. Nettles, 37, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on charges of aggravated sexual assault on a child and indecency with a child.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

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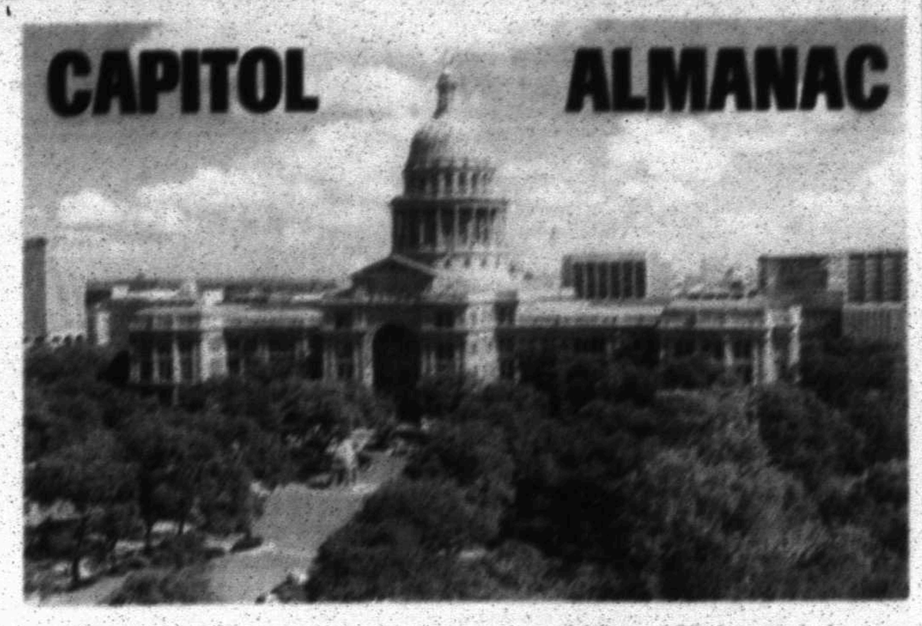
Texas Legislature convenes with GOP in control

Associated Press



AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature opened its 2011 session Tuesday with a blast of conservative chest-beating, a fizzled leadership challenge and a gigantic budget shortfall that could change state government as the people have come to know it.

Republicans, having fielded their largest House majority in Texas history, now dominate the Legislature more than ever. Most of them are promising to make deep cuts in spending, balance the budget without new taxes, strengthen ID requirements for voters, crack down on illegal immigration and require women to get a sonogram — and then look at it — before having an abortion.

The conservative tide was so strong it had threatened to sweep away relatively moderate House Speaker Joe Straus, but the San Antonio businessman beat back an internal GOP challenge Monday and was re-elected Tuesday by a 132-15 vote. As speaker, Straus presides over the House and is one of the most powerful men in state government. He sets the agenda and controls what legislation makes it to the House floor for consideration.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, said lawmakers heard the voters that swept in the Republican tidal wave and urged them to be smart when casting their votes in what he called a "historic legislative session."

"You are asked to make decisions about the economy and social issues that affect people across this state, touch lives of the people we have the great privilege to serve," Perry said. "The actions that will be taken will make a big difference, make a difference between success and failure."

The official revenue estimate shows the state is short as much as $27 billion of the amount that would be required to maintain the current level of services when adjusted for inflation and caseload growth.

Democrats blamed Republican leaders for creating the shortfall and warn that critical programs will be curtailed as a result. Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth, said Republicans "want to shortchange hardworking, overtaxed Texans by cutting basic services to make up the shortfall they created."

While Democrats might have power to block some Republican initiatives in the Senate, they are virtually powerless in the House. Republicans can pass legislation in that chamber even if the Democrats don't show up.

Perry also declared ending the practice of "sanctuary cities" for illegal immigrants and protecting private property rights as his emergency items for the legislative session. His emergency declaration allows lawmakers to consider bills on those issues in the first 30 days of the session.

He also plans to propose reforms of "unfunded mandates" on local governments, or laws that require them to make expenditures but without giving them the funds to do so.

RETURN OF THE RALLIES:

The return of the Legislature also means the return of almost daily rallies on the Capitol grounds.

Opening day is always busy.

Lawmakers walked through a gantlet of wheelchairs to enter the Senate and House chambers on Tuesday as demonstrators protested any further cuts to programs that help the disabled live at home.

"They are cutting back on a lot of our services already," said Burrell Steele, who parked his motorized wheelchair outside the House chamber. "We need help coming our house, fixing our food. They've already cut back on Meals on Wheels and they might be cutting back even more."

Democratic activists flocked to a rally against an immigration crackdown, waving signs that read "No Human Being is Illegal."

Rep. Roberto Alonzo, D-Dallas, told the crowd that Hispanic growth in Texas far outnumbers increases in the Anglo and African-American population, telling them, "your efforts do count."

Alonzo said the protesters were "a good indication of people being concerned about anti-immigration laws."

Later in the day, several hundred tea party and conservative activists gathered to commiserate after losing the bid to replace Straus as House speaker.

Many had come from around the state and listened to conservative activists say they should take pride in pushing Straus and the entire Texas House rightward.

"There is no reason for anyone to be disappointed," said Michael Quinn Sullivan, CEO of the conservative group Empower Texas. "If we want our nation to be on a right track you and I have 139 days to help out legislators to help the speaker, the governor and the lieutenant governor make Texas and keep Texas strong."

The Texas Legislature meets for only 140 days in odd-numbered years, making for an intense legislative session. Sullivan and other speakers urged the activists to keep the pressure on their lawmakers, and to vote them out if they fail to follow a conservative agenda.

SENATE FIGHT DELAYED

Tuesday was a day for the Senate to play nice. Democrats and Republicans shook hands and hugged.

A very partisan battle over Senate rules was expected to emerge as early as Wednesday.

Houston Republican Sen. Dan Patrick wants to change the rule that requires two-thirds — or 21 members — of the Senate chamber to agree to bring a bill up for a vote. The rule is traditionally designed for force bipartisan support of bills, but Patrick says the two-thirds hurdle is unreasonably high.

Patrick wants to reduce the rule to a 60 percent majority, or 19 votes. Republicans happen to outnumber Democrats 19-12 in the Senate, giving Democrats two key votes they need to block bills.

The Senate fought over a similar change in 2009 and the chamber changed the rule to approve a Democrat-opposed voter identification bill.

GAVELING IN

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst held up his 7-year-old stepdaughter Carolyn and let her gavel in the Senate. Carolyn is the biological daughter of former state senator and U.S. ambassador to Sweden Teel Bivins, who died in October 2009.

"I know daddy Teel is proud of you, too," Dewhurst said.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Time for the dance." — Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin.

LEGE

From 1B

margins tax, then school property taxes will go up for sure."

Democrats, all but powerless in the Legislature, blamed Republican leaders for creating the shortfall and warn that critical programs will be curtailed as a result. Democratic activists held a rally outside the capitol to protest the immigration proposals, waving signs saying "No Human Being is Illegal" and "No Racist Laws in America."

Despite the dour budget news, it was mostly a day of pomp and ceremony. In the Senate, presiding officer and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst held his young daughter Carolyn as she pounded the gavel. Dewhurst then turned more somber, calling for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the weekend shootings in Arizona.

The state House was packed from the floor to the gallery above when Secretary of State Hope Andrade brought the chamber to order. Rep. Vicki Truitt, a North Texas Republican, began singing the national anthem and soon the entire chamber joined in.

Pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags followed, and House officials got about the business of calling the roll and preparing to swear in the newly elected members.

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The conservative tide was so strong that it had threatened to sweep away Straus, but after he beat back an internal GOP challenge Monday his two opponents dropped out. Tea party activists had tried to rally support against Straus and they had filled the halls of the capitol and the gallery above the chamber. A sign below the staircase leading up to the House chamber summed up the mood of the tea party activists who came in droves. It proclaimed, "We Are Watching You." A pair of tiny green binoculars hung from the poster board.

Still, a stream of Straus supporters, both Republican and Democrat, described the speaker as a calm consensus builder. Rep. Rob Eissler, a Republican from The Woodlands, quoted "the great philosopher" Mick Jagger: "We must remember that we can't always get what you want, but working together under the leadership of Joe Straus, we can always get what we need."

Animal fat still in Houston Ship Channel

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Coast Guard says cleanup of the Houston Ship Channel continues a week after about 250,000 gallons of beef fat leaked from a tank on shore and some reached the water.

Petty Officer Richard Brahm on Tuesday said the ship channel was open and traffic is moving.

Brahm told the Associated Press that crews have "pushed all the tallow off to one side."

The leak was detected the afternoon of Jan. 4, for a time forcing closure part of the channel. The Coast Guard said about 15,000 gallons reached the channel via a storm drain. The liquid fat became solid when coming in contact with the cold water.

The Coast Guard says the tank is owned by Jacob Sterns and Sons and the company has cooperated on the cleanup.

One killed in house fire

From staff reports

ECTOR COUNTY — An afternoon house fire claimed the life of one in north Odessa on Monday, according to Ector County officials.

The fire occurred at a home in the 6300 block of Benefield around 3:36 p.m. There, fire crews said the home received extensive damage.

A neighbor told authorities they had attempted to enter the residence, but couldn't because of the large amount of smoke.

Ector County Sheriff Mark Donaldson confirmed one fatality at the scene. The medical examiner could not determine the gender of the victim.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending positive identification and family notification.

Authorities are continuing their investigation and are waiting for autopsy results from Tarrant County.

About 50 percent of the home was reported to have been destroyed, officials said.

BULLYING

From 1B

Midland will hold a series of classes beginning Jan. 17 from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on how to handle bullies.

For more information about the Centers for Children and Families classes, call 570-1084 or 580-7006.

The MPD Crime Prevention Unit will visit Pease Elementary students today.

Tony Waggoner can be reached at twaggoner@mrt.com.

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THURSDAY Sunny high 47 low 23

FRIDAY Sunny high 58 low 26

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 37 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 18 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 47, a low around 23 and south winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, look for sunny skies with a high around 58 and a low around 26.

The high on Tuesday reached 39 while the low dropped to 20. The record high for Jan. 11 is 78 set in 1935. The record low is -8 set in 1962.

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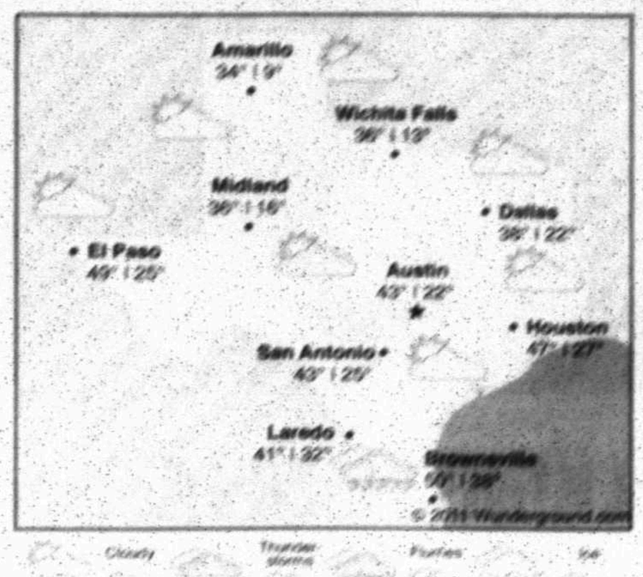
Texas will stay in the fridge for another day, according to the National Weather Service.

Rain likely will be in far South Texas today and tonight, while the South Plains will have a slight chance of snow until just after nightfall. Skies will be partly to mostly cloudy across the state.

Temperatures will climb no further than the 30s and 40s across the state today, with highs in the low 30s in the Panhandle, South Plains and North Texas. The rest of West Texas will see highs in the upper 30s, while Central Texas will top out in the low 40s and South and Southeast Texas will see upper 40s. Winds will be light and variable, except for southerly breezes of 10 to 15 mph in the Panhandle and northeasterly winds of 10 to 15 mph along the Gulf Coast.



Precipitation

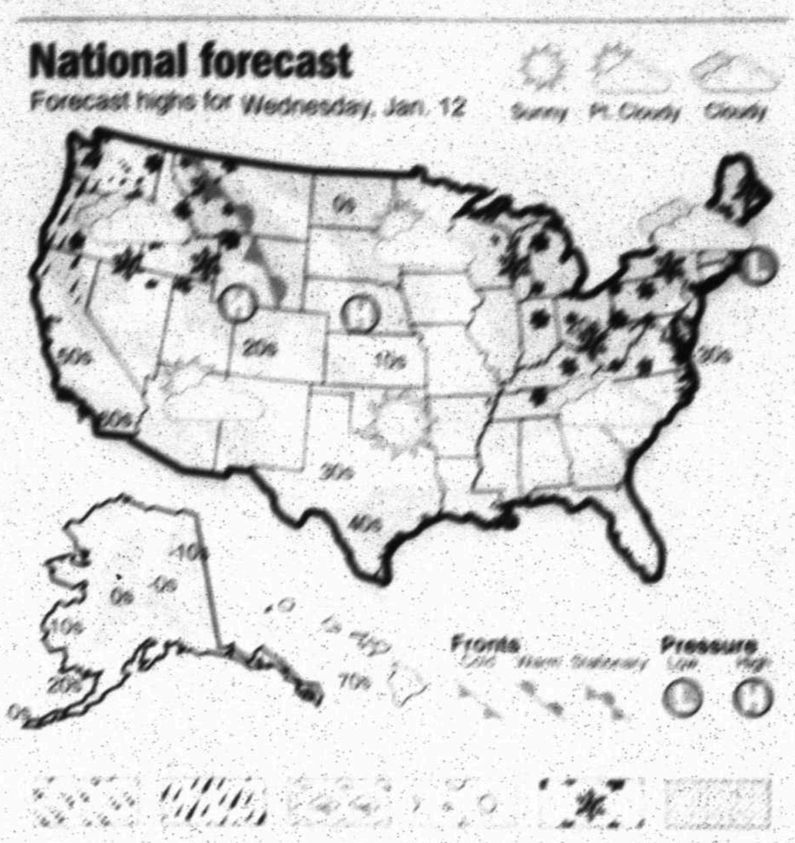
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.22 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	39
Low	20
Normal high	56
Normal low	29
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:04 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Jan. 12



Survivor of childhood rape has moved on

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: When I was 12, my cousin "Larry" gave me a hallucinogen-laced candy bar and raped me. I struggled with depression and anxiety during all of my teenage and young adult years. The herpes I got from him left me with lifelong issues.

With the support of Survivors of Incest Anonymous (SIA) and a therapist, I was eventually able to process the terrible repressed memories. My journey of recovery and healing includes living with healthy boundaries — so when my father died, I made it known that Larry was not welcome at the funeral. My cousin "Janet" was very upset by my choice. She has been ignoring me since. I am hurt by her behavior, but not devastated.

Abby, I'd appreciate your printing this letter to encourage other survivors so they, too, can live full lives with boundaries. We do not have to allow ourselves to be ruled by dysfunctional family issues. Thank you. — GRATEFUL RECOVERING SURVIVOR IN NEW YORK

DEAR SURVIVOR: You're right, you don't. And because funerals are to comfort the living, and Cousin Larry's presence would have been upsetting, you were right to exclude him.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous, a 12-step program for persons 18 years or older who have been victims of child sexual abuse, has been mentioned in my column before. It has been successful in helping people who were traumatized by childhood abuse become — as the name indicates — survivors. It offers assistance in starting groups, a volunteer information and referral line, and also sells literature and a newsletter. Its website is www.siawso.org.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old guy. Two years ago I saw the cutest guy at work I had ever seen. After finally working up enough courage, I asked "Peter" to go out with me — as friends. The more I got to know him, the harder I fell for him. Peter is quiet, intelligent, a perfect balance between introvert and extrovert. For lack of a better word, he is "distinctive" — unlike any person I have ever met.

Earlier this year he asked me to be his roommate. I was unsure if that was a wise decision, knowing how strongly I feel for him. I decided to do it, wondering whether Peter's feelings for me would strengthen as he got to know me better through our living arrangement. We have discussed our goals in life, and Peter says he doesn't want to be in a serious relationship until he reaches his 30s. (He's my age.) That said, I have gotten mixed signals.

Abby, I am ready for a relationship and I want it to be with him. Should I tell him how I feel? I worry that if I don't say something now, I may lose my chance to someone else. — HEAD OVER HEELS IN WISCONSIN

DEAR HEAD OVER HEELS: Remaining silent is not a solution to your problem. But neither is forcing Peter into making a premature commitment he doesn't feel he's ready for. You need to tell him your feelings without demanding a commitment from him to determine if your feelings are in any way reciprocated. Then you can decide whether or not you need to move on. I can imagine few things more painful than loving someone and having to watch that person become romantically involved with others.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Show and Tell

Both vulnerable. South deals.

SOUTH
♠ Q 6 3 3
♥ 10 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 10

WEST
♠ K 7
♥ 6
♦ A K J 8 4
♣ A 9 5 4 2

EAST
♠ A 10
♥ K J 10 4 3
♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ J 7 6

SOUTH
♠ J 9 8 4 2
♥ A Q 8 7 5
♦ Void
♣ Q 8 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	3♣	3♠	4♣
4♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

In competitive auctions, it can be a tremendous advantage to be able to show two suits with one bid. The drawback is, if you don't buy the contract, you might have provided declarer with a roadmap of how to play the hand, and that can be an even greater asset to declarer.

We are not sure we would have opened South's shapely 9-count in first seat with such two moth-eaten suits, but there is no arguing with success. North-South reached a game that was reasonable only because of West's three club bid, which showed a sound minor two-suiter. South took full advantage of that in the play.

West led the king of diamonds, ruffed in the closed a hand. A trump lead was won with king and a trump was returned to East's ace. The diamond continuation was ruffed, and a club was led to the king.

Declarer called for the jack of hearts, covered by the king and ace, and a low club to the 10 lost to the knave.

Now declarer took advantage of knowing that West had started with 10 minor-suit cards and had already shown up with three in the majors. After a club ruff provided an entry to dummy, South took the marked finesse for East's 10 of hearts by running the nine, then repeating the finesse to land his game.

Note that, if East-West sacrifice in five clubs and declarer plays the hand carefully, including a winning guess in the club suit, the contract will be defeated just one trick. Perhaps once you have given away your holding, it pays to declare rather than to defend.

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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, Jan. 12, 2011

This year, you manifest unusual physical energy. Direct this energy, as it could be self-destructive if you don't have an outlet. You could become quarrelsome and accident-prone. Remember, you can choose how you direct this high vitality. Some of you might take up a sport. If you are single, you might want to find the "right one" right away. Take your time rather than get stuck in a difficult situation. If you are attached, you might be more verbal and self-expressive than in the past. Of course, your sweetie might have a reaction. Learn a more effective style of communication. TAURUS draws out an innate playfulness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Use the day well, transforming any obstacle into a new pathway. You also could get frustrated and upset, but to what avail? A meeting with a friend inspires you to new levels. Use excess energy to focus. Tonight: Be as free as a bird.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You still might feel out of kilter, but that feeling won't last long. Your ability to jump over problems or bypass the issue is remarkable. Be careful when dealing with a key figure at a distance. You might not like what you hear. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Focus and drive might be excellent traits. Understand that you are not the only person with these traits. Listening and sharing with other driven people opens doors. Tonight: Only where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Open up to new possibilities by assuming the lead. Not everyone agrees with you. Not everyone can follow through on your ideas. In fact, few people can. If a project is very important, do it yourself and have it done right (according to you!). Tonight: Plan on some fun, after working late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might not have the control you desire when dealing with someone at a distance. You actually might lose it and become quite wild. Find a midpoint of understanding, then move out from there. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Deal with others directly. If you address a group, your essence and message will be diluted. Expressing unusual passion certainly helps make a point hit home as far as its significance to you. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your strong drive comes out on the personal or domestic front. You could wind up buying property or making an investment. Are you sure you want this? Others around you appear to be unusually difficult. Could it just be you? Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pace yourself. You are a whirlwind of energy. You are unlikely to stop, but keep going until you drop. Listen to what is being shared, especially in conversations with those who are part of your daily life. Tonight: Visit with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your playfulness emerges, making this day lighter and easier. A tendency to be risk-prone emerges and could be damaging if you don't call in some self-discipline. A child or loved one is a source of great laughter and fun. Tonight: Acting as if there is no tomorrow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might want to make a difference, and right now. With Mars riding high in your sign, you are capable of a nearly inexhaustible effort. You know what you want, and so will others! Try to be more easygoing with your interpersonal relationships. Fighting solves little. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You choose the right words for different situations. Your ability to communicate excels. Do be careful with suppressing anger; it will pop out in facial expressions or passive-aggressive behavior. Why not deal with this feeling? Tonight: Dawdling, rather than heading home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Be sensitive with spending. Take into consideration your budget and also another person's. It might be easy to go overboard. A meeting could force you to look at certain issues. Tonight: Zero in on what is important.

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BORN TODAY

Radio personality Howard Stern (1954), founder and CEO of Amazon Jeff Bezos (1964), talk-show host Rush Limbaugh (1951)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 The Renault 5, in North America
6 One-named New Ager
10 Lake plant
14 Street of San José
15 Ending with play or party
16 Rosemary, for one
17 When some suits don't wear suits
20 Sound from Simba
21 Frat "T"
22 Fords with racing stripes
23 The Pawtucket Red Sox, e.g.
28 Nuclear org. created under HST
29 ___ Grey tea
30 Deep Throat's org.
31 Bamboozle
33 Christian surname?
35 How oaths are taken
39 "___ de espera" waiting room
40 She played Buffy
42 River to the North Sea
43 Derby town
45 Trig ratio
46 "Sonic the Hedgehog" developer
47 Shad delicacy
49 Schoolyard claim
51 Frame for Roger Rabbit
52 Sandals in Jamaica, e.g.
57 Sinatra's Gardner
58 Mideast "son of"
59 Cheese or its town
60 Assume a defensive position (and what we did to highlight this puzzle's theme)
66 Hard downpour
67 Music biz sensation, perhaps
68 "If I Were a Rich Man" singer
69 Feminine suffix
70 Mex. miss
71 Clear

DOWN
1 Elec. readout
2 Field unit
3 Some tempos
4 Journalist Stewart or Joseph
5 Consignment shop transaction
6 Swelled head
7 Word of urgency
8 Gossipmonger
9 Kennel double talk?
10 Tuna at a luau
11 Building shelf
12 Persona non ___
13 Wide gulf
18 Bob Marley feature
19 Cuban dance
23 Café cup
24 Roundup
25 Met favorites
26 Where to see a lot of keys
27 Knight games
32 Haka dancers of New Zealand
34 Made a quick stop
36 Santana hit also covered by Tito Puente
37 Madison's foil
38 Passed out in Vegas?
41 Sharon's language
44 Company that uses Pegasus as a symbol
48 Brooklyn's ___ Field
50 Get under control, in a way
52 Buried supply
53 Like most cardinals
54 ___ to go
55 Pencil maze word
56 More wise
61 Cavs, on scoreboards
62 Worked (up)
63 Bambi's aunt
64 Where Rockefeller was gov.
65 Match, as a raise

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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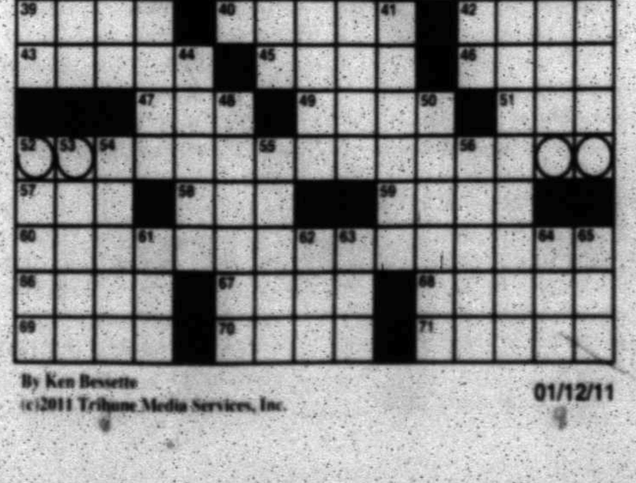

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TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLLEGE STATION

Girl, 12, stabbed at McDonald's

A 12-year-old Central Texas girl was hospitalized after she was stabbed in the stomach at the entrance to a McDonald's restaurant near the Texas A&M University campus.

The girl was waiting for someone at the front door of the restaurant across the street from A&M's Kyle Field when the attack happened about 7:30 p.m. Monday, said College Station police Officer Rhonda Seaton.

Seaton says a man had just stood up from a table after eating his meal and was walking toward the door when he stabbed the girl.

"It was totally unprovoked, no known reasons why he might have done that," Seaton said.

Witnesses described the assailant as being a heavily set white man dressed in light denim pants, a dark hooded sweater, a black baseball cap with a "P" logo on it and white sneakers with black markings, Seaton said. He was 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, she said.

No arrests have been reported. Police withheld the identity of the child but said she was in stable condition at College Station Medical Center with a stab wound to the abdomen.

Police say the restaurant was the target of an armed robbery hours earlier. Seaton said a woman armed with a handgun walked into the restaurant about 5:40 a.m. Monday and demanded cash.

Just before 9 a.m., employees at a nearby real estate office told police a woman had entered the office with what appeared to be a handgun and asked to use the telephone, Seaton said. After office employees refused her requests for a ride, she left and was arrested about an hour later at a vacant apartment nearby.

The 29-year-old woman was being held on prior warrants but hadn't been charged with the robbery yet, Seaton said.

DALLAS

TXU Energy plans call centers in Abilene, Lubbock

TXU Energy is opening call centers in Abilene and Lubbock.

The Dallas-based electric provider on Tuesday announced the new call centers will mean about 500 jobs.

TXU has a call center in Irving.

David Hennekes, who is TXU's vice president for residential markets, said the additional call centers will allow the company to better respond to customers.

TXU has more than 2 million customers in Texas.

WACO

Design chosen for salute to WWII hero

A Texan recognized as the first black American hero of World War II will be portrayed at the helm of a Navy ship overlooking the Brazos River in his hometown of Waco.

Petty Officer Doris Miller was a mess attendant on the USS West Virginia during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. He manned an unattended machine gun and also helped rescue scores of shipmates.

The winning design for the 170-foot-by-30-foot memorial was unveiled Monday. The artwork by sculptor Eddie Dixon of Lubbock and architect Stan Carroll of Oklahoma City has two slanted walls shaped like the hull of a battleship, with Dixon's 9-foot statue of Miller near the bow.

Miller was awarded the Navy Cross. He was killed in action in 1943.

WALKING THE DIVA

David J. Phillip/AP

Ana Garcia walks her dog, Diva, as birds fly in the foreground Tuesday in Spring. Colder temperatures are forecasted for the Houston area.

Justices stop ex-Army recruiter's execution

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A former Army recruiter who maintained his innocence in the rape-slaying of a woman in Fort Worth nine years ago received a reprieve from execution Tuesday evening.

Foster

Cleve Foster's lethal injection was stopped by the U.S. Supreme Court so it can further review an appeal. The court issued the brief order just before 6 p.m., the start of the six-hour window for Foster's execution, and Justices Antonin Scalia and Sam Alito indicated they would have allowed the punishment to proceed.

Foster, 47, has insisted a friend was responsible for fatally shooting 30-year-old Nyaneur Pal, who had fled Sudan for Texas. The friend, Sheldon Ward, one of Foster's recruits, also was condemned for the slaying. He died of cancer last year while in prison. Foster's lawyers said the evidence did not support his conviction.

Foster spent much of Tuesday afternoon in a small cell just a few steps from the Texas death chamber. At the hour when he could have been taken away for his punishment if court actions were resolved, a chaplain informed him he would live.

"I was and I wasn't," he replied when asked by prison officials if he was surprised. "I gave it to God a long time ago."

He also said he was gratified by support from friends, calling it "really humbling."

Foster's execution would have been the first this year in Texas, the nation's most active death penalty state, where 17 inmates were put to death last year. Foster and Ward also were implicated but never tried in the slaying of another woman in Fort Worth several weeks before Pal was killed.

In an appeal, attorneys for Foster argued to the Supreme Court that his conviction was flawed because trial lawyers failed to arrange for a blood spatter expert to dispute a detective's testimony that Ward couldn't have killed Pal and moved her body to an isolated dump site by himself. Such testimony for him would have presented "at least a reasonable probability that the result of Mr. Foster's trial would have been different," attorney Clint Broden said.

Budget to put Texan self-sufficiency to test

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — There is one enduring political value in Texas: The state does not mollycoddle.

In the best of times, it spends as little as possible providing aid to the unemployed, the sick and the injured. Texans have consistently elected lawmakers who will add to the public safety net only when threatened with a federal lawsuit.

Now that the state must overcome a $15 billion budget shortfall, life for those who rely on the state for employment or support is likely to get even tougher.

The state comptroller announced Monday that the Texas Legislature will have roughly $8 billion less to spend in the next budget than it did in the last. The state will also be missing $7 billion in federal stimulus dollars it spent in the last budget. To make matters worse, state agencies have said they need an additional $12 billion just to maintain existing state services.

So if lawmakers want to maintain the status quo, they need to raise nearly $27 billion, roughly a third of all discretionary spending.

Other states with huge budget problems, such as California and Illinois, are looking at tax increases, but in the Lone Star State, where frontier self-sufficiency is exalted, the shortfall is another occasion to cut the budget. Every two years, in good economic times or bad, many state legislators pledge to cut spending, and they take those promises seriously.

"I don't think it's the end of the world," Gov. Rick Perry said in an interview after the new figures were released. "I think we have a budget of $76.5 billion and we're going to live with that. . . It's only a budget hole when somebody has wished that they had more money."

But some legislators worried that, in a state that prides itself on having a minimal safety net, this year's cuts could go too far.

"There is a disconnect with reality," said Rep. Garnet Coleman, a Houston Democrat. "This Legislature and this state government have always been efficient, and I'll add to that, we're very tight."

Facing a similar crisis in 2003, state agency heads told lawmakers they were no longer cutting fat, but cutting muscle. In 2009, they said lawmakers were cutting into the bone.

Texas spends less per resident than any other state. It scores among the bottom five states in spending on public education, higher education, and health care. For most Texans between 18 and 50 who do not have a child at home, food stamps are limited to three months in a three-year period.

"The decisions of this Legislature will determine what kind of future Texas will have," said Talmadge Heflin, director of the conservative Center for Fiscal Policy. "A budget within existing revenues will keep a light burden on Texas taxpayers, encouraging large businesses and entrepreneurs to create jobs here."

But the gap is substantial. The state could cut all spending on natural resources, public safety, criminal justice and the judiciary and still not have enough to cover a $27 billion shortfall. Cutting that much from the Health and Human Services Commission, which handles Medicare and Medicaid, would eliminate state funding to the agency entirely.

The Legislature making the choices increased its Republican majorities in the recent midterm election. Republicans currently hold a 101-49 supermajority in the state House, a majority in the state Senate and Perry, a Republican, has appointed the senior leadership in every state agency.

Perry has promised there will be no new taxes, and other lawmakers know that pledge is a winning strategy in Texas. Perry won an unprecedented third term in November, and the tea party helped win Republicans their first supermajority since Reconstruction by espousing libertarian values.

Texas is also a place where the constitution forbids both a budget deficit and an income tax, limiting what lawmakers can actually do. But that doesn't mean voters don't want any state assistance for the young and needy.

In a poll by Texas's five major newspapers released Sunday, registered voters said they opposed any new taxes, but also opposed any cuts to public education or health spending.

"No one should govern on their rhetoric because that's how you get really bad public policy," Coleman added. "There are 101 Republicans and if 101 Republicans want to slash and burn, that's what they will do."

sports

It's time to step out of your comfort zone

EDITORS NOTE: Former Texas Tech running back and Midland High graduate Baron Batch's column will appear here every Wednesday.

BARON BATCH
Former Texas Tech RB

As I was waiting in line to board my plane to Haiti a woman asked me, "So what do you do for a living?"

I excitedly responded, "Well, I just graduated from college!"

She then asked, "So you mean you're unemployed?"

I thought about it for a little bit, and then it sunk in. Crap! I am currently unemployed, and since I moved out of my house I am homeless as well.

Good thing I strained my calf in the bowl game — at least I might be able to get disability (I am joking for those of you who took me serious). Real world here I come!

Insanity wouldn't begin to describe my last two weeks. The day after my last college game I was on a plane to Haiti with a group from Lubbock, and I'm actually writing this entry from Haiti now. I'm heading back to the States this morning.

Since I haven't written in a week I'm sure this piece of literature will be an interesting one. Where do I start?

Umm, well let's just start with my last college game.

Two days before I played my last college football game the agent I was going to sign with after the game called and said a running back higher up on the draft board was wanting to sign with his agency and he wouldn't be able to sign me because he no longer had enough room.

Yeah that actually happened. This was my first introduction into how cutthroat the NFL is.

I was pretty stressed simply because all of my flight plans and living arrangements immediately fell through and changed. Not only did I not know who my new agent would be, I knew I was leaving to Haiti the day after the game and wouldn't have any time to meet new agents or make new plans.

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Looks Cold

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's William Downing (3) takes the ball away from Abilene Wylie's Manuelo Candura (3), Tuesday during a scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium. Midland High won the game 2-1. Look in Thursday's Reporter-Telegram for previews on the upcoming soccer season.

TCU TAKES SECOND

Mark J. Terrill/AP

HAPPY WITH WHAT THEY GOT TCU wide receivers coach Rusty Burns, foreground, celebrates with his team as they beat Wisconsin on Jan. 1 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. TCU finished second behind Auburn.

No. 2 final ranking 'very gratifying' for Horned Frogs

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — TCU has gone from being a one-win team when Gary Patterson arrived with a new coaching staff to undefeated and No. 2 in the final poll.

"We're excited. It's obviously very gratifying that the writers and our peers in the coaches poll voted us No. 2," Patterson said Tuesday. "Where we started 13 years ago and where we are today, it's quite an honor to be a part of all that."

The Horned Frogs (13-0) are No. 2 behind BCS champion Auburn (14-0) in the Associated Press Top 25 that was released Tuesday.

TCU completed its first undefeated season since its 1938 national championship with a 21-19 victory over Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

When Patterson arrived as defensive coordinator after the 1997 season, the Frogs were coming off a 1-10 record. He is 98-28 in 10 seasons as head coach, and TCU has won at least 11 games in six of the last eight seasons. Last week, he got a two-year contract extension through the 2018 season.

Patterson, attending the American Football Coaches Association convention, watched Auburn's 22-19 victory over Oregon in the BCS national championship game Monday night alone in a hotel room.

"I watched it as much as a fan as I did anything else," Patterson said.

While Patterson admittedly would have relished the chance to play Auburn or Oregon for the title, he insists that he didn't watch the game wondering how his team would have fared against either one of them.

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>
> — **GARY PATTERSON**
> *TCU football coach*

"Like I've said before, I would like to have played them. That's what coaches do," he said. "You want to play at the highest level. We want to play for a national championship some day. ... The rules were we played in the Rose Bowl. It was a great venue and we played a really, really, really good Wisconsin team, so we

Please see **TCU**/4C

Rangerettes get off to good start in district play

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Greenwood coach Quint Anthony made it an emphasis to his team that getting out to a strong start against Fort Stockton on Tuesday was pivotal if the Rangerettes wanted to improve to 2-0 in District 4-3A play.

The Rangerettes answered their coach's heed, opening the game with a 12-2 run and eventually coasting to a 48-22 victory at Greenwood High School gym.

The Rangerettes led 14-5 after the opening period, then held Fort Stockton without a field goal in the second frame, allowing them to pull away to a 28-7 advantage at halftime.

Rangerettes	**48**
Prowlers	22

"We played well early. We wanted to be in attack mode from the start," Anthony said. "Fort Stockton, from the couple films I had seen, come out and try to pressure the other team to start. I pressured the girls to come out strong and play hard from the very start."

Pyle

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Fort Stockton's only points of the second period came from a pair of free throws made by Dinessah Fuentez with 1:32 to play in the first half. The Prowlers struggled to set up its offense in the first two periods of play with Greenwood forcing them into 17 first half turnovers.

"We do a good job of getting deflections," Anthony said. "We teach our girls that every deflection we get is a positive thing. Tonight we got quite a few and that got us off to a good start."

Eight Rangerettes got in the scorebook with junior guard Peyton Pyle leading the way. Pyle had a game-high 13 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.

"She's been playing great basketball," Anthony said of Pyle. "She's a super kid, a great shooter, a great penetrator and she does a good job on the boards. We feel like she also gets her teammates involved. She's a benefit to us all the way around."

Courtney Waters chipped in 11 points and eight rebounds for the Rangerettes. No player scored in double figures for Fort Stockton with Lindsay Horton leading with eight points.

Most importantly for Greenwood is getting out to the 2-0 start in what should be a tight district race.

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No. 12 Texas routs Texas Tech in Lubbock

By Betsu Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Texas coach Rick Barnes talked plenty about rebounding since his 12th-ranked Longhorns lost to No. 10 Connecticut last weekend.

The Longhorns came out and hammered the boards in their 83-52 victory over Texas Tech on Tuesday night, finishing with a 42-23 advantage.

UConn outrebounded Texas 52-42 in the 82-81 overtime loss.

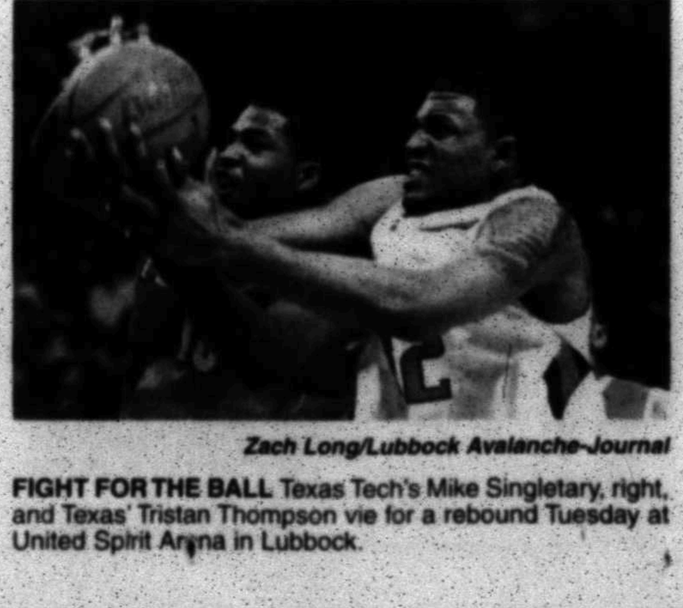
"We know what we did wrong," Barnes said. "We wanted to rebound better tonight, which we did. We got our guards back down there involved early and that led to some transition baskets for us."

Longhorns	**83**
Red Raiders	52

The win was the largest margin of victory for Texas ever in Lubbock and the worst loss for Texas Tech in United Spirit Arena, which opened in 1999. The last time the Red Raiders lost at home by more an 89-56 loss to Oklahoma in February 1998.

Freshman Tristan Thompson scored 20 points to lead the Longhorns, who kept the pace quick all game.

"Offensively, we do want to run," Barnes said. "There's no doubt about it. We're fast. We can run. Tristan and our post guys really did a good job sealing inside and opening up some driving lanes. And he did. He was good pushing the ball. Then I thought we got into a pretty good rhythm where we were executing things and we wanted to play inside-out and we played well."



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FIGHT FOR THE BALL Texas Tech's Mike Singletary, right, and Texas' Tristan Thompson vie for a rebound Tuesday at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Stagnant second half costs Rebels

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — Lee's last time out, the Rebels went cold in the second half and it nearly cost them. On Tuesday, it did.

Lee was outscored by 16 points in the second half against San Angelo Central and the Bobcats pulled out a 57-49 victory. With the loss, Lee fell to 9-11 overall and 2-2 in District 3-5A play while Central improved to 15-7, 3-0.

Bobcats	**57**
Rebels	**49**

Bobcats guard Reggie Sutton led all scorers with 21 points and was the only player on his team in double figures. Lee was led by Jordan Salazar's 14 points and Devin Savage added 13, but the Rebels managed just seven points in the third quarter and eight points in the final period.

The Bobcats outscored the Rebels by 10 in the fourth quarter in the come-from-behind victory. Lee aims to get back on track at Abilene High at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 57, LEE 49

Lee (9-11, 2-2) — Jordan Salazar 14, Austin Brown 6, Ashton Horton 2, Trey Collins 6, Devin Savage 13, Corey Wightkoski 9

Central (15-7, 3-0) — Adrian Rios 4, Keaton Cortez 2, Chase Mason 4, Justin Sanders 6, Reggie Sutton 21, Jerome Samuels 5, Devin Morgan 1, Logan Ohlsen 4, Brock Berger 2

Lee	16	18	7	**8—49**
Central	15	15	13	**14—57**

Free throws — Lee 9-13, Central 12-25. 3-point goals — Lee 6 (Salazar 2, Cortez 2, Brown, McPherson), Central 3 (Sutton 2, Sutton).

Next game: Lee at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m. Friday; San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m. Friday

2-5A Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	3	0	12	6
San Angelo Central	3	0	15	7
Odessa High	2	1	9	10
Lee	2	2	9	11
Abilene Cooper	1	3	7	15
Odessa Permian	1	3	2	16
Abilene High	0	3	2	19

Tuesday's Scores

San Angelo Central 57, Lee 49; Lubbock Monterey 85, Midland High 55; Odessa High 62, Abilene Cooper 50; Odessa Permian 58, Abilene High 46

Friday's Games

Abilene Cooper at Midland High; Chaparral Center 6 p.m., Lee at Abilene High, 7 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 6 p.m.

Stars finally win at home again, beat Oilers

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Stars	**3**
Oilers	**2**

DALLAS — James Neal shot the puck and then took a shot — one that knocked him to the ice so quickly he never saw the goal that put the Dallas Stars ahead. Then again, nobody else knew for sure it was an, either.

Neal's shot from the middle of the right circle over the shoulder of Edmonton Oilers goalie Nikolai Khabibulin ricocheted out of the net so quickly and so far up the ice that play continued until the whistle finally blew for an apparent penalty midway through the third period.

Officials then looked at a video replay and awarded the goal.

"As soon as I got hit, I didn't see where it ended up," Neal said after the Stars' 3-2 victory Tuesday night. "And there was no reaction from everybody, so we weren't sure."

Neal was knocked down by Jean-Francouis Jacques, and the whistle still hadn't blown when he got back to his feet.

"It was difficult to see whether it was in. Half the guys on the bench said it was, and half of us thought it wasn't," Stars coach Marc Crawford said. "Thankfully, there was video review because it was in the back of the net."

Crawford initially thought the puck went in, then wasn't so sure when he saw a replay angle that made it appear that the puck hit the crossbar. But a view from overhead showed clearly that it was a goal.

"It was such a great shot," said Oilers coach Tom Renney, who also thought the puck had hit the crossbar before seeing the replay.

Jamie Benn scored his third goal in two games for Dallas and captain Brenden Morrow also scored. After the Oilers tallied twice in less than 2 minutes to tie it, Neal got his 16th of the season with 1:19 left.

NHL ROUNDUP

CANADIENS 2, RANGERS 1: At New York, Jaroslav Spacek scored the tying goal in the second period and Benoit Pouliot put Montreal ahead for good in the third as the Canadiens beat New York 2-1 on Tuesday night, snapping the Rangers' three-game winning streak.

Spacek connected for the first time in 29 games with 1:11 left in the middle period after the Canadiens controlled play in the Rangers' end for about two consecutive minutes. Pouliot scored his second in three games with a tough-angle shot 6:03 into the final period.

PANTHERS 4, CAPITALS 3, OT: At Sunrise, Fla., Dennis Wideman scored a power-play goal in overtime, helping Florida end a three-game losing streak.

After the Panthers squandered a three-goal lead, Wideman's wrist shot from the right circle beat Michal Neuvirth on the glove side at 2:51 of overtime. Mike Santorelli, Marty Reasoner and David Booth also scored for Florida, and Tomas Vokoun stopped 30 shots.

PREDATORS 5, WILD 1: At Nashville, Tenn., Joel Ward had a goal and an assist while Nashville blew open the game with three goals in the third period, leading the Predators to their sixth straight victory.

Nick Spaling scored two goals in the third, and Marcel Goc also added had an unassisted goal in the period. David Legwand scored in the first and Pekka Rinne finished with 25 saves.

HURRICANES 6, FLAMES 5, SO: At Raleigh, N.C., rookie Jeff Skinner scored in the shootout and Cam Ward stopped Calgary cold to lift Carolina to the victory.

Jussi Jokinen had two goals and an assist. Erik Cole, Tuomo Ruutu and Eric Staal also scored for the Hurricanes, who blew a three-goal lead but won their third straight and sixth in eight games.

COYOTES 4, BLUE JACKETS 3: At Columbus, Ohio, Derek Morris' slap shot with 9:16 left went in off goalie Mathieu Garon's back, leading Phoenix past slumping Columbus.

The Coyotes, who trailed 2-0 and 3-1, also got goals from Radim Vrbata, Vernon Fiddler and Eric Belanger. Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 37 shots.

FLYERS 5, SABRES 2: At Buffalo, N.Y., Danny Briere had a goal and three assists against his former team, helping Philadelphia overcome a two-goal deficit.

Ville Leino scored the go-ahead goal 2:17 into the third period by having a rebound go in off his skate after Ryan Miller stopped Briere's initial shot from the left circle on a 2-on-1 break. Scott Hartnell scored twice, including an empty-netter, and Mike Richards also scored as the Eastern Conference-leading Flyers (27-10-5) won their fourth straight and 12th of their past 16 (12-3-1).

CANUCKS 4, ISLANDERS 3, SO: At Uniondale, N.Y., Mason Raymond and Ryan Kesler scored in a shootout, leading surging Vancouver to the win.

Alex Burrows, Kesler and Kevin Bieksa scored for the Canucks in regulation. Roberto Luongo made 38 saves, helping Vancouver improve to 14-0-3 in its last 17 games. The Canucks (28-8-6) lead the NHL with 62 points.

BRUINS 6, SENATORS 0: At Boston, Patrice Bergeron scored three times for his first career hat trick and Boston's Tim Thomas earned his sixth shutout of the season.

Brad Marchand and Tyler Seguin each had a goal and an assist and David Krejci added a pair of assists for the Bruins, who picked up right where they left off Monday night, when Boston rallied for four goals in the final 3 1/2 minutes of a 4-2 win at Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

Lady Rebels can't overcome fouls in loss

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — Foul trouble and inconsistent play kept Lee from picking up its second District 3-5A win on Tuesday.

Instead, San Angelo Central picked up its first district victory, knocking off Lee 49-35.

Alex Ramos spent much of the night in foul trouble, but still managed to tally 13 points and 11 rebounds. Meanwhile, junior guard Kortni Edwards and junior post Landry Johnson each fouled out of the game.

Lady Bobcats	**49**
Lady Rebels	**35**

The game was tied at 9 all following the first period, but the Lady Rebels managed a mere two points in the second period, allowing Central to go up 20-11 at halftime.

Lee fought back into the game in the third period, using an energetic defense and five 3-pointers in the frame to pull within 33-30 heading into the final frame.

But the Lady Rebels ran out of steam, managing just five points in the fourth period.

Central was led by Katie Wohldeking, who had a game-high 14 points.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 49, LEE 35

Lee (8-14, 1-4 in District 3-5A) — Ana Ramos 13, Kortni Edwards 8, Jaci Hodgkins 2, Jaylee Rose 2, Cassidy Gilliland 2, Landry Johnson 2, Kaitlyn Collins 11, Tia Bethea 3, Chelsea Howell 6, Katie Wohldeking 14, Joanna Steed 5, Kelsey Fitzpatrick 2

Lee	9	2	10	**9—35**
Central	9	11	13	**16—49**

Free throws — Lee 6-9, Central 19-27. 3-point goals — Lee 5 (Edwards 3, Edwards 2), Central 3 (Lee 2, Central 0 fouled out — Edwards, Landry Johnson)

Next: Lee at Abilene High, 5:15 p.m. Friday

2-5A Basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	5	0	21	4
Odessa Permian	3	0	11	8
Odessa High	3	2	10	12
Abilene High	2	3	7	14
Lee	1	4	8	14
Abilene Cooper	1	4	6	21
San Angelo Central	1	4	11	12

Tuesday's Scores

San Angelo Central 49, Lee 35; Midland High 95, Lubbock High 61; Odessa High 62, Abilene Cooper 50; Odessa Permian 67, Abilene High 46

Friday's Games

Abilene Cooper at Midland High; Chaparral Center 6 p.m., Lee at Abilene High, 6 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 6 p.m.

Lady Dawgs roll past Lady Westerners for non-district win

From staff reports

Tuesday's game with Lubbock High may have been a non-district contest for Midland High, but the Lady Bulldogs made the most of it.

Against their former District 2-5A mates, the Lady Bulldogs found their groove offensively in a 95-61 victory at Chaparral Center. Midland High's 95 points was a single game season-high and every player on the roster scored to contribute to the victory as the Lady Bulldogs improved to 21-4 on the season.

Lady Dawgs	**95**
Lady Westerners	**61**

Despite the Lady Westerners shooting as well as any opponent has against Midland High, the Lady Bulldogs scored early and often, creating points from their press, in transition and in their halfcourt offense.

Midland High's Kelsey Hoppel went off for 29 points to lead all scorers. Of her feats in the game, she led all players with four of Midland High's six 3-pointers. Teammates Paris Webb and Dreamika Merchant also dropped 20 points, posting 22 and 20 points, respectively. Amanda Metzler led Lubbock High with 20 points.

But Hoppel, Webb and Merchant left plenty of shots for their teammates. Krystal Valdez, Sabrina Banks, Megan Hoppel, Meg Woodard, Skeesha Bowers, Rebecca Gallegos, Andrea Sadler and Catarina Rendon also scored in the game, meaning every player on the Midland High roster entered the scoresheet.

Midland High remains home Friday and returns to District 3-5A play against Abilene Cooper at 6 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

MIDLAND HIGH 95, LUBBOCK HIGH 61

Lubbock High — Amanda Metzler 20, Madison Taylor 6, Mindy Jones 5, Amanda Pacific 7, Jordan Graves 2, America Salcedo 2, Selena Flores 6, Madelyn Gomez 6, Lisa Bostik 8

MHS (21-4, 1-0) — Paris Webb 22, Krystal Valdez 5, Megan Hoppel 2, Meg Woodard 5, Skeesha Bowers 6, Sabrina Banks 4, Kelsey Hoppel 29, Catarina Rendon 2, Dreamika Merchant 20, Andrea Sadler 1

LHS	13	12	21	**15—61**
MHS	25	26	27	**19—95**

Free throws — LHS 11-21, MHS 3-22. 3-point goals — LHS 4 (Graves 2, Salcedo 1, Flores 1), MHS 6 (Webb 2, Banks 1, Bowers 1, Hoppel 2). Steals — LHS 5 (Metzler 2, Pacific 2, Jones), MHS 21 (Webb 5, Merchant 5, Valdez 3, Hoppel 3, Woodard 3, Bowers 2). Total fouls — LHS 20, MHS 20. Fouled out — MHS: Banks.

Next game: Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center

Bulldogs leave Lubbock with loss after rough 1st quarter

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Midland High fell into an early hole at Lubbock Monterey on Tuesday and was unable to dig out of it.

The Plainsmen outscored the Bulldogs by 14 in the opening quarter on their way to a 85-65 victory. The Bulldogs entered the game 5-1 in their last six games and dropped to 12-7 with the non-district loss.

Luke Davis led the Plainsmen with 23 points while T.J. Brown paced the Bulldogs with 21 points. Midland High's Mercedes Lane added 19 points and Kionne Lewis tacked on 11.

The Bulldogs played the Plainsmen close the final three quarters, but had a slow first quarter in which they were outscored 24-10.

Midland High gets back to District 3-5A play at home against Abilene Cooper at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center.

LUBBOCK MONTEREY 85, MIDLAND HIGH 65

MHS (10-7) — Kionne Lewis 11, Mercedes Lane 19, Jamal Sanders 7, T.J. Brown 21, Dominic Lee 3, Jordan McReynolds 4

Monterey (21-4) — Garcia 13, Bailey 2, Calvin 25, Harrison 16, Chapman 2, Timmons 10, Anderson 14, Pearson 5

MHS	10	21	16	**16—65**
Monterey	24	20	22	**19—85**

Free throws — MHS 14-26, Monterey 21-28. 3-point goals — MHS 3 (Lane 2, Brown), Monterey 2 (Garcia, Davis). Total fouls — Midland 19, Monterey 22. Fouled out — MHS: Sanders. Technical foul: MHS bench.

Next game: Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Girls

LUBBOCK TRINITY 67, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 46

LUBBOCK — In a match up of ranked 2-0 TAPPS 1-4A teams, Lubbock Trinity came out on top against Midland Christian, 67-46.

The Lady Lions got off to an ideal start, taking a 20-13 and expanded their lead by five more points before half. The Lady Mustangs played close in the second half, but couldn't make up any ground.

Lubbock Trinity's Shanae Ammons led all scorers with 18 and Midland Christian was led by Jessica Smitherman's 12 points while Whitney Rogers and Lindzey Roach each scored 11.

NO. 13 LUBBOCK TRINITY 67, NO. 14 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 46

MCS (15-7, 2-1) — Morgan Ashton 8, Jessica Smitherman 12, Whitney Rogers 11, Lindsey Roach 11, Miranda Gilreath 2, Emma Thompson 4

LTC (20): Shanea S. Huggins 2, Maeve 22, Shanae Ammons 18, Kelsey 2, Wesley 2, Wattle 8,

MCS	13	9	11	**13—46**
LTC	20	16	13	**18—67**

Free throws — MCS 14-25, LTC 15-18. 3-point goals — MCS 5, LTC 3 (Ammons 2, Wattle 1). Total fouls — MCS 18, LTC 19. Fouled out — MCS: Ashton, Smitherman, LTC: Wesley.

Next game: Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m. Friday

BRONTE 41, GARDEN CITY 38

Garden City trailed by as many as 10 points in the fourth quarter of Tuesday's game, but came within a shot of forcing overtime.

Garden City lost to Bronte, 41-38, but the Lady Bearkats had a shot to tie at the buzzer that just missed. Bronte remained undefeated in District 12-A, Division II play at 6-0 while Garden City fell to 10-13 overall and 4-2 in district.

Karnie Halfmann led Garden City with 12 points as the Lady Bearkats led 7-6 after the first quarter and went into halftime tied. Bronte led by just 2 at the end of the third quarter, but got hot in the final period before Garden City made its comeback attempt.

BRONTE 41, GARDEN CITY 38

Bronte (6-0) — Baker 21, Lee 10, Gobbs 4, Wallace 4, Scott 2

Garden City (10-13, 4-2) — Karnie Halfmann 12, Lexie Schaefer 6, Taylor Hughes 6, Cassie Hill 6, Magdaly Huerta 5, Rachel Hitt 3

Bronte	6	12	12	**11—41**
Garden City	7	11	10	**10—38**

Free throws — BHS 9-15, GC 8-13. 3-point goals — BHS 0, GC 4 (Schaefer 2, Halfmann 1, Huerta 1). Total fouls — BHS 12, GC 12. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Garden City at Water Valley, 6:30 p.m. Friday

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 49, ALPINE 13

Kayla Beattie had 19 and Karis Johnson had 13 points help lead the Lady Knights to a 49-13 victory against Alpine on Tuesday at the Midland Classical gymnasium.

Midland Classical opened up a 32-8 lead in the first half and used that lead to defeat the Lady Bucks.

Midland Classical will travel to Crane on Friday to face the Golden Cranes at 6:30 p.m.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 49, ALPINE 13

Alpine — Ruby Gonzalez 2, Keanna Valenzuela 2, Brianna Macias 1, Hellen Mena 3, Alyssa Fields 5

Midland Classical (3-12) — Laura Irene Flores 5, Karla Jonston 13, Summer Sparks 5, Kayla Beattie 19, Rachel Long 2, Joe Alaniz 4

Alpine	5	4	1	**—13**
MCA	11	21	16	**7—49**

Free throws — Alpine 2-4, Midland Classical 3-5. 3-point goals — Midland Classical 3 (Beattie 2, Alpine 1 (Macias). Total fouls — Alpine 8, Midland Classical 15.

Next game: Midland Classical at Crane, 6:30 p.m. Friday

STANTON 44, FORSAN 41

Stanton only scored three points in the fourth period, but it turned out to be all the Lady Buffaloes needed to knock off Forsan in a District 3-2A game.

Stanton was up by as many as 13 points in the second half and led 41-29 heading into the fourth period. Forsan outscored Stanton 12-3 in the final period and had the last shot of the night, but couldn't draw the foul or get the shot to go down.

Tara Patterson and Selah Ramsey each had nine to lead Stanton. Ambra Hill had 12 for Forsan, while teammate Kay'C Stanley chipped in 10.

STANTON 44, FORSAN 41

Stanton (12-11, 2-4 in District 3-2A) — Tara Patterson 9, Selah Ramsey 9, Jami Hale 6, Bailey Bryan 8, Jennifer Hartley 4, Ashton Snellgrove 4, Kentra Graham 2

Forsan (11-9, 3-5) — Ambra Hill 12, Kay'C Stanley 10, Cheyenne Galloway 4, Morgan Forshee 4, Shelby Roemer 4, Miranda Park 5, Stevie Wilson 2

Stanton	14	15	12	**3—44**
Forsan	12	12	5	**12—41**

Free throws — Stanton 4-11, Forsan 13-26. 3-point goals — Stanton 6 (Patterson 3, Ramsey, Bryan 2), Forsan 2 (Hill 2). Total fouls — Stanton 19, Forsan 19. Fouled out — Hale, Ramsey.

Next: Forsan at Slaton, 6 p.m. Friday

Boys

LAMESA 70, NO. 17 GREENWOOD 59

LAMESA — In its last non-district tune up, Greenwood fell to Lamesa, 70-59, on the road.

Greenwood (20-4) entered the game with a five-game winning streak, but fell behind early as Lamesa took a 20-9 lead in the first quarter.

Lamesa's Davionn Thomas led all scorers with 25 points while Greenwood was led by Trevor Nolan's 19. The Rangers open District 4-3A play at Seminole at 8 p.m. Friday.

LAMESA 70, NO. 17 GREENWOOD 59

Greenwood (20-4) — Elder Urias 12, Kaden Hatley 8, Mitch Spoon 6, Hugo Arenas 2, Trevor Nolan 19, Kam Williams 7, Jacob Armitage 2

Lamesa (15-6) — Davionn Thomas 25, Isaac Hinojosa 14, Kalil Ferguson 7, Ashton Hodges 2, Roger Garza 9, Roman Perdon 2, Gabriel Gil 2, Bryan Gue 8

GHS	9	14	13	**23—59**
LHS	20	19	11	**20—70**

Free throws — GHS 23-40, LHS 15-27. 3-point goals — GHS 9 (Spoon 3, Urias 2, Hatley 2, Nolan 1), LHS 6 (Thomas 3, D. Thomas 2, Ferguson 1). Total fouls — GHS 23, LHS 20. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Greenwood at Seminole, 8 p.m. Friday; Lubbock Cooper at Lamesa, 8 p.m. Friday

No. 1 BRONTE 55, No. 23 GARDEN CITY33

GARDEN CITY — Garden City proved no match for Bronte — the No. 1 team in Class A, Division II.

The Bearkats kept pace with Bronte for the first half, trailing 32-24 at halftime. However, Bronte outscored Garden City 17-6 in the third period to put the Bearkats away.

Brett Chudej lead the Bearkats with eight points.

BRONTE 55, GARDEN CITY33

Bronte — Rawls 18, K.Rawls 15, Charles 12, Hooks 6, Baumiel 8

Garden City — Brett Chudej 8, Austin Long 7, Brian Hart 6, Peyton Schaefer 5, Sam Miller 5, Kortez Davis 3, Josh Collunge 2

Bronte	16	16	17	**6—55**
Garden City	10	14	6	**3—33**

Free throws — Bronte 9-9, Garden City 5-8. 3-point goals — Bronte 8 (Charles 2, K.Rawls 2, Rawls 2), Garden City 6 (Hart 2, Miller 1, Davis 1, Schaefer 1, Long 1). Total fouls — Bronte 11, Garden City 4. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Garden City at Water Valley, 6 p.m. Friday

NO. 2 LUBBOCK TRINITY 108, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 28

LUBBOCK — The No. 2 team in the state Lubbock Trinity had no mercy on Midland Christian, winning 108-28 on Tuesday.

Trinity's Parker Wentz led all scorers with 21 points and teammate Kyle Wheeler added 15 points. The Lions had 12 players in all score.

David Parkhurst led Midland Christian with seven points and Joe Bunts added six more.

NO. 2 LUBBOCK TRINITY 108, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 28

MCS (1-16, 0-3): Joe Bunts 6, Zach Gilbert 1, Mason Sparacino 3, Jacob Longbotham 2, Matt Counts 5, David Parkhurst 7, Mason Alsup 4,

LTC (23-1, 3-0): Parker Wentz 21, Andrew 8, Stephenson 7, L. Stephenson 13, Gregory 6, Miller 12, Ammons 8, Kyle Wheeler 15, T. Wentz 2, B. Wheeler 4, Durham 4, Leonard 6

MCS	8	12	8	**2—28**
LTC	31	22	36	**19—108**

Free throws — MCS 11-16, LTC 4-7. Free throws — MCS 5 (Bunts, Sparacino, ParkHurst); LTC Wentz 2, Gregory 2, Miller 2, Ammons 2, Stephenson 1, L. Stephenson 1). Totals fouls — MCS 11, LTC 17. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

TRINITY 56, MIDESSA WARRIORS 49

Despite 30 points from the Midessa Warriors' Alex Hudson, Trinity rolled to a 56-49 victory.

Conner Brock led the Chargers with 22 points and Thomas Schorr added 15.

The Chargers will now have a break in their schedule for the next week and a half before resuming play.

TRINITY 56, MIDESSA WARRIORS 49

Midessa Warriors: King 10, Longoria 9, Alex Hudson 30, Abel 4, Edwards 3

Trinity (7-9): Conner Brock 22, Sam Nelson 1, Sammy Hage 2, Alex Young 2, Adam Hess 6, Thomas Schorr 15, Taylor Cory 5

Midessa Warriors	6	16	12	**17—49**
Trinity	13	19	15	**16—56**

Free throws — MW 1-2, MT 13-27. 3-point goals — MW 4 (Hudson 4), MT 5 (Brock 3, Hess 1, Schorr 1). Total fouls — MW 20, MT 7. Fouled out — MW: Cross, Edwards

STANTON 58, FORSAN 44

FORSAN — Tyler Fulton dropped 24 points and Trace Sidle added 20 points to lead Stanton to a 58-44 victory against Forsan on Tuesday.

Stanton led for most of the first half and took a 28-19 lead into halftime. Forsan made up six points in the third quarter, but Stanton pulled away in the fourth quarter, outscoring Forsan 20-9 in the final period.

Stanton improved to 15-2 overall and 3-1 in District 3-2A play. The Buffaloes next play host to Denver City at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

STANTON 58, FORSAN 44

Stanton (15-2, 3-1) Tyler Fulton 24, Trace Sidle 20, Ryan Bramley 5, Ethan Maulden 5, Tanmas Ramos 2, Grayson Gray 2

Forsan: Kolten Self 6, Patrick Robles 15, Dylan Bagnall 8, Bracken Schroeder 2, Ty Johnson 14, Bryson Phillips 2

Stanton	12	16	16	**20—58**
Forsan	7	12	16	**9—44**

Free throws — SHS 11-24, FSH 5-6. 3-pointer goals — SHS 5 (Sidle 3, Fulton 2), FSH 5 (Robles 3, Bagnall 1, Johnson 1). Total fouls — SHS 9, FHS 22. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Denver City at Stanton, 7:30 p.m., Friday

COAHOMA 48, LUBBOCK ROOSEVELT 44

COAHOMA — Coahoma notched its first District 3-2A victory with a 48-44 win on Tuesday.

Tanner Ruiz led the Bulldogs with 13 points and Sheigh Cravens tacked on 11 as the Bulldogs improved to 9-11 and 1-3 in district play.

Coahoma travels to Colorado City next for a 7:30 p.m. meeting on Friday.

COAHOMA 48, LUBBOCK ROOSEVELT 44

Roosevelt: Fowler 5, Maines 7, Kidd 8, Jacques 1, Davis 3, Whitley 13, Polk 3, Pearson 4

Coahoma (9-11, 1-3): Tanner Ruiz 13, Aaron Acevedo 6, Hunter Williams 8, Sheigh Cravens 11, Reagan Reid 2, Jacob Echaverria 6

Roosevelt	14	10	6	**14—44**
Coahoma	13	19	5	**11—48**

Free throws — RHS 8-22, CHS 13-26. 3-point goals — RHS 6 (Fowler 1, Maines 1, Kidd 1, Whitley 2, Polk 1), CHS 3 (Cravens 3). Total fouls — RHS 20, CHS 19. Fouled out — RHS: Davis, Polk.

Next game: Coahoma at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m. Friday

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RANGERETTES

From 1C

"That's very important. This district is very up in the air," Anthony said. "Anybody can beat anybody else on any given night. We're just happy to be in the position we are in."

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GREENWOOD 48, FORT STOCKTON 22

Fort Stockton (0-2 in District 4-5A) — Lindsey Horton 8, Savannah Fuentes 4, Kalie Tavarez 2, Kaly Sapp 3, Tiffany Rodriguez 3, Autumn Walker 2

Greenwood (10-16, 2-0) — Peyton Pyle 13, Courtney Waters 11, Emily Dye 7, Alyssa Anthony 5, Becca Campbell 5, Morgan McKee 3, Bailey Brooks 3, Maygan Bousquet 1

Fort Stockton	5	2	9	**6—22**
Greenwood	14	14	8	**12—48**

Free throws — FS 8-11, GW 9-21. 3-point goals — FS 2 (Rodriguez, Bourgeois), GW 1 (Waters). Rebounds — FS 22 (Horton 3, Wilson 3, Duarte 3), GW 44 (Waters 8). Assists — FS 2 (Sapp, Erica Magallan), GW 4 (Anthony 3). Total fouls — FS 16, GW 16. Fouled out — Rodriguez

Next: Greenwood at Seminole, 6:30 p.m. Friday; Monahans at Fort Stockton, 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	28	9	.757	—
New York	21	15	.583	6 1/2
Philadelphia	19	15	.559	7 1/2
Toronto	13	24	.351	15
New Jersey	10	27	.270	18

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	30	9	.769	—
Orlando	25	11	.694	3
Atlanta	20	14	.588	6
Charlotte	14	21	.400	12
Washington	12	25	.324	15 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	12	.676	—
Indiana	21	15	.583	3 1/2
Milwaukee	14	21	.400	10
Detroit	12	24	.333	12 1/2
Cleveland	8	29	.216	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	32	7	.821	—
Dallas	26	10	.722	5
New Orleans	22	16	.579	10
Houston	17	21	.447	15
Memphis	17	21	.447	15

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	29	7	.806	—
Utah	25	13	.658	4
Denver	21	16	.568	7 1/2
Portland	20	17	.541	8 1/2
Minnesota	9	30	.231	20 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	27	11	.711	—
Phoenix	25	11	.417	1
Golden State	15	22	.405	11 1/2
LA Clippers	12	25	.324	14
Sacramento	8	27	.229	17 1/2

Tuesday's Scores

Indiana 111, Philadelphia 103
Washington 126, Sacramento 123, OT
Milwaukee at Atlanta, ppd.
San Antonio 107, Minnesota 96
Denver 132, Phoenix 96
New York at Portland, late
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Chicago at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 107, TIMBERWOLVES 96

SAN ANTONIO (107) Jefferson 5-15 4-4 11, Duncan 2-15 2-4 6, Blair 3-4 0-0 6, Parker 5-8 6-6 12, Ginobili 6-13 5-5 19, Hill 5-11 2-2 12, McGrady 2-5 1-1 6, Bonner 3-5 0-0 7, Splitter 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 37-79 22-26 107

MINNESOTA (96) Beasley 5-11 5-6 17, Love 7-22 4-6 20, Jaric 3-7 0-0 7, Pekovic 1-2 3-3 5, Brewer 4-8 3-3 11, Webster 5-14 6-6 18, Flynn 1-5 0-0 2, Tolliver 3-6 0-0 7, Johnson 3-6 0-0 7. Totals 35-84 22-30 96

San Antonio 36 27 25 19 — 107
Minnesota 25 23 23 25 — 96

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 11-22 (Jefferson 3-4, Bonner 3-7, Hill 2-2, Ginobili 2-6, Parker 1-2, Duncan 0-1), Minnesota 9-20 (Love 2-5, Johnson 1-2, Flynn 1-2, Robinson 1-3, Beasley 1-3, Brewer 0-2, Pekovic 0-2, Jaric 0-2). Rebounds—San Antonio 53 (Duncan 9), Minnesota 56 (Love 20). Assists—San Antonio 26 (Parker 12), Minnesota 19 (Flynn 9). Total Fouls—San Antonio 19, Minnesota 23. Technicals—Minnesota Coach Rambis, A—11,099 (19,356).

WIZARDS 126, KINGS 123, OT

SACRAMENTO (123) Garcia 9-17 5-6 26, Thompson 4-9 4-5 12, Cousins 7-19 2-6 16, Head 2-7 0-0 4, Udrih 10-19 5-5 25, Jeter 4-9 0-0 8, Greene 0-2 0-0 0, Landry 3-13 5-5 23, Casspi 2-5 1-1 7, Carroll 5-11 2-2 15. Totals 54-121 26-35 123

WASHINGTON (126) Lewis 7-11-1-2 16, Blatche 5-16 7-8 17, McGee 5-9 4-6 14, Wall 6-19-10-15 22, Young 14-22-8-9 43, Yi 1-5 5-6 2, Seraphin 1-2 0-0 2, Howard 5-9 3-3 14. Totals 51-103 29-37 126

Sacramento 32 31 27 27 6 — 123
Washington 38 16 40 32 16 — 126

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 7-25 (Casspi 2-4, Garcia 2-6, Udrih 2-7, Thompson 1-5, Taylor 0-1, Greene 0-1, Head 0-1, Jeter 0-1), Washington 9-27 (Young 1-5, Howard 1-3, Lewis 1-4, Foded Out 1-4, Wall 5-11). Rebounds—Sacramento 49 (Cousins 19, Washington 60 (Blatche 15). Assists—Sacramento 31 (Jeter 11), Washington 28 (Wall 9). Total Fouls—Sacramento 29, Washington 22. Technicals—Cousins, Garcia, Thompson, A—16,226 (20,173).

PACERS 111, 76ERS 103

INDIANA (111) Granger 10-17 4-4 27, Hibbert 4-12 0-0 8, Dunleavy 3-8 0-0 7, Collison 3-8 0-0 6, Price 4-10 0-0 9, Foster 4-5 2-2 10, Ford 1-3 0-0 2, George 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 46-96 11-11 111

PHILADELPHIA (103) Iguodala 6-7 1-2 13, Brand 6-12 2-2 18, Hawes 5-9 2-4 12, Holiday 7-14 0-0 15, Meeks 4-10 2-2 11, Turner 2-6 2-2 6, Young 5-10 2-2 13, Williams 4-13 0-0 12, Young 5-10 2-2 12. Turner 5-10 3-4 14. Totals 41-96 14-17 103

Indiana 27 30 27 27 — 111
Philadelphia 23 25 32 22 — 103

3-Point Goals—Indiana 8-16 (Dunleavy 4-8, Granger 3-4, Ford 1-2, Philadelphia 7-18 (Meeks 3-5, Holiday 3-6, Turner 1-3, Iguodala 0-2, Williams 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 51 (Hibbert 22), Philadelphia 47 (Spencer 9). Assists—Indiana 29 (Collison 13), Philadelphia 26 (Holiday 8). Total Fouls—Indiana 21, Philadelphia 18. Technicals—Williams, A—10,890 (20,318).

NUGGETS 132, SUNS 98

PHOENIX (98) Childress 8-12 4-5 21, Frye 4-13 2-2 11, Lopez 2-3 2-2 6, Nash 4-10 0-0 10, Vi.Carter 6-15 6-6 19, Gortat 5-8 1-1 11, Dudley 2-5 2-7 7, Dragic 3-10 5-7 11. Totals 34-79 24-30 98

DENVER (132) Anthony 9-17 8-10 26, Martin 3-5 6-6 14, Nene 5-9 0-0 10, Forbes 5-9 0-0 13, Mills 4-7, Afflalo 11-14 7-7 31, Harrington 3-9 3-3 10, Andersen 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 5-6 5-5 15, Lawson 4-5 7-8 15, Fortson 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 2-5 2-3 6, A.Carter 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 44-79 37-43 132

Phoenix 22 23 17 26 — 98
Denver 20 44 36 32 — 132

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 7-22 (Vi.Carter 3-5, Dudley 1-1, Nash 1-3, Pietkus 1-4, Frye 1-5, Dragic 0-1, Childress 0-3), Denver 17-37 (Afflalo 2-4, Anthony 2-4, Lawson 1-3, Billups 1-2, Harrington 1-3, Smith 0-1, A.Carter 0-1, Martin 0-1). Fouled Out—Lawson. Rebounds—Phoenix 49 (Frye 8), Denver 57 (Anthony 15). Assists—Phoenix 19 (Nash 7), Denver 29 (Billups 7). Total Fouls—Phoenix 32, Denver 27. Technicals—Dragic, Phoenix Coach Gentry, Nash, Martin, Smith, Denver defensive three second 2, A—14,874 (19,155).

CHL

TURNER CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Rapid City	34	18	12	4	40	111	115
Bloomington	31	19	11	1	39	85	83
Missouri	31	19	11	1	39	101	97
Colorado	31	18	11	2	38	122	103
Quad City	34	19	15	0	38	100	93
Dayton	32	16	12	3	35	97	96
Wichita	32	16	13	3	35	121	114
Evansville	35	11	19	5	27	114	129
Fort Wayne	30	10	18	4	24	71	96

BERRY CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Allen	32	24	7	1	49	142	107
Bossier-Shreve	34	21	12	1	43	128	102
Odessa	34	17	14	3	37	126	120
Texas	31	16	12	3	35	105	100
Tulsa	36	17	18	1	35	121	132
Arizona	32	15	15	2	32	110	120
Mississippi	34	16	17	1	33	104	116
Rio Grande Valley	36	14	19	3	31	111	124
Laredo	32	12	15	5	29	98	109

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OL column; not the loss column.

Friday's Games

Bloomington at Dayton, 6:30 p.m.
Evansville at Fort Wayne, 7:00 p.m.
Rapid City at Quad City, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Wichita, 7:05 p.m.
Missouri at Missouri, 7:05 p.m.
Bossier-Shreveport at Allen, 7:30 p.m.
Rio Grande Valley at Laredo, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at Tulsa, 7:35 p.m.
Odessa at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Laredo at Allen, 7:00 p.m.
Fort Wayne at Bloomington, 7:05 p.m.
Dayton at Quad City, 7:05 p.m.
Rapid City at Missouri, 7:05 p.m.
Arizona at Wichita, 7:05 p.m.
Rio Grande Valley at Texas, 7:30 p.m.
Mississippi at Evansville, 7:35 p.m.
Bossier-Shreveport at Tulsa, 7:35 p.m.
Odessa at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.

NHL

PANTHERS 4, CAPITALS 3

Washington	0	2	1	0 — 3
Florida	1	0	1	2 — 4

First Period—Florida, Stumpel 12 (Weiss, Bjorkstrand), 9:02 (pp). 2, Florida, Fleischmann 5 (McCabe, Stumpel), 13:41.

Second Period—3, Florida, Booth 12 (Weiss, Stalberg), 6:46 (pp). 4, Washington, Johansson 4 (Laich, Wideman), 10:35. 5, Washington, Knuble 15 (Semin, Backstrom), 13:58.

Third Period—6, Washington, Johansson 5 (Hendricks, Green), 7:32.

Overtime—7, Florida, Wideman 4 (Weiss, Stillman), 2:51 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Washington 7-18-8-0—33. Florida 20-10-7-4—41.

Goalies—Washington, Neuvirth. Florida, Vokoun. A—14,796 (17,040). T—2:29.

PREDATORS 5, WILD 1

Minnesota	1	0	0	1 — 2
Nashville	2	1	2	0 — 5

First Period—1, Nashville, Legwand 4 (Suter, Bourque), 7:02. 2, Minnesota, Koivu 11 (Madden), 16:55.

Second Period—3, Nashville, Ward 5 (Klein, Grier), 1:02.

Third Period—4, Nashville, Spaling 3 (Suter, Hartnell), 4:54. 5, Nashville, Arvidsson 10 (Ellis, Kostitsyn), 10:29. 6, Nashville, Grier 8, 12:53.

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 9-12-5—26. 3, Nashville 6-9-7—22.

Goalies—Minnesota, Theodore 8-7-2 (25 shots-24 saves). Nashville, Rinaldo (10:29 third, 5-4). Nashville, Pekna 13-10-4 (26-25).

A—15,211 (17,113). T—2:19.

FLYERS 5, SABRES 2

Philadelphia	2	1	2	0 — 5
Buffalo	1	0	1	0 — 2

First Period—1, Buffalo, Stafford 4 (Mc-Connon, Myers), 5:02. 2, Buffalo, McConnon 5 (Gerbe), 9:09. 3, Philadelphia, Hartnell 13 (Timonen, Briere), 12:47 (pp).

Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Briere 22 (Timonen), 16:11.

Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Laino 15 (Briere, Hartnell), 2:17. 6, Philadelphia, Richards 14 (Timonen, Philadelphia, Hartnell 14 (Briere), 18:05 (en).

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 10-6-7-0—23. Buffalo 16-12-7-0—35.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Bobrovsky. Buffalo, Miller. A—18,186 (18,690). T—2:22.

FLAMES-HURRICANES SUMS

Calgary	3	2	1	0 — 6
Carolina	2	3	0	0 — 5

Carolina won shootout 1-0

First Period—1, Calgary, Bouwmeester 4 (Iginla, Cammalleri), 4:37. 2, Carolina, Ruutu 11 (Jokinen, Skinner), 11:46. 3, Calgary, Iginla 18 (Tanguay, Cammalleri), 13:06. 4, Carolina, Jokinen 7 (Ruutu, Bolland), 16:29.

Second Period—5, Carolina, Cole 12 (Jokinen, Sutherland), 2:16. 6, Carolina, Staal 21 (White, Ward), 5:07. 7, Carolina, Jokinen 8 (Gleason, Dwyer), 14:02. 8, Calgary, Hagman 9, 16:49.

Third Period—9, Calgary, Glencross 10 (Hagman, Nemisz), 12:10. Calgary Shootout Win—Iginla, Cammalleri, Tanguay 0. Carolina 0 of 3.

Shootout—Calgary 0 (Tanguay NG, Kostitsyn NG, Hagman NG), Carolina 1 (Ruutu G, Skinner G, Ruutu NG).

Shots on Goal—Calgary 12-8-12-0—32. Carolina 8-11-9-4—32.

Power-play opportunities—Calgary 0 of 2; Carolina 0 of 3.

Goalies—Calgary, Kiprusoff. B. Brodeur. A—

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mens

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 9, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

School	Record	Pts	Prv
1 Duke (51)	15-0	1,550	1
2 Kansas	15-0	1,479	2
3 Syracuse	16-0	1,402	4
4 Pittsburgh	15-0	1,361	3
5 San Diego State	17-0	1,318	5
6 Villanova	14-1	1,189	7
7 Purdue	14-1	1,099	8
8 Connecticut	12-2	1,094	9
9 BYU	16-1	1,062	6
10 Notre Dame	14-2	1,050	10
11 Missouri	14-2	1,007	12
12 Texas A&M	14-1	995	16
13 Texas	12-3	954	17
14 Florida	12-3	946	11
15 Illinois	13-2	933	20
16 Louisville	13-2	774	23
17 Washington	12-3	756	14
18 Georgetown	12-4	756	13
19 Kansas State	12-4	722	18
20 Wisconsin	12-3	717	15
21 UCF	14-1	651	21
22 Temple	11-3	611	22
23 Michigan State	10-5	575	19
24 Minnesota	12-4	574	24
25 Richmond	13-2	571	25

Others receiving votes: Saint Mary's 60, Cincinnati 54, Baylor 38, Georgia 37, Memphis 36, Vanderbilt 32, UNLV 26, Florida St. 25, Oklahoma State 17, Arizona 9, Gonzaga 9, Utah State 9, Old Dominion 7, North Carolina 6, West Virginia 5, Nebraska 4, Penn State 2, Wichita State 1.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Texas 83, Texas Tech 52

EAST

Bentley 87, American International 81, 2OT

Chestnut Hill 81, Sciences, Pa. 74
Connecticut 67, Rutgers 55
Dartmouth 74, Princeton 67
Farmingdale 77, Purchase 72
NYU 85, Hunter 59
New Hampshire 77, Hartford 54
Old Westbury 85, NYU Poly 65
Vassar 84, Houghton 64

SOUTH

Florida Atlantic 97, Manhattan 59
Kentucky 78, Auburn 54

MIDWEST

IPFW 101, SIU-Edwardsville 79
Kent St. 86, Bowling Green 63
Michigan St. 64, Wisconsin 61, OT
N. Illinois 71, E. Michigan 69
Youngstown St. 86, Waterforce 51

FAR WEST

BYU 104, Utah 79

TEXAS BOXES

No. 12 TEXAS 83, TEXAS TECH 52

TEXAS (13-3): Johnson 4-7 1-2 9, Hamilton 6-9 4-4 16, Thompson 7-11 4-5 18, Bay 4-5 1-2 9, Joseph 5-10 2-2 15, Lucas 2-3 1-2 5, Brown 2-4 2-2 6, Wangmene 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 30-53 16-22 83

TEXAS TECH (8-9): Reese 1-6 3-4 5, Singletary 2-9 1-3 5, Lewandowski 5-11 1-1 13, Roberson 1-10 0-0 2, Tanu 4-9 0-0 8, Williams 5-10 0-0 10, Roberts 2-2 1-2 5, Dunn 0-0 0-0 0, Outler 0-1 0-0 0, Crockett 1-2 0-0 2, Cooper 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 23-59 6-15 52.

Halftime—Texas 38-22. 3-Point Goals—Texas 3-12 (Joseph 3-7, Lucas 0-1, Bellaby 0-1, Hamilton 0-3). Texas Tech 6-11 (Reese 0-1, Outler 0-1, Willis 0-2, Singletary 0-2, Roberson 0-5). Fouled Out—Cooper, Lewandowski. Rebounds—Texas 42 (Johnson 10), Texas Tech 23 (Singletary 8). Assists—Texas 14 (Bellaby, Brown, Joseph 3). Texas Tech 2 (Reese, Singletary 1). Total Fouls—Texas 16, Texas Tech 28. A—9,366.

BAYLOR 74, OKLAHOMA 61

OKLAHOMA (8-8): Fitzgerald 4-10 1-2 9, Neal 0-1 0-0 0, Clark 4-14 5-6 16, Pledger 6-12 0-0 17, Blair 4-10 0-0 10, Warrington 0-0 2-2 2, Newell 0-0 0-0 0, Honore' 0-1 0-0 0, Thompson 3-7 1-2 7. Totals 23-55 7-11 61.

BAYLOR (12-3): Acy 5-8 5-7 15, P.Jones 10-13 5-6 25, A.Jones 4-6 0-1 9, Walton 1-4 3-4 5, Dunn 6-9 0-0 16, Ellis 2-4 0-0 4, Morgan 0-0 0-0 0. Love 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-45 13-18 74.

Halftime—Baylor 36-32. 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma 8-24 (Pledger 5-10, Blair 2-7, Clark 1-5, Thompson 0-2), Baylor 5-12 (Dunn 4-7, A.Jones 1-2, Love 0-1, Walton 0-3). Fouled Out—Fitzgerald. Rebounds—Oklahoma 23 (Thompson 6), Baylor 37 (Acy 8). Assists—Oklahoma 13 (Blair 6), Baylor 14 (Walton 6). Total Fouls—Oklahoma 15, Baylor 10. A—7,572.

BOXING

Fight Schedule
National TV in parentheses
Jan. 14

At Key West, Fla. (ESPN2), Peter Manfredo Jr. vs. Jose Luis Rodriguez, 10, middleweights. Edwin Rodriguez vs. Aaron Pryor Jr., 10, super middleweights.

Jan. 15

At TBA, Mexico, Hugo Ruiz vs. Alvaro Perez, 12, for the vacant WBA bantamweight title.

Jan. 21

At Mendoza, Argentina, Lucas Matthysse vs. DeMarcus Corley, 10, welterweights.

Jan. 22

At Neubrandenburg, Germany, Sebastian Sylvester vs. Mehdi Bouadla, 12, for Sylvester's IBF middleweight title, Steve Cunningham vs. Enad Licina, 12, for Cunningham's IBF cruiserweight title.

At White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. (PPV), Evander Holyfield vs. Sherman Williams, 12, heavyweights.

At Ciudad Nezahualcoyotl, Mexico, Hugo Ruiz vs. Alvaro Perez, 12, for the vacant WBA interim strawweight title.

Jan. 28

At Temecula, Calif. (ESPN2), Cristobal Arreola vs. Joey Abell, 10, heavyweights. Michael Dallas Jr. vs. Joselito Lopez, 10, junior welterweights.

Jan. 29

At Brakpan, South Africa, Argenis Mendoza vs. Cassius Baloyi, 12, IBF junior lightweight elimination bout. Simphiwe Jogo vs. Katsunari Takayama, 12, for Jay's IBF strawweight title.

At Pontiac, Mich. (HBO), Devon Alexander vs. Timothy Bradley Jr., 12, for Alexander's WBC welterweight and Bradley's WBO junior welterweight titles. Tim Coleman vs. Vernon Paris, 10, junior welterweights.

At Tunica, Miss., Horseshoe Casino and Resort and Casino Verona, N.Y., Manuel Quezada vs. Mike Mollo, 12, the WBC-Continental Americas lightweight title.

Jan. 31

At Tokyo, Ryo Li Lee vs. Akifumi Shimoda, 12, for Lee's WBA World super bantamweight title. Takashi Uchiyama vs. Takashi Miura, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA World super featherweight title.

MLB

Baseball Calendar

Jan. 5-14 — Salary arbitration filing.
Jan. 12-15 — Owners' meetings, Paradise Valley, Ariz.
Jan. 18 — Exchange of salary arbitration figures.
Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings.
Feb. 14 — Mandatory reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.
Feb. 19 — Voluntary reporting date for other players.
March 2 — Mandatory reporting date.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.
March 15 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days' termination pay instead of 45 days.
March 29 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2011 salary.
March 31 — Opening day active rosters reduced to 25 players.
July 12 — All-Star game, Phoenix.
July 24 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.
July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
Aug. 15 — Last day to sign selections from 2011 amateur draft who have not exhausted college eligibility.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Sept. 30 or Oct. 1 — Playoffs begin.
Oct. 19 — World Series begins.
November — Free agent period to sign players with former teams. first 15 days after World Series ends.
Dec. 1 — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to former players and become free agents.
Dec. 5-8 — Winter meetings, Dallas.
Dec. 12 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept the offers.
Dec. 15 — Collective bargaining agreement expires.
Dec. 12 — Last day for teams to offer 2012 contracts to unsigned players.

NFL

NFL Playoff Glance
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 8

Seattle 41, New Orleans 36
N.Y. Jets 17, Indianapolis 16

Sunday, Jan. 9

Baltimore 30, Kansas City 7
Green Bay 21, Philadelphia 16

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 15

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 16

Seattle at Chicago, Noon (FOX)
N.Y. Jets at New England, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23

NFC, 2 p.m. (FOX)
AFC, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

At Honolulu

AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington

AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

NBA D League

East Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Iowa	16	5	.762	—
Erie	13	6	.684	1 1/2
Fort Wayne	12	8	.600	3
Maine	10	7	.588	3 1/2
New Mexico	11	10	.524	4
Texas	9	9	.500	4 1/2
Utah	9	10	.474	5
Austin	8	11	.421	6
Idaho	5	13	.278	8 1/2

West Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tulsa	14	4	.714	—
Rio Grande Valley	12	7	.632	2
Bakersfield	11	8	.579	3
Reno	11	8	.579	3
Los Angeles	11	10	.524	4
Texas	9	9	.500	4 1/2
Utah	9	10	.474	5
Austin	8	11	.421	6
Idaho	5	13	.278	8 1/2

Tuesday's Scores

Austin 119, Dakota 97
Springfield 95, Utah 89
Maine 96, New Mexico 97
Erie at Idaho, late

Today's Games

Bakersfield at Fort Wayne, 10:45 a.m.
Maine at Reno, 1:30 p.m.
Tulsa at Dakota, 4:15 p.m.
Rio Grande Valley at Erie, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Medibank International Results
Tuesday
At Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre
Sydney, Australia
Purse: Men, $424,250 (WT250); Women, $618,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
First Round

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (7), Spain, def. Chris Guccione, Australia, 7-5, 7-6.
Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.
Pablo Starace, Italy, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-0, 6-2.
Richard Gasquet (5), France, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.
Gilles Simon, France, leads Hen-Hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-0, 3-2, susp.
Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, vs. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-7 (3), 6-1, susp.

Women
Second Round

Domenica Schiavone, Italy, def. Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, 6-3, 6-3.
Na Li (8), China, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Vera Zvonareva, (2), Russia, 7-6, 7-5.
Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, 6-2, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka (7), Belarus, def. Stefanie Peer, Israel, 7-5, 6-3.
Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-2.

Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, def. Arantxa Rezai, France, 7-6 (4), 7-5 (4).
Petra Cetkovska, Czechia, Russia, def. Samantha Stosur (4), Australia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Mahesh Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (4), Poland, 6-4, 6-4.

Jurgen Andreev and Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, def. Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, Israel, 7-5, 6-0.

Women
First Round

Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (3), Slovenia, def. Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 1-6, 10-7 tiebreak.

Quarterfinals

Liezel Huber, United States, and Nadia Petrova (2), Russia, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez and Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-3, 1-6, 10-7 tiebreak.

WTA Morilla Hobart International
Results
Tuesday
At The Domain Tennis Centre
Hobart, Australia
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Second Round

Jarmila Gajdo, (8), Australia, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Roberta Vinci (4), Italy, leads Elena Baltacha, Britain, 6-3, susp., rain.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, leads Peng Shuai, China, 2-1, susp., rain.

ATP World Tour Heineken Open
Results
Tuesday
At ASB Bank Tennis Centre
Auckland, New Zealand
Purse: $450,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
First Round

Thomaz Bellucci (7), Brazil, def. Michael Russell, United States, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-5.
Victor Hanescu, Romania, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (3), 6-4.
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Juan Monaco (5), Argentina, 6-4, 6-3.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Bobby Reynolds, United States, 6-4, 6-3.
David Nalbandian (6), Argentina, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Thierry de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (3).
Tobias Kamke, Germany, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

Doubles
First Round

Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, and Stephen Huss, Australia, def. Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares, Brazil, 6-4, 6-4.
Nicolas Almagro and Marc Lopez (4), Spain, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, and Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-2, 6-4.
Daniel Gimeno-Traver and David Marrero, Spain, def. Michael Kohlmann and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 7-5, 6-4.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV p.m., ESPN2
Duke at Florida St., 8
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL p.m., ESPN
Kansas at Iowa St., 8
Pittsburgh at George-town, 6 p.m., ESPN p.m., ESPN2
Louisville at Villanova, 6 p.m., ESPN2 Nevada at Idaho, 10

WHAT'S ON DECK

RODEO
Sandhills Rodeo, 7 p.m., Odessa

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RP Alberto Callaspo on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned LHP Wilfredo Laureano outright to Las Vegas (PCL). Agreed to terms with C Jeff Mathis on a minor league contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with OF Carlos Gonzalez on a seven-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — RHP Trevor Hoffman announced his retirement and will take a front office job with the club.

Frontier League

NORMAL COMMEERS — Signed OF Shaquille Thomas and RHP Ryan Sherriff to contract extensions.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Named Cory Dunne general manager.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Named Rich Bisaccia special teams coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Reassigned F Jon Matsumoto to Charlotte (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned RW Tomas Tatar to Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Recalled F Brian Boyle from Bridgeport (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Assigned D San Klasson from Greenville (ECHL) to Connecticut (AHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled G Mike Brodeur and F Jim O'Brien from Binghamton (AHL), on an emergency basis.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled F Philip McRae and D Jim O'Brien from Peoria (AHL). Assigned F T.J. Hensick to Peoria.

American Hockey League

BINGHAMTON SENTINELS — Promoted Kevin Sawyer to defensive line coach and Derek Bumett to assistant linesbackers coach.

WAGNER — Named Jim Gibbons assistant athletic director for academics and compliance and assistant hockey/training officer-conditioning coordinator.

ECHL

LAS VEGAS WRANGLERS — Agreed to terms with G Chris Holgate.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

CHICAGO FIRE — Signed M Daniel Paladini and D Jalen Meaclin.

D.C. UNITED — Traded F Adam Cristman to Los Angeles for a first-round supplemental draft selection.

MOM ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Signed D Darius Barnes.

Women's Professional Soccer

SKY BLUE FC — Added D Carrie Dew, D Kelly Edward and D Michelle Ramos to its roster.

COLLEGE

AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION — Elected Mary Hardin-Baylor coach Pete Fredenburg to the board of trustees. Named Montana State coach Rob Ash president.

BOSTON COLLEGE — Announced the retirement of offensive coordinator Gary Tranquill.

BROWN — Announced the resignation of field hockey coach Tara Harrington.

CLEMSON — Announced RB Mikel Leshoure will enter the NFL draft.

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE — Named Gregory Harbors wrestling coach.

MIAMI — Named George McDonald wide receivers coach.

MORGAN — Named Brady Hoke football coach.

RICHMOND — Named John Bunitz men's lacrosse coach and Erin O'Riley director of football operations. Promoted Kevin Sawyer to defensive line coach and Derek Burnett to assistant linesbackers coach.

WAGNER — Named Jim Gibbons assistant athletic director for academics and compliance and assistant hockey/training officer-conditioning coordinator.

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Auburn completes unprecedented climb to No. 1

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — From back of the pack to top of the heap, Auburn's climb to its first national title in 53 years was unprecedented.

The Tigers finished No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 following a 22-19 victory against Oregon in the BCS championship Monday night. Auburn won its only other AP title in 1957, and the Tigers started 2010 further back than any champion since the poll expanded to 25 teams in 1989.

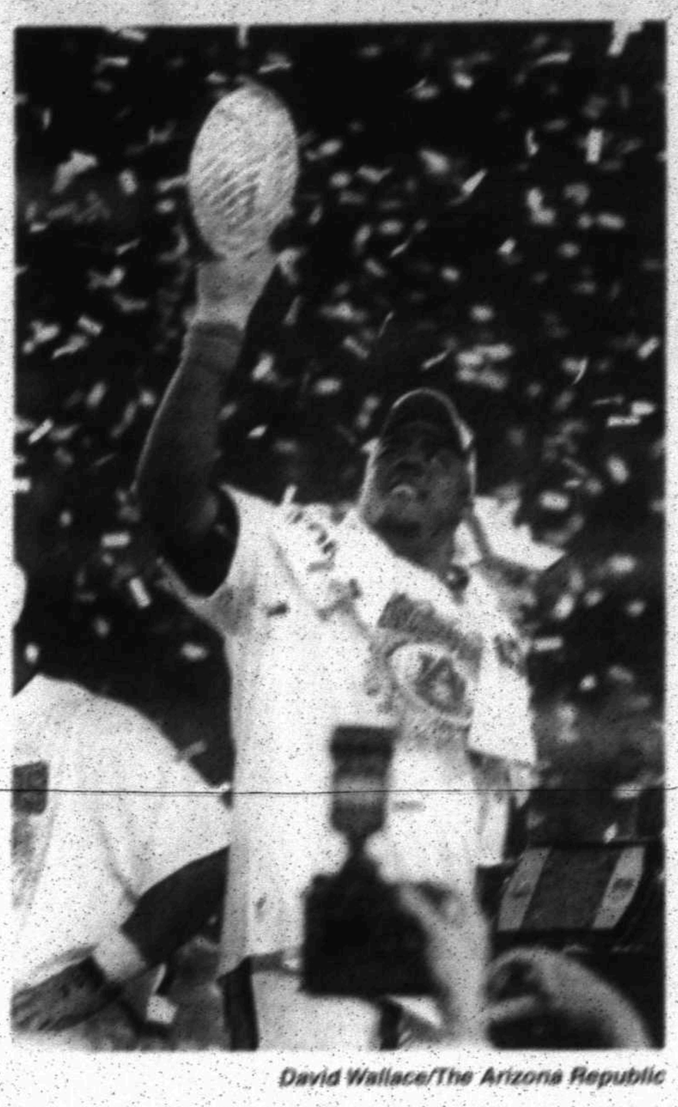
"We're the best football team in the United State of America," Auburn coach Gene Chizik proclaimed after Wes Byrum's 19-yard field goal as time expired gave the Tigers a thrilling win.

Auburn (14-0) began the season at No. 22. The previous lowest preseason ranking for a national champion in the Top 25 era was Oklahoma, which went from No. 19 to No. 1 in 2000. The Tigers received 56 of 59 first-place votes Monday night. One voter did not submit a ballot.

TCU (13-0) had to settle for No. 2 after beating Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl. The Horned Frogs received the other three first-place votes and had their best finish in the AP poll since winning the 1938 national title.

Oregon finished third, a spot ahead of Pac-10 rival Stanford. Ohio State was fifth.

Auburn's title makes it five straight for the Southeastern Conference, joining Florida (with two), LSU and Alabama. The Tigers had three other SEC West rivals ranked ahead of them at the start of the season — preseason No. 1 Alabama, Arkansas and LSU — but nobody realized what a difference their new quarterback would make.



David Wallace/The Arizona Republic

I CAN SEE MY REFLECTION Auburn defensive end Nick Fairley holds the trophy Monday following the BCS championship game in Glendale, Ariz.

Cam Newton transferred in from junior college last spring, carried the Tigers to a national championship and won the Heisman Trophy — and a slew of other awards — along the way.

"Throughout this whole season he's been having this team on his back," said freshman Michael Dyer, who ran for 143 yards against Oregon and was the offensive player of the game.

Horned Frogs fans probably wouldn't mind one more game, though if any fans can relate to going unbeaten and not getting a shot at the national title, it's Auburn rooters.

The last time the Tigers had a perfect season was 2004, but Southern California and Oklahoma played for the national championship and Tommy Tuberville's team finished No. 2. The Tigers' faithful have never gotten over that, but this time around nothing could deny them.

The nation's strongest conference finished with three teams in the top 10, five in the first 15 and six in the Top 25, more than any other league. LSU was eighth, Alabama was 10th, Arkansas finished 12th, Mississippi State was 15th and South Carolina was No. 22.

The SEC finished 5-5 in the bowl season, but the West Division was 4-1. The only loss was Arkansas' 31-26 setback to Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl.

The Big 12 had five teams in the final rankings — No. 6 Oklahoma, No. 13 Oklahoma State, No. 18 Missouri, No. 19 Texas A&M and No. 20 Nebraska, which is joining the Big Ten next season.

The Big Ten and Big 12 both finished the bowl season 3-5.

The Atlantic Coast Conference had four teams in the poll — No. 16 Virginia Tech, No. 17 Florida State, No. 23 Maryland and No. 25 North Carolina State.

No. 7 Wisconsin and No. 14 Michigan State joined Ohio State to give the Big Ten three teams in the final poll.

Boise State finished at No. 9 and Western Athletic Conference rival Nevada, the only team to beat the Broncos this season, was 11th. The Broncos are leaving the WAC for the Mountain West Conference next season, and the Wolf Pack will join them in 2012.

Conference USA also put two in the final rankings with No. 21 Central Florida and No. 24 Tulsa.

The Big East was the only conference with an automatic BCS bid to not have a team ranked in the final poll, though it did have a 4-2 record in bowls. Help is coming: — TCU will be leaving the Mountain West and joining the Big East in 2012.

TCU

From 1C

feel very fortunate to win. And I watched two good teams play (Monday) night."

Patterson, whose Frogs led the country in total defense and scoring defense, said he told people the BCS title game was "going to be more of a defensive struggle than they thought."

In a team meeting Monday before the BCS title game and the No. 2 final ranking, Patterson talked to his players about offseason workouts and provided a somewhat sobering message.

"I told them that was last year, now we're 0-0, and how do you begin and do it all over again. So here we are," Patterson said. "For us, we're back in the weight room, going back to school, doing the things we need to do."

The Frogs have been BCS busters each of the last two seasons, but only have one more chance to do that. They are moving after next season from the Mountain West Conference to the Big East, which has an automatic BCS berth.

Patterson has now gotten contract extensions after each of the last three seasons.

"It shows how both sides feel about their relationship," Patterson said. "What we try to do, like we've done everywhere, is to make sure we just make it better. The contract I think supports us knowing that we can move forward and do the things we need to do and that this just wasn't a one-shot thing."

Batch

From 1C

To make matters worse I had ceased contact with many other agents prior to my new agent search.

So I was frantically scrambling to completely re-arrange my plans, and on top of all of this I still had a football game to play.

As hard as I tried not to let it, the stress consumed me all week, and I even began to doubt if I should actually go on the trip to Haiti.

I started to think that my future was way more important than some mission trip to a third world country. I thought that the extra week in the states would be good to start a new agent search and begin training, being that all-star games are right around the corner.

I thought, "well, there were enough people going and they really didn't need me to go."

All I did was try and rationalize all the reasons why I should stay in the states and not go to Haiti.

Finally I realized that I was being a punk. My thinking was uncharacteristic of me. I realized that I was worrying about life and not living it. I always tell myself this one thing "never NOT do something that is good because you are afraid or worried about what might happen"

Ok, I decided then and there. I was going to Haiti. Lets go!

My last game didn't go as I would have imagined, or liked. I wanted to go out with a bang and that wasn't the case at all. I ended up with a handful of yards and a strained calf muscle that kept me from playing in the second half.

This made me question the Haiti trip even more. Knowing that NFL training was starting immediately and I should probably rehab my calf. This is what I thought to myself: "Baron, come on, man. You really shouldn't go. You're homeless, jobless, injured and don't have an agent. You should stay here and look out for yourself. You have a right to be selfish about your future."

It was hard for me to be disappointed about the outcome of my last game knowing that in less that 24 hours I would be in a third world country where people worry about what their next meal will be, a place where people die because there simply isn't safe water to drink, a place where people would be happy to drink the water that comes off my body after a post game shower, because the water I think is filthy is still cleaner than anything most of them will ever drink.

It definitely put being disappointed about a calf strain, not having an agent, being homeless and not playing a half of a football game into perspective.

However, It was definitely strange when the game was over and the realization hit that my time at Texas Tech had finally finished. It was strange saying "see ya later" to people I had known for 5 years, and knowing that I wouldn't "see them later" it was goodbye. It's strange to lose relationships in a matter of minutes. It was definitely bitter sweet taking off my jersey for the last time, and saying goodbye to my group of running backs I had been so close with. Everything comes to an end at some point though, however every end is the beginning of something new, just like every sunset is a sunrise somewhere else. Chapter closed.

Turn page here

New chapter starts now.

I step off the plane and I am in another world. There were murmurs going around about kidnappings, riots, burning cars and Americans being thrown in Haitian jail. I definitely wasn't in Texas anymore, and I would be a liar if I told you I wasn't scared and regretted my decision immediately. I was out of my comfort zone and thrown into a very dangerous and very real situation unlike anything I could have ever imagined or had seen on T.V.

We worked closely with a family who owned an orphanage with over a dozen kids, most of whom had been left orphaned and homeless by the earthquake in Port Au Prince.

The thing that astounded me about this family was that they were very ordinary and very WHITE Americans that had decided to simply step out of their comfort zone and do something that was extraordinary. The reason I made a fact to say that they are white is because I felt very out of place being in Haiti and I looked just like the Haitians, I could only imagine how a white family that stuck out would feel.

Dr. Kerry Reeves was an optometrist and his wife Joy was a typical southern housewife with an unmistakable southern twang. They packed up and are now running a Haitian orphanage full time, while I almost chickened out of the whole trip because I had a strained calf and a few things that had me worried back in the States.

How much faith did I actually have? I quickly learned that it wasn't as much as I previously thought.

Haiti made me realize that many of things I worry about are actually things that I should be excited about. For example, I worried about not having an agent, while I should be excited about the fact that I even need one. I worried that my calf was strained and I'd walk with a slight limp for 2 weeks, when I should be excited that I have both my legs. I worried that I didn't have a permanent address, while I should be happy that I don't need one because I have people that would let me use theirs in a heartbeat.

Ok, I'm not wasting any more time worrying. I'm diving all in, even though I'm out of my comfort zone because that's where we grow as people. We grow as people when we are terrified out of our minds and don't want to go any further, when we tremble at the thought of taking another step but we decide to do it anyway.

The rest of the trip was amazing but very difficult and sad in many different ways. The more I got out of my comfort zone, the more I was able to connect with the people even though I couldn't speak their language. I never realized the magnitude of holding a child's hand until I walked into a refugee tent village of about 30 orphans that all ran to me to simply hold my hand and hug me. I never realized the magnitude of having clean water until I saw someone actually dying because they didn't have it. It's the every day basic necessities that I am now thankful for.

After seeing what I saw I was compelled to do something about some of the children's situations in the refugee camp. To check out what I am doing to make a change and to see how you can get involved, go to my blog at baronbatch.blogspot.com or visit newvisionhaiti.blogspot.com to keep up with the Reeveses and how they are making a difference.

Think about this before you start worrying about things this week. Are you living life or just worrying about it? Are the things you worry about, things that you should actually be thankful for? Are you living inside your comfort zone, and are you brave enough to step out?

God bless.

Michigan hires Hoke, not Harbaugh or Miles

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Brady Hoke has at least a few things in common with the late, great Bo Schembechler.

They both hail from the Buckeye state, didn't attend Michigan and climbed the coaching ladder before getting a shot to lead the Wolverines. Schembechler restored Michigan as a national power after being welcomed with "Bo Who?" headlines.

Hoke? Despite successful head coaching stints at San Diego State and Ball State, the former Michigan assistant might get a lukewarm reception, too, after fans clamored to bring Jim Harbaugh or Les Miles back to their alma mater.

Michigan athletic director Dave Brandon picked Hoke as his new football coach Tuesday, insisting he was Plan A and not a backup option after Harbaugh left Stanford for the San Francisco 49ers and Miles stayed at LSU.

"The job was never offered to them," Brandon said in an interview with The Associated Press Tuesday after informing the team of his decision. "We did have different discussions with them that were helpful and positive."

Harbaugh was the popular pick when Brandon bought out the last three seasons of Rich Rodriguez's three-year contract last week. When Harbaugh went to the NFL, Miles appeared to be a logical choice to return Michigan to the glory days.

Instead, it will be Hoke. And he knows his way around Ann Arbor, too.

"Brady Hoke understands Michigan and he wanted this job because it has been dream job," Brandon told The AP. "We won't have to teach him the words to "The Victors" and I believe our players will respond to him because I got 100 percent positive feedback from anybody who played for him here or since he left Michigan."

Green Bay Packers cornerback Charles Woodson is one of the many former Wolverines, including New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who rave about Hoke.

"I'm excited for Brady Hoke and even for Michigan," Woodson, who won the Heisman Trophy and 1997 national championship at Michigan, wrote in a text message. "I'm glad this process is over and we can begin to restore the tradition and respect that was once Michigan."

Former Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, who retired after the 2007 season, also endorsed the hiring of his former assistant.

"Brady Hoke is a great choice for Michigan," Carr wrote in a text message.

Brandon's search started much later than many thought it would — shortly after the Rodriguez-led Wolverines lost by a school-record 38 points in a bowl game on New Year's Day — and lasted seven days that were filled with speculation.

Tight end Kevin Koger and his teammates showed up at a previously planned meeting and found out they had a new coach.

"We thought it was going to be a meeting about classes and the weight room," Koger said. "Mr. Brandon came in and dropped the news on us."

Hoke is scheduled to meet his new team this morning before being introduced at a news conference and perhaps fans at the Ohio State-Michigan basketball game.

LSC teams to play at Cowboys Stadium on Sept. 17

RICHARDSON (AP) — The Lone Star Conference will host a Sept. 17 football festival at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

The Richardson-based LSC on Tuesday announced the event will feature two conference games and one non-conference matchup.

The LSC says Midwestern State will face Texas A&M-Commerce, while West Texas A&M will take on Texas A&M-Kingsville. The non-conference game will have LSC champion ACU playing North Alabama of the Gulf South Conference.

Commissioner Stan Wagnon says the festival will provide LSC football teams with a "tremendous opportunity to gain exposure in North Texas."

Tickets will go on sale in a few weeks.

Cowboys Stadium will be the site of the Feb. 6 Super Bowl.

Players say NFL's 18-game proposal is major hitch

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Concerns about injuries and insurance make the league's push to switch to an 18-game regular season a major sticking point in negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement, according to two NFL players who are members of the union's executive committee.

The NFL wants to add two games to the current 16-game format for the regular season, and eliminate two of four preseason games, saying fans would prefer that and more revenue could be generated.

"To me, right now, as things stand, 18 games, the way it's being proposed, is completely unacceptable. ... I see more and more players get injured every season," Cleveland Browns linebacker Scott Fujita said Tuesday on a media conference call arranged by the union.

"There are so many things now — with player health and safety, and the future of us and our families — that aren't even being considered. And for us, it's disappointing," Fujita said. "It feels like a slap in the face."

Union spokesman George Atallah said Tuesday that 352 active players went on injured reserve at some point during this season, each missing an average of 9 1/2 games.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said "a few hundred" players out of the nearly 2,000 that go through the system each season — 80 with each of 32 teams entering camp — go on injured reserve.

"That number would include undrafted rookies put on IR for the season and players with relatively minor injuries who then reach injury settlements with their teams and are released," Aiello wrote in an e-mail. "We do not know how the union calculated games lost."

Both Fujita and Baltimore Ravens cornerback Domonique Foxworth, the other player participating in Tuesday's call, went on IR in 2010.

"We put our bodies on the line and produce a lot of revenue and we get five years of post-retirement health insurance," said Foxworth, who missed all season after tearing his right knee during an orientation practice the day before training camp. "And then they want to tack on two more games ... which is just going to multiply the injuries and the ailments that we're going to see after we go into our 40s, 50s, 60s — 70s, if we're lucky. ... We're not willing to budge on health and safety, and we'd like to gain some more ground in ways we can protect former players and current players."

Haitian amputees find new outlet in soccer

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti —

MacKendy Francois lost a leg in Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake, one of thousands whose limbs were amputated so they could be extricated from the rubble or to stop a dangerous infection.

The 23-year-old is one of the lucky few who have found an unlikely outlet in amputee soccer, a physically demanding sport that advocates for the disabled hope will create new opportunities for Haitians who have lost limbs and are now struggling to survive.

Francois, who previously worked in a factory that was destroyed in the earthquake, now plays defense for the Haiti Men's Amputee National Team, which was set up with the aid of the International Institute of Sport, based in Arlington, Texas, in the aftermath of the disaster.

"It is something I love and God created this possibility for me," he said before a match Monday against Zaryen, another team formed after the earthquake, at the national stadium. "He created something for me to live for right now."

The exhibition match against Zaryen was held to mark this week's anniversary of the earthquake, which left much of the capital in ruins and killed an estimated 300,000 people, according to the Haitian government. The national team won the match 1-0.

Amputee soccer is fierce, requiring enormous strength and balance. The players lunge onto the field, each with one leg pumping furiously toward the ball, their crutches skittering over the artificial turf. Powerful kicks often send the men crashing to the ground, but they jump up quickly and head down field.

"These guys are extremely physical," said Chris Campasano, managing partner of Phoenix Pro Soccer who helped organize the national team. "Other than the loss of the leg, they give 110 percent and are extremely strong and physical guys."

The American Amputee Soccer Association says the game has been around since 1980 and is a thriving international sport with a world cup held every two years. Uzbekistan won the world cup for a second time in a row last year against Argentina in an event held in the South American country.

The rules of the game differ slightly to those of traditional soccer: Each team has seven men on the field and games have two 25 minute halves. Goalkeepers must have two legs, while outfielders run with crutches. Prosthetic limbs are not allowed during play.

There were thousands of amputees in Haiti before the earthquake, many barely getting by in an impoverished country where disabilities have long been a social stigma and few have access to physical therapy. The quake created as many as 4,000 more amputees, but also brought aid from around the world.

One of those who came to help was Fred Sorrell, president of the International Institute of Sport, who started the effort to create a national team — not such a hard task in a country where soccer, or football rather, is a beloved sport.

They eventually recruited 15 players for the national team, including three who lost limbs in the quake and sent a team to the world cup this year in Argentina but didn't win any matches.

Though the Haitian team lost all its games in the tournament, the coaches said they exceeded expectations, given the team had only been formed 35 days prior to the world cup, and had never played a competitive game.

More importantly, the organization ate the physical benefits and emotional support for the players. Sorrell said he also hopes to eventually raise enough money for a rehabilitation center that will provide physical therapy and educational training for amputees.

Dieu Nalio Chery/AP

ATHLETIC AMPUTEES Players belonging to Haiti's unofficial national amputee soccer team warm-up prior to a friendly match against the local Zaryen team in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday. The game is one of many events planned to mark the one-year anniversary of the Jan. 12th magnitude-7.0 quake that killed more than 220,000 people and left millions homeless. Many of the players from both teams lost their limbs in the earthquake.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Men

NO. 10 CONNECTICUT 67, RUTGERS 53: At Hartford, Conn., Alex Oriakhi had 17 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots as No. 10 Connecticut returned to Big East play with a 67-53 victory over Rutgers on Tuesday night.

Kemba Walker finished with 18 points. He has led UConn in scoring in every game this season.

NO. 13 KENTUCKY 78, AUBURN 54: At Lexington, Ky., Terrence Jones set a Kentucky freshman record with 35 points.

Jones broke the previous record of 32 points — set by teammate Doron Lamb against Winthrop last month — behind a series of jumpers and layups as Kentucky (13-3, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) easily avoided its first losing streak under coach John Calipari.

MICHIGAN ST. 64, NO. 20 WISCONSIN 61, OT: At East Lansing, Mich., Draymond Green scored a career-high 26 points, and Kalin Lucas made three free throws in the final minute of overtime to lift Michigan State.

The Spartans scored the final nine points of regulation to tie the game at 53, then outlasted the Badgers (12-4, 2-2 Big Ten) in the extra session. Lucas put Michigan State (15-5, 3-1) up by one with a free throw with 30.2 seconds remaining, and Wisconsin's Jordan Taylor then missed from near the top of the key.

Women

MARQUETTE 69, NO. 6 WEST VIRGINIA 54: At Milwaukee, Angel Robinson scored 18 points and Marquette went on an 11-0 midway through the second half just after coach Terri Mitchell was hit in the head to upset No. 6 West Virginia 69-54 on Tuesday night.

The Mountaineers (16-1, 3-1 Big East) watched Marquette snap the nation's longest winning streak despite getting 15 points from Liz Repella. No. 3 Duke (15-0) and Florida Gulf Coast (12-0) are the last remaining undefeated women's teams in Division I.

NO. 14 DEPAUL 77, SOUTH FLORIDA 61: At Chicago, Felicia Chester scored 19 points and Keisha Hampton added 18 to help DePaul beat South Florida for the Blue Demons' 13th win in 14 games.

Taylor Pikes had 17 points and 10 rebounds while Anna Martin had 14 points for DePaul (16-2, 4-0 Big East).

NO. 17 IOWA STATE 64, NEBRASKA 43: At Ames, Iowa, Kelsey Bolte scored 22 points and Iowa State used a huge second-half run to beat Nebraska.

Anna Prins added 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Cyclones (13-3, 1-1 Big 12), who fell behind 9-0 and trailed by as many as 11 before regrouping at halftime. Iowa State shot 56.6 percent in the second half and held Nebraska scoreless for 9 minutes while breaking the game open with a 22-0 run.

RUTGERS 78, NO. 25 SYRACUSE 67: At Syracuse, N.Y., Monique Oliver scored a career-high 27 points, Khadijah Rushdan had 15 points and matched her career high with nine assists, and Rutgers beat Syracuse.

The win for Rutgers (10-6, 3-0 Big East) was its third straight and snapped a three-game losing streak to the Orange (13-3, 1-2), who had won their first 12 home games. Syracuse's other losses were to top-ranked Baylor and last week at then-No. 15 Georgetown.

Associated Press

NBA ROUNDUP

SPURS 107, TIMBERWOLVES 96: At Minnesota, Manu Ginobili had 19 points, including five technical free throws in a 10-second span of the third quarter, and the Spurs beat the Timberwolves for the 16th straight time.

Richard Jefferson scored 17 and Tony Parker had 12 points and 13 assists for San Antonio. Ginobili also had nine rebounds.

Kevin Love had 20 points and 20 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who have lost five in a row and came unglued during referee Ken Mauer's five-technical binge in the third. Michael Beasley had just seven points on 3-for-11 shooting while playing on a sprained left ankle and left late in the fourth quarter after aggravating the injury.

WIZARDS 136, KINGS 133: At Washington, Nick Young scored a career-high 43 points, Kirk Hinrich had six in overtime and Washington survived a last-minute regulation meltdown to get the win.

The Wizards blew a six-point lead in the final 14 seconds of the fourth quarter, and nearly blew a five-point lead in the final half-minute of overtime. They finished the game without starters John Wall and Andray Blatche while earning a split against a fellow last-place team from across the country.

Young went 14 for 22 from the field, including 7 for 10 from 3-point range for the Wizards, who are 10-8 at home but 0-18 on the road. Six Washington players scored in double figures in the team's highest-scoring output of the season.

Beno Udrih and Francisco Garcia scored 26 points apiece for the Kings, who have lost 11 straight on the road and six in a row at the Verizon Center.

PACERS 111, 76ERS 103: At Philadelphia, Danny Granger scored 27 points, Darren Collison added 21 points and 13 assists, and Indiana snapped a nine-game road losing streak.

Mike Dunleavy had 20 points for the Pacers, who had dropped three straight and 10 of 13 overall. Tyler Hansbrough finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Young went 14 for 22 from the field, including 7 for 10 from 3-point range for the Wizards, who are 10-6 at home but 0-18 on the road. Six Washington players scored in double figures in the team's highest-scoring output of the season.

NUGGETS 132, SUNS 98: At Denver, Arron Afflalo scored a career-high 31 points and Carmelo Anthony followed up one of his worst shooting performances with a 28-point effort, helping the Denver Nuggets snap a three-game skid with a 132-98 rout of the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

Anthony, the subject of trade talks all season, was greeted early by the crowd with a smattering of boos but quickly reversed the mood with his hustle and hanging jumpers. He also grabbed 10 rebounds.

That was a sharp contrast to Sunday night, when Anthony scored just eight points and drew jeers like he'd never heard before at Pepsi Center.

Ty Lawson scored 16 points to help the Nuggets avoid their first four-game losing streak in nearly four years. They're the only NBA team in that time that hasn't dropped four in a row.

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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, mail or e-mail your information in hardcopy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

Tailoring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas, 79701.

To fax your information, send it to 570-7692.

Archery

Indoor Archery League
For: Men and women of all ages
When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday nights
Where: Sports Center, Exhibit Hall 'B' Front St.
Cost: $70 for a 10-week league
For more info: Call Charles at 682-4546 or e-mail cbuie@tstar.net

Baseball

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Darrin Jordell at 230-0286 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-0964 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-6438

Midland Steelers seeking players
What: 10U, 12U and 8U
For more info: Call Isaac Menendez, 559-3836; Kip Sadler, 934-4084; or Bill Sanchez 894-2057

Private Baseball instruction
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For more info: 262-6466; or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4145 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Mid-American Youth Tournaments
For: Boys and girls, fourth-12th grade
For more info: Call 316-284-2354 or visit www.mayb.com

Vertical jump, speed and agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For more info: 262-6466; www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Summer Pro/Am Basketball League
What: Pro/Am Basketball League
For: Players 18 and up and teams for summer basketball league to start in June
For more info: Call 866-206-9073, ext. 4399

YMCA Winter Basketball League
For: Boys and girls from kindergarten through eighth grade
Cost: $25 YMCA members; $50 for non-members
Deadline: Jan. 10
For more info: 682-2551

Billiards

Eight and Nine ball leagues
When: Every Sunday and Wednesday, 6-8:30 p.m.
Where: Fast Freddy's, Midland
Sign-up at: Basin Billiards or Fast Freddy's
For more info: Contact Bob Schultz, league director, 689-3113

Booster Clubs

Midland High Softball
When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.
Where: MHS Youth Center
For more info: Call Russell at 557-9987

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melvin Post 684-5176 or Carlos Lanes 684-0777

Ester McEntire Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: MAR Lanes
For more info: Call MAR Lanes at 697-9548

Rock and Roll Two-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Fridays
Where: MAR Lanes
For more info: Call MAR Lanes at 697-9548

Camps/Clinics

Tan Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (254) 275-2873 or tstarcamps.com

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 1 to 3:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Lori Wicks at 570-6446, Brad at 687-7559 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member: free; YMCA Youth member: $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Midland College presents Texas Pro Scouts Winter Baseball Camp
For: Players in grades 9-12
Instructors will include: Chris Smith of the Cleveland Indians, David Cooksey of the Florida Marlins, Gerald Turner of the Atlanta Braves, Kyle Van Hook of the Seattle Mariners, and Texas Tech coach Dan Spencer
When/where: Jan. 15-16 at Christensen Stadium
Cost: $100 per session or $200 for both sessions
For more info: Call David Coleman at 432-685-5561

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of RM 1788 and WCR 602
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-9632

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Strength, speed, agility and power training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For more info: 262-6466; www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-9004 or Don Orrell at 631-2390

Golf

Swing Speed Training
For: All ages and handicaps
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For more info: 262-6466; www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Swing speed and fitness training
Where: Next Level Sports Training
For more info: 262-6466; www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

West Texas Golf Academy Junior Tour
For: Grades 3rd-10th
Cost: $35 per event
Events: Jan. 16, Sweetwater Country Club; Jan. 23, Monahans GC; Jan. 30, Desert Pines
For more info: Call Brentwood Country Club at 697-9575

Gymnastics

Next Level Gymnastics
Where: Westbrook Shopping Center, 4510 Andrews Hwy.
For more info: Call 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday 7 to 8 p.m. Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Rigg, 664-7068 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $25 a month
For more info: Call 689-8739

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-6472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Mon.-Thurs., 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Super F League looking for administrative staff
What: The West Texas Super "F" Futsal League is looking for league staff members
For more info: Go to www.wtxfutsal.superfleague.com

Fitness Boot Camp
When: Jan. 3-Feb. 25, 2011
What: Classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:15-7:15 a.m.; 9-10 a.m., 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Cost: $240
For more info: Call Tony Fuller at 770-5264

Poker

Permian Basin Poker Tour
When/Where: Masters & Seasters, 3 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Hog Pit Pub & Grub, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. Saturday
Note: Players must register 30 minutes in advance of game time. No cost. Must be 21 to enter
For more info: Call Paul Brunner 631-7340 or visit pbptexashold'em.net

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Club Practice
When: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Hogan Park
For more info: 697-6418

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHG Gods & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Fountain Park
For more info: 684-5992

Running

Permian Basin Running Club Runs
When: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Courtyard at Park at Golf on Loop 250. For more info: Visit pbrunningclubfriend.com or call Greg Carlson at 694-4794

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Program Leonard at 512-762-7765 or 682-0966

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shooters
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch, adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootclub.org, or call Hondon Brown 682-1622

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire-silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap, 5 oaks and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7092 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Speed and Agility Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For: All Ages
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Softball

Mizuno Chaos
What: The Mizuno Chaos girls fastpitch softball club is looking for players to fill out their roster for the fall and 2011 season for the 10U and 12U teams.
Contact: Call Abby for the 10U team at 432-557-8674; call Tom for the 12U team at 432-934-4718.

Throwing velocity and swing speed training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For more info: 262-6466; www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

MUGS/ASA Umpires Needed
When: Each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Where: MUGS umpire building
For more info: Call Dennis Edens at 664-0955, or Mack Gipson at 694-3897

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9700

Midland Men's Westball Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 413-9773 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midland Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: 6 months-14 years
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners, then advance to pre-competitive and competitive during that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 8 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes in-ter-diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on performing Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team. Tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Keller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Keller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Keller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Keller 682-2551

Tennis

Midland Tennis Club Ladder
What: Singles and Doubles Challenge Ladder
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Who: Anyone welcome for joining MTC, all levels
For more info: Call 218-7166, ann-lee for Peay or 238-5573 and ask for Richard

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit, a community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
Call 432-563-7333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-16 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-0666

Agility Training & Injury Prevention
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For more info: 262-6466; or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Quick Start Tennis
For: Ages 5-9 years old
For more info: Call 553-9076

West Texas Tennis Association Lone Star League
For: Women 18 years old and older
For more info: Call 687-4046 or 296-0901

Midland Tennis Center free clinics
Where: Lee High Tennis Courts
When: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays on specific dates during the summer
For: Grades K-9th
For more info: Visit www.midlandtenniscenter.org and click on programs. Or call 620-8180, 689-2586

Midland Tennis Center clinics
Where: Lee High Tennis Courts
When: Mondays and Wednesdays
For: Grades K-9th for specific times contact MTC
For more info: Visit www.midlandtenniscenter.org and click on programs. Or call 620-8180, 528-8765 or 689-2586

Track & Field

Speed and Power Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Volleyball

Vertical jump, agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Schauer
For more info: Call 262-6466 or visit www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Walking
Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month. Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 805 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alice Rose 683-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.ptowiki.com

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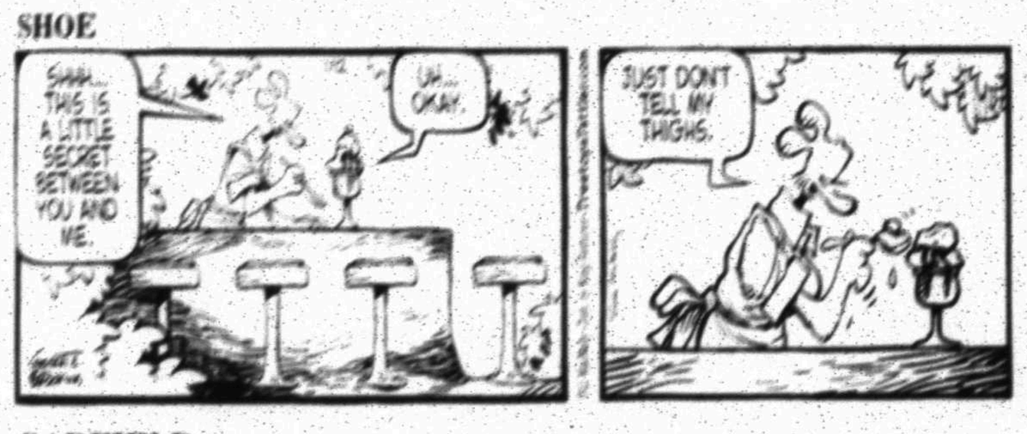

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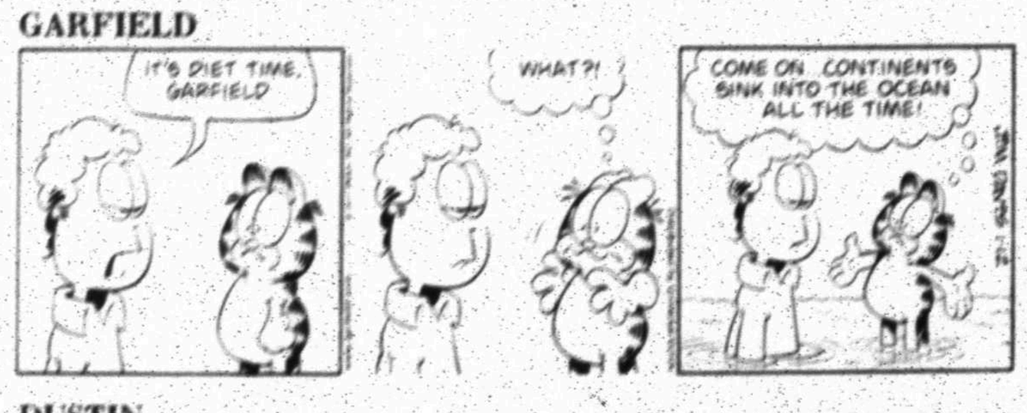

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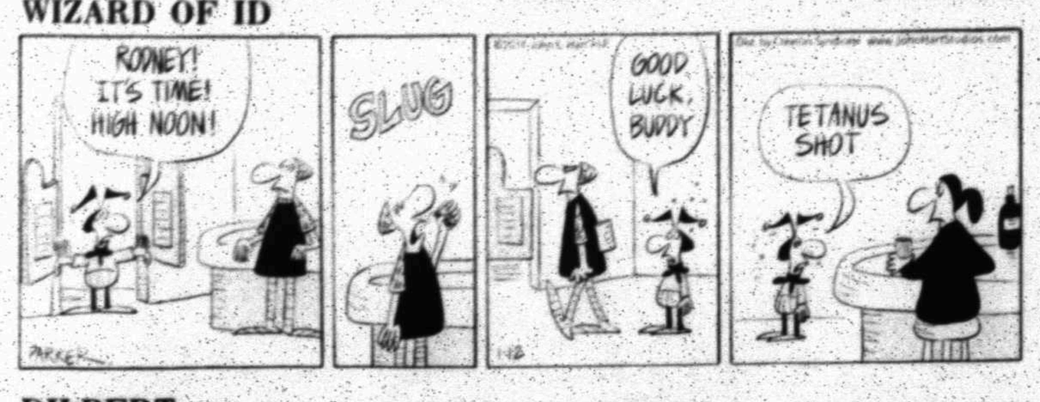

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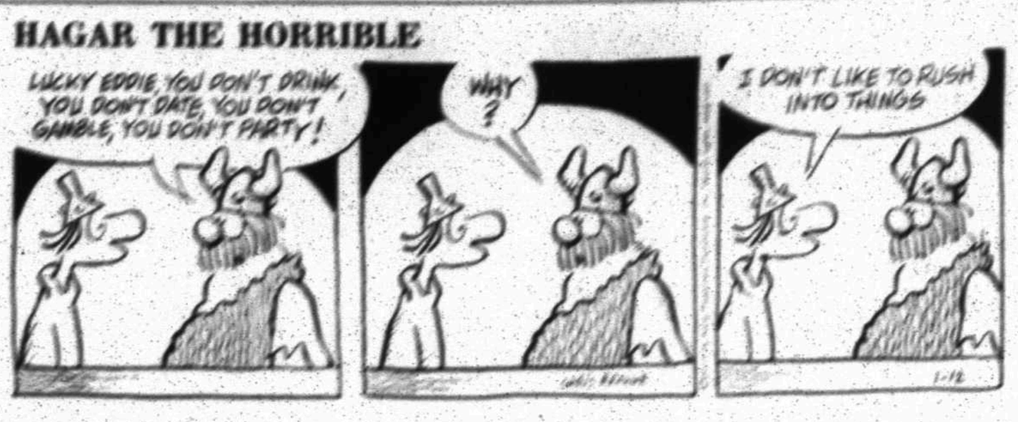

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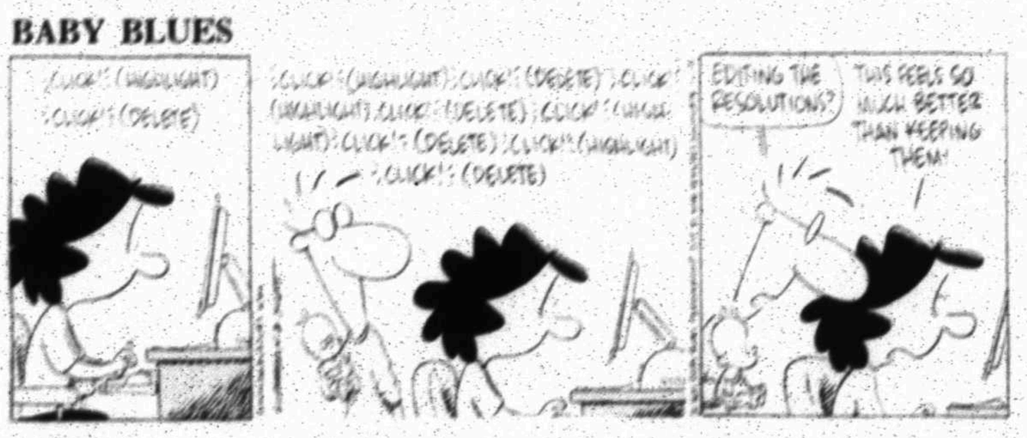

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

Brad's suspicion that Margo had had a fling with the mailman picked up steam.

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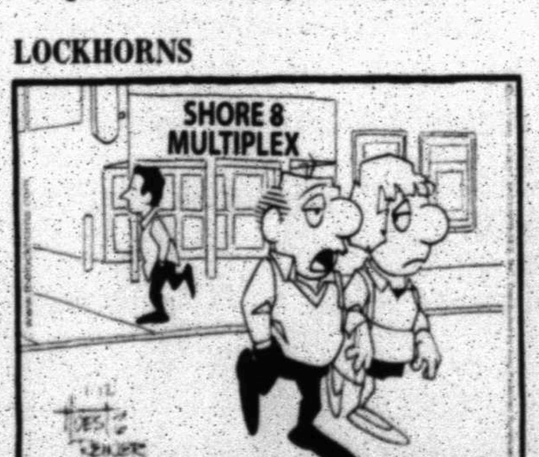
"IT WASN'T MY FAULT, MOM! MY CONSCIENCE TALKED ME INTO IT!"

LOCKHORNS



"IT WAS OKAY, BUT NOTHING TO TWITTER HOME ABOUT."

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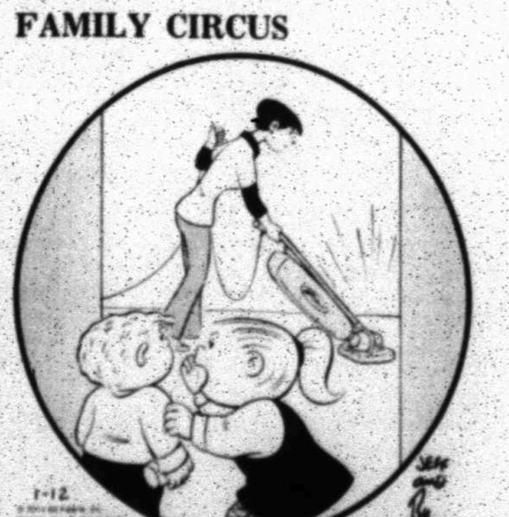

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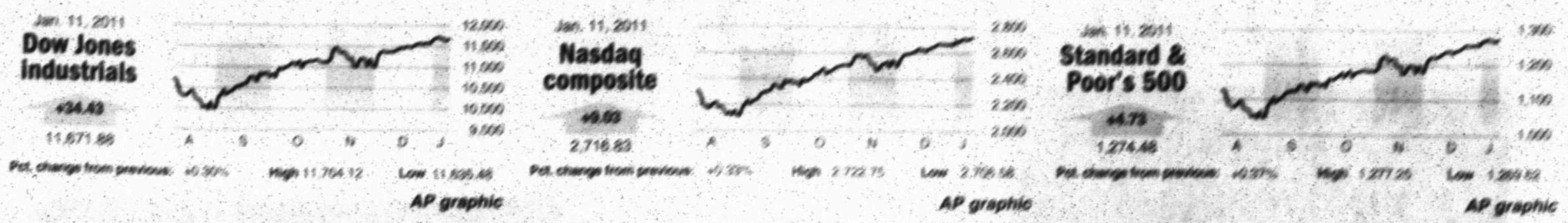

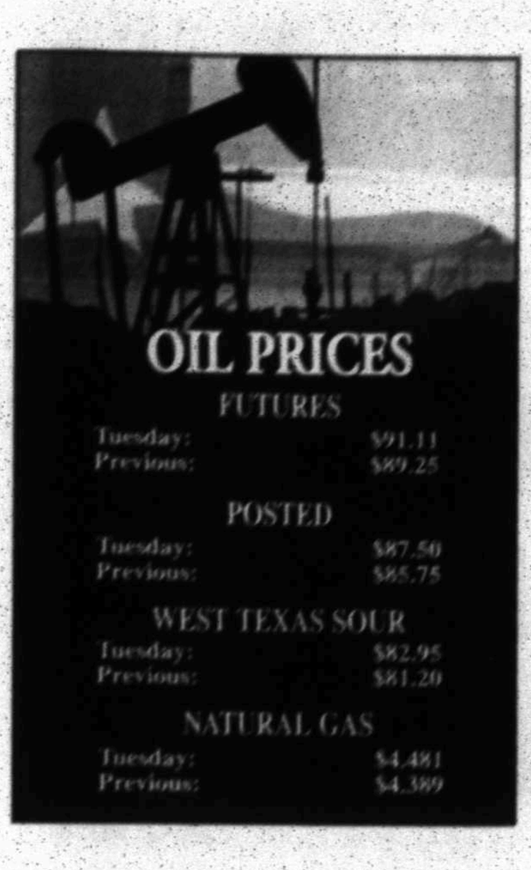

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OIL REPORT Copies of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Off Shore Drilling report are seen at the National Press Club in Washington on Tuesday.

Spill report rekindles Democratic push for reform

By Dina Cappiello and Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats in Congress pledged Tuesday to push for tougher regulation of offshore drilling and to make oil companies more financially responsible for spills — steps a presidential panel says are necessary to prevent another catastrophic blowout.

The National Oil Spill Commission unanimously endorsed 15 recommendations to the oil industry, Congress and the Obama administration for preventing another large-scale oil spill. Most require action by Congress, but some could be done independently by the Obama administration, commissioners said.

The 380-page report provides an opening for Democrats to rekindle legislative efforts that failed after last year's oil spill, the largest offshore incident in U.S. history. But they'll face an even tougher road to passage this year, with a Republican majority in the House of Representatives set on cutting spending and reducing the government's regulation of business. Adding to their burden, rising gasoline prices are prompting calls for more domestic energy production.

Congress "must take action this year to prevent another catastrophic spill through smart regulation, and by giving regulators the tools and resources they need to do their jobs effectively," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said. He endorsed raising liability caps on oil companies, which BP waived after the Gulf disaster, "to ensure that taxpayers are never again on the hook for the damages caused by BP or any other oil company's missteps."

But Rep. Fred Upton, the Michigan Republican who leads the Energy and Commerce panel, pushed back. While the panel's findings should be considered, "neither this nor any other investigation should be used as political justification to limit affordable energy options for America," he said.

The report also sparked concern in Gulf states. Lawmakers from the region will be critical to any legislation's passage, and many have resisted calls to remove liability caps.

"I don't want the federal government to overreact and now put additional regulations that cripple the oil industry," said John Young, president of Jefferson Parish in Louisiana.

The Democratic-controlled House approved bills last year to boost safety standards for offshore drilling and remove the liability cap, but the measures were not taken up in the Senate. Those bills included many of the suggestions recommended by the commission Tuesday after a six-month investigation requested by President Barack Obama.

Rep. Edward J. Markey, the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, said the report should bring Republicans on board for greater regulation.

Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., who leads the natural resources panel, said in an interview that he is open to legislation responding to the oil spill, but said the bill passed by the House last year was overly intrusive. He said he would prefer greater focus on safety, while continuing to drill offshore.

The report also calls for increasing budgets and training for the federal agency that regulates offshore drilling; dedicating 80 percent of fines and penalties from the BP spill to restoration of the Gulf; and lending more weight to scientific opinions by other federal scientists in drilling decisions. Obama has already endorsed two of the proposals — raising the liability cap and using water pollution penalties to restore the Gulf.

Dollar falls against euro

The U.S. dollar fell against the euro on Tuesday after Japan announced plans to buy bonds that are being issued to finance Europe's bailout fund.

The news helped push the euro higher against the dollar on Tuesday, said Ron Leven, senior currency strategist at Morgan Stanley. The euro rose to $1.2970 during late trading Tuesday in New York, up from $1.2954 Monday.

Meanwhile, the pledge by Japan to buy the bonds sent the Japanese yen lower against the dollar, said Leven, with the U.S. currency rising to 83.27 Japanese yen late Tuesday from 82.81 yen on Monday.

The U.S. dollar was mixed in other trading Tuesday. The British pound rose to $1.5600 from $1.5582 Monday, while the dollar rose to 0.9735 Swiss francs from 0.9681 francs.

Gold for February delivery rose $10.20 to settle at $1,384.30 an ounce. Silver followed, with March contracts rising 63.8 cents to settle at $29.499 an ounce.

Oil surges on report

Oil prices surged Tuesday after a presidential panel investigating the Gulf oil spill said the oil industry and the government need to do more to reduce the chances of another large-scale disaster.

Benchmark oil for February delivery rose $1.86, or more than 2 percent, to settle at $91.11 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The panel's recommendations included increasing the liability cap for damages when companies drill offshore; increasing budgets and training for the federal agency that regulates offshore drilling and lending more weight to federal scientific opinions in decisions about drilling.

The report raised speculation that the government might slow down production in the Gulf of Mexico, which would lead to higher prices. "As it stands right now, this is a little bit of a concern in the oil patch," PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	3169121	4.94	+.01
BkofAm	2046079	14.69	+.29
S&P500ETF	1016130	127.43	+.45
AMD	777998	8.36	-.83
Alcoa	701674	16.33	-.16

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnergyXX rs	2.56	+.91	+47.9
MS DBZ	14.29	+2.43	+20.5
Danaos	4.88	+.78	+19.0
CanPacF	2.45	+.37	+17.8
Syswin n	7.84	+1.16	+17.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Geovax un	5.37	-1.53	-22.2
Talbots	6.28	-1.32	-17.4
GAllerc	95.89	-12.61	-11.6
Supreinv	7.59	-1.00	-11.6
BuckTch	21.37	-2.29	-9.7

Diary

Advanced	1,792
Declined	1,232
Unchanged	113
Total issues	3,137
New Highs	237
New Lows	9
Volume	4,131,062,854

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Taseko	136174	5.91	+.84
NthgtM g	68721	2.96	+.01
ParkEle g	44898	15.20	-.24
VantageDrl	41721	2.03	-.01
ChinaShen	41405	7.88	-.66

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Barnwell	5.07	+1.11	+22.4
Tasekko	5.91	+.84	+16.6
TroTch	4.92	+.61	+14.2
ClaudeR g	2.21	+.23	+11.6
UnivPwr	6.87	+.46	+19.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gainsco	5.55	-1.94	-25.9
PacGRPT	2.07	-.19	-8.4
ChinaShen	7.88	-.66	-7.7
CherriereEn	6.70	-.52	-7.2
SDgo pfB	17.15	-1.34	-7.2

Diary

Advanced	286
Declined	189
Unchanged	33
Total issues	508
New Highs	18
New Lows	5
Volume	193,586,439

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Nvidia	650288	20.31	-.32
Intel	632583	21.05	+.36
PwShs QQQQ	259183	56.16	+.08
Microsft	497499	28.11	-.11
SiriusXM	469262	1.57	-.01

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Intelligh h	4.90	+1.08	+37.0
FuseTel	4.36	+1.05	+32.3
CredoPh	11.50	+2.50	+27.8
BodyCom n	19.24	+4.13	+27.3
Intactlet	36.58	+7.17	+24.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Westwy un	10.05	-3.62	-26.5
Telestone	7.62	-2.64	-25.7
NovtWins	8.13	-1.93	-19.2
TwstMm	4.45	-.87	-16.4
ClickSft	7.96	-1.40	-15.0

Diary

Advanced	1,654
Declined	975
Unchanged	115
Total issues	2,744
New Highs	226
New Lows	10
Volume	1,873,696,067

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $15.60 Up 0.48

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $84.73 Up 1.55

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $86.65 Up 1.33

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $33.18 Up 1.26

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $30.31 Up 0.64

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.58 Up 0.33

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $17.84 Up 0.07

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AMR	...	...	8.27	-.52	+6.2
AT&T Inc	1.72f	7	27.91	-.43	-5.0
Abraxas	...	...	**4.40**	**+.16**	**-3.7**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	...	**10.92**	**+.09**	**+1.7**
AMD		5	8.36	-.83	+2.2
AlcatelLuc			3.07	+.10	+3.7
Alcoa	.12	71	16.33	-.16	+6.1
AlonUSA	.16	...	6.29	+.09	+5.2
Amgen	...	**12**	**56.19**	**-.25**	**+2.3**
Anadarko	**.36**	**44**	**77.52**	**+2.64**	**+1.8**
Apache	**.60**	**15**	**125.13**	**+.39**	**+4.9**
Apple Inc	...	23	341.64	-.82	+5.9
ApldMatl	**.28**	**20**	**14.08**	**+.31**	**+.2**
ATMOS	**1.36f**	**19**	**31.94**	**+.34**	**+2.4**
AutoData	1.44f	20	48.35	+.22	+4.5
BP PLC	...	...	**46.83**	**+.80**	**+6.0**
BakrHu	.60	39	57.76	+1.74	+1.0
BkofAm	.04	22	14.69	+.29	+10.1
BasicEnSv	...	...	15.60	+.48	-5.3
BerkHa A	...	**1611900**	**5.00-553.00**		**-1.2**
BerryPet	**.30**	**20**	**45.48**	**+1.02**	**+4.1**
BlkHillsCp	**1.44**	**18**	**30.82**	**-.18**	**+2.7**
BrlfySq	**1.32f**	**13**	**25.61**	**-.13**	**-3.3**
BrownFA	**1.28a**	**23**	**68.05**	**+.05**	**-2.0**
BrownFB	**1.28a**	**23**	**68.00**	**+.07**	**-2.3**
CVS Care	.50f	14	35.33	+.15	+1.6
Cameron	...	25	51.57	+2.89	+1.7
Caterpillar	1.76	31	93.95	+.56	+.3
Celestic g	...	14	9.64	-.07	-.6
CntryLink	2.90	12	44.41	-.55	-3.8
ChesEng	.30	18	27.34	+.38	+5.5
Chevron	**2.88**	**11**	**91.83**	**+1.42**	**+.6**
Chicos	.16	17	10.76	-.46	-10.6
Chimera	.69e	6	4.07	-.03	-1.0
Cimarex	.32	14	92.93	+1.28	+5.0
Cisco	...	15	20.88	+.09	+3.2
Citigrp			4.94	+.03	+4.4
ClayEng	...	...	**84.73**	**+1.55**	**+.9**
CocaCl	**1.76**	**19**	**62.69**	**-.37**	**-4.7**
ColgPal	**2.12**	**18**	**78.21**	**+.32**	**-2.7**
CompPrdS	...	...	27.59	+.86	-6.6
ConAgra	**.92**	**15**	**22.67**	...	**+.4**
Conchores	...	...	**88.65**	**+1.33**	**+1.1**
ConocPhil	**2.20**	**11**	**68.17**	**+1.29**	**+.1**
CrackerB	.88	14	54.45	-.11	-.6
CrosTim	**2.60e**	**15**	**42.50**	**+1.40**	**+6.6**
DCP Mid	2.44	57	39.57	+.98	+5.8
DTE	2.24	13	46.44	+.30	+2.5
Dataram h	...	...	1.83	+.08	+16.6
Dawson	...	...	**33.18**	**+1.26**	**+4.0**
Dell Inc		13	14.08	+.07	+3.9
DevonE	**.64**	**8**	**80.86**	**+2.56**	**+3.0**
DrSCBear rs	...	...	14.93	-.18	-4.4
DirFnBear	...	...	8.94	-.11	-5.4
DrxFBull s	...	...	29.21	+.39	+4.9
Disney	**.40f**	**19**	**39.40**	**-.10**	**+5.0**
DowChm	**.60**	**24**	**35.49**	**-.01**	**+4.0**
EOG Res	**.52**	**48**	**96.73**	**+1.78**	**+5.8**
EmpDist	**1.28**	**17**	**21.86**	**-.08**	**-1.5**
Energen	.52	14	53.24	+.54	+10.3
EngyTsfr	3.58	37	53.08	+.56	+2.4
EnPro	...	**37**	**41.90**	**-.44**	**+.8**
EntPrPt	2.33f	21	42.58	+.38	+2.3
EricsnTel	.28e	...	11.16	+.11	-3.2
ExterranH	...	**4**	**23.70**	**+.49**	**-1.0**
ExxonMbl	**1.76**	**13**	**75.69**	**+.56**	**+3.5**
FordM	...	9	18.28	-.03	+8.9
ForestOil	...	24	38.10	+.40	+.3
FrozenFd	...	...	**4.89**	**+.01**	**+10.9**
GATX	**1.12**	**19**	**33.69**	**-.28**	**-4.5**
GabGloM	**.80**	...	**8.30**	**+.02**	**+1.1**
GAInv	**.43e**	...	**26.74**	**+.14**	**-.3**
GenElec	**.56f**	**20**	**18.63**	**+.12**	**+1.9**
GenMot n	...	...	38.75	+.19	+5.1
Genworth	...	22	14.23	+.35	+8.3
Golfsmith	...	...	2.60	-.09	+7.4
Goodrich	**1.16f**	**21**	**80.17**	**-.12**	**+1.2**
GtPlainEn	**.83**	**12**	**19.56**	**+.19**	**+.9**
Hallibrtn	**.36**	**24**	**39.38**	**+1.21**	**-3.6**
Heinz	**1.80**	**17**	**48.32**	**-.12**	**-2.3**
HewlettP	.32	12	45.43	+.57	+7.9
Hitachi	...	...	**55.08**	**+.43**	**+3.2**
HuntBnk	.04	...	7.12	-.08	+3.6
iShBraz	2.53e	...	76.93	+1.62	-.6
iShJapn	.14e	...	11.06	+.08	+1.3
iShSilver	...	...	28.89	+.60	-4.3
iShEMkts	.64e	...	47.26	+.50	-.8
iS Eafe	1.42e	...	57.66	+.39	-1.0
iShR2K	.89e	...	79.29	+.32	+1.3
IntegrysE	2.72	29	48.11	+.32	-.8
Intel	**.72f**	**11**	**21.05**	**+.36**	**+.1**
InterDig	.40	13	45.82	-.52	+10.0
JPMorgCh	.20	12	43.60	+.20	+2.8
JohnJn	**2.16**	**13**	**62.27**	**+.11**	**+.7**
KimbCik	**2.64**	**13**	**62.78**	**-.13**	**-.4**
KindME	4.44f	36	71.23	+.23	+1.4
KindMM	4.44f	84	65.34	-.01	-2.3
LVSands	...	...	49.20	-1.40	+7.1
LegacyRes	2.08	...	30.31	+.64	+5.5
LennarA	.16	37	20.24	+1.34	+7.9
Level3 h	...	...	1.18	+.06	+20.9
Lubys	...	...	**6.28**	**+.09**	**+.2**
MBIA			13.53	+1.25	+12.8
MGM Rsts			16.29	-.04	+9.7
Marshlls	.04		7.06	+.04	+2.0
MassCp	**2.16**	...	**30.25**	**+.68**	**-1.0**
McDnlds	2.44f	16	73.90	+.34	-3.7
Merck	1.52	19	36.95	.25	+2.5
MeritMed	...	**33**	**15.31**	**-.12**	**-3.3**
MexcoEn	...	36	7.58	+.33	-.9
MicronT	...	5	8.72	+.17	+8.7
Microsoft	.64	7	28.11	-.11	+.7
Nabors	...	...	22.47	+.20	-4.2
NatGrid	**7.04e**	...	**43.65**	**-.68**	**-1.6**
NOilVarco	.44f	17	66.40	+1.20	-1.3
NewsCpA	.15	14	14.41	-.21	-1.0
NvMAd	**.99**	...	**12.83**	**-.03**	**-1.9**
NvPMI	**.87**	...	**12.68**	**-.09**	**-2.8**
NuvPI	**.92**	...	**12.88**	**+.02**	**+.5**
NSTFtl	**.64**	...	**12.92**	...	**-1.4**
NTXQI	**.86**	...	**15.15**	**-.10**	**+1.5**
Nvidia	...	56	20.31	-.32	+31.9
OcciPet	**1.52**	**18**	**96.92**	**+1.13**	**-1.2**
Oilsands g	...	...	.61		+44.0
Oracle	.20	23	30.99	-.05	-1.0
ParTech	...	**34**	**6.04**	**+.04**	**+5.8**
ParkDrl	...	...	**4.54**	...	**-.7**
PattUTI	**.20**	**71**	**20.55**	**+.37**	**-4.6**
PenRE	**.60**	...	**13.26**	**-.40**	**-8.7**
Prman	1.37e	16	22.67	+.32	
Petrobras	1.20e	...	37.04	+.92	-2.1
Pfizer	**.80f**	**10**	**18.22**	**-.04**	**+4.1**
PioNrt	.08	18	69.87	+2.01	+3.5
PlainsAA	**3.80f**	**26**	**64.05**	**+.48**	**+2.0**
PwShs QQQ	33e	...	56.16	+.08	+3.1
Praxair	**1.80**	**20**	**93.30**	**+.12**	**-2.3**
PrmEgy	...	...	**19.33**	...	**-.1**
PrUShS&P			23.15	-.18	-2.6
ProctGam	**1.93**	**16**	**64.04**	**-.32**	**-.5**
QwestCm	.32	52	7.28	-.10	-4.3
RadientPh			.87	-.08	-14.4
RAM Engy	...	60	1.81	+.05	-1.6
RangeRs	.16	...	47.67	+1.21	+6.0
RegionsFn	.04	...	7.22	+.17	+3.1
RschMotn	...	11	62.89	+.80	+8.2
Rowan	...	**14**	**34.45**	**+1.04**	**-1.3**
RoyDShllA	3.36e	27	66.87	+.27	+.1
SpdrDJIA	2.77e	...	116.55	+.35	+.8
S&P500ETF	2.37e	...	127.43	+.45	+1.3
SabnR	3.80e	18	62.33	+1.52	+4.7
SanderFm	**.60**	**7**	**39.93**	**+1.07**	**+2.0**
SandRdge	...	**7**	**7.80**	**-.05**	**+6.6**
Sapient	**.35e**	**17**	**12.53**	**+.09**	**+3.6**
Schimbrg	.84	25	82.26	+1.58	-1.5
SigmaAld	**.64**	**21**	**64.62**	**+.04**	**-2.9**
SiriusXM	...	79	1.57	-.01	-3.7
Smucker	1.60	15	63.77	+.59	-2.9
SprintNex	...	...	4.40	-.18	+4.0
SPDR Fncl	.16e		16.24	+.07	+1.8
SuriccoLg	4.68f	9	85.66	+.24	+2.5
Suprvalu	.35	...	7.59	-1.00	-21.2
TaiwSemi	.47e	...	13.42	+.20	+7.0
Talbots	...	14	6.25	-1.32	-26.8
TeletEsp	**5.25e**	...	**65.20**	**+.38**	**-4.7**
Tesoro	...	24	18.73	-.22	+1.0
TevaPhrm	.75e	16	53.76	-.46	+3.1
3M Co	2.10	16	87.74	+.59	+1.7
Trchmrk	**.64**	**10**	**60.95**	**-.52**	**+2.0**
TriContl	**.25e**	...	**13.86**	**+.07**	**+.7**
TylerTech	...	**30**	**20.61**	**+.16**	**-.7**
UBWV	**1.20**	**18**	**28.95**	**+.09**	**-.9**
US NGasFd	...	...	6.11	+.14	+1.9
Vale SA	.76e	...	35.33	+.59	+2.2
ValeroE	.20	...	24.16	+.43	+4.5
VerizonCm	1.95	...	35.36	-.56	-1.2
VulcanM	**1.00**	...	**40.50**	**+.13**	**-8.7**
Walgrn	**.70**	**18**	**40.83**	**-.12**	**+4.8**
WellsFargo	.20	12	31.40	+.20	+1.3
WstnRefin	...	...	10.95	+.24	+3.5
WhitngPet	...	33	116.65	+1.28	-.5
WmsCos	.50	35	25.37	+.82	+2.6
XcelEngy	**1.01**	**14**	**23.48**	**-.08**	**-.3**
Xerox	**.17**	**16**	**11.48**	**+.07**	**-.3**
Yahoo	...	22	16.58	-.02	-.3

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11,742.68	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	11,671.88	+34.43	+.30	+.82	+9.83
5,220.48	3,742.01	Dow Jones Transportation	5,172.14	-36.04	-.69	+1.28	+23.04
413.75	346.95	Dow Jones Utilities	406.10	+.69	+.17	+.27	+1.96
8,071.43	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,018.68	+52.59	+.66	+.69	+8.79
2,225.48	1,689.19	Amex Index	2,187.87	+29.37	+1.36	-.93	+16.73
2,715.96	2,061.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,716.83	+9.03	+.33	+2.41	+19.04
1,278.17	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,274.48	+4.73	+.37	+1.34	+12.17
13,576.92	10,596.20	Wilshire 5000	13,549.89	+53.63	+.40	+1.42	+15.05
801.13	580.49	Russell 2000	794.76	+3.18	+.40	+1.42	+25.06

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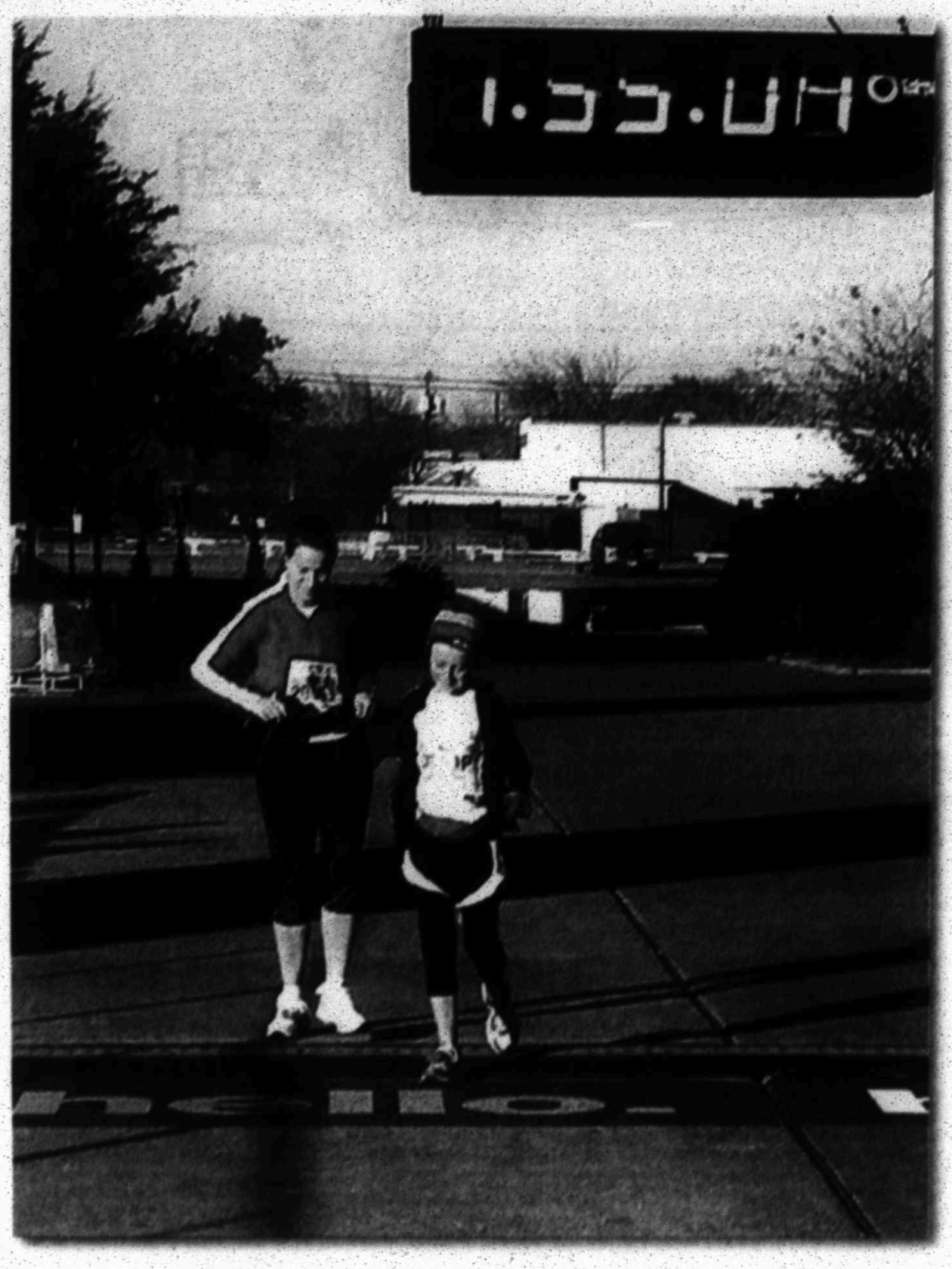
MOTHER DAUGHTER MARATHON



Courtesy photos

TWO OF A KIND Lori Bentsen and her 11-year-old daughter, Taylor, recently completed the White Rock Marathon in Dallas. ABOVE: Bentsen and Taylor pose with their medals after completing the marathon.

Midlanders make marathon family activity

By Katie Schneider
MRT Correspondent

Lori Bentsen has seen her passion for marathon running grow from what was once an individual pursuit to a hobby that now, quite literally, runs in the family.

And that might not be unusual, except that one of those family members is Bentsen's 11-year-old daughter Taylor, a sixth-grader at Greathouse Elementary School. Taylor, along with her mother and father, Josh, completed Dallas' White Rock Marathon on Dec. 5.

Bentsen, an eight-time marathon runner, explained that earlier in 2010 her husband decided he'd like to join her at the next marathon. Taylor decided she wanted to try to beat her father in the race.

"We never told her that she couldn't do it," said Bentsen of her and Josh's response to Taylor's marathon interest. "Other people did, but we didn't."

For Taylor, who is active and motivated by challenges, the opportunity to participate in the marathon fit her personality.

"I usually do the opposite of what people tell me to do," she said. "I like to show people I can do something they say I can't." Her friends at school think she's crazy for wanting to run in marathons, she said.

But with the goal in mind, Taylor joined her father in April 2010 for her first marathon attempt. Her parents gave her a goal of completing three miles, but to their amazement, Taylor didn't stop until she completed 17 of the 26.2 miles. Taylor completed the White Rock marathon, with a combination of running and walking alongside her mother.

"It took us forever to do it," Bentsen said. "She wanted to quit."

Between miles 12 and 21, the marathon route hugs the perimeter of White Rock Lake, and Taylor said this long, seemingly endless trek around the water is where her willpower began to waver, yet she never quit pushing. She said she likely would have quit had her mother not been by her side.

"It's mostly mental, crazy mental," Bentsen said of the struggle to complete a marathon. While the 26.2 miles can stretch into what feels like an endless road, Bentsen relished the long journey she spent next to Taylor. "It's lots of mom and daughter time," she said.

Josh ran the race at a faster pace, and awaited his wife and daughter at the finish line. Bentsen and her husband hoped there still would be people at the finish line when mother and daughter arrived, but Josh saw the crowd begin to pack up. He persuaded a group to stay, and about 60 people were there to cheer Taylor across the finish line of her first full marathon.

"It's probably one of the sweetest things my husband has ever done," Bentsen said, explaining the enthusiasm from the crowd at the end of the race makes the grueling run worth it. "The finish is probably the best part of a marathon. I tell myself, there's not a lot of times in my life I'm going to experience this, and I want to remember how it feels."

The White Rock Marathon benefits Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, and the Bentsens were part of a team supporting Midland friends whose 1-year-old son has amniotic band syndrome.

Being active and enjoying the outdoors is part of the family's everyday life. While Lori runs approximately 70 miles per week and Josh is an avid bicyclist, Taylor had no training regimen beyond the normal play activity of an 11-year-old — riding her bike, playing sports, playing with dogs and jumping on the trampoline. The family enjoys going on walks together on Saturdays, and frequently hikes, swims and plays tennis together. The Bentsens also have a 4-year-old son, Cade.

Planning ahead, trying new recipes help when striving for healthier diet

FOOD ETC.

Freelance writer Joan Huff may be reached at foodetcmrt@aol.com. For more healthy recipes, visit www.mywesttexas.com and click on "Entertainment - food."

With the New year comes new resolutions and new recipes. If your plans for the year include testing out some new recipes, try some that are full of healthy ingredients.

The main ingredient in eating healthy is planning. Choose recipes that interest you and your family and purchase the ingredients ahead of time so you will have them on hand when needed. It is easy to fall back on old habits and grab something to satisfy your hunger when you do not have what you need to prepare a meal.

Here are a few extra tips to get started on a healthy lifestyle. Try to grocery shop when on a full stomach to avoid impulsive purchases. Use a list and stick to it. Do not eat wasted calories — if you are eating something that does not taste very good, put it down. Try to eat at home more often to better control ingredients. Add a small side salad or fresh fruit to every meal. As you try new recipes and find those you enjoy, put them in a binder to keep them handy and organized.

Oven Fried Chicken
From "The Essential Eating Well Cookbook"

1/2 cup nonfat buttermilk*
1 Tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon hot sauce
2 1/2 -3 pounds whole chicken legs, skin removed, trimmed and cut into thighs and drumsticks
1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
2 Tablespoons sesame seeds
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper, to taste
Olive oil cooking spray

Whisk buttermilk, mustard, garlic and hot sauce in a shallow glass dish until well blended. Add chicken and turn to coat. Cover and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes or for up to 8 hours.

Preheat oven to 425. Line a baking sheet with foil. Set a wire rack on the baking sheet and coat it with cooking spray. Whisk flour, sesame seeds, paprika, thyme, baking powder, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Place the flour mixture in a paper bag or large sealable plastic bag. Shaking off excess marinade, place one or two pieces of chicken at a time in the bag and shake to coat. Shake off excess flour and place the chicken on the prepared rack. (Discard any leftover flour mixture and marinade). Spray the chicken pieces with cooking spray. Bake the chicken until golden brown and no longer pink in the center, 40 to 50 minutes.

Per serving: 226 Calories, 7 g Fat; 2 g Sat; 2 g Mono; 130 mg Cholesterol; 5 g Carb; 34 g Protein; 1 g Fiber; 258 mg Sodium; 400 mg Potassium. * No buttermilk? Use buttermilk powder prepared according to package directions, or, make sour milk by mixing 1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar to 1 cup milk.

Skinny Tortilla Soup
From Light and Tasty: October/November 2002

1 (16-ounce) can fat-free refried beans
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 (14 1/2 -ounce) can reduced sodium chicken broth
1 1/2 cups frozen corn
1/2 cup chunky salsa
1/2 cup cubed cooked chicken breast
1/2 cup water
2 cups shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese, divided
28 tortilla chips, divided

In a large saucepan, combine the first seven ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add 1 cup cheese; cook and stir over low heat until melted. Crumble half of the tortilla chips into the soup bowls. Ladle soup over chips. Top each serving with two crumbled chips; sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Nutrition Facts: One (one-cup) serving equals 290 Calories; 7 g Fat (4 g Sat Fat); 30 mg Chol; 987 mg Sodium; 36 g Carb; 9 g Fiber; 23 g Protein.

Crunchy Baked Fish
From www.allrecipes.com

3 Tablespoons Mrs. Dash Lemon Pepper Blend
4 (4-ounce) tilapia or catfish fillets
1/2 cup cornflake crumbs
Juice of half a lemon
Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray cooking spray on 9x9x2-inch pan. Place fillets in pan. Evenly sprinkle tops of fish with 1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash Lemon Pepper Blend. Squeeze lemon juice over fish.

Toss corn flake crumbs with remaining 2 tablespoons of Mrs. Dash. Carefully top the fillets with the corn flake crumbs. Bake for 20 minutes or until the fish is fork tender.

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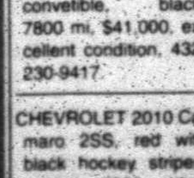

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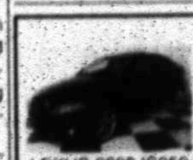

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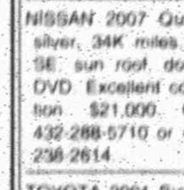

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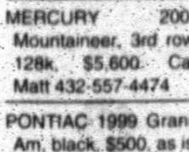

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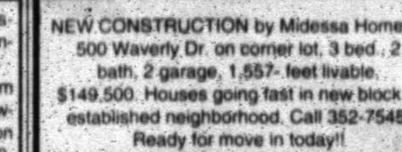

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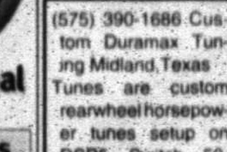

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