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Despite being outscored for the majority of the game, the Chaps rallied for three runs in the ninth inning to pull off a win. They need one more win to advance to the NJCAA World Series.

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MISD ponders 2.5 percent raise for employees

Salary initiative also includes additional bonuses, adjustments for experience

By Tessa Duvall
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Every Midland ISD employee could see a 2.5 percent of midpoint raise next year if the salary initiative presented by Superintendent Ryder Warren at Monday's board of trustees meeting comes to fruition.

The raises, if approved by the board at a future meeting, will cost MISD $3.245 million the next academic year, according to Warren's presentation.

Classroom teachers will all earn about $1,200 more, in addition to the raise that comes with their additional year of experience on the district salary schedule, according to Warren's presentation.

A first-year teacher in an MISD school earned $47,000 in the 2013-14 year, according to the district salary schedule. For 2014-15, a second-year teacher will earn closer to $48,400, which will include $200 for the next step up on the salary schedule, and $1,200 for the across-the-board raise.

The raise for teachers is in addition to the $10,000 signing bonus or $2,500 re-signing bonus announced last week, Warren said. After polling teachers, the bonuses will be paid at the end of each semester. They will receive a check in December and a check in June, he said.

The salary initiative also addresses pay for bus drivers. MISD currently is short 55 drivers.

Warren said drivers could see about $4 more per hour, which would bring the entry level pay from $10.52 to $14.70 per hour, he said. Average driver pay is expected to increase from $15.32 to $19.46 per hour if the initiative passes, he said.

Ector County ISD drivers earned $12.23 to $18.35 per hour this school year, according to ECISD's salary schedule.

The driver shortage is critical, said Warren, who has been told by Director of Transportation Services Willie A. Tarleton that if the district can hire about 25 more drivers for the next school year, many transit issues could be resolved. However, the goal remains to bring on the full 55 needed drivers, Warren said.

The district is also looking to continue the previously granted $1,000 stipend for support staff, Warren said.

Campus principals and assistant principals will see a flat rate adjustment in addition to their 2.5 percent raises, Warren said.

MISD Chief Financial Officer David Garcia said the flat rate adjustment, which has not been finalized, will be somewhere between $3,000 to $6,000 for next year.

The district is not as competitive as it needs to be with peers in regards to principal and assistant principal pay, Warren said.

According to Texas Education Agency 2013 Snapshot data, the average school administrator at MISD earns $67,651, up from $65,705 in 2012. The 2013 figure puts MISD $7,357 above the statewide average, but $3,083 below the Region 18 average. Neighboring ECISD school

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WEATHER REPRIEVE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A dust storm obscures the Midland skyline on May 7.

A sudden cold front

A surge of cold air from the Texas Panhandle will lower Permian Basin temperatures into the upper 50s and lower 60s today.

That's a far cry from Sunday's high of 94 degrees, according to National Weather Service records. But local meteorologist Greg Jackson said today's weather likely won't set any records for the lowest high, which was 52 set in 1953.

A slow warm-up will bring temperatures back into the 70s on Wednesday, 80s on Thursday and 90s this weekend.

May 13 fast facts:
Normal high: 87 degrees
Record coolest high: 52 degrees, set in 1953

TxDOT approves funding for energy zone roads

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Midland County will be receiving $5.9 million from the Texas Department of Transportation for the development of southern county roads, making travel into the area easier.

County commissioners accepted the amount TxDOT granted on Monday for three projects that may appear to be a southern extension of Loop 250, though it would not be an official extension of the state highway that the state road agency is funding and constructing.

Instead, the county-funded and -constructed projects would create a two-lane county road that spans 7.6 miles. The new road extends County Road 1230 from the Loop 250 and Interstate 20 interchange south to County Road 160. CR 160 would then be extended east to reach its eastern dead end at State Highway 349.

The newly formed road would help alleviate industrial traffic off SH 349, or Rankin Highway, by providing an alternate route to I-20.

Industrial traffic played a factor into the county's receipt of the grant funds, which came from a $225 million state allocation for road projects in

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Wings 'N More Express grand opening pushed back to June

By Cale Ottens
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The grand opening for Midland's first Wings 'N More Express location was pushed back three weeks and is now slated for June 9.

Crews are putting the finishing touches on the fast-casual chicken wing establishment near Wadley Avenue and Midland Drive.

Richard Osborn, president of Wings 'N More Express franchisee group, said the grand opening was originally to be Monday. It's been rescheduled because of construction delays.

The delays stemmed from "normal construction stuff," such as allocating electricity and water to the new building, he said.

But in the meantime, members of the store's management team are working weekdays at the store, and Osborn said they're still hiring new employees. Those who are interested can apply on site between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

During an interview in March, the restaurant's founder, Mark Dennard, said he expected a second location to open in east Odessa near Bill Hext Road and Highway 191.

The goal at the time was to open the Odessa store in either late August or early September and a second Midland location near Interstate 20 and Rankin Highway before the end of the year.

Osborn said on Monday those locations are still in the works and the company would like to see them open before the end of the year, but "that's just if everything goes perfect."

Midland's Wadley location is the only one with an official open date at this time, he said.

Larry Lee, the local franchisee of multiple McAlister Deli locations in Midland and Odessa, also owns the Wings 'N More Express restaurants that are planned for this area.

Dennard opened his first Wings 'N More Restaurant and Bar in Houston shortly after he retired from the National Football League in the 1980s.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Originally scheduled for Monday, the grand opening of Wings 'N More was pushed back three weeks to June 9. Richard Osborn, the president of the franchise, cited construction delays for the later opening.

Weather
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WTI Futures	$100.89	▲ $0.60
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The big number
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GISD team prepares for Destination Imagination.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ RockHounds game, 11 a.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. milb.com.

■ Discover the Dinosaur at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday. This month's featured book is "Grandmas at Bat."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Midland ISD officials are set to break ground for the new Bunche Elementary School. The ceremony is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday at 702 S. Jackson St.

Today's club and support group meetings

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower cafeteria meeting room. 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtmhmr.org.

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7p.m. Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor,559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Midland Quilters Guild meets 7 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m., Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

Project Graduation

Sponsors are needed for 2014 Project Graduation, an alcohol- and drug-free all-night celebration for Midland graduates and their guests. The annual event includes games, entertainment, food and prizes, and is funded solely through donations from individuals, businesses and foundations, according to a press release. The year's party is set for May 31 at Midland Center. To contribute, "like" the Project Graduation Facebook page or contact the chairmen at midlandprojectgraduation@gmail.com.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE," in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room... or just staying home.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-2-6
Pick 3 day: 4-1-8
Pick 3 evening: 3-3-8
Pick 3 night: 9-7-3
Daily 4 morning: 7-2-9-3
Daily 4 day: 0-1-3-1
Daily 4 evening: 0-2-8-7
Daily 4 night: 7-3-3-2
Cash Five: 4-18-24-36-37
Texas Two Step: 1-4-12-35 BB: 10
All or Nothing morning: 3-4-5-6-7-9-10-12-14-19-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-6-8-14-16-18-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-8-10-11-14-15-17-18-20-21-23
All or Nothing night: 1-3-5-6-7-10-11-12-14-17-19-22

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2014. There are 232 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1917, three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

In 1940, Britain's new prime minister, Winston Churchill, told Parliament: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

Five years ago: Pittsburgh's Adam LaRoche and Florida's Ross Gload became the first baseball players to have home runs taken away following a video replay review.

One year ago: President Barack Obama tried to address a pair of brewing controversies, denouncing as "outrageous" the targeting of conservative political groups by the IRS but angrily denying any administration cover-up after the deadly attacks in Benghazi, Libya, in September 2012.

Today's birthdays: Actor Harvey Keitel is 75. Singer Stevie Wonder is 64. Basketball Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is 53. Actor-comedian Stephen Colbert is 50. Contemporary Christian musician Andy Williams (Casting Crowns) is 42.

Monday night fire

Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

Firefighters extinguished a shed fire Monday night that damaged a nearby power line in the 1800 block of Ward Street. No one was injured in the blaze.

MFD: Shed fire damages power line, leaves some without electricity

By Tyler White
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A shed fire destroyed a power line Monday night, leaving some residents without electricity.

Midland firefighters responded at about 7 p.m. to a fire at a residence in the 1800 block of Ward Street.

MFD battalion chief Ken Whiting said no one was injured and that the fire's cause is being investigated by the Fire Marshal's Office.

The shed is a total loss, but the blaze did not damage the home itself. A power line in an alley next to the shed was damaged, leaving some of the homes in the area without power. Whiting said Oncor representatives made needed repairs.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Texas lawmakers tour embattled Sriracha plant

IRWINDALE — The maker of the popular hot sauce Sriracha said Monday that he has no plans to move his contested plant out of California but would consider expanding into Texas if the Lone Star State can produce peppers as hot as the ones grown especially for him in Southern California.

A pair of Texas lawmakers toured the Huy Fong Foods plant Monday in the small Los Angeles suburb of Irwindale, where officials are moving to declare David Tran's operation a nuisance after dozens of residents complained about flaming hot odors burning their throats and eyes.

State Sen. Carlos Uresti and state Rep. Jason Villalba held a news conference after the visit to extol the virtues of doing business in their state.

"We're not here to offer any specific incentives, but just to let it be known there are incentives," Uresti said. He and Villalba noted Texas has no personal income tax, among other benefits.

Tran said Texas must prove it can grow chili peppers as hot as the hybrid jalapenos he gets from a farm that specifically developed them to make his Sriracha sauce the hottest possible.

"If there is not chili peppers, we cannot build the plant," he told reporters.

Although Tran had the Texas flag flying outside the facility on Monday, he said it was just meant to welcome his visitors.

Inside the plant's employee parking lot, and out of public view, a large sign declared, "No Tear Gas Made Here."

Huy Fong, located in the small, mainly industrial city of Irwindale, has come under fire from local lawmakers who said about three dozen of the city's 1,500 residents have signed sworn complaints that the odors from the plant's chili-grinding operation make them sneeze and cough, their eyes burn and in some instances, caused them to see doctors.

The City Council is scheduled Wednesday to give final approval to an ordinance declaring the plant a public nuisance, although city staff members have asked that the vote be delayed. If the ordinance is approved, city officials said they could enter the plant and make changes to mitigate the smell.

"I don't think they can do that," a defiant Tran said in an interview. He added that he doesn't plan to attend Wednesday's council meeting or cooperate with the city any further.

He took a softer tone toward the people of Irwindale, saying those he meets tell him they want him to stay, and he showed a picture of a couple who recently toured the plant with their baby. He said the smell didn't bother them.

Tran said the 650,000-square-foot plant, which opened three years ago, is nearing capacity, and he will need a second facility soon. The privately held company says it did $80 million in sales last year, its best ever.

Tran said he would be open to putting a second plant in California or another state, but key is finding a place with the weather and soil conditions to support the hybrid peppers. Uresti and Villalba said their state's agriculture officials will begin investigating conditions in Texas.

"I need to stay in the USA," said Tran, a proud immigrant who arrived from Vietnam after serving as an officer in the South Vietnamese military during the war. "It doesn't matter which town or which state."

NEW YORK

NYPD to stop seizing suspected sex workers' condoms

The New York Police Department will no longer confiscate unused condoms from suspected sex workers to be used as evidence of prostitution, ending a longstanding practice that had been criticized by civil rights groups for undermining efforts to combat AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections.

Under the new policy announced Monday, officers may continue to seize condoms as evidence in sex-trafficking and promotion of prostitution cases, but they will not use them in support of prostitution cases. Critics had said the previous policy amounted to police harassment, and noted that New York City spends more than $1 million a year to distribute free condoms.

"The NYPD heard from community health advocates and took a serious look at making changes to our current policy as it relates to our broader public safety mission," Police Commissioner William Bratton said in announcing the new policy.

MISD

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administrators earn $71,104 on average — $3,453 more than the average MISD school administrator.

Central administrators will also receive 2.5 percent raises as part of the new salary initiative, Warren said.

Monday's presentation was part one of the initiative, Warren said. Parts two and three will be presented in June and will address the rest of the support staff and administrative and instructional staff members, as well as personnel initiatives and revenue strategies.

In planning for the 2014-15 budget, Warren said he expects the district to have about $211 million in tax revenue from about $18.3 billion in local property values. With MISD's Chapter 41 status, district officials estimate about $30 million in revenue will be returned to the state in recapture, Warren said, leaving the district with $180 million in usable revenue.

As it stands now, usable revenue leaves MISD with about a $7.5 million deficit, Warren said.

Also on Monday, the board approved a $18.166 million guaranteed maximum price for the construction of the new Bunche Elementary School.

Keith Anderson, principal with WRA Architects in Dallas, said the project came in on budget, although cuts have been made in the past three weeks to achieve this. The cuts, which total $1.611 million do not impact the functionality of the school, he said.

Changes are primarily aesthetic, and include landscaping alterations, and changes in materials.

One of the largest item savings is HVAC system design changes, which saved $125,088, according to the presentation given to trustees.

Additionally, no square footage was cut from the building, Anderson said.

However, the guaranteed maximum price approved by the board included a contingency of $96,346 — a reduction of $403,654 from the previously budgeted $500,000.

MISD Chief Operations Officer James Riggen said the district will still maintain a total contingency of $996,346 for the construction of all three new elementary schools.

Boehner says he's 'nudged' Jeb Bush to seek presidency

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — House Speaker John Boehner said Monday that he's "nudged" former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to seek the Republican nomination for president in 2016.

With various potential GOP candidates jockeying two years out, the top Republican in Congress delivered the strongest hints about his preference for the White House while cautioning that the talk was a bit premature.

"Jeb Bush is my friend. I think he'd make a great president. I've nudged him for some time," Boehner told the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Republican Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Ted Cruz of Texas have been mentioned as possible presidential candidates along with a number of GOP governors.

In this year's elections, Republicans are expected to keep control of the House and have a legitimate shot at seizing the majority in the Senate. Boehner said he expects to keep his leadership position in 2015 but stopped short of committing to serving out a full 13th term in Congress.

"I have a very good relationship with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle," Boehner said. "Even in my party, even with some people with whom we have disagreement almost every day, I have a good relationship with them as well."

But given a chance to end speculation that he may not complete another full two-year term, Boehner said he couldn't predict what might happen.

"I'm going to be 65 years old in November. I never thought I'd live to be 60. So I'm living on borrowed time," the Ohio Republican said.

Boehner has provoked discontent among some conservatives over his actions during last year's government shutdown, his backing for raising the nation's borrowing authority and his support for moving ahead on immigration overhaul. He drew a primary challenge in his Ohio district against two tea party candidates but easily beat both last week and now faces a token Democratic opponent in November.

Boehner also briefly discussed a new special select committee that will conduct the eighth investigation of the deadly 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. Four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, died in the assault.

Texas Panhandle wildfire destroys 89 homes

Associated Press

FRITCH — Firefighters had stopped the spread of flames in a wildfire in the Texas Panhandle and were focusing Monday afternoon on hotspots and buildings still smoldering 24 hours after they first turned their hoses on the blaze.

No injuries were reported in the fire, but hundreds of people from a 4-square-mile area around Lake Meredith, between the towns of Sanford and Fritch, evacuated their homes Sunday afternoon. Some moved to an ad hoc shelter in a high school gymnasium, others to the sanctuary of a local church serving the rural communities some 30 miles northeast of Amarillo.

Dozens of pets were taken in by a local animal hospital.

The fire destroyed 131 structures, 89 of which were homes, Hutchinson County Emergency Management said.

The fire was about 65 percent contained by Monday afternoon, with the aid of humidity from storm systems in the area and lower temperatures, according to Tom Spencer, head of the A&M Forest Service's predictions center.

Nearly three-quarters of the impacted area within the city of Fritch was contained.

"We still have some structures that are smoldering, but we don't have an active fire," said Jason Wright, Hutchinson County's assistant emergency management coordinator.

The wildfire, which swept through a mobile home community, could have been started by a burning shed, Wright said. The homes' steel frames and burnt carcasses of cars and trucks sat under a pile of ash.

WINGS 'N MORE

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The "express" concept was developed about five years ago but the Midland location is the first store outside of College Station that's a part of the company's major expansion plans.

The Wadley store is designed to have a drive-through but will also provide a dining area with flat-screen TVs. Wings 'N More Express specializes in beer and Buffalo-style wings inspired by those found at the original Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York.

TxDOT

From 1A

energy-impacted areas. To receive a portion of the allocation, counties had to create a county energy transportation reinvestment zone, or CETRZ.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Robin Donnelly, who heads the Midland CETRZ, said during Monday's Commissioners' Court meeting that TxDOT allocated to the county $400,000 more than was expected because only 191 counties out of 254 applied for CETRZ funding. The extra money will be put toward the road expansions, Donnelly said.

"We originally requested $8.9 million in projects," Donnelly said. "But because you can't start on the project if you expect (TxDOT) to reimburse you after they sign the agreement, it's hard to tell what the costs are because you're estimating everything."

Because the grant money is not provided up front, the county will have to incur the costs of the construction, on top of having to do a 20 percent local match for the projects because the grant may cover only up to 80 percent of the projects' costs.

To complicate things further, construction can't begin until the county has acquired the appropriate right-of-way for the roads.

"I hope that I have approached all the major landowners in that area, and that they are aware of it," Donnelly said.

Because of right-of-way acquisition issues, construction is expected to begin by the end of 2015.

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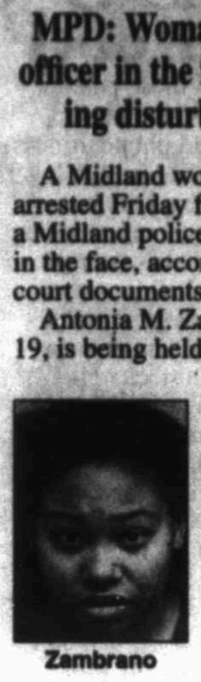
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Woman kicks officer in the face during disturbance

A Midland woman was arrested Friday for kicking a Midland police sergeant in the face, according to court documents.

Antonia M. Zambrano, 19, is being held on a $17,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault on a public servant and a class A misdemeanor charge of assault family violence causing bodily injury.


Zambrano

A Midland police sergeant responded to a disturbance at about 10 p.m. Friday in the 700 block of North Weatherford Street.

Zambrano and a female family member had been arguing about the cleanliness of the house and Zambrano became extremely violent. She grabbed a water bottle and started hitting the woman in the arms and chest. The family member was unable to defend herself, according to the arrest affidavit.

When the sergeant told Zambrano to leave the residence, she again became violent. The sergeant grabbed her arm to handcuff her, but she spun around and shoved him. She threw herself back onto a bed as the sergeant and another officer at the scene attempted to detain her.

As they tried to roll Zambrano onto her stomach, she jerked her leg and kicked the sergeant in the nose and mouth. He was stunned and began bleeding, according to the affidavit.

The officer and sergeant eventually detained her and began transporting her to a patrol car.

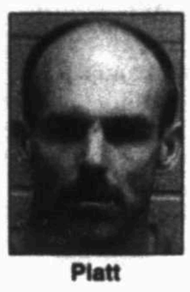
Zambrano was screaming profanity and refused to sit in the car. The sergeant was able to get her into the vehicle by striking her with his knee. Once she was inside the vehicle, she attempted to kick out a window, but failed to do so.

If convicted, Zambrano faces up to 10 years in prison for the felony and up to one year for the misdemeanor.

MPD: Suspect ingests meth left in patrol car

A Midland man was arrested Friday for ingesting methamphetamine that the arresting officer left inside a patrol car during a traffic stop, according to court documents.

Shawn Zachariah Platt, 39, is being held on a $75,000 bond for two third-degree felony charges of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and a state jail felony charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.


Platt

A Midland police officer saw a man throwing items out of a vehicle at about 12:30 p.m. Friday at the 3700 block of Wall Street.

The driver, identified as Platt, told the officer that he was throwing the items out because the woman who they belonged to smoked weed. The officer searched Platt and found in his pocket meth wrapped in plastic.

The officer handcuffed Platt, placed him inside a patrol car and placed the meth under a cup that was sitting in a cup holder in the patrol car.

The officer then went to Platt's vehicle to retrieve a meth pipe hidden in the fold of the driver's seat.

While the officer was searching the vehicle, Platt ingested the meth. The officer tried to retrieve the drug from Platt but was unsuccessful, according to the affidavit.

Platt was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital for treatment. He told officials that he smoked a little meth that day and that it was "100 cut," meaning it was a strong dose, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Platt faces up to 10 years in prison for each third-degree felony and up to two years for the state jail felony.

MPD: Man arrested with cocaine, crack cocaine, weed

A Midland man was arrested Friday after a police officer found him with 13 individually packed bags of cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana, according to court documents.

Shelton

Joshua Dwayne Shelton, 21, is being held on a $25,850 bond for a first-degree felony charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams, a class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and a class C misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shelton also was charged with a third-degree felony charge of possession of a prohibited weapon, but the charge was dismissed.

A Midland police officer observed a narcotics transaction occur early Friday in the Fast Freddy's Bar parking lot and followed one of the vehicles. He conducted a traffic stop and identified Shelton as the vehicle's sole occupant.

The officer said he smelled burnt marijuana and began searching the vehicle. He saw a juice container lying on the floorboard and determined that it was being used to hide narcotics.

He unscrewed the container's top and found several small bags of cocaine, as well as two bags of crack cocaine, two bags of marijuana and a marijuana cigarette. The officer also found a large black machete in the vehicle.

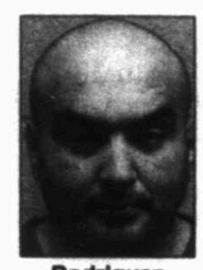
The amount of cocaine weighed about 16 grams, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Shelton faces five to 99 years for the first-degree felony.

DA: Man sentenced to 15 years for sexual abuse of child

A Midland man was sentenced Monday to 15 years in prison for abusing a then-6-year-old girl, according to the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

After deliberating for more than four hours on Friday, a Midland jury determined that Noah Daniel Rodriguez, 42, was guilty of two counts of aggravated sexual of a child and one count of indecency with a child. Jurors decided Monday that Rodriguez should serve 10 years in prison for the sexual assault charges and five years for the indecency charge. The sentences will run consecutively, said District Attorney Teresa Clingman.


Rodriguez

He must also pay $2,500 for each charge.

Rodriguez was arrested Sept. 27, 2011, after at least one young girl accused him of repeated sexual assault.

The evidence presented at trial showed that when Rodriguez was manager at a topless bar in Odessa in 2010, he began a relationship with a woman who had moved with her children from out of town to live with him. Shortly after, he began to sexually abuse the woman's 6-year-old daughter and made her perform sexual acts on him while he showed her pornographic movies and pictures. The child revealed the abuse a few weeks after her mother ended the relationship with the defendant and moved out of town in July 2011.

The girl told social workers and detectives that Rodriguez told her never to speak of the assaults. She said he "sounded rude to her when he would say this." He also threatened to physically harm her if she did tell anyone, according previous to Reporter-Telegram reports.

Rodriguez could have been sentenced to life in prison for aggravated sexual assault and up to 20 years for indecency. He must serve at least half of the combined sentences before the possibility of parole, according to the DA's office.

MPD: Man arrested for gang-related assault

A Bay City man was arrested Monday for wielding a knife during an argument, according to court documents.

Raymundo Cambray Jr., 36, is being held on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Cambray

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 2:30 a.m. Monday in the 3600 block of North Midland Drive.

The alleged victim was very "worked up" about the incident and said he was assaulted and threatened with a knife.

He told the officer that he had been drinking with Cambray earlier in the night. Cambray became loud and belligerent, and the alleged victim told him to be quiet and go to bed.

The man said that Cambray told him that he was a Mexican Mafia gang member and that the alleged victim was a Latin King gang member. This led to a physical altercation, according to the arrest affidavit.

Cambray punched the man several times in the head and chin and knocked off the man's glasses. The man said he heard Cambray open a pocketknife and then told one of his roommates to call the police.

The officer was able to confirm that Cambray did possess a knife that was consistent with the man's account, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Cambray faces up to 20 years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Roberta J. Dodd, 37, of Midland, was charged Sunday with credit card or debit card abuse.

Rayshon Giles, 22, of Midland, was charged Sunday with violation of parole.

Marsha R. Howell, 32, of Abilene, was charged Sunday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Johnny B. Phelps, 33, of Crane, was charged Sunday with burglary of a habitation.

Jaime E. Ramirez, 36, of Midland, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Ricky Rosa, 20, of Midland, was charged Sunday with evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Texas set for first execution since botched case

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Texas will carry out on Tuesday the first U.S. execution since a botched lethal injection in Oklahoma last month unless attorneys for a man convicted of murdering a Houston bank teller can convince a court that he runs the same risk of the punishment going awry.

Attorneys for condemned killer Robert Campbell cited in their appeal the Oklahoma case of Clayton Lockett, who died of an apparent heart attack on April 29 after Oklahoma prison officials stopped his execution.

Oklahoma has agreed to a six-month stay of execution for another inmate while the state conducts an investigation of the death of Lockett, who began writhing, clenching his teeth and straining to lift his head after he was injected with lethal drugs last month. The blinds were eventually lowered to prevent viewing of the death chamber. It could take at least two months for a complete autopsy report to be received, Oklahoma officials said Monday.

Campbell's attorneys — citing the Oklahoma case that President Barack Obama called "inhumane" — renewed arguments raised earlier in Texas that secrecy over the source of the pentobarbital drug to be used could mean that Campbell is subjected to unconstitutional pain and suffering.

"Frighteningly, Texas is pursuing the path of secrecy in the midst of these deeply troubling events, and even in the immediate wake of events in Oklahoma," said Maurie Levin, Campbell's lead attorney in a federal civil rights suit. "Information about the source of lethal injections drugs — particularly in today's fraught arena — is vital."

Attorneys for the state of Texas disputed Levin's arguments, saying they were "speculative" and did not demonstrate a significant risk of pain. Texas was not using a new method of execution and did not employ the three-drug procedure used in Oklahoma, they said. Texas had carried out three executions with the new drug supply and courts already had ruled the process was acceptable, the state said.

The Texas procedures are "vastly different from the situation in Oklahoma in which an admittedly new protocol was used," said Ellen Stewart-Klein, an assistant attorney general.

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The sky's the limit for visionary CEO of Tesla

By David R. Baker
San Francisco Chronicle

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SpaceX CEO Elon Musk answers questions in front of the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft at the SpaceX Rocket Development Facility in McGregor in 2012.

Elon Musk was a nervous wreck.

The entrepreneur many today consider the next Steve Jobs hardly seemed like a visionary genius in 1995 when he stood uninvited in the lobby of Netscape Communications' headquarters in Mountain View, California, trying to muster enough courage to launch a career.

Fresh out of college with degrees in physics and economics, the 24-year-old Musk had already tried e-mailing the company his resume. Netscape, makers of the first mass Web browser, never replied. So Musk, who had left his native South Africa to find a tech job, showed up in person. But he was too shy to approach anyone.

"What am I going to say: 'Please give me a job'?" Musk recently recalled. "They'd be like, 'Call security — there's this weird kid here.'"

He left empty-handed.

The image of Musk retreating from Netscape seems hard to reconcile with a self-made billionaire who now speaks about colonizing Mars. But success, especially repeated success, has a way of silencing doubt, even among those around you.

"I've seen those situations where it makes sense to push people beyond what they think they can do, because usually people can do more than they realize," Musk said in an interview. "When the company's life is at stake, everyone has to work as hard as possible. Anything less than that seems crazy to me."

Musk oversees a trio of companies — Tesla Motors, SpaceX and SolarCity — that sell electric cars to China, ferry supplies to the International Space Station and blanket America's rooftops with solar panels. His proposed "Hyperloop" would whisk commuters from Los Angeles to San Francisco at 760 mph through tubes along Interstate 5.

The 42-year-old with a soft voice and penetrating stare maintains a grueling schedule.

Fly to the Bay Area Monday night to tend to Tesla, based in Palo Alto, California. Fly back to Los Angeles on Wednesday night to run SpaceX, the private spacecraft company headquartered in Hawthorne. Reserve weekends for his wife, British actress Talulah Riley, and Musk's five sons from his first marriage to Canadian novelist Justine Musk, all of whom live in Bel Air, a wealthy enclave of Los Angeles. Oh, and find time to chair board meetings of SolarCity, whose CEO is his cousin, Lyndon Rive.

It isn't simply a matter of allocating hours. Musk, who made his fortune on Internet startups, nearly lost it all trying to keep both SpaceX and Tesla alive. He risked plunging deep into debt if either collapsed. Even Musk doubted their survival.

He did it anyway.

"You can't expect others to put their assets at risk if you're not prepared to risk your own," Musk said. "If the general's at the front lines, the troops will fight. If the general's hanging back and making sure he's safe, the troops are like, 'I'm not so sure about this.'"

Like 'The Matrix' hero

Musk can be demanding even with family. Rive likens Musk to the hero of the "Matrix" movies who discovers that the everyday world is a computer simulation made up of endless strings of code.

"You know 'The Matrix'? You know where Neo can see the zeros and ones? That's what it's like working with Elon," Rive said. "In a board meeting, he'll see the speed bumps that lie ahead before we even know they're there, and tell us to fix them. And it's challenging, because sometimes you can't see it."

That can be tough on people who take Musk's critiques personally, Rive said. "If you don't take offense, he'll push you to be your best," he said.

Tesla, which narrowly survived its infancy, now ships Model S sedans to waiting customers across North America, Europe and Asia. The employees and red-armed robots bustling about its Fremont, California, factory crank out more than 600 cars per week and still can't fill all the backlogged orders. SpaceX has a long-term launch contract with NASA.

"This is a special entrepreneur," said Steve Westly, the longtime venture capitalist and former California politician who served on Tesla's board. "He's brilliant, driving, he's resourceful, he's striving and he doesn't take no for an answer. He's got the ability to disrupt multiple industries at the same time."

Disrupter-in-chief

Tesla's goal is to speed the transition to electric cars, cut oil use and fight global warming. The popularity of the Model S, which has become the status symbol of choice in California, has already forced other luxury automakers to follow with their own plug-in cars. Meanwhile, SolarCity, which offers homeowners solar power for no money down, threatens the business model of traditional electric utilities.

In the wake of Jobs' death, Musk has become the country's disrupter-in-chief.

"There's a change-the-world mentality with both that is almost messianic in its zeal," said venture capitalist Steve Jurvetson, who once worked for Jobs and now sits on Tesla's board.

Like Jobs at Apple, Musk at Tesla has focused on crafting sleek pieces of engineering that consumers will crave. Before, electric cars tended to be small, slow and spartan. The Model S is anything but, with Consumer Reports calling it the best car its experts had ever tested. Tesla's first car, the low-slung Roadster, clocked 0 to 60 mph in 3.7 seconds.

"If it weren't for the success of Tesla, I think the electric vehicle market would have pulled back substantially," said California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who owns both a Roadster and a Model S. "You had a lot of people playing in the electric vehicle space but not really capturing people's imagination. And Musk came in and went in the exact opposite direction."

Also like Jobs, Musk doesn't accept excuses or half-baked answers, associates say.

"One thing Elon is great at is he asks, 'Why?' in a very compelling way," said Marc Tarpenning, one of Tesla's founders. "You think you know the answer, but when he really pushes on it, you realize you don't. Sometimes the person really can't answer, because it's just always been that way. And that's not good enough."

But Tarpenning, too, sees that relentless questioning as one of the reasons Tesla and SpaceX survived.

"Maybe you have to be like that," says Tarpenning, who left Tesla in 2008 and now serves on the Woodside Elementary School District board. "Getting into space? There's just a handful of nation-states that can do it — and Elon."

Musk spent his childhood in South Africa immersed in comic books and video games, playing soccer with friends and launching model rockets with his father, Errol.

At age 10, he spotted a computer at an electronics store in Johannesburg. The Commodore Vic 20 contained less memory than a modern toaster oven. To the young Musk, the machine suggested incredible possibilities.

"I was like, 'Whoa, I mean, you can actually write games and programs?'" he said. "It seemed like the most amazing thing."

Musk saved up his allowance for months before finally persuading Errol to cover half of the computer's cost. The machine came with a book on programming, which Musk consumed. He soon found others.

Left South Africa at 17

At age 17, Musk left South Africa — first for his mother's home country of Canada, then the United States a few years later — to join the young tech industry. He followed two years at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, with a transfer to the University of Pennsylvania, earning bachelor's degrees in both physics and economics.

"I basically just wanted to work on technology that I thought was interesting and seemed kind of magical and could have a big effect on the world," Musk said.

When Musk didn't land a job at Netscape, he kept writing code and generating patents. He had been accepted to a doctorate program at Stanford University, but decided to focus on his software instead. And those patents — for delivering maps, directions and phone directory information on the Internet — formed the basis of a company, Zip2, that he launched with his younger brother, Kimbal.

Compaq bought it in 1999 for $307 million in cash and $34 million in stock options, with Musk netting $22 million. That same year, Musk co-founded a startup that merged with another and became PayPal, the online payment system. In 2002, eBay bought it for $1.5 billion in stock. Musk's share: $165 million.

Musk plowed the proceeds into SpaceX, founded in 2002, and Tesla, born the following year. Each flowed from one of his long-term passions. Space had fascinated him since childhood. He had been talking about electric cars since college, convinced the world needed them to fight climate change.

And yet, at times he thought both companies would fail. They were, at the very least, long shots.

"I didn't know how to build rockets, or build anything really," Musk said in February, at a forum in San Francisco on innovation. "What are the odds of a new car company succeeding? Pretty darn low."

The first three rockets launched by SpaceX failed. Tesla, meanwhile, got caught in the financial collapse of 2008, which hit just as the company was seeking money to open a factory for what would become the Model S. By year's end, Musk faced a stark choice: sink what was left of his capital into Tesla and SpaceX, or let both companies die. Complicating matters, he was in the midst of a painful public divorce from his first wife, Justine Musk, whom he had met and pursued at Queen's University.

Musk decided to double down, going into debt to raise money for Tesla.

"In a sense, he bet the house," Jurvetson said. "Tesla Motors would not exist today if Elon Musk did not personally save it in the bravest, boldest step I've seen an entrepreneur take, bar none."

Government aid

In each case, the federal government helped. SpaceX won a $1.6 billion NASA contract to launch supplies to the International Space Station. Tesla landed $465 million in federal stimulus loans to open its Model S factory. Republicans fumed that Musk was taking taxpayer money to build novelty cars for the rich, complaints that finally subsided when Tesla paid back the loan nine years early.

Tesla is developing its next car — the Model X crossover, due next year — and will build a $5 billion factory to produce lithium-ion batteries. The first manned flight of a SpaceX spacecraft may come next year. SolarCity, growing at breakneck speed, is testing energy storage devices for homes and business — using batteries from Tesla.

And there remains the challenge of settling Mars, a goal big enough to occupy anyone for a lifetime. But some people who know Musk suspect he will find other ideas to pursue.

"I hope he does not, but I think he will," Rive said.

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By Michael Melson
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OPINION

Americans often resist scientific beliefs

■ It's hard to make political decisions based on scientific likelihoods when politics thrives on feeding ideological certainties

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Americans have something of a science problem. They swallow, for example, about $28 billion worth of vitamins each year, even though the Annals of Internal Medicine recently concluded that "most supplements do not prevent chronic disease or death, their use is not justified, and they should be avoided." Americans often fear swallowing genetically modified plants (and Vermont has recently required GMO content to be labeled), though GMOs have "been consumed by hundreds of millions of people across the world for more than 15 years, with no reported ill effects," according the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Other opinions are closer to astrology than science. Some deny a link between HIV and AIDS, or confidently assert a connection between cellphone usage and cancer. Rep. Michele Bachmann, during the last presidential campaign, contended that the HPV vaccine causes "mental retardation." (And, yes, about a quarter of Americans believe in astrology.)

Science has its own explanation for why people are often resistant to scientific beliefs. In evolutionary theory (assuming you believe such a thing), our intuitions about the physical world are generally accurate on a human scale — calculating the proper force and trajectory to hit a mammoth with a spear. But on matters that are not immediately related to our survival — say, on quantum motion, or the nature of black holes, or the effect of radiofrequency energy on the DNA in cells — our intuitions are pretty much useless. Science has often advanced in an uphill fight against common intuitions.

These intuitions can be shaped by a variety of factors: ideology, religion, philosophy or culture. Resistance to vaccination or GMOs is sometimes rooted in a nearly religious belief that natural things are better — including, apparently, disease outbreaks and plants that die easily in droughts. A decade ago, I met a South African health official who argued that AIDS could be treated with garlic because she believed that pharmaceutical treatment was a neocolonialist plot. Resistance to evolution in America is often associated with conservative religion. And skepticism about climate change is correlated with libertarian and free-market beliefs.

Merely raising climate disruption in this context will cause many to bristle. Skeptics employ this issue as a prime example of motivated reasoning — politicians motivated by the prospect of confiscation, scientists motivated by securing acclaim and government contracts.

In its simplest, cable-television version, this charge, at least against scientists, is outrageous. The assumption that the vast majority in a scientific field is engaged in fraud or corruption is frankly conspiratorial. In this case, the conspiracy would need to encompass the national academies of more than two-dozen countries, including the U.S.

Other, more measured criticisms ring truer. Some scientists have displayed an artificial certainty on some matters that seems to cross into advocacy. Others assume that the only way to deal with greenhouse gas emissions is a strict, global regulatory regime — an economic and political judgment that has nothing to do with their actual expertise.

But none of these objections relates to the scientific question: Is a 40 percent increase in the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide since the Industrial Revolution driving disruptive warming? And further: Can this process be slowed, allowing societies and ecosystems more time to gradually adapt?

Our intuitions are useless here. The only possible answers come from science. And for non-scientists, this requires a modicum of trust in the scientific enterprise. Even adjusting for the possibility of untoward advocacy, it seems clear that higher concentrations of CO_2 in the atmosphere have produced a modest amount of warming and are likely to produce more. This, in turn, is likely to produce higher sea levels, coastal flooding, shifting fisheries, ocean acidification, water shortages, lower crop yields and vanishing ecosystems. The consequences will vary by region, but are likely to be more severe in poorer nations. New York City can adapt to a rising ocean better than Bangladesh.

This scientific consensus raises difficult political questions. Is some grand global bargain on CO_2 emissions, including China and India, even a possibility? Might it be more practical to make polluters pay — perhaps with a revenue-neutral carbon tax, fully rebated to taxpayers — thereby encouraging the development of new technologies that limit future carbon emissions? And I'd add: How can you oppose GMOs that resist pests and drought while pretending to help poor nations cope with climate disruption?

But perhaps the most difficult question is this: How can you make serious political decisions based on scientific likelihoods when politics thrives on the feeding of ideological certainties?

OUR VIEW

Robnett's win is significant for Midland

We salute Spencer Robnett for winning a seat on the Midland City Council. History has been made. The Midland High graduate has returned to the city with a political victory for the record books, becoming the youngest winner of a city election on record. And, yes, age is significant.

Midland is getting younger by the day. More college graduates are moving to Midland to start the next chapter in their lives than any time in recent memory. For city leadership to have representation for that age group is appropriate.

It is not that Robnett, and fellow 30-something councilman J. Ross Lacy, are young politicos with little else to offer. That certainly is not the case. They are sharp minds who know the history of Midland.

It's also not that we hope for replacing the old with the new. Our city is better off because of those with more experience paving the way for what this community has and will become. We need that wisdom, even as the community moves into the unknown. Still, the council has a nice balance when it comes to age. From grandparents to those who recently graduated from college are represented. We like what that says.

This newspaper also likes that Robnett has called for more transparency in city government. We plan to hold him accountable. We know there have been cases when the city wasn't as up front as it could have been. Robnett should be an agent for change.

We also want to take the opportunity to congratulate Keith McLelland on having the political courage to run another citywide race. It didn't go the way he would have liked, but his campaign allowed for discussion on issues — including those having to do with the performance of the current City Council. It's never a bad thing when someone questions the status quo.

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Cruz's accusations not well-researched

■ Just because Texas senator disagrees with Obama doesn't make the president a criminal

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Sen. Ted Cruz, in a speech to fellow conservatives at the Federalist Society last week, provided detailed evidence of what the right calls the "lawlessness" of the Obama administration.

The Texas Republican, in his latest McCarthy-esque flourish, said he had a list of "76 instances of lawlessness and other abuses of power."

To his credit, Cruz made his list public. But perhaps he shouldn't have. An examination of the accusations reveals less about the lawlessness of the accused than about the recklessness of the accuser.

Cruz was particularly agitated about President Obama's use of signing statements, executive orders, recess appointments and unconfirmed "czars" — omitting the salient detail that this president has used all four less than George W. Bush, for whom Cruz worked as a campaign adviser and administration official.

Beyond such perennial check-and-balance disputes, Cruz's list was a recitation of policy grievances (Cruz, if you haven't heard, doesn't like Obamacare very much, nor the president's immigration policy). These were interspersed with some whoppers that the former Texas solicitor general, couldn't have researched thoroughly.

Consider item No. 2 in the "Other Abuses of Power" section: "Backed release of the Lockerbie bomber, Abdel Baset al-Megrahi." This does sound bad — and strange, given that Obama had publicly said he was "angry" about the release, which was "a bad decision."

The footnote on Cruz's allegation is to an article in The Australian newspaper, a curious source. I looked up the article, and it states that "the U.S. wanted Megrahi to remain imprisoned in view of the nature of the crime."

Cruz, in a preamble to his accusations, writes piously of "the president's persistent pattern of lawlessness, his willingness to disregard the written law and instead enforce his own policies via executive fiat."

The evidence? The first item in the first category ("Governing By Executive Fiat"): "Disregarded 1996 welfare reform law in granting broad work waivers for work requirements of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families."

Such waivers were at the heart of welfare reform, which I covered. Ron Haskins, who drafted the law, told The Washington Post that waivers made the law possible by giving states freedom to experiment.

A few lines down, Cruz alleges that Obama "extended federal marriage benefits by recognizing, under federal law, same-sex marriages ... even if the couple is living in a state that doesn't recognize same-sex marriage."

Cruz's footnote for this allegation is to a February news article, which notes that the administration's "changes were set in motion last year when the Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional to refuse federal benefits to married same-sex couples." So Obama is being "lawless" by obeying a Supreme Court ruling?

Cruz alleges that the administration "ordered Boeing to fire 1,000 employees in South Carolina and shut down a new factory because it was non-union." In fact, Obama's National Labor Relations Board filed a complaint — and any order would have been up to a judge, as the law requires. In the end, Boeing and the union struck a deal, and the complaint was dropped.

Cruz must have found some of his allegations too good to check — such as the charge that Obama "spent $205,075 in 'stimulus' funds to relocate a shrub that sells for $16." Actually, the removal of the plant (which had been believed to be extinct in the wild) was part of a massive road project run by California, not the federal government. Like thousands of other projects, it got stimulus dollars — less than 10 percent of its total funding.

No item was too small to escape Cruz's notice. Obama "shut down an Amish farm for selling fresh unpasteurized milk across state lines," he alleges. Actually, the Food and Drug Administration was acting under the authority of a federal court order —not exactly lawlessness.

There are, among the 76 instances, legitimate grievances about expanded surveillance at the National Security Agency and about efforts to get reporters' phone records. But it's difficult to avoid the conclusion that the alleged abuse and lawlessness are actually differences of politics and policy.

Obama "shut down the Amber Alert website, while keeping up Let's Move website, during the partial government shutdown," writes Cruz — who almost single-handedly caused the shutdown.

"Canceled all White House tours after sequestration ... even though President Obama had spent more than $1 million in tax money to golf with Tiger Woods."

Cruz disagrees with Obama on just about everything. But this doesn't make Obama a criminal.

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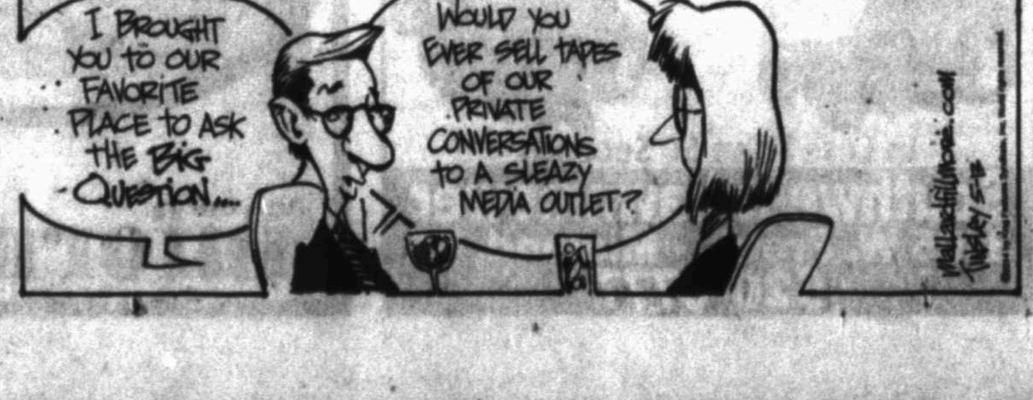

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That's because for the next 48 hours Vault Bags loaded with rarely seen Indian Head coins issued by the U.S. Gov't nearly 100 years ago are being released to Texas residents who find their county on the Distribution List printed in today's publication.

Everyone is rushing to get the Vault Bags because each one is loaded with nearly a quarter pound of rarely seen Indian Head coins dating all the way back to the early 1900s.

"It's hard to tell how much these heavy Vault Bags could be worth someday. That's because after they were filled with U.S. Gov't issued coins, the bags were sealed for good," said Timothy J. Shissler, Director of Vault Operations for the private World Reserve.

Since this advertising announcement can't stop collectors from hoarding all the rarely seen coins they can get, the World Reserve has imposed a strict limit of 10 Vault Bags per resident.

"Coin values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees, but just imagine what these Vault Bags loaded with nearly a quarter pound of rarely seen Indian Head coins could be worth someday," said Shissler.

That's why it's important that residents call the National Distribution Hotlines beginning at precisely 8:30am this morning.

Everyone who does is getting the Vault Bags loaded with rarely seen coins issued by the U.S. Gov't nearly 100 years ago for just $59 and shipping and handling, which is a real steal since just one scarce and highly collectible Indian Head coin alone could be worth up to hundreds of dollars in collector value. And here's the best part. Everyone who claims four Vault Bags before all the money is gone is getting free shipping and free handling.

"With all these coins up for grabs we're bracing for all the calls and doing our best to make sure Texas residents get through. But it's important that residents find their county on the Distribution List and call the National Distribution Hotlines before the 48-hour deadline ends," Shissler said.

"We know the phones will be ringing off the hook because we're allowing residents to claim up to 10 Vault Bags. But to make sure residents who find their county on the Distribution List have a fair chance to get the coins, we'll be strictly enforcing the 10 Vault Bag limit," said Shissler.

"We're bracing for all the calls because there are just hours left for residents to get the Vault Bags," Shissler said.

So, Texas residents who find their county listed in today's publication need to immediately call the National Distribution Hotlines before the 48-hour deadline ends to get the Vault Bags. If lines are busy keep trying, all calls will be answered. ■

▶ **How to get the bags of U.S. Gov't issued coins:** Listed above are the Texas counties that get the Vault Bags. If you live in one of these counties immediately call the National Distribution Hotline at: **1-866-210-2218**

▶ **Who gets to claim the Vault Bags:** Thousands of state residents stand to miss the deadline to claim these rarely seen Indian Head coins issued by the U.S. Gov't nearly 100 years ago. Now any resident who finds their county on the Distribution List printed in today's publication and beats the 48-hour order deadline gets to claim the Vault Bags for themselves and keep all the U.S. Gov't issued coins found inside.

▶ **How much are the Vault Bags worth:** Coin values always fluctuate and there are never any guarantees, but here's why residents are rushing to claim the Vault Bags before they're all gone. After the Vault Bags were loaded with rarely seen coins issued by the U.S. Gov't they were sealed for good. That means there's no telling what you'll find until you sort through all the coins. So you better believe at just $59 and shipping the Vault Bag fee is a real steal, since just one scarce and highly collectible Indian Head coin alone could be worth up to hundreds of dollars in collector value.

▶ **Why is the Vault Bag fee so low:** Because thousands of U.S. residents have missed the deadline to claim the money, the World Reserve has re-allocated Vault Bags that will be scheduled to be sent out in the next 48 hours. That means the money is up for grabs and now any resident who finds their county listed in today's publication gets to claim the Vault Bags of money for themselves and keep all the U.S. Gov't issued coins found inside. Each Vault Bag loaded with nearly a quarter pound of rarely seen Indian Head coins is set at $78 for residents who miss the deadline, but for those who beat the 48-hour deadline the Vault Bag fee is just $59 and the best part is everyone who claims four Vault Bags before all the money is gone is getting free shipping and free handling as long as they call the National Distribution Hotline before the deadline ends at: **1-866-210-2218**

These are the Vault Bags loaded with rarely seen Indian Head coins that everyone is rushing to get for just $59. That's because everyone who beats the 48-hour deadline to claim four bags is getting free shipping and free handling.

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Godzilla proves even giant monsters need lawyers

Associated Press

He spews radioactive fire, razes cities and pummels creatures from Earth and beyond, but even Godzilla needs a good lawyer sometimes. After all, you don't survive 60 years in the movie business without taking some fights to court.

For decades, attorneys acting on behalf of Godzilla's owners, Tokyo-based Toho Co. Ltd., have amassed a string of victories, fighting counterfeiters and business titans such as Comcast and Honda along the way. The opponents have come from all corners of pop culture: TV commercials, video games, rap music and even the liquor industry.

The litigation has kept Godzilla's brand thriving and helped pave the way for commercial and merchandising tie-ins that will accompany the monster's return to the big screen on Friday after a 10-year hiatus. Godzilla's image is for sale, but permission is needed.

Toho's attorneys use copyright and trademark law as effectively as Godzilla uses his tail and claws to topple buildings and swat opponents. Their court injunctions have permanently whacked music, books and movies from store shelves.

Since the mid-1980s, Chuck Shephard of the Los Angeles law firm of Greenberg Glusker has been Godzilla's lead lawyer, filing suits like the one against a wine called Cabzilla that resulted in a winemaker being forced to dump its stock of Cabernet Sauvignon down the drain.

AP file photo

The Godzilla character celebrates its 50th anniversary with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame next to the Grauman's Chinese Theatre, now TCL ChineseTheatre, along Hollywood Boulevard, in Los Angeles. Godzilla debuted in Japan in the 1954 film "Gojira" but has proven to be just as big of a hitmaker in the United States.

"Godzilla is just as protected as Mickey Mouse," said Shephard in a recent interview. Toho's lucrative licensing efforts, which include endorsements, toys, comic books, video games and even official wine and sake brands, require the company to be vigilant against copycats, he said.

Since 1991, Toho's attorneys have filed at least 32 copyright and trademark lawsuits and countless warning letters, gaining court injunctions in a quarter of the cases. Most others have resulted in settlement agreements that while confidential, result in products disappearing from the marketplace.

Since the late 1990s, Shephard has worked Toho cases with attorney Aaron Moss, whose high-end Century City office is cluttered with a mix of legal filings and official and unofficial Godzilla merchandise.

Some of the spoils of court victories include a now out-of-circulation copy of rapper Pharoahe Monch's 1999 album that improperly used Godzilla's theme music and a 2-foot-tall dog toy called Tuffzilla.

"Toho is not out there to extract a pound of flesh," Moss said. "They need to protect their brand."

Both attorneys said they carefully evaluate when to file lawsuits, and Toho trusts their judgment. Litigation often starts with a cease-and-desist letter, and a company's reaction to it often determines whether the case escalates, they said.

Clay Aiken's primary opponent dies after falling

Associated Press

ASHEBORO, N.C. — The North Carolina entrepreneur who was locked in a too-close-to-call Democratic Party primary with former "American Idol" singer Clay Aiken died Monday, said the president of the textile company he founded.

Keith Crisco, 71, died from "some type of fall" at his home, according to Robert Lawson, president of AEC Narrow Fabrics.

Crisco's sons, who work for the company, told Lawson about their dad's death.

It wasn't immediately clear what will happen in the Democratic primary. Fewer than 400 votes separated Crisco and Aiken, who was leading, after the contest last Tuesday. The spokesman and the executive director of the State Board of Elections did not return messages.

The winner will face Republican incumbent Renee Ellmers in November in the GOP-leaning 2nd Congressional District.

Crisco had been North Carolina's top business recruiter for four years under former Gov. Beverly Perdue, who left office in 2013. Crisco was born to a Republican family on a dairy farm and earned an MBA from Harvard University. He spent a year in President Richard Nixon's Commerce Department and had a career in textile manufacturing.

"Keith came from humble beginnings. No matter how high he rose — to Harvard, to the White House and to the Governor's Cabinet — he never forgot where he came from," Aiken said in a statement. "He was a gentleman, a good and honorable man and an extraordinary public servant. I was honored to know him."

NATIONBRIEF

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FLORIDA

Doctor: Mom accused of killing kids had bipolar disorder

TAMPA — A Florida woman charged with murdering her teenage children had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder by several different doctors during her lifetime, and became more psychotic in the months leading up to the slayings, two psychiatrists testified in the woman's trial Monday.

Dr. Michael Maher and Dr. Eldra Solomon each interviewed Julie Schenecker for a total of about 20 hours while she was in solitary confinement in the Hillsborough County Jail following her January 2011 arrest.

Both said they also reviewed thousands of pages of her medical records.

Schenecker is charged with two counts of first-degree murder. The state contends that Schenecker knew right from wrong when she bought a gun and shot her children, but is not asking for the death penalty.

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Avett Brothers to play Midland College in August

Free concert is part of the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series

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Midland College announced Monday that the Avett Brothers will perform a free concert Aug. 26 at Chaparral Center.

The roots rock band will headline the annual fall show of the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series. Set for the first week of classes of the fall semester, Midland College's Rebecca Bell described it as an event to welcome students back to school. But it's not just for students.

"We're so glad to have it that first week, and it's not just free for the students, but for the community," the dean of community relations and special events said. "Through an endowment by the (series), we're able to provide shows that people in the community might not see otherwise."

R&B singer Gladys Knight recently headlined the series' spring show in March. Other shows made possibly by the series included the Dance Theater of Harlem and the Texas Jam Band.

But the Avett booking speaks a little differently.

"We try to bring in performers appealing to all ages, but we haven't had one that appeals to the college age and young professionals like the Avetts do," Bell said.

Once the selection committee made its decision, local promoters TallTownes Entertainment pitched in to help.

Known for bringing in talent such as Okkervil River, Graham Wilkinson and more this year alone, TallTownes connected Bell directly with Avett's management to finalize the details.

"Without their assistance, this might have taken longer. They are a great bunch of guys who love this kind of music," Bell said. "They have great ideas and will be helping promote it. They want Midland to have great music, and they're willing to work for that. I hope to collaborate in the future."

With the series' endowment and TallTownes' reach into live music, potential shows could feature similar and larger acts coming to Midland. TallTownes' Nate Brignon said it's an opportunity for everyone who enjoys music.

"If people are excited and take advantage of this great opportunity made possible by Midland College and (the series), many more contemporary acts like the Avett Brothers could start performing in the Permian Basin on a more regular basis," he said. "We are very excited to be working together with Midland College and the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and believe that the sky is the limit as far as the potential of future shows."

Courtesy photo

Scott, left, and Seth Avett of the Avett Brothers headline on the main stage at the Gathering of the Vibes in Bridgeport, Conn., on July 22, 2012. The Avett Brothers will perform Aug. 26 at Midland College. Can't wait until then to see live music? Check The Constant to see who's playing this week in the Permian Basin on Page 6B.

BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES

Photos courtesy I-20 Wildlife Preserve

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Participants listen during the Blooms & Butterflies: Flower Your Mom with Love event and grand opening of the Salehi-Olguin Butterfly Garden on Saturday at the I-20 Wildlife Preserve & Jenna Welch Nature Study Center. Jenna Welch looks on during the Blooms & Butterflies event. Congressman Mike Conaway, left, digs while Midland Mayor Jerry Morales watches.

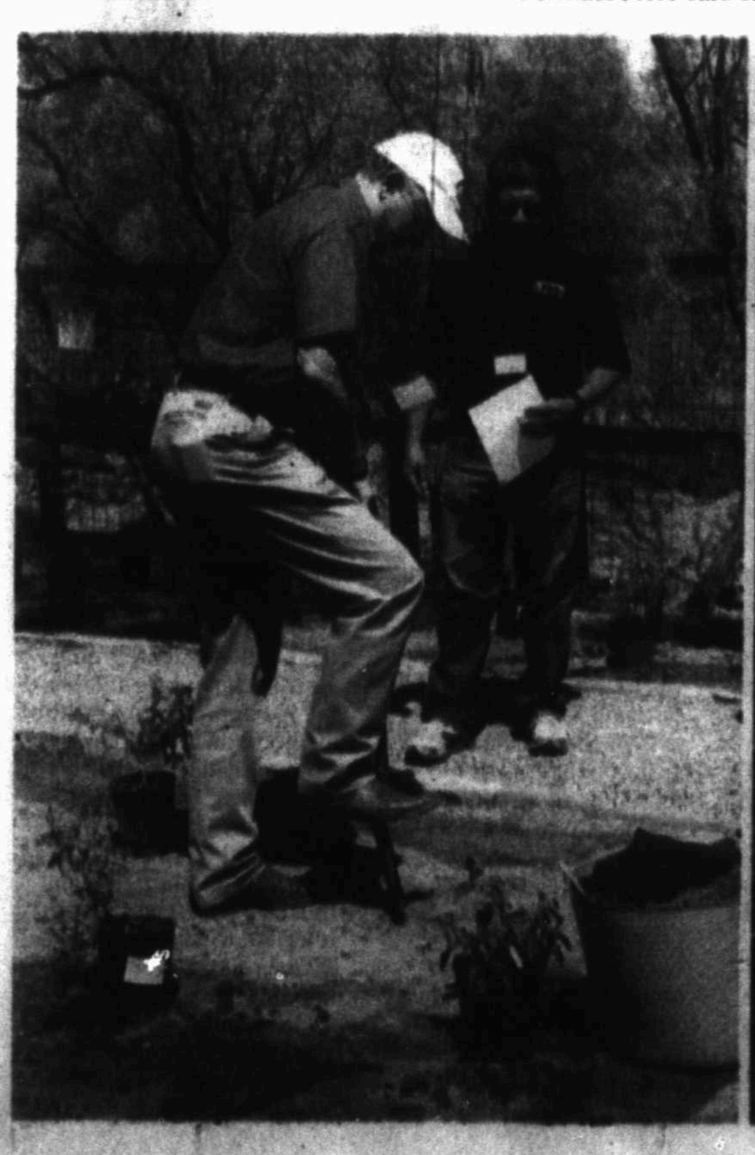
Wildlife preserve opens butterfly garden

From staff reports

The I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center celebrated the grand opening Saturday of the Salehi-Olgin Butterfly Garden with a ceremonial ribbon cutting during the Blooms & Butterflies: Flower Your Mom with Love event.

The butterfly garden is named for Jafar Salehi and Lorene Olgin, two major contributors to the wildlife preserve. Housed in an area that used to be a cattle pen in the 1880s, the garden includes recycled wood from the historic structure. The project has been in the works for about a year, and Executive Director Michael Price said staff and volunteers are still adding the finishing touches to the garden. Spring planting continued at the grand opening ceremony.

The wildlife preserve is planning to collaborate this summer with the Sibley Nature Center on a two-day butterfly watching class. To date, 70 species of butterflies have been observed at the playa.



KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Megan Buck.
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50 best tacos: Experiment with fillings, toppings at home

Huffington Post recently published a list of the 50 best tacos in the U.S. For their research, Huff Post staffers defined a taco as "meat or vegetables placed onto a warmed tortilla, with the express purpose of folding it and eating it with one hand."

Instead of the daunting — but delicious — task of traveling around the country tasting and judging tacos to include on the list, Huff Post enlisted the help of more than 200 food writers who sent in their picks for the country's top tacos. To simplify things, breakfast tacos were out and entries were accepted only from brick-and-mortar restaurants.

As expected, Texas holds its own on the list by grabbing 17 out of 50 spots with two in the top five. California and New Mexico take up respectable real estate as well. Somehow a taco from New York City was named No. 2 on the list. The writers defend the choice and wish the restaurant good luck when defending itself against West Coasters and Texans.

As is often the case with these kinds of lists, attention was paid to Texas' larger cities. Austin, San Antonio and Houston are included, but West Texas was not. We'll brush off the rejection and keep the Basin's best tacos for ourselves, thank you very much!

For those who would rather create your own tacos at home, here are a few ideas.

Pork tacos (carnitas)

This recipe is so easy to make in a slow cooker and it feeds a crowd. Serve with corn or flour tortillas, cheese, beans and chopped veggies. For a different take, toss leftover meat with barbecue sauce for pulled pork sandwiches.

Pork roast (I buy 1/4-pound of meat per person, but I always have a lot of leftovers)
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon chile powder
1 Tablespoon olive oil
2 cans Ro-tel tomatoes with lime and cilantro
1-2 limes

Trim excess fat from meat. Combine spices and use as a rub to coat the pork roast. Brown all sides of the roast in the olive oil and transfer to a slow cooker. Cover with 2 cans of Ro-tel, undrained. Note: If you're making a smaller roast, you may want to use only one can of Ro-tel. Cook on low for 8 hours, checking occasionally. When ready to eat, shred the pork and drizzle with fresh lime juice.

Homesick Green Chile Burritos

This recipe for burritos or tacos — whatever you want to call it — from my sister is one of my favorites, even though it requires a little time in the kitchen. She no longer lives in Texas, so she makes these when she wants a little taste of home.

1 cup chopped green chilis, drained
1 medium-sized onion, chopped
1/2 cup green onion, chopped
2 cups sour cream
1 1/2 cup chopped or shredded cooked chicken breast

Please see FORK/2B

Texas wants a limb, but Illinois has a leg up

By Christy Hoppe
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — The petition to wrest Santa Anna's leg from Illinois and bring it to Texas was flat-footed from the start.

But Texas museum officials believe their heart was in the right place, even if that prosthetic leg is not.

Last month, the San Jacinto Battle Monument and Museum launched a petition on the White House website, hoping to get 100,000 signatures to lure an important artifact to Texas. It suggested that the wooden and cork leg used by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna — the villain of the Alamo and Goliad and a figure deeply embedded in Texas lore — should join other historical items in a Texas museum.

The leg, curiously enough, is in the Illinois State Military Museum in Springfield. And officials there are in no mood to give it up.

"We know Santa Anna is a big deal in Texas history," museum curator Bill Lear told The Dallas Morning News. "But it's here. It's going to stay here. You don't trade artifacts."

Given that attitude, San Jacinto museum officials thought a petition might do something to kick it loose.

"We tried to get the White House to diplomatically tiptoe between the interests of the states," San Jacinto museum president Larry Spasic said.

The museum created the petition in hopes it would draw people to its new website, not realizing it had only 30 days to collect the signatures needed to earn a White House response. The website began just before the clock ran out, and the unpublicized petition fell well short of the White House threshold.

Still, it was a light-hearted longshot, Spasic offered gamely.

"I cannot imagine a president from Illinois seriously trying to remove a piece of Illinois history and send it to Texas," he said last week.

While Texas has coveted the piece for years, the state has no real claim to it.

Santa Anna had both his original legs when he led Mexican forces against the rebellious Texians. He eventually lost the war and territory in the 1836 Battle of San Jacinto.

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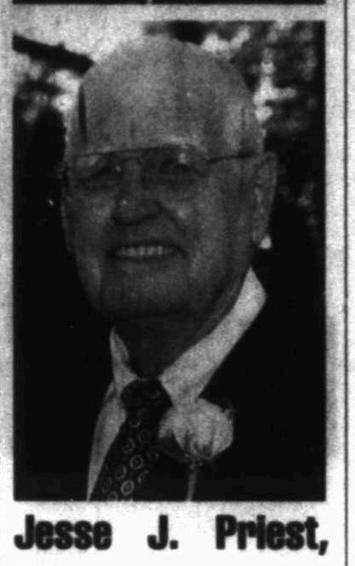


Jesse J. Priest, Jr.

Jesse J. Priest, Jr., 84, of Midland, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2014 at home. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at the funeral home. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Mark Dettman as celebrant.

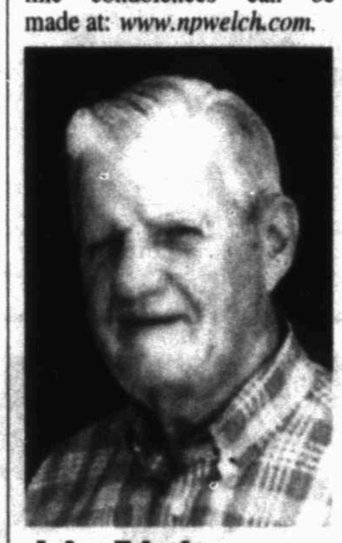
Memorial services will also be held at 3:00 pm, Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Burnet, TX. Inurnment will follow at Post Mountain Cemetery in Burnet, TX.

Jesse was born September 18, 1929 to Bruxie and Jesse Priest, Sr. in Briggs, TX. He attended and graduated from Bertram High School. He served in the United States Navy from January 1947 to December 1948. After serving in the Navy, Jesse started a career in professional baseball in Sweetwater, TX in 1949. He went to the Albuquerque Dukes in 1951 where he set the still standing record of 17 straight wins and where he and Barbara were married at home plate in Tingley Field in July of 1952. He later played for Shreveport, LA, Augusta, GA, Temple, TX in 1953 and ending up in Midland playing for the Indians in 1955.

Moving to Lubbock, Jesse began his career with the Texas Department of Public Safety, serving in Canyon, Haskell, and Graham. After joining the Texas Rangers Company "C" in 1969 he moved the family to Wichita Falls. He received the Kiwanis Club "Officer of the Year" in 1975. He was promoted to Texas Ranger Sergeant and moved to Midland in May of 1975. He served as Texas Ranger Company "E" Sergeant until retirement in 1979.

After retirement, he worked as a ranch foreman in Ranger, TX; as Corporate Security for Clayton W. Williams; an Investigator for the Midland County Attorney's office, then with the U.S. Marshal's Service as court security. He was inducted into the Albuquerque Baseball Hall of Fame in July of 2009. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Sr. and Bruxie Priest, sisters, Leota, Lela, Romel, Janette, and brothers, Linton, Lathel, Joel, Noel, and Ray.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, daughter, Niki Speicher and her sons Jesse Speicher and Nick Griffin with his wife Rene and son Gabriel; son, Rick Priest with his wife Tana and daughter Lauren; and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. Local arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: *www.npwelch.com.*



John Edwin Scherer, Sr.

John Edwin Scherer, Sr. died Sunday, May 11, 2014 at the age of 89.

John was born August 31, 1924 to Mathias Anthony Scherer, Sr. and Nell Robinson Scherer in Newton, Kansas where he was raised. He proudly served his country as a pilot during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946. He attended college at Kansas State University and graduated with a B.S. in Geology.

He moved to Midland, Texas and began his long career in the oil and gas business. He eventually became an independent geologist in 1970. On October 31, 1953, John married the love of his life, Mary Lou Williams, in Midland. They raised two sons, John, Jr. and Peter.

He was lovingly known as "Coach" at the Midland YMCA where he was a long time member and supporter. Over the years he served on several boards within the YMCA. John was honored to serve as National President and the Midland Chapter Chairman of S.I.P.E.S. He was a devoted member, Deacon, Elder, and Trustee of the former Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland. John was a long time member and former president of Midland Exchange Club. He was also very active within Little League of Midland and a supporter of Boy Scouts of America. During his later years, he enjoyed attending a ballroom dance club and traveling with his wife. John's sense of humor and generosity will be missed by all that knew him.

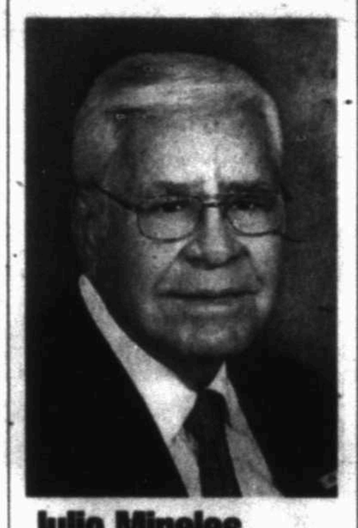
John was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Mathias Anthony Scherer, Jr. and James Alfred Scherer.

He is survived by his sons, John Scherer, Jr. of Midland, Texas, and Peter Scherer and wife Cindy, of Midland, Texas; grandchildren, Scott Scherer, Kimberly Word, Brian Scherer, Lauren Moreno, Jennifer Wilbanks, and Tracey Scherer; great grandchildren, Sophia Moreno, Ryan Moreno, and Clayton Wilbanks.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 11:00 am at First United Methodist Church of Midland, Texas. The Reverend Tim Walker will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702; Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX 79701; or Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1101 W. Texas Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.

The family would like to give special thanks to Susana Aguilera, Joaquina Castillo, Hilda Flores, and Vincent Bennett for their loving care. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Julio Mireles

Julio Mireles was born December 20, 1927 in Dalhart, Texas to Juan Mireles and Felicita Vigil Mireles. He passed away May 10, 2014 in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Julio married Virginia Valdez Maes May 8, 1965. They have two children, Greg Maes and wife Cindy of Midland, Texas, and Albert Maes and wife Wyletta of Hobbs, New Mexico. They have six grandchildren, Jennifer Maes, Alisha and husband Tim Acosta, Albert Julio Maes, Amy Maes, Steven Maes and Eric Maes. They also have six great-grandchildren.

Julio was one of five brothers, Ernest Mireles, Joe Mireles of Dalhart, Texas, Robert Mireles, Benny Mireles of Laramie, Wyoming and one sister, Louise Jangala of North Hollywood, California.

Deceased is his father Juan Mireles, mother Felicita Mireles, and brothers Ernest Mireles and Robert Mireles.

Julio served in the U.S. Navy. He enlisted April 9, 1943 at the age of 15. He celebrated his 16th birthday in Honolulu, Hawaii with his brother Ernest, who was with the U.S. Army stationed there.

Julio was stationed in Pearl Harbor for nine months before being assigned to the aircraft carrier Bunker Hill. Besides Pearl Harbor, he served in Eniwetok and Kwajalan, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Guam, and Tinian, Mariana Islands. He was mostly proud that he was a couple of miles from the airfield where the B-29's took off with the A-Bomb for Hiroshima. For the second time during the war,

Julio accidently met his brother Ernest in Saipan and spent two weeks with him and his outfit before going to Tinian Island for the duration of the war. He was honorably discharged on December 2, 1945 with a rank of Machinist Mate 3rd Class.

After his discharge he finished high school. He went on to Draughan's Business College in Amarillo, Texas, then to Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas where he was elected Most Popular Boy in his class, and was on the student council. He later graduated from the University Of New Mexico School Of Banking in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He learned telegraphy (Morse Code) at the Railroad Depot in Dalhart, Texas while going to school. He worked there briefly. The Western Union Telegraph Company called and offered to send him to school in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He worked for Western Union for 20 years. For thirteen years he traveled as an accountant, cashier, and office manager. His territory consisted of West Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. He worked as the local manager in Hobbs, New Mexico until he retired in 1972. Then he went to work for New Mexico Bank and Trust (later to become First Interstate Bank). He started as a loan officer. He later made manager of the Bellaire branch of the bank, and then he was promoted to Vice-President and Manager of the Broadmoor branch. He retired after 20 years with the bank.

Julio was very active in his church. At St. Helena's Catholic Church he served as Commentator, Lector, Finance Committee member, and Family Fair Announcer for 25-30 years. He also was very active with the Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight and many years as Treasurer. He also served as Comptroller for the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and was Color Commander.

Julio was the first Hispanic elected to the City Commission and the first Hispanic Mayor of Hobbs. He was very popular with the media, prompting the editor of the Hobbs News-Sun to instruct reporters to limit his frequent appearances in the paper. He was appointed to the New Mexico State Board of Educational Finance, Lea County Indigent Board, State Crimestoppers Commission, and the Regional Housing Authority by the respective governors. He also served on other commissions and boards too numerous to mention.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Hope House, 2006 W. Tennessee in Midland, Texas, 79701.

The Rosary will be on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., May 13, 2014 at Chapel of Hope Funeral Home. The Memorial Mass will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at St. Helena's Catholic Church on Bender Blvd, Hobbs, New Mexico.

Services are under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Home, Hobbs, New Mexico. *www.chapelofhopefunerals.com.*

Death Notices

DeTroy Papstein

DeTroy Papstein, 85, of Andrews, Texas, passed away Monday, May 12, 2014 at his home in Andrews.

Mr. Papstein was born April 16, 1929 in Norfolk, Nebraska to Edmond and Ruth Papstein.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannine Papstein; sons, Timothy Papstein, James Papstein, Mark Papstein, and Thomas Papstein.

Dorrace Williams

Dorrace Williams, 89, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 11, 2014, in San Angelo. The family will receive friends from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be Wednesday at the Cheetham Cemetery at Sheridan, Texas.

She was born August 22, 1924, at Carmine, Texas to Nellie Pauline and Albert Adolph Eichler.

She is survived by one brother: Clifford Eichler.

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From 1B

1 cup grated Monterey jack cheese
1 cup salsa verde or verde enchilada sauce
5-6 large flour tortillas

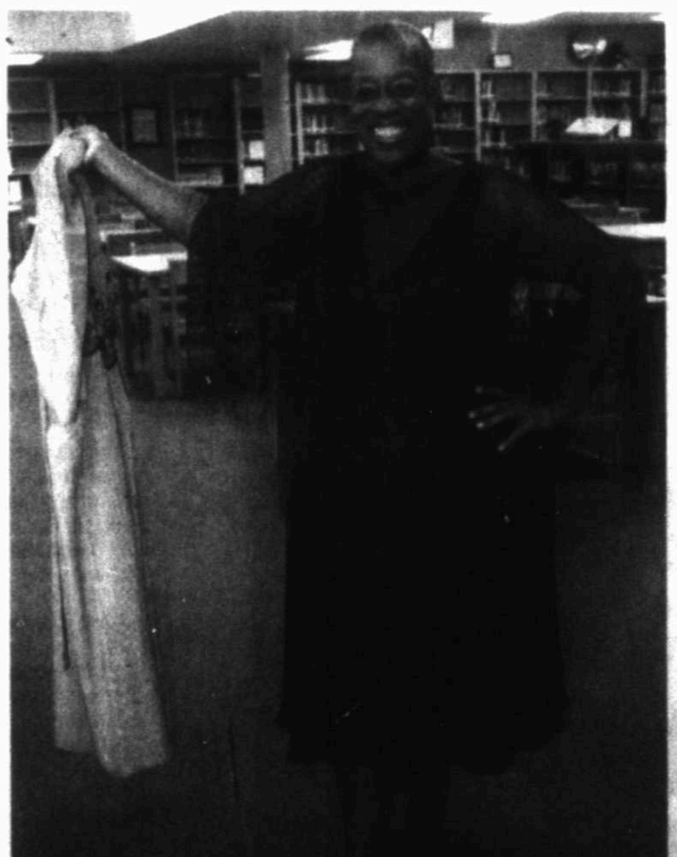
Mix everything in large bowl. All portions are estimates, so adjust to taste. Microwave tortillas for 10 seconds so they are easy to roll. Assemble burritos on individual pieces of aluminum foil, lightly sprayed with Pam. Heat in oven for about 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove foil, top with more cheese and verde sauce and return to oven until cheese is melted.

Beef and potato tacos

Here's a very basic taco filling that is good on its own or topped with just about anything. Fast and easy, this is perfect for a weeknight. Adjust seasonings to taste.

1 pound ground beef
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 medium-sized russet potatoes, diced
1 can chopped green chilis

Brown ground beef, adding some garlic, cumin, salt and pepper. Transfer to a paper towel to drain. In same pan, saute potatoes adding garlic powder, cumin, salt and pepper. When potatoes begin to brown, add 1/4 cup water to the pan and cover until potatoes are soft. Pour beef back to pan and add green chilis. Combine and allow to heat through. Serve with warm tortillas.



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Shedding pounds

Midlander Virginia Chriesmon, seen above in this 2012 file photo after losing 132 pounds, was recognized last month at the state conference of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for her weight loss.

Chriesmon was named "TOPS Queen of Texas" during the April 10-12 conference in Houston. She has lost 147 pounds with support from the program.

At one point, Chriesmon, who is 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighed 350 pounds. In an October 2012 feature, Chriesmon told the Reporter-Telegram she tried to loose weight in 1996 but dropped out of the program and regained the pounds by over-eating after the death of her oldest son.

She returned to the TOPS program in 2005 and began her journey to lose more than 100 pounds by tracking calories, drinking plenty of water and exercising several times a week.

From staff reports

Fort Worth man spent 40 years judging piano students

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Storyteller Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring with his wife, Susan. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com.

"The Van Cliburn Competition is the most important piano competition in the world," said John Giordano of Fort Worth, who was chairman of the Van Cliburn jury for 40 years. He stepped down last year, saying it was time for some young person to take over the job. "I'm not losing any income. You could triple my salary, and it would still be zero."

Maestro Giordano has many musical accomplishments. He conducted The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for nearly 30 years, taught music at TCU, composed music and performed saxophone at concerts. He played on one of Frank Sinatra's recordings.

Giordano was a friend of the famous pianist Van Cliburn, who grew up in Kilgore but later called Fort Worth home. He became the highest paid classical artist. "His fee just before he stopped performing was $125,000 plus first-class airfare and first-class accommodations," Giordano said. "Everywhere he played he brought his own piano. He had it shipped."

A group of Fort Worth piano teachers started the Van Cliburn Competition in 1962 with $10,000 in prize money. They wanted to discover the world's finest young pianists. About 300 people between the ages of 18 and 30 enter the competition, which is held every four years. The players are required to know dozens of classical pieces by memory. When Giordano took over as chairman of the judging, he was given a bell. "They'd play a while, than I'd ring the bell and tell the musician to go to another part of the piece. They would play that, and I'd ring the bell and say, 'Now let's hear some Schumann.'"

The competition takes place in cities around the world. Five of the 12 judges travel to distant places to hear the musicians. "It allows people to get to these locations. If they live past a certain distance, we help to get them there."

From all the entries, only six finalists are chosen. Giordano said the difference between first and sixth place is miniscule. The winner gets $50,000. Another $50,000 is divided between the players who come in second and third.

"The remaining three finalists are not ranked and get several thousand dollars each. All the money comes from private donations. The thing that's unique about the Cliburn is that part of the prize is three years of management. And it doesn't necessarily have to be the winner. Anyone who has been in the competition gets help," he said.

Van Cliburn was 23 years old when he won the International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow in 1958. It was during the Cold War, and Premier Khrushchev was called to get his approval to give the award to an American. The Soviet Leader asked, "Is he the best?" The judges said yes. "Then give it to him," said Khrushchev, who was a fan of classical music. When Van Cliburn returned to the U.S. he was given a ticker tape parade on New York's Broadway. "Something that will probably never happen again for a classical musician," said John Giordano.

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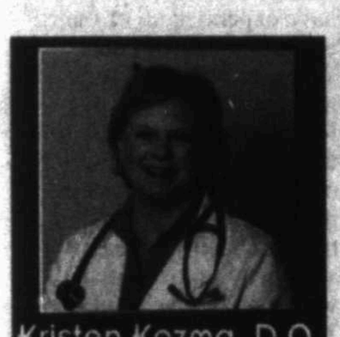
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Big Bend treks retrace history of camels in the US Army

By Pam LeBlanc
Cox Newspapers

I'm lumbering through the West Texas desert aboard a beast with legs as tall as stepladders, a fuzzy topknot that looks like early Justin Timberlake and squishy, pie-sized feet.

Ibrahim — that's the name of the straw-colored camel I'm riding — swings his head back and grins at me, showing off a row of finger-thick, peg-shaped teeth, then ambles on. I lurch along with him, taking in an expanse of cactus-topped mesas straight from a John Wayne movie.

Camels in Big Bend might sound like a mixed-up mash-up, but really we're just reliving history out here. The U.S. Army experimented with the heat-tolerant creatures in the 1850s and 1860s, and this overnight trek retraces some of those steps.

Ibrahim and I are third in a line of four camels on the expedition, organized by Doug Baum of the Texas Camel Corps. Our group includes a history buff from the East Coast, his daughter, who is an environmental engineer, and a retired Texas A&M veterinarian.

We gathered in the morning at the headquarters of a private ranch west of Fort Davis. There we handed our bedrolls to Baum, who tucked them into giant canvas saddlebags and strapped them to the camels' shoulders. Then, at his gentle command, the camels knelt before us. We eased into the saddles and rose up so high all I could see of Baum was the top of his cowboy hat.

If you go

Texas Camel Corps leads guided camel treks in the Big Bend region of Texas. Two-day trips, held in March, cost $750. Three-day trips, in September, cost $1,050 per person. The company also organizes trips to Egypt. For more information, go to www.texascamelcorps.com or call Doug Baum at 254-675-4867.

Since then I've learned a lot about camels. I've discovered they are gentle, patient and affectionate. They don't spit (why waste the water?), their nostrils can seal shut during sandstorms and you can use their poop as fire kindling. They pace instead of trot — moving their right legs simultaneously and then their left legs for a swaying ride. Riding one is like sitting on the deck of a rocking boat, only better, because these boats come with personalities and peach-sized eyeballs fringed in 3-inch lashes.

They're also very chatty. Take Irenie, the camel that marched along just behind me. I scratched her nose from my high-as-a-basketball-hoop perch, and she made gurgly noises back at me. Before we saddled up, she alternately bellowed, grunted, moaned and, well, farted. Loudly. That kind of behavior has earned her the nickname of "the gassiest camel on the planet" and a recording contract with Nintendo, which Baum told me is using her vocalizations in a video game.

After a couple of hours of riding (we covered eight miles the first day), we stopped for sandwiches in a cave at the top of a hill while our steeds nibbled leaves from trees. As we lunched, Baum regaled us with history.

The U.S. military, under the direction of Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, sailed to Egypt in the 1850s and shipped 75 camels back to the Texas. Davis figured the animals could handle the hot and dry conditions of the region.

He was right. The creatures were headquartered at Camp Verde, south of Kerrville, where they went to work hauling supplies just as effectively as mules. Some headed west toward California to help with a military crew surveying roads; others spent time in present-day Fort Stockton, which served as a home base as the Army explored the Big Bend area.

According to historic accounts, the camels fit in well alongside the javelinas and yucca. One report explains how an Army leader had to abandon 30 mules in the rugged countryside of West Texas but all 24 of his camels finished the trip.

The experiment ended when the Civil War erupted and the Army sold its camels. Some found work carrying cotton to Brownsville for trade, others ended up in the silver mining business in California; some helped build the Transcontinental Railroad, some became freight animals and many ultimately ended up in traveling shows. A few were even stationed on South Congress Avenue in Austin, not far from the river, Baum told me.

"I'm amazed at their steady pace. I can absolutely see their military value because of their endurance," said Bob Jackson, one of my fellow travelers.

Baum, a red-headed Texan and one-time drummer for the Trace Adkins band, fell in love with camels while working at a zoo. As we mounted up for the final few miles into camp, he smooched each one on the cheek.

Baum owns nine camels. He uses them for educational purposes and rents them out for nativity scenes or movie sets. In 1999, he began offering treks. Now he leads trips each fall and spring in Big Bend, plus longer tours through the Sinai Desert of Egypt.

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BANANA BITE: Article of clothing

BANANA BITE: Companion

Yesterday's Answer: DIVERT, NOBODY, PLEDGE, TYRANT

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Shredded paper better suited for recycle bin than compost pile

Neil Sperry

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Dear Neil: I have access to a lot of shredded paper. We normally send it to recycling, but I've wondered if I could use it in the compost?

Answer: I send ours to recycling. It is organic matter, so, yes it could be put into the compost. However, normal life byproducts like shredded tree leaves, grass clippings, animal manure, finely chipped wood and others are better things to put into the compost. If you do use the paper, most authorities will suggest you not use pages with colored ink, partly because of odor and partly because the vegetable dyes may attract insects you wouldn't normally have. Paper breaks down very quickly, but you'll need to wait on the other types of organic matter to decay before you can use the compost.

Dear Neil: Can I use root cuttings of my boxwood plants in water?

Answer: Yes, probably so, but that's not the best way. Roots that develop in water are accustomed to having limited oxygen, and when they're transplanted into potting soil, they often wilt away. It's better to use a mix of equal amounts of sphagnum peat moss and horticultural perlite. Water it thoroughly before you start sticking the fresh cuttings. The cuttings should be 3 to 4 inches long. Strip off the bottom leaves, and dust the stems in rooting hormone powder. Use a small stick to make each insertion hole so you don't wipe off the powder. Water thoroughly, then cover lightly with a sheet of dry cleaner's plastic (not airtight). Put in a bright spot, but out of direct late morning and afternoon sun. For what it's worth, if there is a lot of brand new, succulent growth on the tips of the twigs, pinch it off. It will draw water out of the cuttings before they have time to form roots.

Dear Neil: Our son lives near Dallas, and he says his pomegranate hasn't sent out any new leaves this year. What would have caused that? Was this winter that bad?

Answer: It was for some plants in some places. Many specimens of several varieties of crape myrtles, including three popular ones (Natchez, Muskogee and Tuscarora) died back to the ground. They'll have to be retrained, starting with trimming off all the dead stems. Pomegranates would need the same treatment. They do often come back after freeze injury, as do figs and oleanders. Gardenias will not. It wasn't so much how cold it got this past winter, but more the fact that the first freeze in early December was significant, and for many parts of Texas, it was accompanied by ice. Adding to it, the last freeze/frost happened just a few weeks ago. It was not a good winter to be a tender plant in Texas. Your son needs to see if there are any new shoots coming up from the ground. If so, he needs to purture those back into being a shrub.

Dear Neil: If I apply sphagnum peat moss for Take All Root Rot, how do I keep from mowing it up right away? I do bag my clippings. Also, how often will I need to repeat the treatment?

Answer: First, be certain that your lawn actually does have Take All Root Rot. It causes the grass to be lethargic and slow to green up in the spring. It will show up in sweeps and patches, not uniformly over the entire lawn. The peat moss makes an acidic layer on top of the soil, and that discourages development of the fungus. You would need to repeat the treatment no more often than each spring, and sometimes you can go two or three years and never see the disease. Perhaps you should begin by trying a small bale of peat over an affected area. Put a 1-inch layer down and water it in. If TARR is involved, you should see a big improvement in the look of the grass within two weeks. At that point, you could treat all of the affected area. The peat is normally not sucked up by the mower once it has been watered onto the soil surface.

Dear Neil: Can I move one of my mother's Texas mountain laurel shrubs now? She is moving and wants to take it with her.

Answer: It probably would not survive the move. At this point in late spring, . . .es and shrubs have expended all of their energy putting out new spring growth. Hot summer weather is soon to follow, and if you were to dig and cut a major portion of the plant's root system, it would just be too much trauma. See if you can arrange to go back in the winter and move it for her. That would allow you to "root-prune" it by severing lateral roots all summer and fall, encouraging new roots to form inside the soil ball.

Courtesy photo

Salad burnet is harvested in a manner similar to cilantro. Select outer stems while young and tender and cut them off close to the ground leaving the center leaves to continue to grow and produce.

Re-Leaf by Debbie Frost

Cilantro is a favorite herb in West Texas. It is tremendous in salad, salsa, meat dishes, omelets and soups. It is also very nutritious, being rich in vitamin A, C, potassium, calcium and dietary fiber. Most of all, it tastes great, at least to some people.

The smell of cilantro gives some people an aversion to the leafy herb. Some people describe it as having a "soapy" taste. If you are in the "love it" category, perhaps you are trying your hand at growing it. If you've recently bought transplants for your garden, be aware it is a cool-season herb and summer temperatures will cut your harvest time short.

Cilantro grows best wen temperatures are between 50 and 85 degrees. Once the temperatures exceed 85, the plant quickly starts to bolt. It flowers and goes to seed, but that isn't all bad. Cilantro seeds are known as coriander and you can leave them to mature and dry on the plant for use in the kitchen. The seeds have a flavor similar to an orange and are used in pastries, sausage, cooked fruit, pickling spice and curry powder.

Meanwhile, harvest cilantro by selecting the outside stems and trimming them close to the ground if you just need a little bit. If you need more, harvest the entire plant. Many herbs and vegetables — such as chives, parsley, spinach and salad burnet — can be harvested in a similar manner. The misconception is to harvest by trimming the tips of the stems, but quite the contrary. Select the outer leaves while they are still young and tender, and harvest from the outside, not the center leaves. Avoid cutting more than one-third of the leaves at any one time to avoid weakening the plant.

Want to grow more cilantro? Greater success may be waiting for you in September. A fall crop of cilantro can be planted every week for a few weeks for an extended harvest period. Cilantro is ready to harvest in 45 to 70 days. Fall-planted cilantro should do very well in our milder fall weather. Don't give up on this favorite leafy herb.

Re-leaf can be found by planting at the right time and harvesting in the right manner. Try a fall crop of cilantro for your fall and winter garden.

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Experts: GMOs safe, battle malnutrition

Jeff Floyd

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A June 2013 Lancet study suggests about seven children die from malnutrition each minute. In an effort to stem global malnutrition, crop experts have been modifying food production methods for decades. Genetics has become a major player in growing food today.

Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are those that have been changed at the molecular level to produce a better product. GM foods were approved in United States in the mid-1990s. Since 1996, GM corn, soybean, cotton and other crops have been a part of modern farming.

According to Travis Miller, soil and crop scientist at Texas A&M University, there is a lot of fiction spewed about GMOs by some groups. GM foods are widely tested for safety and value before their release. Despite concerns over the safety of GM foods, Miller says the data show "... the science is with the GMOs" as a safe means of food production.

In 1950, fewer than 83 million acres of corn planted in the United States produced 2.76 billion bushels. Compare the 1950 corn harvest to last year's and that same land area produced more than 13 billion bushels. The 476 percent increase in corn is a result of many changes in management practices, but nearly 85 percent of corn grown in the U.S. comes from a genetically changed plant.

Other than safety, one major concern expressed by some is that the maker of each new GM food can apply for a patent. A patent would give its owner control over the product.

Genetic modification does not always mean that a trait is added to the product. The first GM tomato, the FlavrSvr, had a trait effectively turned off by inserting a gene that interfered with fruit softening.

The tomato would have improved flavor after being transported from farm to market. This GM tomato hit the stores before anyone could grasp the GM idea. The public would have none of it, and the tomato never got a foothold except as tomato paste. The decreased softening allowed for a consistent tomato paste, which outsold non-GMO tomato pastes until 1998, when a fictitious report indicated that rats fed GM foods experienced negative effects.

The Texas A&M Extension Service will be hosting a vegetable seminar 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 5 at 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa. The theme of the seminar is how to handle your harvest. Register for this free seminar at 498-4071 or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

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GARDENING LOVE

The Permian Basin Master Gardeners show off a thank-you gift from Keep Midland Beautiful for their help during the Trio of Gardens Preview Party, donated by Agave Garden, on May 2.

Citrus disease fight ramps up

The Brownsville Herald

With all of Cameron County joining Hidalgo County in a citrus greening quarantine, officials working to curb the epidemic will hold an educational presentation in Brownsville this week.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Hidalgo County's Citrus Greening Project Director Heidi Arteaga said the insect carrying the citrus greening disease has been found in residential citrus trees in Brownsville, and therefore her office is increasing its outreach to inform residents about how to care for citrus trees, as well as promoting safe ways to treat and protect citrus trees from the disease.

Citrus greening, also called huanglongbing or yellow dragon disease, was confirmed to be in the Rio Grande Valley in January 2012. Several isolated pockets of the disease have been discovered in San Juan, Mission, La Blanca, San Carlos, Monte Alto, Weslaco and, most recently, Harlingen.

And on April 21, the citrus greening quarantine area that included all of Hidalgo County and a portion of Harlingen, was expanded by the Texas Department of Agriculture to include all of Cameron County.

"Being under quarantine means that you cannot move any plant material outside or inside this area, and this is according to the Texas Department of Agriculture," Arteaga said. "There's a big fine if you do cross these borders with plant material, citrus plant material. You can still move your fruit in and out of this quarantine, but the fruit has to be cleaned with no stems and no leaves."

TODAY: Partly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny
High: 89 Low: 42	High: 71 Low: 46	High: 80 Low: 55	High: 90 Low: 61	High: 94 Low: 68	High: 98 Low: 70

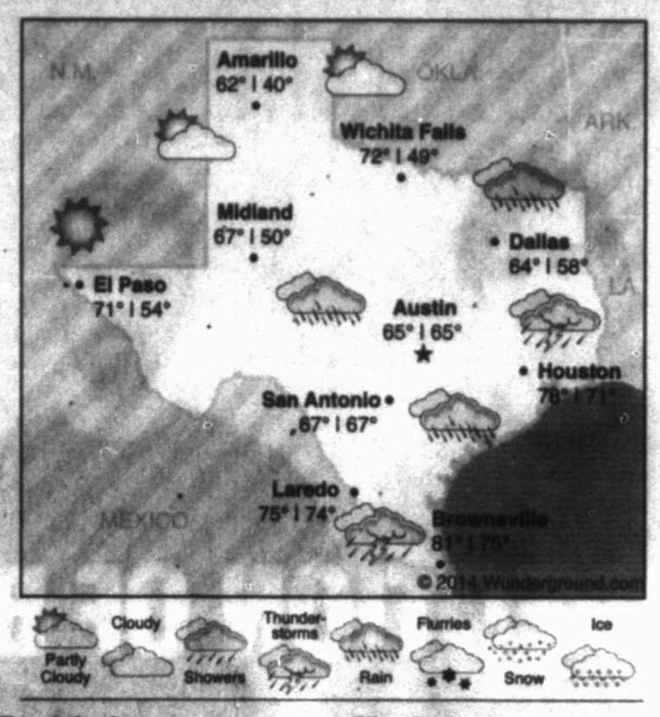
Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 59 and north winds between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 42 and north winds between 10 and 20 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers during the day.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 71 and north winds around 5 mph becoming calm in the morning. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 46 and calm winds becoming south around 5 mph after midnight.

Thursday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 80 and a low around 55.

The high on Monday reached 82, while the low dropped to 53. The record high for May 12 is 100 set in 2009. The record low is 41 set in 1931 and 1979.



National forecast

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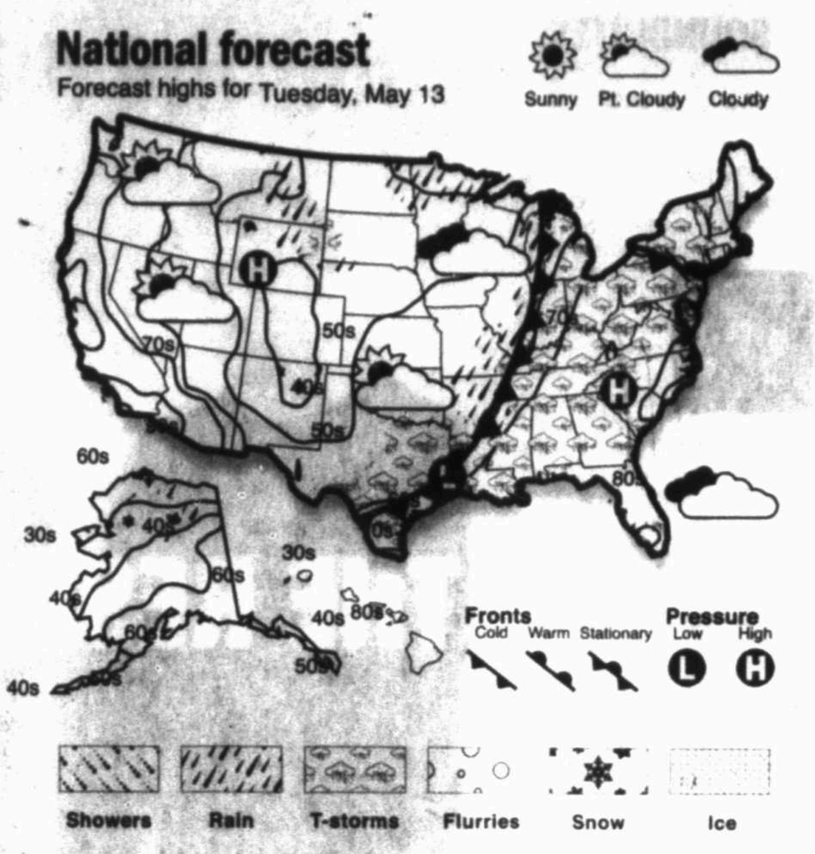

Precipitation		Monday's temperatures	
Sunday	0.00 in.	High	82
Monday	0.00 in.	Low	53
Month total	0.42 in.	Normal high	87
Year total	1.32 in.	Normal low	58
Normal total (year to date)	2.98 in.	Sunrise	6:53 a.m.
		Sunset	8:38 p.m.

Registration for sex offenders covers gamut of offenses

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: As a licensed psychotherapist who has worked with both victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse over the past 25 years, I would like to respond to "Stunned in the City" (Jan. 22), who found her co-worker's name on a website for registered sex offenders.

Registered sex offenders have been convicted and incarcerated for their crimes and serve a probationary period upon release. However, unlike other criminal offenses, they never finish "serving their time" — both in the areas of WHERE they can live and HOW they can live (employment). They continue to serve a sentence that can never be completed and are stigmatized for the rest of their lives.

The reason for this is because of a "one-size-fits-all" approach to punishment, be it a one-time offender or a serial rapist. Most sexual abusers are either members of the family or a close family friend, and most are never reported. Only a small percentage of registered offenders pose a danger and should be under surveillance. The others should be allowed a second chance to continue with their lives without undue harassment.

If "Stunned" reports her co-worker to her employer, she will jeopardize his livelihood, which he needs to redeem his life. — ALREADY PAID HIS DEBT

DEAR A.P.H.D.: I received mail from mental health professionals, employers, parents and people who are on the sex offenders' list regarding "Stunned's" letter. All of them stated that the range of crimes that can add someone to the list is very broad. The list is no more than a STARTING point for people to begin their own research into public records before telling an employer or another person. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: For more than 20 years I have employed a man who is a convicted sex offender. He paid his debt to society for having sex with a minor when he was in his 20s. It will haunt him for the rest of his life.

The pictures you see online are recent because the authorities require updated photos yearly. I empathize with him because I dated a 15-year-old when I was 19 — with her parents' approval — but today it could mean jail time and a ruined life.

There is no demarcation between being dumb and being truly criminal, so everyone is labeled the same. I suggest that we all stay aware of those labeled sexual predators, but approach the sexual offenders case-by-case. — JUSTICE FOR ALL

DEAR ABBY: Inclusion on the registry can be the result of something that would not pose a danger to anyone — urinating in public or having sex with a younger girlfriend when you yourself are a minor.

If you see someone you know on such a list, don't jump to conclusions before doing more research. It may be nothing to worry about at all, or it might be something to react to. — REBECCA IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR ABBY: After breakfast on Saturdays, my husband and I settle in, listen to music and read the newspaper. It's our Saturday morning ritual.

As part of it, when I get to your column, I read it out loud to my husband. We enjoy the letters and your advice. When I finish, my husband almost invariably says, "You know, those letters are made up."

Abby, I think they are real, albeit edited, but genuine. He thinks they're fake. Who's right? — TRUE BELIEVER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR TRUE BELIEVER: You are. I could never make up anything as interesting as the mail I get from readers.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Subtle play

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 3
♡ A 10 7 4
◇ Q 7 5 4
♣ A 8 3

WEST
♠ Q J 7
♡ Q 9 8
◇ 8 6
♣ Q 10 9 7 6

EAST
♠ A K 9 5
♡ 2
◇ K 9 3
♣ K J 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 6 4 2
♡ K J 6 5 3
◇ A J 10 2
♣ Void

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♣	1	2♣	3♣*
3♠	4	4♣	5♣
Pass	5	Pass	Pass
Pass			

*Good heart raise

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

It is well known that experts find more missing queens than the average player, but some of the subtleties involved in the search can be lovely to watch.

North-South ended up in five hearts after an extremely competitive auction. It was not a good contract, but there was hope. The king of diamonds had to be on-side and declarer had to find the queen of trumps.

West won the first two tricks with the queen and jack of spades, then shifted to a club. The spade position was clear from the auction and the clubs were likely to be splitting 5-5. South wanted some information about the red suits before tackling trumps, so he rose with dummy's ace, discarding a spade, and led a diamond. East played low. Would you insert the jack or the 10? Doesn't matter, right? South played the jack, winning the trick. He ruffed a spade and led another diamond, this time to the 10. The king of diamonds was known to be with East, who was now nearly certain to have started with 4-1-3-5 distribution. South cashed the king of hearts and played a heart to dummy's 10 to score up his ambitious contract.

Should East have played the king of diamonds on the second round of the suit, to deceive declarer about the distribution? Too dangerous! West might have had the 10 and he would be throwing away the setting trick. Had South played his 10 on the first round of diamonds, East might well have found this clever play.

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 Tuesday, May 13, 2014:

This year you greet many positive changes, which is a result of others questioning your actions and thoughts more often. Many of you see financial well-being and/or a certain amount of materialism as being necessary for love. You will learn otherwise. If you are single, you'll draw people very close to you, only to then push them away, as you have an inherent need for space. A new suitor could become quite frustrated as a result. If you are attached, your significant other could be a little put off by your moodiness, but he or she will get used to it. SCORPIO is even more stubborn than you are!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your intentions are nothing less than inspiring. Others might not be on the same page, which is why you will find it difficult to relate to certain people. They seem to be on a different mental plane, with different concerns. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Push comes to shove with a Full Moon adding to the "loony" qualities of those around you. Unpredictability could arise and allow your intuition to flow freely. Reach out to someone at a distance whom you care about. Tonight: Work with a sudden insight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Focus on what is going on in your daily life. You might need to pick up what others do not complete. An older individual will inspire you to create past your present limitations. Remember, not everyone can follow your thinking. Tonight: A dear friend or loved one wants to share.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ A partner seems to be changing the ground rules. Listen to your instincts when dealing with a child or new friend. An idea might not be easy for someone to digest. Find different words to express yourself. A boss or older relative likes what you are doing. Tonight: Add some fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be dragged down by an ongoing domestic issue. Practice acceptance, and try a different approach. Reach out to someone at a distance who always presents unusual ideas and solutions. A brainstorming session will give you a new perspective. Tonight: Mosey on home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Events and conversations will point to more understanding. If you become triggered, you might need to detach. Understand someone's limits. This person means well, but he or she cannot identify with what you are sharing. Tonight: Let your imagination wander.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Deal with others directly, especially regarding a financial matter. A risk could bring dramatic results. Be sure that you can handle a negative outcome, though it might not be likely. Someone you look up to could overwhelm you with ideas. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You are the star with today's Full Moon. Your personality and intelligence dominate the day more than you might realize. An associate will demonstrate unusual caring. A discussion could be frustrating; try another approach if you hit a dead end. Tonight: Assume the lead role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Know that your role is to gather information without threatening anyone. Ask questions and make comments that encourage others to keep speaking. Though you might be empathetic to someone's role or actions, it would be wise to say very little right now. Tonight: Not to be found.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You are more grounded than many people around you. A meeting will give more meaning to a situation. Your suggestions, though greeted positively, might not be used. Avoid becoming impatient with a family member or domestic situation. Tonight: Find your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Pressure builds around work. You might ask yourself how much you need to play the game. Until you come to a decision, sit tight. You will be much happier with the results if you do. Follow your sixth sense, and you'll say the right words to a loved one. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You can communicate on many levels, but first you need to gain a better sense of the implications of what is happening. Several discussions with people who know more than you could prove to be instrumental. Listen to a suggestion. Tonight: Be around music.

BORN TODAY

Musician Stevie Wonder (1950), boxer Joe Louis (1914), painter George Braque (1882)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Carve in stone
5 "Nana" novelist Émile
9 Diagnostic aids
14 Scott of "Happy Days"
15 Red-wrapped cheese
16 One of the archangels
17 State secrets?
18 Disreputable guy
19 Capone cohort Frank
20 Agreement in a Massachusetts city?
23 "That's awesome!"
24 Charlemagne's realm: Abbr.
25 Highland refusal
26 Adobe dwelling in a Colorado city?
32 Wanted poster abbr.
33 Go right or left
34 Do figure-eights, say
38 Likely to mouth off
40 Slap a sale price on
43 Go bonkers
44 Gelatin garnish
46 Attention-calling type: Abbr.
48 See 60-Down
49 Hanging sculpture in an Alabama city?
53 1977 Steely Dan album
56 "Scream" director Craven
57 Noise detector
58 Bovine in a New York city?
64 Take up a hem, say
65 __ fide
66 NATO alphabet ender
68 Pasture
69 Baldwin or Guinness
70 Earns with difficulty, with "out"
71 Bakery pastries
72 Thorny bloom
73 Light-tube gas

DOWN

1 Recede
2 Bath powder mineral
3 Italian "Toodle-oo!"
4 Rub elbows (with)
5 Moment of attack
6 Sign to take out the trash
7 Praise highly
8 Don of "Cocoon"
9 Roads under rivers
10 Songwriter Clapton
11 Use, as a chair
12 Tri- plus one
13 Lose traction
21 Stable youngster
22 Sun or moon, to a poet
26 Dada
27 They're played at luaus
28 Wyatt of the Wild West
29 Post- opposite
30 Up to
31 Signs off on
35 Not a supporter
36 Cow's fly swatter
37 Swordplay sword
39 Boy in "A Christmas Carol"
41 Devoured
42 Competitive look
45 Fraidy-cats
47 Rye buy
50 Ger. neighbor
51 Atmospheric pressure line
52 Impudent
53 Sternward
54 Roberts of "Pretty Woman"
55 On the trail of
59 Traditional Stetson material
60 With 48-Across, Western neckwear
61 Quelques-__, a few, in French
62 Gospel writer
63 Butter look-alike
67 Org. with SEALs

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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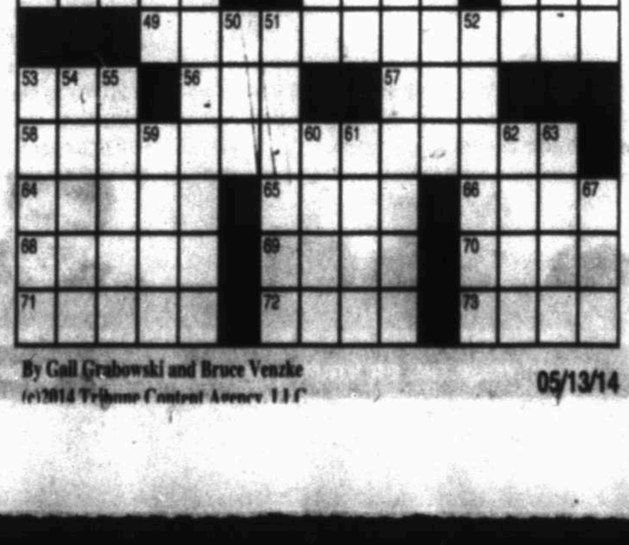

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

NATALIE MERCHANT
self-titled

Natalie Merchant has never been one to pull punches.

From her start singing deceivingly jovial-sounding tunes about tough topics like child abuse and air pollution with seminal 1980s alternative rock band 10,000 Maniacs through her 21 years as a solo artist, Merchant has made her mark as an unflinchingly honest artist.

That fearlessness continues on the self-titled and self-produced "Natalie Merchant," her first collection of entirely original songs in 13 years.

On the haunting "Giving Up Everything," Merchant sings about mercy killing her craving, giving up her "cursed search for meaning." Think of it as her version of John Lennon's "God."

Not everything is a downer. The opening track, "Ladybird," is a jaunty toe-tapper. But that's quickly followed by "Maggie Said," which begins with the line: "Maggie said dig one more shallow grave before I'm dead."

With her distinctive voice still in strong form as she enters her 50s, together with the lush backing of strings, piano, organ and the occasional woodwinds, Merchant creates a rich musical tapestry that transcends the typical vagary of pop music.

Scott Bauer/AP

HUNTER HAYES
"Storyline"

At 22, Hunter Hayes isn't one for subtlety on his sophomore album: His up-tempo songs ("Tattoo," "Storyline") race with breathless rushes of lyrics and fast, busy arrangements; his ballads are intensely dramatic, whether he takes on self-esteem (the Top 10 country hit "Invisible") or the mysteries of attraction ("Still Fallin'").

The Grammy-nominated rising star is following up his 2011 successful self-titled introductory record by once again co-writing, co-producing and playing several instruments on "Storyline."

To his credit, Hayes avoids contemporary country cliches: There are no pickup trucks, dirt roads or beer drinking in these songs. Still, even though the opening "Wild Card" boasts that he's a crazy guy, Hayes could benefit from loosening up and showing some of that wildness on record.

That said, Hayes is an inventive country-pop songwriter and performer. He and co-producer Dann Huff cram songs with clever sonic twists; they even include a couple of short musical interludes, as if the other dozen tracks don't provide room for all of the instrumental ideas.

Hayes is striving for something more distinctive than radio hits; he wants to inspire, to create something spectacular. "Storyline" doesn't quite fulfill that ambition, but fans will find the collection entertaining. And there's enough to suggest that the multitalented boy wonder still packs plenty of potential.

Michael McCall/AP

Photo courtesy SST Records

Lead singer for legendary hardcore band talks about opening tour in Midland and how he got the gig

By Nancy Adamson
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Black Flag is widely considered one of, if not the, most important and influential American hardcore punk bands in music history.

At its center is Greg Ginn, the band's chief songwriter and lead guitarist. He has been with the band from the beginning 38 years ago, and though he's been overshadowed by lawsuits and some bandmates over the years — Henry Rollins comes to mind — he's never given up on renewing the group's glory days.

That's why he decided to get the band back together in 2013. He recruited a new singer, Ron Reyes, but things deteriorated quickly, resulting in a rather public personnel change.

Enter Mike Vallely, a former pro skateboarder and longtime friend and fan of the band who performed with Black Flag in 2003 and took over lead singer duties officially in January.

The band has been honing its live show and will open its North American tour in Midland on Thursday at Blue Max.

Vallely took a few minutes out of the band's rigorous rehearsal schedule to answer a few questions for the Reporter-Telegram about the band, the tour and the colorful way he became the band's singer.

MRT: Tell me about your personal and professional relationship with Black Flag.

Vallely: In 1984, when I was 14 years old, the first live music I saw was Black Flag. That was really a pinnacle in my life, a life-changing moment. A transcendental moment, really, where I went from not really knowing who I was and where I would end up in my life to feeling I could do anything.

So fast forward to 2003 and I meet Greg Ginn and my band is opening for him at a series of shows. That led to him asking me to do a guest vocal spot at the 2003 Black Flag reunion shows. Since then I've had a friendship that led to a working relationship and partnership with Greg that led to us doing music together. That's all organically happened over time, a natural evolution. The anecdotal aspects of it make for a good story, but I'm not really focused on it. I'm focused on this band.

MRT: Well, speaking of a good story, rumor has it you were managing the band and one night literally shoved Ron Reyes aside on stage and took over as lead singer. What's the story?

Vallely: My role with Ron Reyes' singing was one of enthusiastic support. I wanted that to succeed, and I believed in it and did everything to nurture it. But Ron just proved to be not the right guy for the job. He really kind of wore out his welcome and turned it into this negative, unproductive thing. It just led to Ron leaving the band. It just led to one of those things where he's leaving, this is his last show and he's not going to go out gracefully. He's going to go out with a chip on his shoulder, run his mouth and use the stage as a platform to air his grievances. I felt that Greg didn't deserve that, Black Flag didn't deserve that, so yeah, I guess you could say I shoved him out of the way or cut him off.

MRT: So you actually took over during a show?

Vallely: I guess I did, yeah. It was in the moment, it wasn't a planned-out thing. It was a "he's doing what? He's saying what? Nope, that's not gonna happen, get off the stage." No matter what I say, though, that's gonna be the story forever.

MRT: How are things with the new drummer and bass player (Tyler Smith and Brandon Pertzborn)?

Vallely: They sound phenomenal. They're real enthusiastic energy-wise. They're solid players. I know Greg is more excited about this incarnation of the band than with any other players. He feels like he's got the talent required to support the (catalog material) but also the type of players who can grow with it. We want something that's gonna evolve and expand and grow. Greg would not have re-launched Black Flag if it was just a static entity. Doing it as a retro thing only? He's not interested. So getting these guys and having me sing, I think the band is really set up for success.

MRT: How did Midland get the honor of being your first date on the Victimology North American Tour 2014?

Vallely: Sometimes it pays to be out there in the middle of nowhere. The band is based in the Austin area, and we decided to head west for the first leg of the tour, so we connected the dots. The club there has been asking us to come out and we thought to start things off in more of a party atmosphere. That's how we're viewing this Midland show. So we look at is as the launch party of our tour.

Blue Max is located at 7409 W. Industrial Ave. Cinema Cinema and The Blind Pets will open the show, which will begin at 8 p.m. It is a 21 years old and up show and, according to Blue Max owner Erika Berry, will be staged inside, so tickets, sold at the door, will be limited.

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

MAY

13 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
13 **Old Man Markley** @ Blue Max
14 **Dolly Shine** @ Lone Star Bar
14 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
15 **Tom Jean Jerry & Co.** @ St. Stephens
15 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club
15 **Black Flag, Cinema Cinema, The Blind Pets** @ Blue Max
15 **Lenorah** @ Lone Star Bar
15 **Adam Hood** @ Basin Burger House
15 **Jeremy Steding** @ Rockin Rodeo
16 **Jay Statham** @ The Detour
16 **Marley Prase** @ Redneck's
16 **Collin Raye, Billy Dean, Mark Chesnutt** @ Wagner Noel
16 **The Band Perry, Randy Rogers Band** @ Texas Thunder
16 **Tech Jazz** @ Music City Mall
16 **MilkDrive** @ Basin Burger House
16 **Trenfino** @ Eden Ultra Lounge
16 **Wayne "The Train" Hancock** @ Blue Max
16 **Cody Jinks, Randall King Band** @ Lone Star Bar
16-17 **Who'z Drivin** @ Your Place
16-17 **MoneyShot** @ The Bar
17 **Lee Brice, Stoney LaRue, Whiskey Myers, Curtis Grimes, Cody Johnson Band, Sweetwater Rain** @ Texas Thunder
17 **Arioso Strings, Ty Miller, Richard Acuna, Mary Mitchell, Martha Elliot** @ Music City Mall
17 **Kolton Moore & The Clever Few** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **Steve Taylor, Peter Furler** @ First Baptist Church (Odessa)
17 **John Carlos Band** @ Congreso Mensaje
18 **Tom Jean Jerry & Co., All Stars, Emily King, Tucker Binkley, Walton Lyte** @ Music City Mall
19 **Goodtimers** @ Andrews Senior Center
20 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
21 **Reverend Horton Heat, Reno Divorce, The Rockets, Walker and The Texas Dangers** @ Blue Max
21 **Brit Floyd** @ Wagner Noel
22 **RC Entertainment** @ West Texas Dance Club
22 **Dustin Sanchez & the Swingin Dixie Band** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Shane Smith and the Saints** @ Rockin Rodeo
23 **Mark McKinney** @ Rockin Rodeo
23 **Texas Buckin Heat Band** @ The Detour
23 **Hogg Maulies, The Goners** @ Lone Star Bar
23 **Tom Jean Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
23 **Graham Wilkinson** @ Basin Burger House
23 **Kilter** @ Blue Max
23 **Vitale Justice** @ 10 Sports Bar
23-24 **Back Road Troubadors** @ Your Place
23-24 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
24 **Mike Leonard, Padlock, Tucker Binkley, Marrissa Reechman, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
24 **108 East Broadway** @ Lone Star Bar
24 **Black Irish Texas** @ Blue Max
25 **All Stars, Tucker Binkley, Padlock, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
27 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
27 **2X4, Iam** @ Pine Box
28 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
28 **Gemni Syndrome** @ Blue Max
29 **Mark Kimbrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
28 **Cory Yeager** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
29 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
30 **Satisfaction** @ Aphasia Center
30 **Tech Jazz** @ Music City Mall
30 **Dizzi LaMar and Desert Wind** @ The Detour
30 **Nick Verzosa & the Noble Union** @ Lone Star Bar
30 **Filthy Still, Alex Culbreth and the Dead Country Stars** @ Blue Max
30-31 **Grindstone** @ The Bar
31 **Zane Williams, Cody Bryan Band** @ Lone Star Bar

LUBBOCK

MAY

25 **Staind, Deftones, Killswitch Engage, Toadies, Hellyeah, Skid Row, Filter, Pop Evil, Adelitas Way, Escape the Fate, Devil You Know, Skindred, Kill Devil Hill,** @ The Pavilion at Lone Star Event Center

JUNE

14 **Paul McCartney** @ United Spirit Arena

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

MAY

15 **Band Of Skulls** @ Granada Theater
15 **Grieves** @ House Of Blues
15 **Ledisi, Robert Glasper Experiment** @ Majestic Theatre
15 **The Sales** @ JJ's (Denton)
15 **We Are Scientists, Pawe** @ Dada Dallas
16 **Joan Osborne, Seth Walker** @ Kessler Theater
17 **Bombay Bicycle Club, Royal Canoe** @ Granada Theater
17 **Dave Matthews Band** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
17 **Foreigner, Styx, Don Felder** @ Verizon Theatre

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Chaps force 2nd title game with 9th-inning rally

Forest Allen/MC Athletics

Midland College's Caleb Koedyker (8) is mobbed by his teammates after his single in the bottom of the 9th inning that completed a 5-4 comeback win against McLennan Community College on Monday in Lubbock.

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Midland College baseball team, left for dead early in conference play, is now one game away from making a return trip to the Juco World Series.

Caleb Koedyker's two-out, RBI single to left-center field capped a three-run bottom of the ninth for the Chaparrals in a 5-4 come-from-behind victory over McLennan Community College in the championship round of the NJCAA Region V Tournament on Monday night at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

Because McLennan (31-26) suffered its first loss of the double-elimination tournament, the teams are forced to play a decisive final game at 1 p.m. today, with the winner qualifying for the Juco World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

Earlier in the day, the Chaps edged rival Howard College, 6-5, to stay alive in the tournament.

The Chaps (39-23) avenged their only loss of the tournament, an 8-2 defeat to the Highlanders on Saturday.

"Today was as much fun I've had at the baseball park in my 23 years in coaching," MC coach David Coleman said. "Blaine Prescott had a big hit and Koedyker had a huge hit. They both have had some big moments for us this year. Caleb had been struggling a little bit and had been pressing, but there's nobody else I would want in that situation than him."

On Monday, the Chaps were handcuffed for a large part of the game by MCC pitcher Nathan Bertness.

Meanwhile, the Highlanders built a 4-0 lead with a run in the fourth and then three more in the fifth inning.

MC finally got on the board in the seventh inning thanks to a two-run home run by Jay Gonzales to cut the lead in half, 4-2.

"We hit some balls good but it was right at them, or we would hit a ball into the outfield and they would make a great catch to take away an extra base hit," Coleman said. "But just like they have done, they believed they could win. They kept grinding it out and didn't give in."

The Chaps got a chance for the comeback thanks to the great relief work of Lee grad and sophomore

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Rangers race by Astros

Beltre and Odor homer in Texas' win

Rangers 4
Astros 0

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Colby Lewis threw 5 2/3 shutout innings, and Adrian Beltre and Rougned Odor each homered to lead the Texas Rangers to a 4-0 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Lewis (3-2) struck out a season-high eight and allowed seven hits to improve to 4-0 in his career at Minute Maid Park. The right-hander bounced back from a poor outing against Colorado on Wednesday where he allowed seven runs in less than four innings.

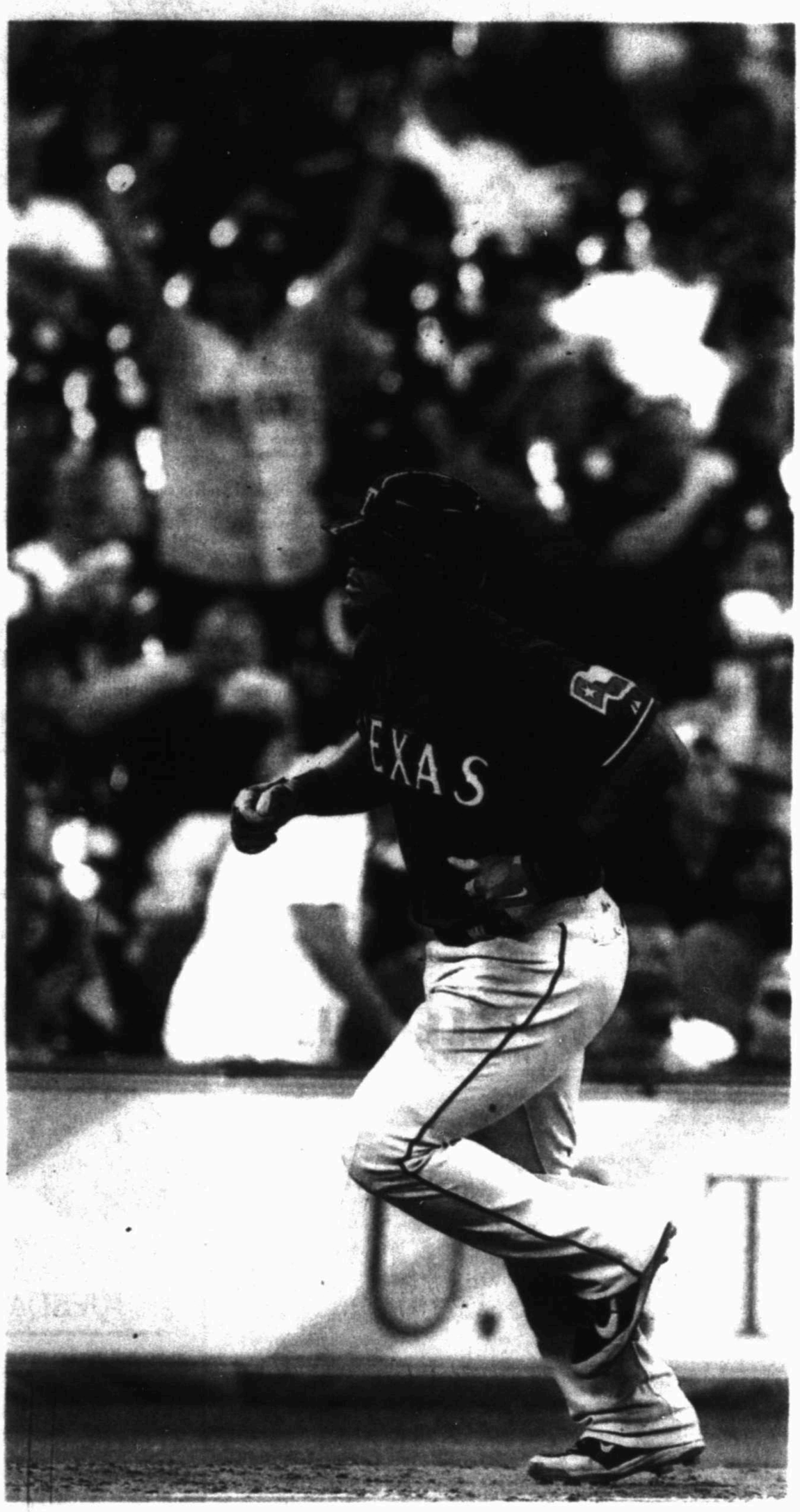
Beltre had two hits, including a two-run home run to left in the third. Odor had two hits, including a run-scoring single in the fourth and his first career home run in the sixth — a solo shot into the upper deck in right field — to make it 4-0. Prince Fielder also had two hits.

Brad Peacock (0-4) struck out a career-high 11 but allowed four runs on seven hits in six innings. Peacock's previous career-high for strikeouts was 10 at Minnesota on Aug. 4, 2013.

Jose Altuve had three hits, and Matt Dominguez and George Springer each had two hits for the Astros, who left 12 runners on base in losing for the eighth time in the last 10 games.

Lewis exited after singles by Dominguez and Springer, combined with a Mitch Moreland error, put runners on second and third with two outs in the sixth, but Nick Martinez induced a Chris Carter groundout to end the threat.

The Astros threatened again in the eighth, putting runners on the corners with one out after singles by Dominguez and Springer, but Neal Cotts struck out Carter and Jesus Guzman to end the inning.



Pat Sullivan/AP

Texas' Adrian Beltre heads down the third base line to score on a two-run homer against the Houston Astros in the third inning Monday in Houston.

Brad Tollefson/Special to the MRT

Midland High's Jason Raughton (8) celebrates with Jackson Lancaster as they both reach home plate during the Bulldogs' 9-5 victory against Richland during Game 1 of a Class 5A area round series Friday at Hays Field in Lubbock.

Bulldogs, Tascosa set to play Friday and Saturday

From staff reports

The Midland High baseball team's Class 5A regional quarterfinal series with Amarillo Tascosa has been set for this Friday and Saturday in Abilene.

The two District 2-5A squads will play a best-of-three series at Hunter Field on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. The first game is set for 7 p.m. on Friday with the second game starting at noon on Saturday. If there is a third game, it will start about 30 minutes following Game 2.

Midland High (26-9) will be making its second consecutive appearance in the regional quarterfinals, but it will be the first time in a number of years it has faced a district rival this deep in the playoffs.

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The Bulldogs earned their regional quarterfinal berth with a 2-1 area-round series victory against Richland at Hays Field in Lubbock this past weekend. Midland High won the first game, 9-5, on Friday, but then lost the second game, 2-1, only to bounce back and win a wild third game, 16-14, on Saturday afternoon.

Amarillo Tascosa swept Keller Fossil Ridge in Grand Prairie this past weekend in that area round series, winning, 3-0, and, 2-0.

Midland High and Tascosa split their two District 2-5A games this season. Midland High won, 7-0, against

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California Chrome checks into Pimlico's Stall 40

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome was none too eager to get his first look at Pimlico Race Course on Monday.

Upon arriving at site of the Preakness, California Chrome refused to peek his head outside the van. Finally, after much prodding, the strapping thoroughbred backed out.

"I have no idea why he doesn't like to walk out front," assistant trainer Alan Sherman said.

Sherman is counting on his seeing his horse move briskly forward out of the starting gate Saturday, when California Chrome will attempt to win the Preakness and keep alive his bid to become horse racing's first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

"It's an awesome feeling having a horse of this caliber," Sherman said. "It's the first time we've had a horse this good, so we're enjoying the ride."

After being transported on a chartered flight from Kentucky, receiving a police escort from Baltimore-Washington International Airport and grudgingly exiting the van, California Chrome settled into prestigious Stall 40 at the Pimlico stakes barn.

Stall 40 is the traditional home to the Kentucky Derby winner. Listed above the stall is a list of horses that have stayed there, including Secretariat and Seattle Slew.

"I was looking at the list of horses that have been in that stall. It's quite unbelievable," Sherman said.

Asked how it would feel to see California Chrome's name added to that list, Sherman replied, "That would be wonderful. That would be great. I'd love to see that happen. The horse is doing great. I just hope he takes to the track. He hasn't had to take his track with him so far. It's all looking great right now.

Owners Perry Martin and Steve Coburn bred an $8,000 mare to a $2,500 stallion to produce California Chrome, who won the Derby as the favorite and almost certainly will go off as the favorite in the Preakness.

"I'd rather be the favorite than not," Sherman said.

The field for the Preakness began to take shape.

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Garry Jones/Associated Press

California Chrome, winner of the 140th Kentucky Derby, walks the shed row with assistant trainer Alan Sherman at Churchill Downs on May 4 in Louisville, Kentucky. California Chrome arrived at Pimlico on Monday in Baltimore ahead of Saturday's Preakness.

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MLB
Texas at Houston, 6 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Regional coverage, N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees or Detroit at Baltimore, 6 p.m., MLB Network
NBA
Playoffs, conference semi-finals, Game 5, Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m., TNT
Playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 5, L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m., TNT
NHL
Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 7, N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Playoffs, conference semi-finals, game 6, Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m., CNBC

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
Midland College at NJCAA National Tournament, Burlington, Iowa
JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL
Midland College at Region V Tournament, Dan Law Field

LOCAL SPORTS

MCA ATHLETES EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

A handful of athletes from Midland Classical Academy earned Academic All-State honors from TAPPS recently.

In tennis, Clara Oliver, Jonathan Childers and Max Sivalls were all honored.

Angela Johns, Briana Rico, Madison Sheets and Daniel Snell were named to the Academic All-State golf team.

Josh Raies was named to the baseball Academic All-State team.

GRADY BASKETBALL PLAYERS EARN POSTSEASON HONORS

A number of players from Grady High School earned all-region and all-state awards announced recently by the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association and the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Here's a list of those award winners from Grady
Texas Six-Man Coaches Association
Academic All-State
Taylor Polson, Aaron Perez, Bryce Bacer, Dillon Polson, Joseph Briseno
All-Region Boys Basketball Team
Beau Lucas, E.J. Rodriguez, Joseph Briseno
All-State Boys Basketball Team
Beau Lucas
Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Academic All-State
Taylor Polson, Aaron Perez
All-Region Team
Beau Lucas, E.J. Rodriguez
All-State Team
Beau Lucas
TABC Class A Division I Region I Coach of the Year
Thomas Clay

MANGUM WINS DIVING COMPETITION

SAN ANTONIO — Midland ISD Swimming and Diving coach Jennifer Mangum won a pair of gold medals at the Masters National Diving Championships at the Northside Aquatic Center.

Mangum took gold in the 1-meter springboard and 3-meter springboard. She was also second in the platform competition.

Mangum also teamed up with Lisa Meller to win the women's 35-49 synchro event.

Mangum is next expecting to compete in July at the Summer Masters National Championships in New Jersey and in August at the FINA World Championships in Montreal.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Announced San Diego C Rodney Daal (Eugene-NWL) and free agent minor league RHP Nick Pesco received 50-game suspensions, following second violations for a drug of abuse under Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP Preston Guilmet from Norfolk (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Assigned C George Kottaras outright to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with SS Troy Hanzawa on a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Placed INF Ian Stewart on 15-day DL. Recalled INF Luis Jimenez from Salt Lake (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned INF Josh Wilson and RHP Scott Baker outright to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed OF Kenny Wilson off waivers and optioned him to New Hampshire (EL). Placed RHP Sergio Santos on the 15-day DL. Optioned C Erik Kratz to Buffalo (IL). Recalled INF Jonathan Diaz and RHP Chad Jenkins from Buffalo (IL).
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent C A.J. Ellis to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed RHP Jose Fernandez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 10. Recalled LHP Dan Jennings from New Orleans (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent RHP Ethan Martin and OF Darin Ruf to Lehigh Valley (IL) for rehab assignments.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent LHP Jaime Garcia and RHP Jason Motte to Memphis (PCL) for rehab assignments.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Signed INF Marc Tamarindo.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released INF Anthony Davis.
Can-Am League
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHP Nick Purdy and INF Pier-Olivier Doaltaler.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Released INF Jon Dzimoba, LHP Ryan Gibson, RHP Erik Gonsalves, LHP Mike Hanely, 1B James Mallard and C Ryan McCheseney.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Fired coach Mike Brown.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended St. Louis WR Stedman Bailey the first four games of the 2014 regular season for violating the NFL policy on performance enhancing substances.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released TE Brett Brackett, C John Estes, LB Kenny Rowe and RB Ryan Williams. Agreed to terms with RB Zach Beuman, LBs Jonathan Brown and Glenn Carson, K Chandler Catanzaro, RB Tim Cornett, DT Bruce Gaston, T Kelvin Palmer, WRs Kelsey Pope, Corey Washington and Kevin Smith, DT Justin Renfrow, CBs Brandon Sermons and Todd Washington, G-C Anthony Steen and T Kadeem Williams.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed WR Geraldo Boldewijn, RB Jerome Smith, QB Jeff Mathews, TE Jacob Pedersen, TE Brian Wozniak, LB Brandon Daley, DE Ross Eguae, CB Devonte Glover-Wright, FB Maurice Hagens, WR Julian Jones, WR Freddie Martino, LB Weltier May, S Kimario McFadden, FB Roosevelt Nix, WR Bernard Reedy, DT Donte Rumph, LB Jacques Smith, C James Stone, WR Tramaine Thompson and P Matt Yoklic.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed LB Xavius Boyd, DT Lawrence Guy, WR Jeremy Butler, WR Jace Davis, OT Parker Graham, DT Dennis Hopkins, OT James Hurst, CB Tramain Jacobs, P Richie Leone, DT Jamie Meder, S Deatrich Moody, CB Dej Okotoye, LB Zachary Orr, DT A.J. Peterson, DE Avery Patterson, CB Sammy Seamster and OT Brett Van Sloten.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released TB Anthony Allen.
CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with S Brock Vereen and QB David Fales on four-year contracts.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Terminated the contract of QB Josh Johnson. Signed LB James Davidson, OT Curtis Feigt, G Dan France, TE-FB Ryan Hewitt, G Trey Hopkins, S Isaiah Lewis, WR Colin Lockett, WR Alex Neutz, FB Nikita Whitlock and RB James Wilder.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released QB Vince Young. Signed FB Ray Agnew, DL Calvin Barnett, DB Donovin Cook, RB Isaiah Crowell, OL Anthony Dima, WR Chandler Jones, WR Jonathan Krause, OL Michael Philipp, QB Connor Shaw, WR Kenny Shaw and RB Willie Snead.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released G Chris Degeare, DT Frank Kearse, WR Lance Lewis, DE Tristan Okpalaobi, LB Quanton Sparks and LB Jelani Woods.
DETROIT LIONS — Signed FB Chad Abram, G Alex Barbee, DB Jerome Couplin, DB Freddie Jones, LB Justin Jackson, DT Corey Lucas, DB Gabe Lynn, TE Jacob Maxwell, G D.J. Morrell, WR Andrew Peacock and DB Mohammed Sidiqe. Released C Sherman Carter, WR Carlin Isles, LB Jon Morgan, CB Nate Ness, S Akwasi Owusu-Ansah, K John Potter, TE Matt Veldman and WR Cody Wilson.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Named Craig Benzel vice president of sales and business development and Gabrielle Valdez Dow vice president of marketing and fan engagement. Released LB Chase Thomas. Signed LB Jake Doughty, LB Jayrorle Elliott, DE Carlos Gray, LB Adrian Hubbard, G Jordan McCray, RB Rajion Neal, DT Mike Pennel, TE Justin Perillo, RB LaDarius Perkins, QB Chase Rettig, LB Joe Thomas and CB Ryan White.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Agreed to terms with Gs Marcus Hall and Josh Walker, C Jonathan Harrison, DEs Tyler Hoover and Nnamdi Obukwelu, NT Zach Kerr, QB Seth Lobato,LB Dewey McDonald, WRs Gregory Moore, Eric Thomas and Tony Washington. CBs Qua Cox, Kameron Jackson, Keon Lyn and Darius Polk, K Cody Parkey, OT Eric Pike, TE Erik Swoope, and RB Zurlon Tipton. Waived LB Alan Baxter, FB Stephen Campbell, TE Marshel Webb and K Carson Wiggs.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Agreed to terms with QB Stephen Morris, K Jeff Budzien, RB Terrance Cobb, DL DeAndre Coleman, WRs Damian Copeland and Allen Hurns, LB Trevor Gillette, DT Ricky Havili-Heimuli, S Craig Loston, CB Rashaad Reynolds, G Tyler Shatley, OT Josh Wells, LB Marcus Whitfield, P Chad Zinchiw and TEs Marcel Jensen, Reggie Jordan and D.J. Talavea. Released G Will Rackley, WRs Jeremy Ebert and Stephen Williams, RB/FB Shaun Chapas, RB Delone Carter and DT Drake Nevis.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed LB Ben Johnson. Sid Of Darin Ruf to Lehigh Valley Surgent CB David Van Dyke, RB Charcandrick West and WR Albert Wilson. Placed FB Eric Kettani and WR Nashad Ross on waivers.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived WR Michael Rios and QB Jordan Rodgers.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Announced the resignation of college scouting director Scott Studwell to take a different role in the front office. Named Jamaal Stephenson college scouting director.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed TE Tyler Beck. RBs Ray Finch, S Shamari Gary, LB Cameron Gordon, DB Travis Hawkins, RB Stephen Houston, TE Justin Jones, LB Deontae Skinner and TE Asa Watson.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Agreed to terms with LBs Kasim Edebali, Spencer Hadley and Chekeo Uzo-Diribe, DL Brandon McCray, George Uko and Lawrence Virgil, OL Matthew Armstrong and Micajah Reynolds, WRs Brandon Coleman and Seantavius Jones, TEs Jo Ron Hamm and Nic Jacobs, Ss Pierre Warren and Ty Zimmerman, DB Brian Dixon, RB Tim Flanders, and QB Logan Kilgore.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Terminated the contract of QB Rusty Smith. Waived LB Allen Bradford, CB Junior Mertile and P Jordan Gay. Signed DTs Kelcy Quarles and Eathyn Manumaleuna, DE Kerry Wynn, LB Justin Anderson and S Thomas Gordon.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Waived LB Darius Fleming, WR DeMarco Sampson and CB Dax Swanson. Signed LBs Morgan Breslin and Shayne Skov, TE Asante Cleveland, G-C Dillon Farrell, QB Kory Faulkner, G Poulnalo Fonoti and S James McCray.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released LS Jorgen Hus.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Agreed to terms with C Josh Allen, LB Nate Askew, WR Aaron Burbs, DT Euclid Cummings, CB Keith Lewis, G Andrew Miller, OT Matt Paschen, WR Solomon Patton, QB Brett Smith, DE Chaz Sutton and S Mycal Swann.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with RB Antonio Andrews, C Gabe Ikard, G Justin McCray, TE David Wright, CB RI Shand Anderson, DE Jadon Gayle, LB Jamal Merrell, S Hakeem Smith, K Travis Coons and WRs Jerry Reynolds, Josh Stewart, Derel Walker and Eric Ward.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived K Jake Rogers. Released WR David Gettis.
Canadian Football League
SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS — Agreed to terms with president and CEO Jim Hopson on a one-year contract extension.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released S Cauchy Muambe, LB Terrel Parker and DL Mike McAdoo.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined N.Y. Rangers G Henrik Lundqvist $5,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct during a game on May 11.
PHOENIX COYOTES — Signed D Chris Summers to a two-year contract.
American Hockey League
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Named Rory Schooley director of season ticket sales. Promoted John W. Bitter to vice president/ticket sales and Brian Martens to director of ticket operations.
COLLEGE
CENTRAL MISSOURI — Announced the retirement of baseball coach Tom Myers.
GEORGETOWN — Announced The retirement of men's crew coach Tony Johnson at the end of the 2013-14 season and will serve as coach emeritus.
MISSISSIPPI — Announced OL Austin Golson will transfer to Auburn.
SAMFORD — Named Kodi Burns running backs coach.

Frisco jumps on Midland early in win

From staff reports

The Frisco RoughRiders jumped out to a three-run lead after three innings and held it the rest of the game as they beat the Midland RockHounds, 8-4, on Monday at Security Bank Ballpark.

The RoughRiders (24-13) scored single runs in the first, second and third innings to jump out to the 3-0 lead.

Midland (21-16) didn't score its first run of the game until the sixth when Josh Whitaker hit a solo home run. But Frisco answered with two in the top of the seventh and then added three more in the eighth.

The RockHounds loaded the bases in the seventh but only came up with one run when Anthony Aliotti's walk brought in Blake Forsythe. The inning ended when Whitaker hit into a double play.

RoughRiders	8
RockHounds	4

Texas League
First half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	18	14	.563	—
Arkansas	17	19	.472	1
Springfield	17	19	.472	1
NW Arkansas	14	22	.389	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	24	13	.649	—
Midland	21	16	.568	3
Corpus Christi	18	18	.500	5 1/2
San Antonio	16	20	.444	7 1/2

Monday's Scores
Frisco 8, Midland 4
Springfield at Tulsa, ppd., rain
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, late
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, late
Today's Games
Frisco at Midland, 11 a.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 5 p.m., 1st game
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.
Springfield at Tulsa, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game

Whitaker was 3-for-4 on the day with two RBI and was the only RockHound with multiple hits. He also had an RBI single in the ninth as Midland scored two runs.

Midland starter Shawn Haviland had a solid night on the mound, scattering seven hits over 6 1/3 innings along with the five runs. He was tagged with the loss and is now 1-3 this season. Frisco's Luke Jackson earned the win after pitching for five innings.

The two teams will play at 11 a.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark.

ALIOTTI EARNS TL HONOR

Midland RockHounds first baseman Anthony Aliotti was named the Texas League Player of the Week on Monday for the week of May 5-11.

Aliotti hit .440 last week with two home runs and seven RBI in seven games.

Springfield's Kyle Hald was the Texas League Pitcher of the Week.

ROUGHRIDERS 8, ROCKHOUNDS 4

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Robinson 3b	4	1	2	0
Cantwell c	4	0	1	1
Smolinski lf	5	1	2	1
Tolls dh	5	0	2	2
Rua 2b	5	1	2	1
Adams 1b	5	2	3	0
Siole cf	4	2	2	1
Martinez rf	3	0	0	1
Garcia ss	3	1	1	1
Totals	38	8	15	8

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Burns	4	0	1	0
Cumbliss 2b	4	0	0	0
Aliotti 1b	2	0	1	1
Whitaker cf	4	1	3	2
Matthes dh	5	0	0	0
Martir 3b	4	0	1	0
Coleman ss	4	0	0	0
Obersteiner lf	2	1	1	0
Forsythe c	4	2	1	0
Totals	33	4	8	3

Frisco	111	000	230	—8
Midland	000	001	103	—4

E — Martir (11). DP — Frisco 2, Midland 2. LOB — Frisco 8, Midland 10. 2B — Tolls (5), Adams (5), Robinson (6). 3B — Siole (2). HR — Rua (7), Whitaker (7). CS — Robinson (2). SF — Martinez.

Frisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jackson W, 4-1	5.0	3	0	0	3	7
Kelb	1.1	2	2	2	3	2
Reyes	1.2	2	2	2	1	0
Mendoza	1.0	1	0	0	1	0

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Haviland L,1-3	6.1	7	5	5	4	2
Hasselhorn	2.2	8	3	3	0	2

Font pitched to 3 batters in the 9th
PB — Cantwell (2).
T — 3:24. A — 3,231.

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 5A
*** If necessary**
Area
Southlake Carroll (W4, 28-4) vs. El Paso El Dorado (R1, 23-6). Zachery Field
Game 1:Southlake Carroll 12, El Dorado 2; Game 2: Southlake Carroll 10, El Dorado 2. Southlake Carroll wins series 2-0
Arlington Martin (W3, 24-7) vs. San Angelo Central (R2, 22-7), Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 1: Central 8, Martin 1; Game 2: Martin 10, Central 1; Game 3: Central 13, Martin 0. San Angelo Central wins series 2-1
South Grand Prairie (F7, 18-14) vs. Flower Mound (R5, 24-10), Quik Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Game 1: Flower Mound 6, South Grand Prairie 0. Game 2: Flower Mound 4, South Grand Prairie 3. Flower Mound wins series 2-0
Mansfield (W7, 28-5) 4, Coppell 0
Midland High (W2, 23-6) vs. Richland (T4, 25-9), Hays Field, Lubbock
Game 1: Midland High 9, Richland 5; Game 2: Richland 2, Midland High 1; Game 3: Midland High 16, Richland 14. Midland High wins series 2-1.
Amarillo Tascosa (F2*,21-8) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (R4, 22-9), Quik Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Game 1: Tascosa 3, Fossil Ridge 0; Game 2: Tascosa 2, Fossil Ridge 0. Amarillo Tascosa wins series 2-0
Lewisville Hebron (F5, 21-13) vs. Midlothian (R7, 27-4)
Game 1: Hebron 8, Midlothian 2; Game 2: Midlothian 6, Hebron 2; Game 3: Hebron 5, Midlothian 4. Lewisville Hebron wins series 2-1
Flower Mound Marcus (W5, 28-7) 6, Duncanville 3
Regional Quarterfinals
Southlake Carroll (W4, 28-4) vs. San Angelo Central (R2_24-7), TBA
Flower Mound (R6, 26-10) vs. Mansfield (W7, 28-5), Quik Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Game 1: 7:30 p.m., Thursday; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 6 p.m. Saturday
Midland High (W2, 24-9) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (F2, 23-8), Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Lewisville Hebron (F5, 23-14) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (W5, 28-7)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday; Hebron HS; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Marcus HS; *Game 3: 2 p.m. Saturday, Hebron HS

CLASS 3A
*** If necessary**
Area
Abilene Wylie (W4, 26-3) vs. Andrews (T2, 10-17), Colt Stadium, San Angelo
Game 1: Abilene Wylie 8, Andrews 5; Game 2; Andrews 10, Abilene Wylie 6; Game 3: Andrews 16, Abilene Wylie 17. Andrews wins series 2-1
Sweetwater (F4, 20-8) vs. Lubbock Cooper (R2, 19-17)
Game 1; Cooper 7, Sweetwater 6; Game 2: Cooper 4, Sweetwater 3. Lubbock Cooper wins series 2-0
Liberty Hill (W8, 24-5) vs. Graham (R5, 15-12)
Game 1: Liberty Hill 5, Graham 2; Game 2: Liberty Hill 6, Graham 2. Liberty Hill wins series 2-0
Stephenville (W7, 19-9) vs. Kennedale (R6, 20-6)
Game 1: Stephenville 5, Kennedale 3; Game 2: Stephenville 3, Kennedale 2. Stephenville wins series 2-0
Shallowater (W2, 22-4) vs. Presidio (R3, 17-7), Monahans HS
Game 1: Presidio 2, Shallowater 1; Game 2: Shallowater 4, Presidio 0. Game 3: Presidio 3, Shallowater 2, Presidio wins series 2-1
Perryton (W1, 19-8) vs. Fort Stockton (T3, 18-12), O'Barion Field, Lubbock
Game 1: Fort Stockton 7, Perryton 6, 8 innings; Game 2: Perryton 7, Fort Stockton 3; Game 3: Perryton 11, Fort Stockton 9. Perryton wins series 2-1
Vernon (F5, 8-16) vs. Alvarado (R7,16-5), Jacksboro HS
Game 1: Alvarado 12, Vernon 1; Game 2: Alvarado 14, Vernon 3. Alvarado wins series 2-0
Iowa Park (W5, 25-3) vs. Llano (R8, 14-14), Glen Rose HS
Game 1: Iowa Park 11, Llano 1; Game 2: Iowa Park 10, Llano 1, Iowa Park wins series 2-0
Regional Quarterfinals
Andrews (T2, 13-18) vs. Lubbock Cooper (R2, 15-17)
Game 1; 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper HS; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Andrews HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Liberty Hill (W8, 26-5) vs. Stephenville (W7, 21-9)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Stephenville HS; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Sports Complex
Presidio (R3, 19-8) vs. Perryton (W1, 20-9), TBA
Alvarado (R7, 18-5) vs. Iowa Park (W5, 27-3), Bowie HS
Game 1; 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

CLASS 2A
*** If necessary**
Area
Slaton (F3, 12-14)vs. Littlefield (T2. 10-13), Sundown HS
Game 1: Slaton 9, Littlefield 3; Game 2: Littlefield 12, Slaton 7; Game 3: Littlefield 9, Slaton 4. Littlefield wins series 2-1
Idalou (W3, 23-3) vs. Muleshoe (R2, 16-8), Levelland HS
Game 1: Idalou 5, Muleshoe 0; Game 2: Idalou 4, Muleshoe 0. Idalou wins series 2-0
Holliday (W8, 24-2) vs. Reagan County (R5, 23-6)
Game 1: Holliday 10, Reagan County 0; Game 2: Holliday 8, Reagan County 2. Holliday wins series 2-0
Eastland (W7, 23-2) vs. Alpine (T5, 20-6), Foster Field, San Angelo
Game 1: Eastland 7, Alpine 3; Game 2: Eastland 9, Alpine 4. Eastland wins series 2-0
Abernathy (W2, 15-9) vs. Childress (R3, 19-5), Canyon Randall HS
Game 1: Abernathy 16, Childress 2; Game 2: Childress 14, Abernathy 2; Game 3: Childress 9, Abernathy 5. Childress wins series 2-1
Bushland (W1, 20-2) vs. Denver City (R4), Moogie Field, Lubbock
Game 1: Bushland 8, Denver City 1; Game 2: Denver City 5, Bushland 4; Game 3: Bushland 9, Denver City 4. Bushland wins series 2-1
Wall (W6, 24-1) 13, Cisco 4
Bangs (F6, 15-11) 2, Henrietta 0
Regional Quarterfinals
Littlefield (T2, 12-14) vs. Idalou (W3, 25-3)
Game 1: 5 p.m. Friday, Hays Field, Lubbock
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock Cooper HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes Game 2
Holliday (W8, 26-2) vs. Eastland (W7, 25-2), Graham HS
Game 1:7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Childress (R3, 21-6) vs. Bushland (W1, 23-2)
Game 1: 5 p.m.Friday, Childress HS; Game 2: 10 a.m. Saturday, Bushland HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Wall (W6, 24-1) vs. Bangs (F6, 15-11), 7 p.m. Thursday, Driggers Field, Abilene

SOFTBALL
CLASS 5A
*** If necessary**
Regional Quarterfinals
Richland (W4, 29-7) vs. Midland High (R2, 24-8), Lubbock Christian University
Game 1: Midland High 2, Richland 0; Game 2: Richland 7, Midland High 1; Game 3: Richland 12, Midland High 1
Lewisville (R5, 29-7) vs. Mansfield Timberview (W7, 25-6)
Game 1:Timberview 3, Lewisville 1; Game 2, Timberview 11, Lewisville 9
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 33-2) vs. Keller (R4, 25-8), Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls
Game 1: Keller 7, Coronado 3; Game 2: Coronado 11, Keller 0; Game 3: Coronado 4, Keller 3
Lewisville Hebron (F5, 17-17) vs. Flower Mound (W5, 27-6)
Game 1: Flower Mound 7, Hebron 4; Game 2: Hebron 5, Flower Mound 4
Regional Semifinals
Richland (W4, 30-8) vs. Mansfield Timberview (W7, 27-6)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Timberview HS; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Richland HS; *Game 3: 11 a.m. Saturday, Timberview HS
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 35-3) vs. Lewisville Hebron (F5, 19-17), ACU's Wells Field, Abilene
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

CLASS 3A
*** If necessary**
Regional Quarterfinals
Snyder (W4) vs. Andrews (R2, 26-10), Wolfforth Frenship HS
Game 1: Snyder 5, Andrews 1; Game 2: Snyder 11, Andrews 1
Liberty Hill (W8) vs. Mineral Wells (R6), China Springs HS
Game 1: Liberty Hill 14, Mineral Wells 5; Game 2: Liberty Hill 5, Mineral Wells 2
Lubbock Cooper (W2) vs. Pampa (W1. 29-6), Amarillo HS
Game 1: Pampa 1, Cooper 0; Game 2: Pampa 10, Cooper 0
Lampasas (T8) 5, Brownwood 0
Regional Semifinals
Snyder (W4) vs. Liberty Hill (W8), Eastland HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2
Pampa (W1, 31-6) vs. Lampasas (T8), Bowie HS
Game 1: 6 p.m. Friday; Game 2: Noon Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

CLASS 2A
*** If necessary**
Regional Quarterfinals
Colorado City (W4) 14, Brownfield 0
Ballinger (T6, 19-11) vs. Hawley (W7, 29-0)
Game 1: Hawley 9, Ballinger 0; Game 2: Hawley 11, Ballinger 1. 5 innings
Bushland (W1) 8, Coahoma 7
Bangs (W6) vs. Alpine (W5, 23-11). Freddie Ezell Softball Complex
Game 1: Bangs 13, Alpine 9; Game 2: Bangs 14, Alpine 2
Regional Semifinals
Colorado City (W4) vs. Hawley (W7, 31-9). San Angelo Central HS
Game 1: 5:30 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 1 p.m. Saturday
Bushland* (W1) vs. Bangs (W6), TBA. Lubbock
Game 1: 7 p.m. Friday; Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday; *Game 3: 30 minutes following Game 2

BULLDOGS

From 1C

Tascosa on March 22 at Zachery Field as the Bulldogs scored all seven of their runs in the first inning.

The Rebels, meanwhile, won the second game, 2-1, in eight innings on April 19 in Amarillo.

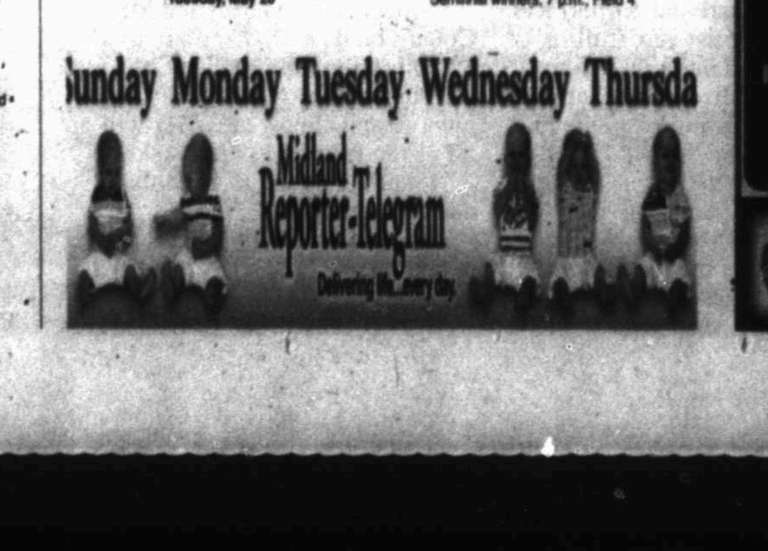
Midland High and Tascosa are also two of three teams from District 2-5A still alive in the postseason. San Angelo Central beat District 3-5A champ Arlington Martin in a three-game series this past weekend.

LITTLE LEAGUE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Junior Baseball Association
Little League City Championship
NATIONAL LEAGUE
All games at Beal Park
Monday
Game 1: Mid City Rangers 17, Tower Rangers 5
Game 2: Mid City Brewers 26, Tower Rockies 1
Game 3: Eastern Yankees 14, Northern Marlins 6
Game 4: Northern Cardinals 21, Mid City Giants 0
Game 5: Northern Mets 13, Eastern Rangers 1
Today
Winners's Bracket
Game 6: Mid City Orioles vs. Mid City Rangers. 6 p.m., Field 1
Game 7: Mid City Brewers vs. Tower Yankees, 6 p.m., Field 2
Game 8: Northern Mets vs. Northern Braves 8 p.m., Field 1
Game 9: Easter Yankees vs. Northern Cardinals, 8 p.m., Field 2
Loser's Bracket
Game 10: Northern Marlins vs. Mid City Giants, 8 p.m., Field 4
Wednesday, May 14
Loser's Bracket
Game 11: Eastern Rangers vs. Game 6 loser, 6:30 p.m., Field 1
Game 12: Tower Rangers vs. Game 8 loser, 6:30 p.m. Field 2
Game 13: Tower Rockies vs. Game 9 loser, 6:30 p.m. Field 3
Game 14: Game 7 loser vs. Game 10 loser, 6:30 p.m. Field 4
Thursday, May 15
Winner's Bracket
Semifinals
Game 15: Game 6 winner vs Game 7 winner, 6 p.m. Field 1
Game 16: Game 9 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8 p.m., Field 2
Loser's Bracket
Game 17: Game 14 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 6 p.m., Field 1
Game 18: Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 6 p.m., Field 2
Friday, May 16
Loser's Bracket Elimination Games
Game 19: Game 16 loser vs. Game 17 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1
Game 20: Game 18 winner vs. Game 15 loser, 7 p.m., Field 2
Monday, May 19
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 21: Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 7 p.m. Field 1
Loser's Bracket Elimination Game
Game 22: Game 19 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 7 p.m., Field 2
Tuesday, May 20
Elimination Game
Game 23: Game 21 loser vs. Game 22 winner, 7 p.m. Field 1
Wednesday, May 21
Championship
Game 24: Game 21 winner vs. Game 23 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1
Thursday, May 21
Championship (if necessary)
Game 25: If Game 23 winner beats Game 21 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Pool A: Northern 1, Tower 2, Mid City 4
Mid City 5
Pool B: Tower 1, Mid City 2, Northern 3, Northern 4
Pool C: Mid City 1, Eastern 2, Tower 3, Tower 4
Pool D: Eastern 1, Northern 2, Mid City 3
Monday
Beal Park
Mid City Rangers 10, Northern Yankees 8
Tower Astros 11, Mid City Pirates 9
Mid City Park
Mid City Red Sox 13, Tower Cubs 3
Eastern 1 vs. Northern 2, late
Today
Beal Park
Tower 1 vs. Northern 3, 6 p.m., Field 3
Mid City 2 vs. Northern 4, 6 p.m., Field 4
Mid City Park
Eastern 2 vs. Tower 4, 6 p.m., Field 3
Wednesday, May 14
Mid City Park
Eastern 1 vs. Mid City 3, 6 p.m., Field 3
Thursday, May 15
Beal Park
Tower 2 vs. Mid City 4, 6 p.m., Field 4
Mid City 2 vs. Northern 3, 6 p.m., Field 3
Mid City Park
Eastern 2 vs. Tower 3, 6 p.m., Field 1
Mid City 1 vs. Tower 4, 6 p.m., Field 3
Friday, May 16
Beal Park
Tower 1 vs. Northern 4, 6 p.m., Field 3
Northern 1 vs. Mid City 5, 6 p.m., Field 4
Mid City Park
Mid City 3 vs. Northern 2, 6 p.m., Field 1
Monday, May 19
Beal Park
Quarterfinals
Pool D No. 2 vs. Pool A No. 1, 6 p.m., Field 3
Pool C No. 2 vs. Pool D N0. 1, 8 p.m., Field 3
Pool A No. 2 vs. Pool B No. 1, 6 p.m., Field 4
Pool B No. 2 vs. Pool C No. 1, 8 p.m., Field 4
Tuesday, May 20
Semifinals
Teams TBA, 7 p.m., Field 3
Teams TBA, 7 p.m., Field 4
Thursday, May 22
Championship
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m., Field 4



COLLEGE BASEBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Baseball America Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pr
1. Virginia	41-9	1	1
2. Oregon State	38-8	2	2
3. Louisiana-Lafayette	46-7	3	3
4. Florida State	39-12	4	4
5. Washington	35-11	5	6
6. Cal Poly	41-10	7	7
7. Miami	39-14	8	8
8. Florida	34-18	6	5
9. Indiana	37-12	9	9
10. Louisville	40-12	10	10
11. Mississippi	37-15	11	11
12. Oklahoma State	35-13	13	12
13. Texas Christian	36-14	12	13
14. Rice	34-16	14	14
15. Louisiana State	36-14	15	15
16. Houston	39-13	16	16
17. South Carolina	39-13	17	17
18. Vanderbilt	38-14	18	18
19. Alabama	32-19	19	19
20. Mississippi State	33-49	21	20
21. Liberty	39-11	22	21
22. Kansas	33-21	NR	22
23. Pepperdine	34-14	NR	23
24. UC Irvine	34-16	23	24
25. Texas	34-15	25	25

Collegiate Baseball Poll

	Record	Pts	Pr
1. Oregon St.	38-8	494	1
2. Virginia	41-9	492	2
3. Louisiana-Lafayette	46-7	489	3
4. Miami, Fla.	38-14	486	5
5. Washington	36-11-1	484	7
6. Florida St.	39-12	483	6
7. Oklahoma St.	38-13	480	9
8. Indiana	35-12	477	8
9. Texas Christian	36-14	474	10
10. Florida	34-18	472	4
11. Louisville	40-12	468	12
12. Cal Poly	41-10	468	11
13. Mississippi	37-15	464	13
14. Vanderbilt	39-14	462	17
15. Louisiana St.	36-14-1	460	15
16. Mississippi St.	33-19	457	18
17. South Carolina	39-13	455	19
18. Oregon	36-16	452	14
19. Houston	39-13	450	25
20. Rice	34-16	447	21
21. U.C. Irvine	34-16	445	16
22. Alabama	32-19	442	20
23. Liberty	39-11	439	29
24. Pepperdine	34-14	436	22
25. Sam Houston St.	37-14	433	—
26. Nebraska	34-17	431	—
27. Texas Tech	37-16	427	27
28. Texas	34-15	426	28
29. Stony Brook	31-15	425	—
30. Creighton	27-15-1	422	—

Savage isn't writing off UCLA's season quite yet

Associated Press

UCLA coach John Savage probably is the only person left in college baseball who believes the Bruins have a chance to make the NCAA tournament and defend their national championship.

"I might be dreaming," Savage said Monday after returning to Los Angeles from Oregon State, where his team was swept over the weekend.

The Bruins (23-25-1, 10-14) are 1-9-1 in their last 11 games and head into the final two weekends of the regular season in eighth place in the Pac-12 and with an RPI in the 100s. Their remaining three-game series are at home against third-place Oregon and at second-place Washington, a consensus top-five team.

"We're 10-14, but what happens if we finish 16-14?" Savage said. "It's unlikely it'll happen, but let's just say it does. Then we're sitting there with 29-30 wins. So we don't feel like we're out of it. People probably think we are. We're not in any NCAA bracket projections. That's for sure. And we shouldn't be."

If the Bruins had a charmed existence in 2013, they've been cursed in 2014.

Last year they overcame a lack of offense with the timely hit, dominant pitching and strong defense. This year they've been unable to overcome a run of injuries that have kept right fielder Eric Filia and shortstop Kevin Kramer out, limited second baseman Kevin Williams to the designated hitter's role, and forced center fielder Brian Carroll and third baseman Chris Keck to miss time. Star reliever David Berg hasn't pitched for the better part of a month because of a bicep strain.

"That's been the story of our season," Savage said. "We've had a different lineup just about every game and have played a lot of guys who have little experience, so we're treading water."

A LOOK AROUND THE COUNTRY

POKES ON ROLL: Oklahoma State (36-13, 16-5) goes into the last week of the Big 12's regular season with a one-game lead over TCU. The Cowboys, who have won nine straight, defeated Kansas State 17-5 Sunday in a game shortened to seven innings by the mercy rule. Their 17 runs tied a season high and were their most against a Big 12 opponent since they put up 19 against Nebraska in 2008.

FANTASTIC FINISHES IN SEC: Four of Sunday's five games in the SEC were won in walk-off fashion. South Carolina beat Missouri in the bottom of the ninth, Mississippi defeated Georgia and Kentucky beat Auburn in 10 innings and Mississippi State defeated Tennessee in the 12th. There was drama in the other game, too, as Texas A&M scored in the top of the 10th to win at Arkansas.

Chaps

From 1C

right-hander Michael Brosig, who came into the game in the sixth inning and proceeded to pitch four scoreless innings, scattering five hits with one walk and two strikeouts.

Patrick Herbelin came on in relief of Bertness and pitched a scoreless eighth inning. But then in the ninth, Midland High grad Brent Stewart started the rally with a single to right. After Josh Narvaiz drew a one-out walk, Blaine Prescott punched a double that just got past second baseman Miles Manning, allowing Stewart to score to cut the lead to 4-3.

Justin Clarkson followed with a sacrifice fly to center, before Koedyker came through with the big hit to score Prescott.

Against Howard College, the Hawks were the ones that came back from a 5-2 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 5.

It stayed that way until the top of the ninth inning when Clarkson delivered an RBI triple down the right-field line to score Narvaiz.

Clarkson, Koedyker, Cade Davis and Narvaiz each had two hits for the Chaps, while Chris Shaw added a two-run double in the first inning and a sacrifice fly.

Sophomore Brandon Courville, who became the fifth MC pitcher of the game when he entered in the eighth inning, pitched a shutout ninth to not only earn the win but keep the Chaps alive and eliminate the Hawks (42-19).

Midland College has had to win four straight elimination games in this tournament and has now won 26 of its last 31 games.

Now the Chaps have dig deep for one more win and a return trip to Grand Junction.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 6, HOWARD COLLEGE 5

MC ..... 200 021 001 —6 12 3
Howard ..... 000 200 300 —5 10 0

Clay O'Dell, Sebastian Palacios (5), Dustin Angel (7), Thomas McIlraith (7), Brandon Courville (8) and Chris Shaw. Zach Flanagan, Kenny Rider (5), Blake Smith (9) and Jose Fevela. W — Courville. L — Smith. 2B — MC: Shaw. Howard: Brandon Wagner 3B — MC: Justin Clarkson. RBI — MC: Clarkson, Caleb Koedyker, Shaw 3, Josh Narvaiz, Howard: Wagner, Matthew Holcombe, Eddie Pacheco 2.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 5, MCLENNAN CC 4

MCC ..... 000 130 000 —4 8 1
MC ..... 000 000 203 —5 7 0

2 outs when winning run scored
Nathan Bertness, Patrick Herbelin (8) and Calton Rodriguez, Mason George, Jayden O'Dell, Cade Davis (6), Michael Brosig (6) and Byrndan Arredondo. W — Brosig. L — Herbelin. 2B — MCC: Andrew Rhoades, Zach Gonzalez. MC: Arredondo, Blaine Prescott. HR — MC: Jay Gonzalez. RBI — MCC: Max Hogan, Rhodes, Trevor Podvedinik, Sydney Daley. MC: Blaine Prescott, Justin Clarkson, Caleb Koedyker, Jay Gonzalez.

Records: Midland College 39-23; McLennan Community College 32-26

2014 REGION V BASEBALL TOURNAMENT at Don Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, Lubbock

May 9-13

Friday, May 9

Game 1: (N3) McLennan Community College 7, (W2) Frank Phillips College 2
Game 2: (N4) Midland College 10, (N1) Grayson County CC 9
Game 3: (W3) Howard College 8, (N2) North Central Texas College 3
Game 4: (N4) Temple College 10, (N1) New Mexico Junior College 0, 6 innings

Saturday, May 10

Loser's bracket

Game 5: Grayson County CC 14, Frank Phillips College 4, 6 innings, Frank Phillips eliminated
Game 6: North Central Texas College 7, New Mexico Junior College 6, NMJC eliminated

Winner's bracket quarterfinal

Game 7: McLennan Community College 8, Midland College 2
Game 8: Howard College 12, Temple College 3

Sunday

Loser's bracket second round

Game 9: Midland College 15, North Central Texas College 10, North Central Texas eliminated
Game 10: Grayson County CC 8, Temple College 6, Temple College eliminated

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 11: McLennan Community College 9, Howard College 8

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 12: Midland College 11, Grayson County CC 6, Grayson County eliminated

Monday

Loser's bracket final

Game 13: Midland College 6, Howard College 5, Howard College eliminated

Winner's bracket championship

Game 14: Midland College 5, McLennan Community College 1

Today

Game 15: Midland College (39-23) vs. McLennan Community College (32-26), 1 p.m.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 7
ANGELS 3

TORONTO — Mark Buehrle became the first seven-game winner in the majors, Jose Bautista and Brett Lawrie homered and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Los Angeles Angels 7-3 Monday night to avoid a four-game sweep.

Buehrle (7-1) allowed two runs and six hits in six-plus innings. He walked a season-high five and struck out two. The left-hander came in with an AL-leading 1.91 ERA, but saw that rise to 2.04, the same as Detroit's Max Scherzer.

Bautista hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Lawrie, who returned to the lineup after missing six games with a sore right hamstring, added a two-run shot in the sixth as the Blue Jays avoided what would have been their first four-game sweep to the Angels.

Both homers came off Angels left-hander C.J. Wilson (4-3), who allowed five runs and six hits in six innings.

TIGERS 4
ORIOLES 1

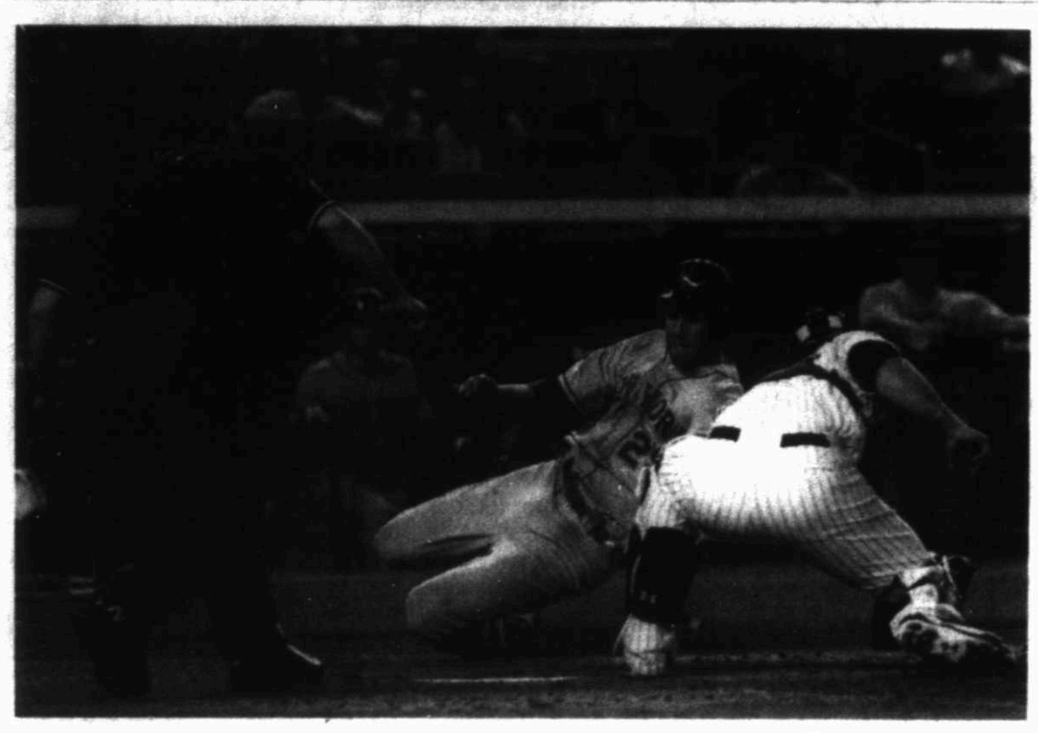
BALTIMORE — Rick Porcello won his fifth straight start, and Detroit beat Baltimore in a duel between AL division leaders that included a benches-clearing confrontation.

After Ian Kinsler's two-run homer in the eighth made it 4-1, Orioles starter Bud Norris hit Torii Hunter in the ribcage with a pitch. Hunter yelled at Norris, and as he made his way toward first base, the Tigers outfielder moved slightly in the direction of the mound.

That caused both dugouts to empty, and relievers from both bullpens charged toward the infield. Order was quickly restored before anyone blatantly shoved each other, and no punches were thrown.

Norris (2-3) was ultimately ejected by plate umpire James Hoye. As the right-hander made his way toward the Baltimore dugout, he shouted once more at Hunter, who yelled back.

Joe Nathan got his eighth save, preserving the win for Porcello (6-1).



Kathy Komonicek/AP

Home plate umpire Mike Estabrook watches the New York Mets' Eric Campbell (29) score past New York Yankees catcher Brian McCann in the eighth inning of an interleague game Monday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Interleague

METS 9
YANKEES 7

NEW YORK — Chris Young hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning, Jenrry Mejia provided a jolt after his reluctant move to the bullpen and the previously punchless Mets went deep four times to rally past the Yankees in the Subway Series opener.

Curtis Granderson connected in his return to Yankee Stadium, and the Mets also got long balls from Eric Young Jr. and Travis d'Arnaud while overcoming a pair of three-run deficits. Lumbering first baseman Lucas Duda turned in two spectacular defensive plays, starting a game-ending double play with runners at the corners by making a diving stop of Brian McCann's sharp grounder.

Taking full advantage of the hitter-friendly confines across town, rather than the vast dimensions back home at Citi Field, the Mets hit four home runs in a game for the first time since May 3, 2013, in Atlanta, according to STATS.

National League

CUBS 17
CARDINALS 5

ST. LOUIS — Junior Lake homered, doubled twice and drove in six runs as the Chicago Cubs broke loose, routing the St. Louis Cardinals 17-5 on Monday night.

The Cubs had totaled just four runs while getting swept in a three-game series at Atlanta over the weekend, and had lost seven of eight overall. Chicago has the worst record in the league at 13-24, but is 4-3 against the defending NL champions.

Mike Olt's two-run homer capped a four-run first. Leadoff man Emilio Bonafacio had four of Chicago's 20 hits and scored four times, once on a play overturned by video review.

Anthony Rizzo and Starlin Castro each drove in three as the Cubs set season highs for runs and hits.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	20	16	.556	—
Boston	19	18	.514	1 1/2
New York	19	18	.514	1 1/2
Toronto	19	20	.487	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	16	22	.421	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	22	12	.647	—
Chicago	19	20	.487	5 1/2
Kansas City	18	19	.486	5 1/2
Cleveland	18	20	.474	6
Minnesota	17	19	.472	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	23	15	.605	—
Los Angeles	19	18	.514	3 1/2
Seattle	19	18	.514	3 1/2
Texas	20	19	.513	3 1/2
Houston	12	27	.308	11 1/2

Monday's Scores

Detroit 4, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Mets 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
Toronto 7, L.A. Angels 3
Texas 4, Houston 0
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, late
Tampa Bay at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Detroit (Smyly 2-2) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 2-4), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 0-1) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Z.Wheeler 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 2-1) at Toronto (Dickey 3-3), 6:07 p.m.
Boston (Doubront 1-3) at Minnesota (Nolasco 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Morales 3-2) at Kansas City (Shields 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 1-0) at Houston (Keuchel 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Carroll 1-2) at Oakland (Pomeranz 2-1), 9:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 3-3) at Seattle (Iwakuma 2-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	21	15	.583	—
Miami	20	18	.526	2
Washington	19	18	.514	2 1/2
New York	18	19	.486	3 1/2
Philadelphia	17	19	.472	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	24	14	.632	—
St. Louis	19	20	.487	5 1/2
Cincinnati	17	19	.472	6
Pittsburgh	16	21	.432	7 1/2
Chicago	13	24	.351	10 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	24	14	.632	—
Colorado	23	17	.575	2
Los Angeles	20	19	.513	4 1/2
San Diego	18	21	.462	6 1/2
Arizona	15	25	.375	10

Monday's Scores

N.Y. Mets 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
Chicago Cubs 17, St. Louis 5
Washington at Arizona, late
Miami at L.A. Dodgers, late
Atlanta at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 0-1) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Z.Wheeler 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 2-5) at Cincinnati (Leake 2-3), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (Morales 3-2) at Kansas City (Shields 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 3-2) at Milwaukee (Estrada 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 0-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 6-2), 7:15 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 3-2) at Arizona (Arroyo 3-2), 8:40 p.m.
Miami (Ja.Turner 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 0-1), 9:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 0-2) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 1-1), 9:15 p.m.

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOXES

RANGERS 4, ASTROS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Choo dh	5	1	1	0
Andrus ss	5	0	1	0
ABeltre 3b	5	1	2	2
Fielder 1b	3	0	2	0
Rios rf	4	0	0	0
Morlnd lf	3	1	1	0
Choice ph-lf	1	0	0	0
LMartn cf	4	0	0	0
Chirins c	3	0	1	0
Odor 2b	4	1	2	2
Totals	**37**	**4**	**10**	**4**

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	5	0	3	0
Fowler cf	3	0	1	0
JCastro c	5	0	0	0
MDmn 3b	4	0	2	0
Krauss 1b-lf	4	0	1	0
Springr rf	4	0	2	0
Carter dh	4	0	1	0
Presley lf	1	0	0	0
Guzmn ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Villar ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	**36**	**0**	**11**	**0**

Texas ..... 002 101 000—4
Houston ..... 000 000 000—0

E—Moreland (1). Fowler (1). LOB—Texas 8, Houston 12. 2B—Andrus, Odor (6), Altuve (12), Carter (8). 3B—Fowler (2). HR—A.Beltre (3), Odor (1). SB—Villar (10). CS—Altuve (3), Fowler (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Lewis W 3-2	5 2/3	7	0	0	2	8
N.Martnez	1 2/3	3	0	0	0	2
Cotts	1/3	0	0	0	0	2
Soria	1	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Peacock L 0-4	6	8	4	4	2	11
Zwot	1	1	0	0	0	2
D.Downs	1/3	1	0	0	0	1
Clemens	2/3	1	0	0	0	1

WP—N.Martnez.
T—3:16. A—14,617 (42,060).

BLUE JAYS 7, ANGELS 3

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Aybar ss	5	1	1	0
Trout cf	4	0	1	2
Pujols dh	4	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	4	0	1	0
Cron 1b	4	1	1	1
Iannett c	2	0	0	0
Cowgill rf	2	1	0	0
Lamrc 3b	3	0	1	0
ENavrr ph	0	0	0	0
Green lf	3	1	2	0
Bafnez ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**7**	**3**

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
StTlbn 2b-lf	4	1	1	0
MeCarr lf	3	1	1	0
Bautist rf-cf	4	1	1	1
Encrnc dh	4	1	1	1
DNavrr c	3	0	0	0
Lind 1b	3	2	1	0
Lawrie 3b-2b	3	1	2	2
CRisms cf	3	0	0	0
JEmncs 3b	1	0	1	2
Dalxz ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**7**	**9**	**7**

Los Angeles	002	000	010	—3
Toronto	300	002	02x	—7

E—Aybar (1). DP—Los Angeles 2, Toronto 2. LOB—Los Angeles 8, Toronto 5. 2B—Trout (10), HR—Cron (2), Bautista (10), Lawrie (7). CS—J.Francisco (1).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
C.Wilson L 4-3	6	6	5	5	3	8
Jepsen	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cor.Rasmus	1/3	3	2	2	1	1
Morin	2/3	1	0	0	0	1

Toronto						
Buehrle W 7-1	6	6	2	2	5	2
Delabar H 8	2	1	1	1	0	2
Janssen	1	0	0	0	1	0

Buehrle pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
T—2:45. A—13,603 (49,282).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TIGERS 4, ORIOLES 1

Detroit ..... 000 200 020 —4 5 1
Baltimore ..... 010 000 000 —1 6 0

Porcello, Krnc (7), Alburquerque (8), Nathan (9) and Avila; B.Norris, Guilmet (8) and Clevenger. W—Porcello, 6-1. L—B.Norris, 2-3. Sv—Nathan (8). HRs—Detroit: Kinsler (4).

INTERLEAGUE
METS 9, YANKEES 7

New York (N) ..... 100 012 230 —9 14 1
New York (A) ..... 040 003 000 —7 14 1

Colon, C.Torres (6), Rice (7), Mejia (7), Farnsworth (9) and d'Arnaud. Kuroda, Aceves (7), Thornton (7), Claiborne (8) and McCann. W—Mejia, 4-0. L—Thornton, 0-1. Sv—Farnsworth (3). HRs—New York (N): d'Arnaud (3), Granderson (4). New York (A): C.Young (1). C.Young (3).

Gardner (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS 17, CARDINALS 5

Chicago ..... 430 202 006 —17 20 1
St. Louis ..... 020 030 000 —5 6 0

T.Wood, Schlitter (7), Grimm (8), H.Rondon (9) and Castro. Jo.Baker, Lyons, Formataro (5), Maness (7), Neshek (8), Choate (9), Descalso (9) and Y.Molina. T.Cruz. W—T.Wood, 3-4. L—Lyons, 0-3. HRs—Chicago: Olt (8). Lake (4).

Federal jury doesn't reach verdict in Backe suit

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal jury deadlocked Monday on a brutality claim by former Houston Astros pitcher Brandon Backe, who had sought millions in damages after accusing police of causing career-ending injuries when they broke up a 2008 wedding party.

Backe and his attorneys said they would seek a retrial of the unresolved claims. However, "I can hold my head up high. It has been six years since the beating and I was able to tell my story," the right-hander said.

The jury did rule that four Galveston, Texas, police officers used excessive force to break up the party. Nine officers were suspended without pay and four received written reprimands after the Oct. 5, 2008, incident at a bar at the San Luis Resort and Conference Center.

The jury awarded nearly $50,000 in damages in the lawsuit against the four officers. Backe, who helped the Astros to the 2005 National League pennant, said the plaintiffs were beaten by officers responding to reports of rowdy partygoers at an outdoor bar.

Left unresolved was Backe's brutality claim against the Galveston Police Department.

Cowboys make some questionable picks in later rounds

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Former Pittsburgh wide receiver Devin Street doesn't shy away from talking about why he didn't get picked until the fifth round by the Dallas Cowboys.

Street reportedly had a third-round grade on the Cowboys' board, but other teams passed on him presumably because of his lack of speed. He ran a respectable 4.46 in the 40 at Pittsburgh's pro day, but his 4.53 at the combine placed a red flag next to his name.

"Some people don't call me a blazer, but in games I do run past people," Street said.

Street isn't the only Cowboys' pick with question marks. Dallas selected Iowa linebacker Anthony Hitchens (6 foot, 240 pounds) in the fourth round even though most analysts had him graded as a sixth- or seventh-round talent.

But the Cowboys offered no apologies for those selections.

"We saw a guy (in Hitchens) who could run with size, one of the few inside linebackers we thought could help us if we lost (injury-prone linebacker) Sean Lee," owner Jerry Jones said. "So we saw a guy who could definitely improve us from where we were last year when we lost Sean Lee. Probably, for me, the most important thing is how much of a hitter he is. He blows them up.

"With all due respect to the other evaluators, I would say that there is a lot of difference in a lot of players when you start getting in that fourth round.... The difference is in the eye of the beholder."

Like Jones, coach Jason Garrett suggested the Cowboys were desperate to find depth at middle linebacker, knowing Lee is coming off neck surgery that forced him to miss the final three games last season. In all, Lee has missed 18 games in his four seasons with Dallas.

"We just feel like we needed linebacker depth," Garrett said. "We've had different injuries at that position the last couple of years, and that's the nature of the league. Guys get hurt. You want to make sure you have enough numbers there, enough competition there, so if something does happen to one of your top-flight players, you can survive, function and even thrive. That's where Hitchens fits in."

The Cowboys bought into Street after receivers coach Derek Dooley put him through a workout in Pittsburgh. In a phone call with Street that aired on DallasCowboys.com, Dooley urged Street to arrive at Valley Ranch with a chip on his shoulder.

"It doesn't matter where you get picked; it only matters what you do when you get here," Dooley told Street. "Get your (butt) ready... We're going to go to work, and you're going to put it on all those teams that passed you up.

"You see all them receivers that went ahead of you? All right, don't ever forget it, you hear me? That needs to motivate you daily."

Cowboys executive vice president Stephen Jones downplayed concerns about the 6-3, 190-pound Street's lack of speed saying he's "a very accomplished route runner, great hands, great length...It will be easy for him coming in."

Street, who will compete for the No. 3 receiver spot behind Dez Bryant and Terrance Williams, said the same.

"I understand how to run routes," he said. "I understand tempos and I am going to get faster...I am going to do great. I can take the top off the coverage. I can run those deep routes."

LeBron scores 49, Heat take 3-1 lead over Nets

Heat.....102
Nets.....96
Miami leads series, 3-1

Associated Press

NEW YORK — LeBron James tied his playoff career high with 49 points, Chris Bosh made the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 57 seconds left, and the Miami Heat beat the Brooklyn Nets 102-96 on Monday night for a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

James carried the Heat nearly the entire way until Bosh hit the shot that put Miami ahead for good. Ray Allen followed with four free throws and James finished it off with one more, putting the Heat in position to wrap it up at home Wednesday in Game 5.

James was 16 of 24 from the field and 14 of 19 from the free throw line in matching the 49 points he scored for Cleveland against Orlando in the 2009 Eastern Conference finals. He missed his second free throw with 1.1 seconds left, muttering to himself after it fell out.

Joe Johnson scored 18 points for the Nets, who were 15 of 25 from 3-point range in their Game 3 victory but only 5 of 22 in this one. Paul Pierce scored 16 points, while Deron Williams and Shaun Livingston each had 13.

Dwyane Wade scored 15 points on the night his Heat postseason record of 46 points was shattered. Bosh finished with 12.

Miami pulled out a thrilling victory in a game neither team led by double digits and has won at least one road game in 14 straight series, breaking the record set by the Chicago Bulls from 1991-94.

Associated Press

Brooklyn forward Andrei Kirilenko, right, defends Miami guard Dwyane Wade in the first half of Game 4 of their second-round playoff series Monday at the Barclays Center in New York.

Online

Game 4 between the San Antonio Spurs and Portland Trail Blazers went late. Go to mrt.com to find out the details on the game.

Brooklyn opened the fourth quarter with six straight points to grab an 82-79 edge, and neither team had a bigger margin than that in the period until Kevin Garnett's two free throws tied it with 2:30 remaining.

Both teams then couldn't score, with Bosh missing a pair of jumpers before getting a third crack at it when the Heat swung the ball around to him in the corner in front of the Brooklyn bench for a 3 that made it 97-94. Johnson then missed a jumper while trying to draw James' sixth foul, and Allen's free throws put it away.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE AND BOX

GLANCE
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Miami 3, Brooklyn 1
Tuesday, May 6: Miami 107, Brooklyn 86
Thursday, May 8: Miami 94, Brooklyn 82
Saturday, May 10: Brooklyn 104, Miami 90
Monday: Miami 102, Brooklyn 96
Wednesday, May 14: Brooklyn at Miami, 6 or 7 p.m.
x-Friday, May 16: Miami at Brooklyn, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 18: Brooklyn at Miami, TBA
Indiana 3, Washington 1
Monday, May 5: Washington 102, Indiana 96
Wednesday, May 7: Indiana 86, Washington 82
Friday, May 9: Indiana 85, Washington 63
Sunday, May 11: Indiana 95, Washington 92
Today: Washington at Indiana, 5 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 15: Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 18: Washington at Indiana, TBA
WESTERN CONFERENCE
San Antonio 3, Portland 0
Tuesday, May 6: San Antonio 116, Portland 92
Thursday, May 8: San Antonio 114, Portland 97
Saturday, May 10: San Antonio 118, Portland 103
Monday: San Antonio at Portland, late
x-Wednesday, May 14: Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 or 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 16: San Antonio at Portland, 8:30 or 9:30 p.m.
x-Monday, May 19: Portland at San Antonio, TBA
Oklahoma City 2, L.A. Clippers 2
Monday, May 5: L.A. Clippers 122, Oklahoma City 105
Wednesday, May 7: Oklahoma City 112, L.A. Clippers 101
Friday, May 9: Oklahoma City 118, L.A. Clippers 112
Sunday, May 11: L.A. Clippers 101, Oklahoma City 99
Today: L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 15: Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 or 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 18: L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, TBA

MONDAY'S BOX
HEAT 102, NETS 96
MIAMI (102): James 16-24 14-19 49, Battier 1-1 0-0 2, Bosh 5-9 0-0 12, Chalmers 3-7 0-0 8, Wade 7-13 1-2 15, Andersen 2-2 1-2 5, Allen 3-7 4-4 11, Lewis 0-3 0-0 0, Cole 0-2 0-0 0, Jones 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-70 26-27 102
BROOKLYN (96): Johnson 5-15 6-6 18, Pierce 6-11 4-5 16, Garnett 3-5 2-2 8, Williams 5-14 2-2 13, Livingston 4-9 5-7 13, Anderson 3-5 2-3 10, Blatche 4-10 0-0 8, Teletovic 2-6 0-0 4, Kirilenko 2-3 2-3 6. Totals 34-78 23-28 96.

Miami	27	29	23	23	— 102
Brooklyn	22	27	27	20	— 96

3-Point Goals—Miami 8-24 (James 3-6, Chalmers 2-3, Bosh 2-6, Allen 1-5, Lewis 0-1, Jones 0-1, Cole 0-2), Brooklyn 5-22 (Anderson 2-4, Johnson 2-7, Williams 1-3, Blatche 0-1, Teletovic 0-3, Pierce 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 41 (Allen 7), Brooklyn 48 (Blatche 8). Assists—Miami 14 (Chalmers 7), Brooklyn 22 (Williams 7). Total Fouls—Miami 23, Brooklyn 22. Technicals—Battier, James, Anderson, Pierce A—17,732 (17,732)

Brooks, Chandler, Yedlin on preliminary US squad

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Defenders John Brooks, Timmy Chandler and DeAndre Yedlin were among the players selected Monday by U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann on his 30-man preliminary World Cup squad.

Midfielder Julian Green, who made his national team debut last month, and forwards Terrence Boyd and Chris Wondolowski also are among the players who will try to earn spots during the Americans' pre-World Cup training camp, which opens Wednesday at Stanford, California.

Klinsmann must submit a 23-man roster to FIFA by June 2.

Among those left off Monday were defenders Michael Orozco and Tim Ream; midfielders Sacha Kljestan, Brek Shea, Jose Torres and Daniel Williams; and forwards Herculez Gomez, Eddie Johnson and Juan Agudelo.

Johnson scored the key first goal against Mexico last September that clinched the Americans' seventh straight World Cup berth.

"It was a very difficult decision based on what he's done with me the whole time," Klinsmann said.

Klinsmann said he viewed Landon Donovan, a veteran of three World Cups, as a pure forward in this squad. Johnson, a member of the 2006 World Cup team, was a victim of numbers as Klinsmann took only six forwards.

Ten players were on the 2010 squad, including left back DaMarcus Beasley, like Donovan a veteran of three World Cups.

Five players did not appear in any of the 16 qualifiers for the 2014 World Cup: No. 3 goalkeeper Nick Rimado along with Brooks, Green, Wondolowski and Yedlin.

Half the players are from Major League Soccer, with four each from England's Premier League and Germany's Bundesliga. Two are from Mexico's league, and one each from Austria, France, Netherlands, Norway and Turkey.

The Americans play friendlies against Azerbaijan on May 27 at San Francisco; Turkey on June 1 at Harrison, New Jersey; and Nigeria on June 7 at Jacksonville, Florida. They travel the following day to their base camp in Sao Paulo.

At the World Cup, they open against Ghana on June 16 at Natal, face Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal six days later in the Amazon rain forest city of Manaus and close the group stage against Germany on June 26 at Recife.

U.S. Preliminary Squad

Goalkeepers: Brad Guzan (Aston Villa), Tim Howard (Everton), Nick Rimando (Real Lake)
Defenders: DaMarcus Beasley (Puebla), Matt Besler (Kansas City), John Brooks (Hertha Berlin), Geoff Cameron (Stoke), Timmy Chandler (Nuremberg), Brad Evans (Seattle), Omar Gonzalez (Los Angeles), Clarence Goodson (San Jose), Fabian Johnson (Hoffenheim), Michael Parkhurst (Columbus), DeAndre Yedlin (Seattle)
Midfielders: Kyle Beckerman (Real Lake), Alejandro Bedoya (Nantes), Michael Bradley (Toronto), Joe Corona (Tijuana), Brad Davis (Houston), Mix Diskerud (Rosenborg), Maurice Edu (Philadelphia), Julian Green (Bayern Munich), Jermaine Jones (Besiktas), Graham Zusi (Kansas City)
Forwards: Jozy Altidore (Sunderland), Terrence Boyd (Rapid Vienna), Clint Dempsey (Seattle), Landon Donovan (Los Angeles), Aron Johannsson (AZ Alkmaar), Chris Wondolowski (San Jose)

England taking youthful squad to World Cup

Associated Press

LUTON, England — Midfielders Frank Lampard and Steven Gerrard were among just six World Cup veterans selected by England coach Roy Hodgson for his 23-man World Cup roster.

Forward Wayne Rooney, goalkeeper Joe Hart, defender Glen Johnson and midfielders James Milner were the other players picked with World Cup experience. Lampard turns 36 on June 20, the day after England plays Uruguay in its second group-stage match.

"Frank is a very important part of our setup and you shouldn't think about players in terms of age, but of position," said Monday. "When you're in midfield, you have many more positions to choose from. "Frank has been captain on many occasions and has been vice captain to Steven Gerrard. He still plays an important role for his club., and we think his leadership qualities and his abilities will help us in the summer."

Eleven players have made 10 appearances or fewer for England, which plays Italy in its first-round opener on June 14 and also is grouped with Costa Rica.

"Circumstances will prove whether the decision to take the younger player was right or not," Hodgson said during the squad announcement, held at a car factory in Luton, north of London.

"You get experience by getting the opportunity. It's wrong to focus totally on the fact there are those who are inexperienced because everyone is inexperienced until they get the chance to do the job. I think they've played so well and been so effective in their club teams that they've really imposed their ability on my thinking."

The most inexperienced player is 18-year-old Southampton defender Luke Shaw, who made his national team debut in March and displaced 33-year-old Ashley Cole from the roster. Shaw will be the backup at left back to Leighton Baines.

Cole announced his international retirement after being dropped, and the decision could backfire if Baines is injured in the first warmup match.

"If Baines suffered an injury ... it would make the selection of Shaw a very bad selection," Hodgson said.

Nineteen-year-old Liverpool winger Raheem Sterling and 20-year-old Everton midfielder Ross Barkley, who total five international appearances, also were selected.

"He's a very, very exciting player, a very exciting talent and if he can continue at that level he has a very exciting future ahead of him," Hodgson said of Barkley. "But I would hope people will temper their expectations of him."

Rooney, coming off two scoreless World Cups, is spending this week on holiday in Portugal accompanied by fitness trainers. The Manchester United star was criticized for spending his break before the 2012 European Championship in Las Vegas but is getting to Portugal before the full 23-man squad arrives for a training camp next week.

"Wayne is so determined to be up and running when we get there on the 19th," Hodgson said. "I'm not as desperate for him to be fully fit on the 19th. I'm thinking more of June 14, but it's still quite laudable that that's the way he thinks and I'm not trying to dissuade him."

The other forwards in the squad are Rooney's United teammate, Danny Welbeck, Liverpool's Daniel Sturridge and Rickie Lambert, who has climbed with Southampton from the third tier to the Premier League.

England roster

Goalkeepers: Joe Hart (Manchester City), Fraser Forster (Glasgow Celtic, Scotland), Ben Foster (West Bromwich Albion)
Defenders: Leighton Baines (Everton), Gary Cahill (Chelsea), Phil Jagielka (Everton), Glen Johnson (Liverpool), Phil Jones (Manchester United), Luke Shaw (Southampton), Chris Smalling (Manchester United)
Midfielders: Ross Barkley (Everton), Steven Gerrard (Liverpool), Jordan Henderson (Liverpool), Adam Lallana (Southampton), Frank Lampard (Chelsea), James Milner (Manchester City), Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Arsenal), Raheem Sterling (Liverpool), Jack Wilshere (Arsenal)
Forwards: Rickie Lambert (Southampton), Wayne Rooney (Manchester United), Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool), Daniel Welbeck (Manchester United)

Canadiens force Game 7 with win over Bruins

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Carey Price made 26 saves for the shutout and the Montreal Canadiens beat the Boston Bruins 4-0 on Monday night to force Game 7.

Thomas Vanek scored twice and Lars Eller and Max Pacioretty also scored for Montreal, which overwhelmed the Bruins to tie the series at 3-3.

Game 7 is Wednesday night in Boston.

Eller opened the scoring just 2:11 into the game after the Bruins misplayed the puck and Eller was alone in front of the net to beat a sprawled out Tuukka Rask.

Pacioretty made it 2-0 after scoring on a long stretch pass through Rask's legs in the second period.

Before the period was over Vanek scored on the power play. Vanek added his second of the game into an empty net late in the third.

Rask finished with 24 saves for the Bruins.

Canadiens.....4
Bruins.....0
Series tied, 3-3

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 3, Montreal 3
Thursday, May 1: Montreal 4, Boston 3, 2OT
Saturday, May 3: Boston 5, Montreal 3
Tuesday, May 6: Montreal 4, Boston 2
Thursday, May 8: Boston 1, Montreal 0, OT
Saturday, May 10: Boston 4, Montreal 2
Monday: Montreal 4, Boston 0
Wednesday, May 14: Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 3
Friday, May 2: N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Sunday, May 4: Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
Monday, May 5: Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Wednesday, May 7: Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Friday, May 9: N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 1
Sunday, May 11: N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 1
Today: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 3, Minnesota 2
Friday, May 2: Chicago 5, Minnesota 2
Sunday, May 4: Chicago 4, Minnesota 1
Tuesday, May 6: Minnesota 4, Chicago 0
Friday, May 9: Minnesota 4, Chicago 2
Sunday, May 11: Chicago 2, Minnesota 1
Today: Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 15: Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 2
Saturday, May 3: Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Monday, May 5: Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1
Thursday, May 8: Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2
Saturday, May 10: Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 0
Monday: Los Angeles at Anaheim, late
Wednesday, May 14: Anaheim at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 16: Los Angeles at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Russia routs US at ice hockey worlds

By Karel Janicek
Associated Press

MINSK, Belarus — Viktor Tikhonov scored twice and Alex Ovechkin added a goal and two assists Monday as Russia routed the United States 6-1 for its third straight victory at the ice hockey world championships.

In the day's other big matchup, Canada downed the Czech Republic 4-3.

Nikolai Kolyomin opened the scoring for Russia and Alex Ovechkin beat veteran goaltender Tim Thomas with backhand on a penalty shot in the first period for his third goal of the tournament. Ovechkin set up both of Tikhonov's goals in the second, with Yevgeni Kuznetsov and Sergei Plotnikov also scoring for Russia.

"We're a good team, we have a good atmosphere in the dressing room," Kolyomin said. "Everybody's ready to work hard and do his best for the team."

Justin Abdelkader pulled one back for the U.S. to make it 3-1.

"We've got to learn from this game, hopefully be a better team," Abdelkader said. "It's a good learning experience for us to learn to see how a team plays, like Russia. Russia is a really good team. Their goalie played tremendous for them."

The Americans outshot Russia 40-23 but 19-year-old rookie goalie Andrei Vasilevski made 39 saves.

Russia leads Group G with nine points from three games, while the U.S. has six.

Earlier, France overcame Slovakia 5-3 for another upset victory and host Belarus stunned Switzerland 4-3.

Canada took control with three second-period goals through Kyle Turris, Nathan MacKinnon and Morgan Rielly — the last two on power plays in a 17-second span — having trailed 1-0.

Roman Cervenka put the Czechs ahead but Joel Ward answered with a high wrist shot midway through the first period for his third goal of the tournament. Jiri Novotny and Tomas Hertl on a penalty reduced the result to 4-3 in the third.

"We walk away with the win, but our team has a lot of work to do," Canada coach Dave Tippett said.

Czech forward Jan Kovar received a five-minute penalty and was ejected from the game for injuring Canada captain Kevin Bieksa with a high stick in the second.

Canada has seven points from three games in Group A, while the Czechs are on three.

France followed up its upset win over Canada in its opening game by coming from 3-1 down to beat Slovakia. Damien Fleury scored the winner on a rebound with 3:41 left in regulation to complete the comeback.

Antoine Roussel added his second goal into an empty net for France's fifth. Baptiste Amar also scored twice for France.

"I feel like our team has a lot of character," Rous-

Russia.....6
United States.....1

MLS, US Soccer announce new deals with ESPN, Fox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — ESPN and Fox executives see devoted fans at Major League Soccer matches and figure burgeoning national television viewership is soon to follow.

It hasn't happened yet despite Americans' surging interest in international soccer and MLS's success in building stadiums designed for the sport. The networks are betting that will change in the next eight years, agreeing to pay more in a new long-term contract.

"We've been a little puzzled. Clearly when we did the last deal we would've expected to see a higher growth curve," ESPN President John Skipper said. "We're kind of doubling down. We still think it's going to happen."

And they're confident they can help make that happen with a major promotional push.

"We know what we can do with this," Fox Sports President Eric Shanks said, "and we know that this is a deal for the future, not just right now."

The agreements announced Monday with MLS and U.S. Soccer run through 2022. Univision Deportes also extended its contract for Spanish-language rights.

One of MLS's goals was to lock in the same day for a game of the week throughout the entire season for the first time. Univision will air a match every Friday night. And a doubleheader will take place every Sunday — one game on ESPN at 5 p.m. Eastern time, then the nightcap on Fox Sports 1 at 7 p.m.

"We think that will help drive ratings," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said.

It's the first time ESPN has agreed to be part of a regular doubleheader across two networks, Skipper said. He's noticed that his company and its competitors are cooperating with each other more lately on leagues they both televise, realizing that a healthy sport benefits everyone.

The contract also includes the men's and women's national team games for which U.S. Soccer holds the rights, including exhibitions and home World Cup qualifiers. ESPN and FS1 will split about 10 men's team matches each year.

ESPN has broadcast the MLS since its inception in 1996; Fox Soccer aired games until NBC took over that package in 2011. Now it's going back to a Fox channel, with FS1 available in more than twice as many homes as Fox Soccer was.

NBC, in the final season of a three-year deal mostly for NBCSN, has

Edwards again has everybody guessing

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Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Social media was abuzz all weekend as Carl Edwards celebrated his return to Kansas Speedway: Carl sat with Joe Gibbs Racing at the driver meeting! Carl was flustered when asked if he can win a championship at Roush Fenway Racing!

Here we go again.

It's another contract year for Edwards, and everybody is talking about his future. Well, everybody except Edwards.

When Clint Bowyer removed himself from the free agent market last week by re-signing with Michael Waltrip Racing, attention turned to Edwards, the top available driver. The gossip and speculation is nearing a fevered pitch, and all signs point to Edwards ending his 12-year run with Roush to move into a fourth car with Gibbs.

It's a sensible move for Edwards, who was heavily courted by JGR in 2011 as he found himself in the hunt for his first Sprint Cup championship.

Edwards went back and forth, weighing both offers, dragging the process deep into the summer. It was practically unheard of for a points leader to consider leaving for another team while also racing for the title, but Edwards looked beyond the moment.

He rides a performance roller-coaster at Roush, where one season could produce multiple wins and a solid run at the title, only to go winless the next year and watch the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship from the sidelines.

That's not changed since Edwards scored a huge payday — thanks to a big assist from Ford Motor Co. — by signing a three-year extension that year. He went on to lose the 2011 title to Tony Stewart on a tie-breaker and hasn't been a threat since. Edwards went winless in 2012 and missed the Chase, and although he made two trips to Victory Lane last season, he finished last in the 13-driver Chase field.

Now it's time for Edwards to negotiate a new contract. It comes as he sits fifth in the standings with a win at Bristol that should be good enough to lock him into NASCAR's championship field.

Good enough to make a case for staying at Roush, right?

Not if he's again using a wide lens to look at his options. Edwards should see clearly that he's got just 14 top-five finishes since 2011, when he had 19 in one season. That JGR grass has to look a whole lot greener right now, especially after Matt Kenseth bolted Roush last season and racked up seven wins, 12 top-fives and raced Jimmie Johnson to the finale for the championship.

Of course he's going to JGR!

Or is he?

Remember, many thought an Edwards deal to Gibbs in 2011 was a sure thing. But for whatever reason — maybe things fell apart at JGR, maybe the Ford financial aid swayed Edwards' decision — he returned to Roush.

It means his next move is a mystery in part because Edwards likes to leave people guessing in this process, and that includes his bosses at Roush.

Jack Roush and team president Steve Newmark hear the same gossip in the garage and wonder what is going on. Edwards, who acts as his own agent, allows it to continue.

Only Edwards knows what he wants to do next year, and he isn't saying.

"You guys know that I don't like to talk about that stuff in the media," Edwards told reporters at Kansas. "To me, that is business and I have made the mistake of letting that turn into a big media thing before, so I would rather not talk about that and keep that between me and Jack and Steve Newmark."

Their hands are tied at Roush as they wait for Edwards. If they knew he was leaving, they could have made a run at Bowyer as Edwards' replacement. Now Bowyer is off the market, and the next best available driver is Greg Biffle, who already drives for Roush and the team is actively trying to re-sign.

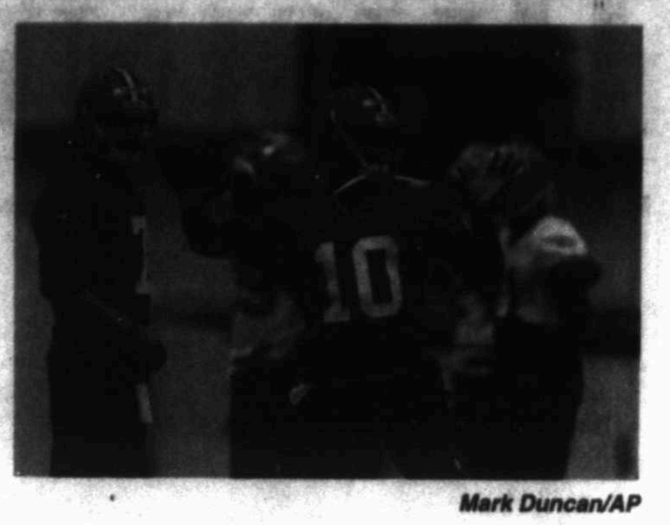
The free agent market is thin after Biffle. Very thin. And if Edwards bolts, there isn't an A-league driver to replace him.

So if Roush management is anything like the fans, they must be fretting after Edwards stumbled through an answer Saturday night when asked by Darrell Waltrip if he can win a championship with the organization.

"It's been 10 years and really, overall, that's my goal. I believe if I work hard enough and Roush works hard enough, I believe we can do it," he said. "There's not a better year than this year with Jimmy Fennig, the Chase format, and finishing Ford Championship Weekend at Homestead. So yes, I know we can and we have to do it this year. We've just got to keep digging."

For some reason, Edwards twice said a championship at Roush has to be won this year.

Why? Only he knows. And Edwards is letting everybody guess.



Mark Duncan/AP

Vince Young (10) passes during a Cleveland Browns voluntary minicamp workout at team's facility April 29 in Berea, Ohio. The browns announced they have released Young after drafting former Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel on Saturday.

Browns release quarterback Vince Young

Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — The Browns have released veteran quarterback Vince Young a few days after drafting Johnny Manziel.

Browns owner Jimmy Haslam announced the move with Young on Monday during a speech at a Pro Football Hall of Fame luncheon. Young's release follows the club's selection of Manziel, Texas A&M's dynamic and polarizing quarterback in the first round of the NFL draft.

The team signed Young and quarterback Tyler Thigpen on May 1. Young was thrilled to be getting a chance to revive his career, but will now have to try to do it elsewhere.

Young hasn't played in an NFL regular-season NFL game since 2011. The 30-year-old has a 31-19 career record.

A former Heisman Trophy finalist in, Young spent five seasons with Tennessee. He started three games for the Eagles in 2011. He spent part of the past two preseasons with Buffalo and Green Bay.

Andretti team posts 2 best times in Indy practice

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Ryan Hunter-Reay and Marco Andretti are getting dialed in at Indianapolis.

Actually, the whole Andretti Autosport team is finding speed on this historic 2.5-mile oval.

Hunter-Reay, the 2012 IndyCar champ, and Andretti, the 2006 Indy runner-up, claimed the top two spots in Indianapolis 500 practice Monday.

"It's nice leading practice. It's a nice little consolation prize," Hunter-Reay said after turning a fast lap of 225.025 mph. "I wish it paid. I was out there pushing like it was paying."

The real dividends could come this weekend, when the pole winner will determined in a new two-day qualifying format, and the next. The 500 is scheduled to be run May 25.

But it wasn't just the two American Andretti drivers doing well.

Colombia's Carlos Munoz, last year's Indy runner-up, was sixth on the speed chart at 223.172. Kurt Busch, the 2004 Cup champ who is attempting "the double" was 10th fastest at 222.770.

EJ Viso followed Sunday's impressive season debut by locking up the No. 11 spot at 222.695. Viso is driving the No. 27 Honda while full-time driver James Hinchcliffe continues to recover from a concussion.

Hunter-Reay and Andretti — the only drivers to top 224 this week — insisted those were not inflated speeds, either.

"I did that one by myself," Hunter-Reay said, explaining there was no tow.

"Mine, too," Andretti said.

If true, the two-team battle that's played out over the first two days of practice could resurface in qualifying.

Roger Penske's drivers swept the top three spots in Sunday's opening practice. Three-time race winner Helio Castroneves of Brazil was third Monday at 223.635 and 2000 Indy champ Juan Pablo Montoya of Colombia was fifth at 223.395.

"I think everybody is getting draft so that they understand what their car is doing in traffic," Castroneves said. "But at this point, the name of the game is the same for everyone. We're just trying to put some mileage, especially on the engine and go for it."

Other notable things about Monday's practice:

TWO CLEAN: The first two days of 500 practice have looked nothing like the crash-marred Grand Prix of Indianapolis. Nobody has hit the wall, and Ed Carpenter is the only one who seems to have had any trouble at all. He pulled off the track with 72 minutes left in Monday's practice session because his car was smoking. Afterward, Carpenter simply noted there were some "issues" with the car. He did not elaborate.

WINNERS STRUGGLE: So far, Simon Pagenaud's road-course momentum hasn't translated into much on the oval. The first Grand Prix of Indianapolis winner is ranked 14th overall with a best lap of 221.862. But on Monday, he still finished ahead of 1995 Indy champ Jacques Villeneuve (23rd at 221.101). Defending champion Tony Kanaan and defending series champ Scott Dixon both posted slower speeds, too, but those came in their backup cars. The primary cars for Kanaan and Dixon were 12th and 10th.

CHROME

From 1C

Ria Antonia, ridden by Calvin Borel, will be the first filly in the Preakness since 2009 when Rachel Alexandra won.

For the first time in the Preakness, a filly, a female jockey and a female trainer will all compete at the same time. Rosie Napravnik will ride Bayern and trainer Linda Rice will saddle Kid Cruz.

Ride On Curlin, seventh in the Derby, shipped with California Chrome on Monday.

"He's got a good mind, nothing much bothers him," trainer Billy Gowan said. "I rode on the plane with him and in the van with him. It was good. We got a police escort, so we didn't have to stop."

General a Rod, Dynamic Impact, Social Inclusion, Kid Cruz, Pablo Del Monte and Ring Weekend are also expected to run.

"Chrome is my main focus, but you're going to look at the competition," Sherman said. "Looks like they'll be quite a bit of speed in the race. I thought that at Churchill (Downs), too, but it didn't develop. But it looks like there's going to be some speed in this race."

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCH Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 817-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 888-8080

Statisticians for RockHounds games needed
What: A major baseball statistics company is looking for scorekeepers for RockHounds game this season.
For more info: Email mlb.scorers@yahoo.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 686-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 264-5994 or go to midandhoops32.com; venzantaddie@yahoo.com

Don Eddy Basketball Camp featuring the Shooting Stars
When: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., June 19-20
Where: Trinity School gymnasium
For: Ages 7-16
Cost: $205
For more info: Contact coach Young at 432-528-5208 or go to www.debb.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Marion Post 694-6176 or Cactus Lanes 694-6177

Edith McElvaine Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
When: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Jaldez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-8056

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
T...nes: 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 girls basketball camps
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Session : Fundamental Camp
When: July 17-18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12
Session II: Shooting Camp
When: July 17-19, 4-6 p.m.
Cost: $60 (includes camp T-shirt)
For more info or to register: Go to www.gochaps.com/women_s_basketball/girls_basketball_camps.php

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Almos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (9 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-8533

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

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 599-5054 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Guys & Gals Scramble (1 guy & 1 gal)
When: May 17-18
Where: Big Spring Country Club
Cost: $150 per team plus cart, mulligans included
For more: Contact the pro shop at 267-5354

James Bird Memorial 2-man Select Shot
When: May 31 & June 1
Where: Big Lake Golf Course
Cost: $300 per team
For more info: Call 325-812-2215

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m. Saturdays 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 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: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 6 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, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 ft. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9821 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m
When: 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

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 7 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0986

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 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 Claws
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

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 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrel
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 599-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1995 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr Men's National Team coach: 801-244-7477 or Dave Parker West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association: 634-6474 or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $46 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or 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: All ages
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 diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international 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
When: 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

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors. Ages 3-5, balloon tennis; ages 6-8, Quick Start (red ball); ages 9-10, Quick Start (orange and green ball); ages 11-18, junior development, all levels of adult programs.
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call 520-8182

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 681-4500 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 9-15 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: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65, youth $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

MTC Tennis Tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
When: May 24-25, June 14, July 12-13, Aug. 9-10, Aug. 23-24, Sept. 20-21, Oct. 11, Nov. 8-9
For more info: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Volleyball

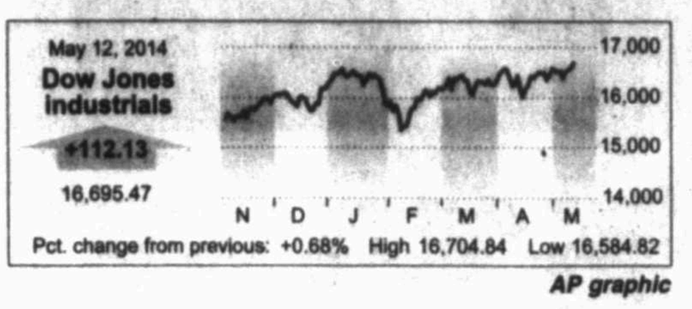
Midland High Volleyball Camp
When: June 2-4; 4th-6th graders, 8:30-10 a.m.; 7th-8th graders, 10 a.m.-noon; 9th graders, 1-3 p.m.
Where: Midland High School gymnasium
Cost: 4th-6th graders, $50; 7th-9th graders, $60
For more info: Contact Amanda Lopez at amanda.lopez@midlandisd.net

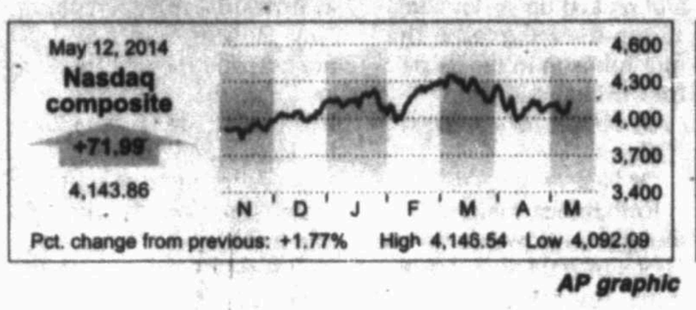
Mustang Volleyball Camp
When: June 16-19
For: Incoming 4th-6th graders
Where: McGraw Events Center
Cost: $75
For more info: Contact Alicia Filyukova at alicia.filyukova@gmail.com

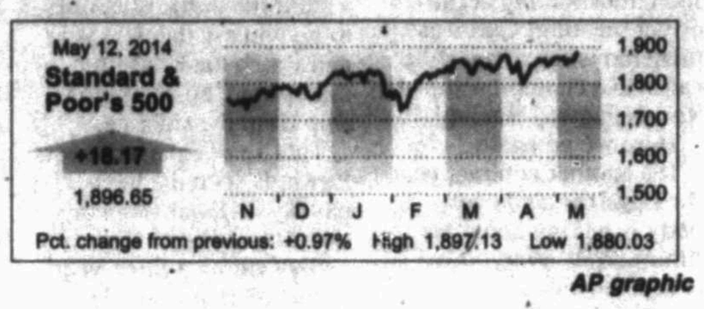
Walking

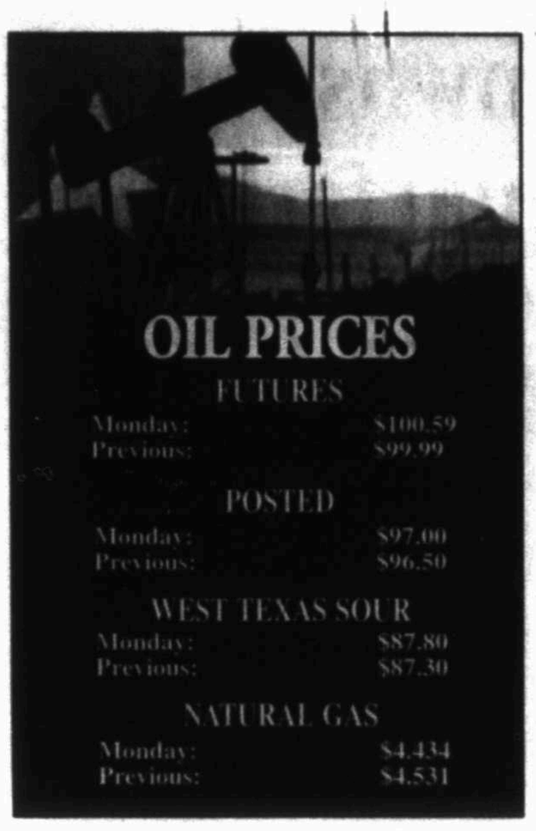
Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

A DAY ON WALL STREET









Energy savings bill fails amid election politics and indecision

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A widely popular, bipartisan energy savings bill fell victim in the Senate on Monday to election-year politics and the Obama administration's continued indecision on the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

A procedural motion to end debate and bring the measure to a floor vote without amendments fell five votes short of the 60 votes needed for approval.

The legislation would tighten efficiency guidelines for new federal buildings and provide tax incentives to make homes and commercial buildings more efficient. It easily cleared a procedural hurdle last week but stalled after Republican demand for votes on the Canada-to-Texas pipeline and on new administration-proposed greenhouse gas limits for coal-burning power plants.

Republicans are united in favor of the pipeline and against the new power plant regulations, while Democrats are deeply divided on both. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., used a parliamentary maneuver to block Senate votes on the pipeline and power plant rules as part of the energy savings bill.

Reid said Monday that Republicans were "still seeking a ransom" on the energy bill by insisting on the Keystone amendment and other votes. He said he had agreed to a long-standing request from pipeline supporters for a separate vote on the pipeline if its supporters would let the efficiency bill sail through unamended.

Minority Whip John Cornyn, R-Texas, called Reid's maneuver disappointing. "The Senate used to be a place of great debate and accomplishment. Now it is run like a dictatorship shutting out the voices of millions of Americans," he said.

Election-year politics loomed on all sides.

Democrats said Republicans were unwilling to hand a victory on the energy efficiency bill to Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., a co-author of the bill who is facing a re-election challenge from Republican Scott Brown, a former Massachusetts senator who now lives in New Hampshire. Republican Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio also co-authored the energy legislation.

Shaheen and Portman both said they were disappointed at the defeat of a plan they said would create almost 200,000 jobs, reduce pollution and save taxpayers billions of dollars.

"People in New Hampshire and across the country lost out today because of election-year politics," Shaheen said, while Portman called the vote "a disappointing example of Washington's dysfunction."

Partisan discord was so strong that three Republican senators who co-sponsored the energy legislation voted against it Monday to protest the exclusion of amendments. Among those voting no was Sen. John Hoeven, a North Dakota Republican who has been the Senate's chief GOP supporter of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Democrats also said the GOP wants to deny political cover to Sen. Mary Landrieu, who faces a tough re-election fight in Louisiana and to other Democrats in energy-producing states who have pushed for the pipeline's approval during their campaigns. A Senate vote on the pipeline would help Landrieu and Democrats such as Sen. Mark Begich of Alaska, even if it fell short of the 60 votes needed to advance it. President Barack Obama delayed the project indefinitely last month, citing uncertainty over the pipeline's route though Nebraska.

Landrieu, who chairs the Senate Energy Committee, has made Keystone approval an important part of her re-election campaign. She angrily denounced Republicans who opposed the energy bill, a move that also blocks a Senate vote on the pipeline.

"They chose to have an issue, as opposed to having a pipeline, and that's very disappointing," Landrieu said, naming Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., as the chief culprit.

Crude rises above $100

The price of oil rose above $100 a barrel on Monday amid renewed tensions over Ukraine.

Benchmark U.S. crude for June delivery gained 60 cents to $100.59 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Brent crude, a benchmark for international varieties, rose 52 cents to $108.41 on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Traders are worried about turmoil in Ukraine and the prolonged disruption of oil exports from Libya despite muted demand and plentiful supplies.

Pro-Moscow insurgents in eastern Ukraine declared independence Monday and sought to join Russia. The Ukrainian and Western governments have condemned the rushed referendum as a sham and a violation of international law.

Copper prices rise

Copper hit its highest price in more than two months Monday following news that China pledged to free up its financial markets.

Copper for July delivery jumped 7 cents to settle at $3.15 a pound Monday. That's the highest settlement price for the industrial metal since March 6, according to FactSet.

Late last week, China's government outlined plans to loosen regulations on its financial markets. The reforms reportedly include steps to ease limits on foreign investment and make it easier for companies to raise money. China's stock markets surged Monday.

Traders say reports showing a drop in China's copper stockpiles also helped push prices up.

Stock market touches another record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market returned to record levels on Monday as investors regained their appetite for riskier stocks.

After beating down Internet and small companies for two months, investors decided that those stocks had fallen enough. Among the big gainers were Twitter and Facebook, which had plunged in March and April. The Russell 2000, an index made up of small companies, climbed the most in two months.

Investors have been more cautious this year than last. They've favored big, less volatile stocks that pay rich dividends because of concerns about the outlook for the economy. Utility and energy companies have been among the beneficiaries of this trend, and have outperformed the overall market in 2014.

While interest rates remain low, investors will likely keep getting drawn back into stocks after any sell-off because holding cash isn't generating any returns, said Tim Courtney, chief investment officer at Exencial, an independent wealth management company.

On Monday, the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 18.17 points, or 1 percent, to finish at an all-time high of 1,896.65. The index last closed at a record high on April 2, when it reached 1,890.90.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $131.44 Up 1.50

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $129.94 Down 4.54

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $27.23 Up 0.92

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $72.72 Up 1.48

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.79 Up 0.65

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.95 Up 0.06

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $31.14 Up 0.74

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $17.78 Up 0.30

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShR2K	733048	112.53	+2.50
S&P500ETF	268501	89.79	+1.83
BkofAm	690548	15.07	+.33
iShEMkts	531645	42.32	+.70
Penney	342360	9.18	+.38

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DoralFn rs	3.76	+.74	+24.5
Castlight n	13.56	+2.02	+17.5
Automne n	34.35	+4.97	+16.9
BioAmb wt	2.43	+.34	+16.3
PrincadFds	34.47	+4.02	+13.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CoreLabs	167.02	-22.08	-11.7
BridgptEd	14.51	-1.41	-8.9
FedAgric	32.66	-2.77	-7.8
CSVLgNGs	23.36	-1.77	-7.0
PShtR2K rs	42.69	-3.14	-6.9

DIARY

Advanced	2,453
Declined	661
Unchanged	103
Total issues	3,217
New Highs	166
New Lows	14
Volume	2,950,122,469

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	93062	2.17	+.01
IsoRay	59383	2.44	+.14
VantageDrl	36605	1.72	...
AlkPlanG	30301	3.32	+.16
Globalstar	25242	3.19	+.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
22ndCentry	2.61	+.41	+18.6
GTT Comm	10.05	+1.43	+16.6
Compx	11.16	+1.24	+12.5
AtlasrAst	827.05	+85.05	+11.5
BioTime	2.60	+.25	+10.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnviroStr	3.04	-.22	-6.7
Aerocntry	16.24	.87	-5.1
Suprmind	5.41	.29	-5.1
Farmind n	12.51	.58	-4.4
AmShrd	2.65	-.12	-4.2

DIARY

Advanced	264
Declined	124
Unchanged	34
Total issues	422
New Highs	11
New Lows	4
Volume	92,103,312

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	473787	59.83	+2.59
Cisco	397539	23.19	+.17
PwShs QQQ	367324	88.23	+1.43
SiriusXM	288707	3.26	+.04
InvBncp s	270636	10.60	+.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg
KingtoneW	3.41	+.75
GulfRes	2.16	+.38
Tesaro	29.05	+5.34
SunyMo n	15.96	+2.23
AccelDiag	20.04	+2.79

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DixieGrp	11.00	-2.13	-16.2
MethesEng	2.61	-.50	-16.1
InsysTh s	27.63	-5.05	-15.5
Neonode	3.95	-.68	-14.7
TrovaGn wt	3.50	-.50	-12.5

DIARY

Advanced	2,131
Declined	538
Unchanged	76
Total issues	2,745
New Highs	65
New Lows	46
Volume	1,834,869,770

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	36.57	+.13	+4.0
Abraxas	...	41	5.30	-.04	+62.5
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.22	+.09	+1.1
AMD		7d	3.97	+.10	+2.6
AlcatelLuc	18e		4.06	+.21	-7.7
Alcoa	.12	45	13.81	+.56	+29.9
AlonUSA	.24		15.48	+.37	-6.4
AlphaNRs			4.54	+.25	-36.4
AmAirl n			39.39	+1.13	+56.0
Amgen	2.44	18	111.73	+.25	-2.1
Anadarko	.72	...	101.06	+.48	+27.4
Apache	1.00f	21	90.04	+1.15	+4.8
ApldMatl	.40	50	19.47	+.17	+10.1
ATMOS	1.48	18	50.02	-.39	+10.1
AutoData	1.92	26	78.89	+.82	-2.4
BP PLC	2.28	12	50.70	+.14	+4.3
BabsCOInv	1.20		15.86	+.17	+6.2
BakrHu	.68f	26	70.10	+1.22	+26.9
BkofAm	.04	20	15.07	+.33	-3.2
B iPVix rs			37.13	-1.14	-12.7
BasicEnSv			25.97	+.43	+64.6
BerkHa A	...	16191115.00	+232.00		+7.4
BlkHillsCp	1.56	24	57.22	+.29	+9.0
BrlMySq	1.44	30	52.01	+.83	-2.1
BrownFA	1.16	33	89.11	-.65	+20.8
BrownFB	1.16	31	90.57	+.11	+19.8
CVS Care	1.10	20	76.82	+.54	+7.3
Cameron	...	22	63.93	+.53	+7.4
CpstnTurb			1.52	+.19	+17.8
Caterpillar	2.40	18	106.20	+1.14	+16.9
Celestic g		16	11.38	+.11	+9.4
CntryLink	2.16	...	36.74	+.18	+15.4
ChesEng	.35	25	30.33	+.52	+11.8
Chevron	4.28f	12	125.24	+.21	+.3
Chicos	.30	20	16.31	+.46	-13.4
Cimarex	.64f	24	127.66	-.67	+21.7
Cisco	.76f	15	23.19	+.17	+4.2
Citigroup	.04	11	47.27	+.28	-9.3
CleyEng	...	87	131.44	+1.50	+60.4
CocaCola	1.22f	22	40.02	-.05	-1.2
ColgPalm s	1.44f	29	67.19	+.46	+3.0
Comcast	.90f	19	50.65	-.35	-2.5
ConAgra	1.00	16	30.95	+.18	-8.2
ConchoRes	...	84	129.94	-4.54	+20.3
ConocoPhil	2.76	13	78.41	+.77	+11.0
Corning	.40	17	21.42	+.68	+20.2
CrackerB	4.00f	19	97.79	+2.55	-11.2
CSVInvNG			3.36	+.22	-62.0
CrosTim	2.64e	14	32.71	+.41	+11.2
DCP Mid	2.98f	40	54.37	+.73	+8.0
DTE	2.62	18	75.98	+.65	+14.4
Dataram h			2.56	+.11	-1.7
Dawson	.32	39	27.23	+.92	-19.5
DevonE	.96f	18	71.04	+.31	+14.8
DnkSCBear			16.79	-1.22	-1.1
Disney	.88f	21	82.42	+.47	+7.9
DowChm	1.48f	14	50.12	+.85	+12.9
eBay			51.33	+.79	-6.4
EMC Cp	.46f	20	25.57	+.13	+1.7
EOG Res s	.50	24	103.64	+1.36	+23.5
EmpDist	1.02	14	23.85	+.10	+5.1
Energen	.60	36	85.15	+2.27	+20.4
EngyTsfr	3.74f		56.44	+.32	-1.4
EnPro		65	70.56	+2.56	+22.4
EntPrPt	2.84f	26	73.21	+.11	+10.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.29	+.21	+.4
ExterranH	.50	27	42.30	-.06	+23.7
ExxonMbl	2.76f	11	102.23	+.28	+1.0
Facebook		79	59.83	+2.59	+9.5
FordM	.50	10	15.84	+.07	+2.7
ForestOil		19	2.30	+.07	-36.3
GATX	1.32	17	64.86	+1.25	+24.3
GT AdvTc			13.41	+.21	+53.9
GabMulT	.88	...	10.28	+.07	-17.2
GAInv	2.10e	...	36.65	+.24	+1.3
GenElec	.88	20	26.85	+.43	-4.2
GileadSci	...	29	80.35	+.59	+7.0
GtPlainEn	.92	16	25.59	-.80	+5.6
Groupon	...	...	6.15	+.10	-47.7
HalconRes	...	...	5.75	+.06	+49.0
Halliburtn	.80	22	64.17	+.97	+28.4
Hillshire	.70	21	35.76	-1.19	+6.9
iShBrazil	1.44e	...	49.26	+.72	+10.3
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.15	+.01	-6.1
iShChinaLC	1.02a	...	35.32	+.74	-7.9
iShEMkts	.86e	...	42.32	+.70	+1.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	68.67	+.45	+2.3
iShR2K	1.45e	...	112.53	+2.50	-2.5
IntegrysE	2.72	18	57.53	-.59	+5.7
Intel	.90	14	26.37	+.07	+1.6
InterDig	.40	30	35.30	+.64	+19.7
InvBncp s		27	10.60	+.14	+5.7
JPMorgCh	1.60f	14	54.65	+.64	-5.9
JohnJn	2.80f	19	100.52	-.39	+9.7
KimbClk	3.36	20	110.20	+.61	+5.5
KindME	5.52f	27	74.25	+.33	-7.9
KindMM	5.52f	45	70.95	-.19	-6.2
LegacyRes	2.38f	...	26.79	+.65	-4.9
Lubys	...	...	5.46	+.34	-29.3
MktVGold	.19e	...	23.93	+.20	+13.3
McDnlds	3.24	19	102.86	-.07	+6.0
Merck	1.76	37	55.29	+.08	+10.5
MeritMed	...	31	13.53	+.51	-14.0
MexcoEn		70	6.95	+.06	+.7
MicronT		11	27.51	+.67	+26.5
Microsoft	1.12	15	39.97	+.43	+6.8
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PtcNtrl	.08	...	204.35	+3.32	+11.0
PlainsAAP	2.52f	24	56.74	-.43	+9.6
PlugPowr h	...	...	3.90	+.18	+151.6
PwShs QQQ	1.30e	...	88.23	+1.43	+.3
Praxair	2.60	22	131.07	+.97	+.8
PrmEgy	...	14	58.25	+.25	+15.3
ProctGam	2.57f	22	81.73	-.66	+.4
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RegionsFn	.20f	14	10.51	+.25	+6.3
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SanderFm	.80	12	84.15	+2.27	+16.3
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Schlmbrg	1.60	19	100.29	+.07	+11.3
SigmaAld	.92	24	97.80	+.96	+4.0
SiriusXM	...	53	3.20	+.04	-8.3
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VerizonCm	2.12	11	48.16	-.32	-2.0
VulcanM	.20	60	62.14	+2.22	+4.6
Walgrn	1.26	24	69.35	+.89	+20.7
WellsFargo	1.40f	12	49.76	+.68	+9.6
WstnRefin	1.04	17	40.78	+.76	-3.8
WhitingPet	...	15	71.10	+1.18	+14.9
WmsCos	1.61f	53	44.04	+.35	+14.2
XcelEngy	1.20f	16	30.47	-.28	+9.1
Xerox	.25f	13	12.01	+.17	-1.3
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,631.63	14,551.27	Dow Jones Industrials	16,695.47	+112.13	+.68	+.72	+10.63
7,775.10	5,952.18	Dow Jones Transportation	7,667.45	+148.15	+1.92	+6.31	+24.01
558.29	492.66	Dow Jones Utilities	534.49	-3.06	-.94	+8.95	+4.72
11,204.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	10,703.50	+96.81	+.91	+2.91	+13.42
2,845.76	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,633.38	+36.96	+1.42	+8.84	+8.07
4,371.71	3,294.95	Nasdaq Composite	4,143.86	+71.99	+1.77	+.76	+20.50
1,897.28	1,560.33	S&P 500	1,896.65	+18.17	+.97	+2.61	+16.09
20,257.19	16,442.14	Wilshire 5000	20,097.80	+230.59	+1.16	+1.99	+16.47
1,212.82	942.79	Russell 2000	1,133.65	+26.43	+2.39	-2.58	+16.42

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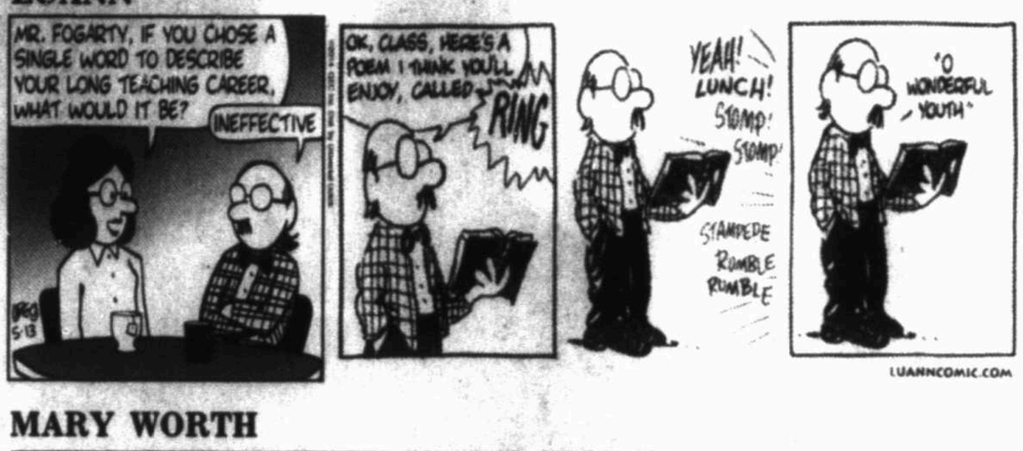

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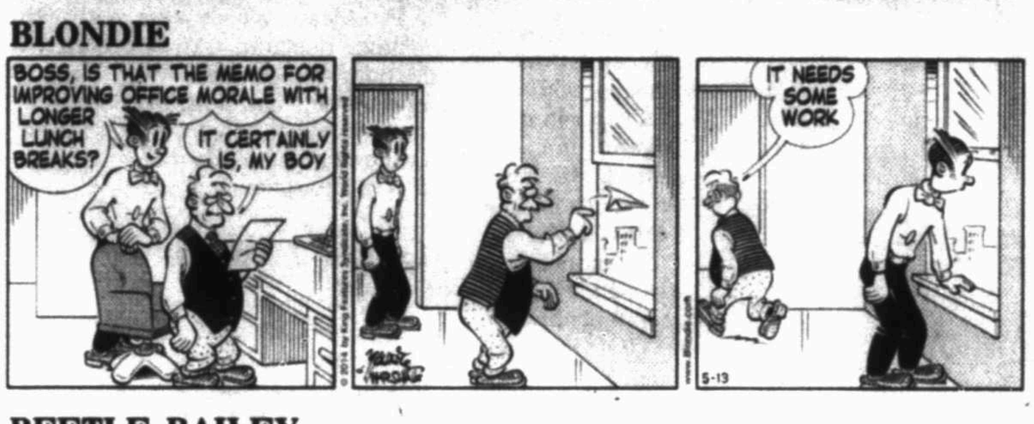

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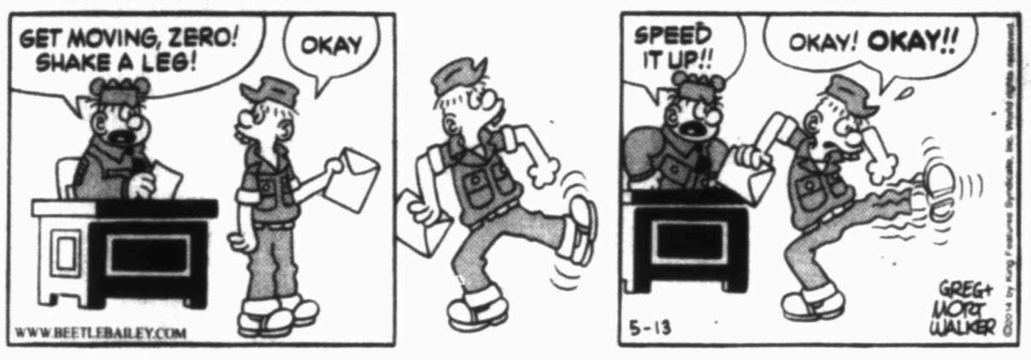

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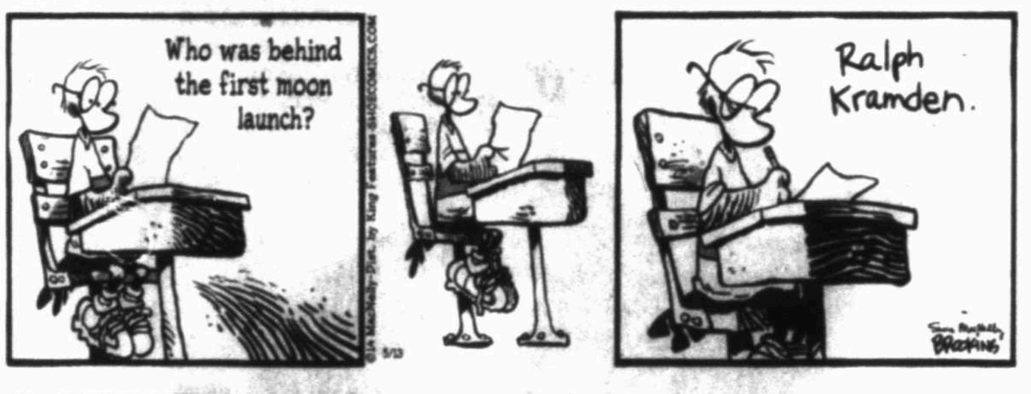

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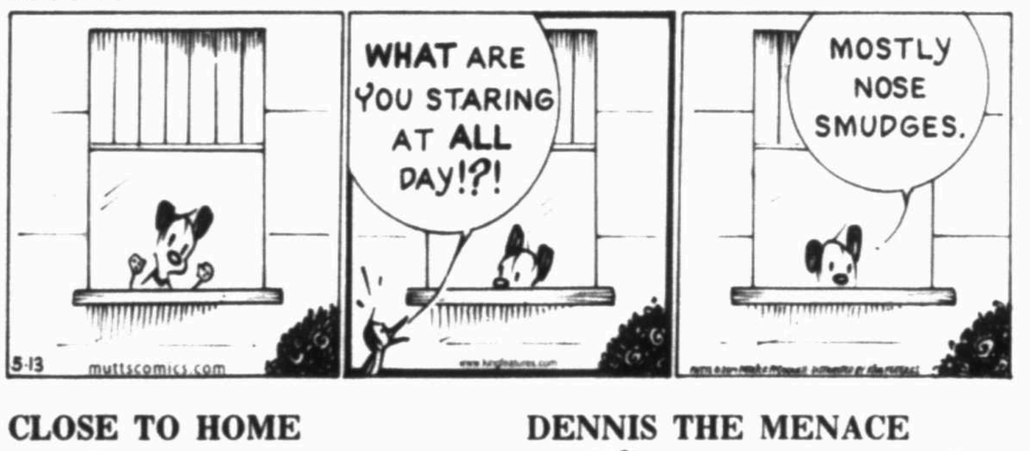

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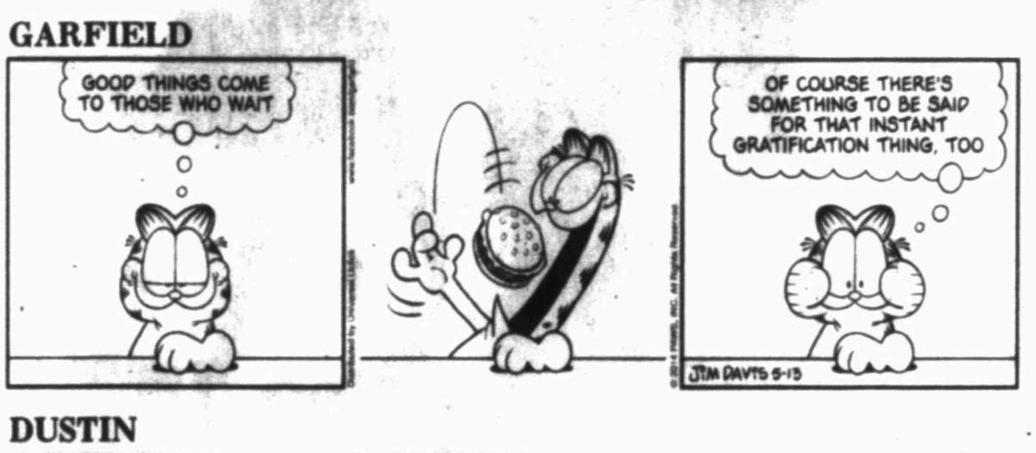

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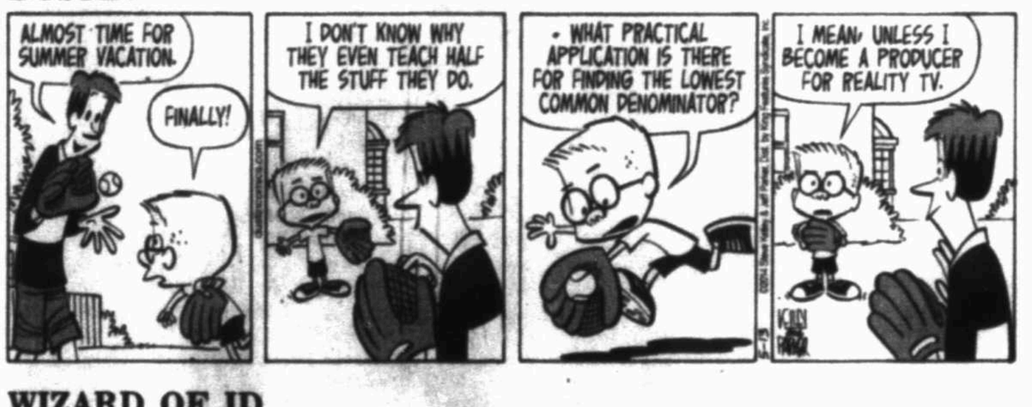

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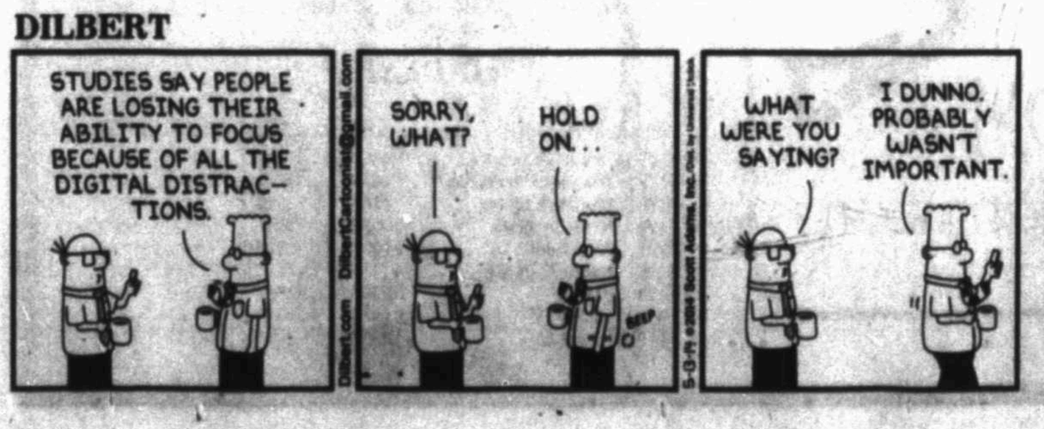

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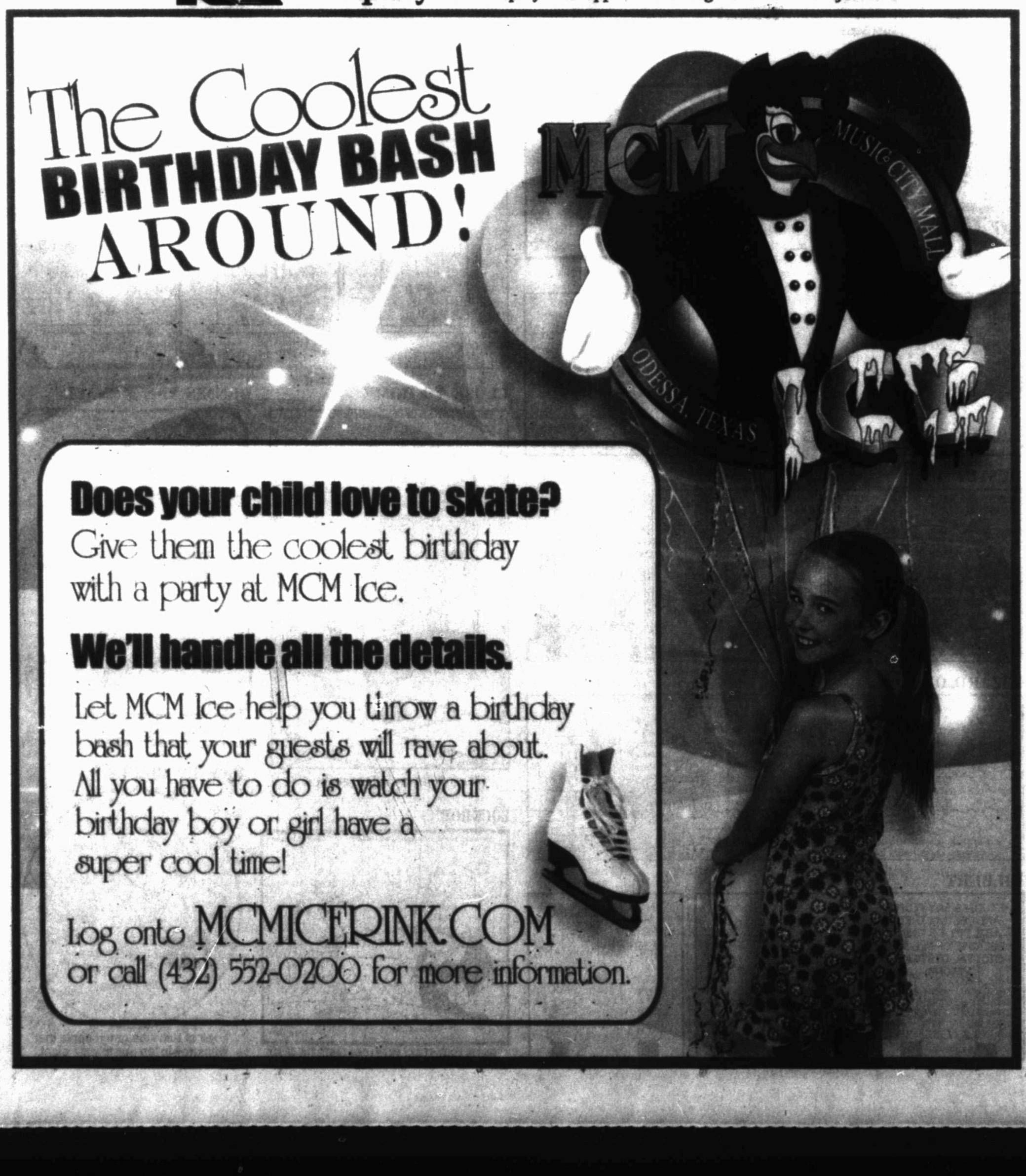

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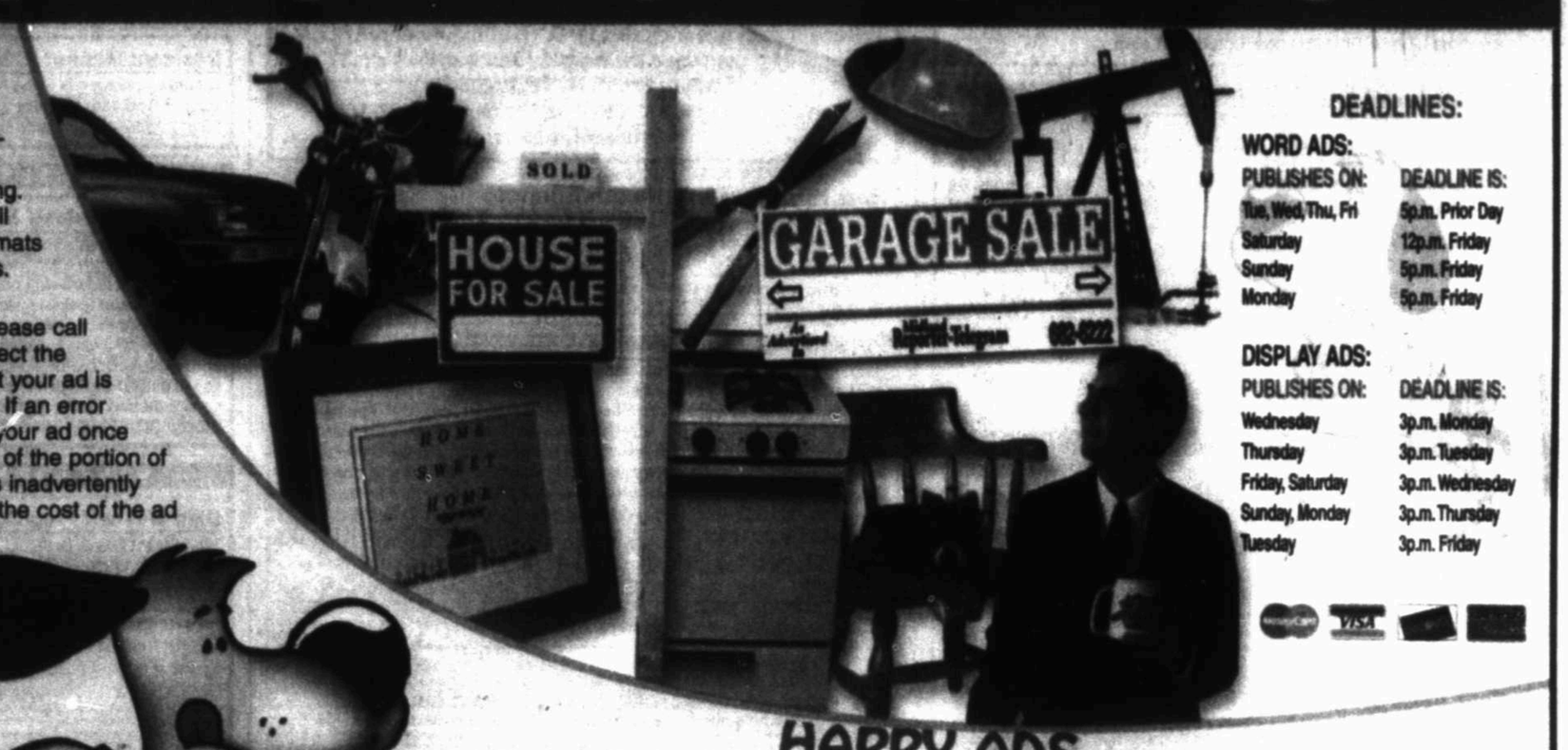

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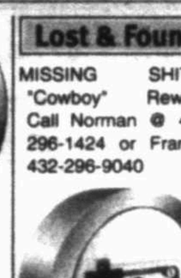

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Pickup Trucks

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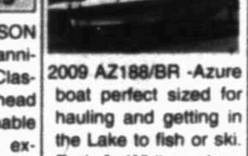

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Billing/Accounting Clerk
Full Time Billing and Accounting for a local transportation office. Must have good oral/written communications skills, dependable, organized and office etiquette. Computer skills a must: MS Excel, MS Word, A/P and A/R in Quickbooks. Competitive Salary. Email resume to midessatransportation@aol.com

CONTROLLER
IMPACT! Chemical Technologies is seeking an experienced Controller to be a key leader within the organization. The right individual should be comfortable with fast paced, hands on and growing environment. Leader of all company accounting, cost analyses, inventory control coordination, general accounting duties, cash management, personnel management and related function. Report directly to President. Requirements: BS in Accounting, 7+ years progressive accounting experience, 3+ years of experience in accounting management role, JDE Enterpriseone 9.1 or Systems experience preferred. Competitive salary, benefits, and 401K. Mail resumes to **PO Box 10687, Midland, TX 79702 or email tbohannon@impactchemtech.com.**

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Accounting Clerk
Oil company is currently seeking a full-time experienced Accounting Clerk. Duties include , invoicing, handling hourly timesheets, managing expense reports, and other general office duties. Must have 3+ years of job related experience preferably in oil industry. Strong computer skills required including Excel, Word, and Outlook. Must be able to work independently and in a fast paced environment. All resumes should be submitted via email to agaider@proslic.com.

Secretarial Assistant
Needed energetic, Secretarial Assistant for fast paced office. Send resume to: PO Box 923, Midland, Tx 79702.

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Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at **432-687-4000.**

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Midland, TX 79705
Premier facility is looking to hire Child Care workers for Infants & young children who also value the enhancement of the child's mental abilities. qualified Kitchen Staff also needed. Interested applicants can apply in person at 3309 N. Lamesa Rd., Midland, TX 79705 or email weecare05@yahoo.com

Teachers
First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year starting in September Call 432-683-0851.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

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Need **experienced Equipment Operator** with CDL for Oilfield Construction for a Big Spring family owned oil company. Competitive pay & benefits. Send resume to **PO Box 1870, Big Spring, Tx 79721** or call **432-813-7376**.

Multiple Positions
Jacam Chemicals 2013, L.L.C is seeking to fill positions for **Area Managers, Account Managers, Field Technologists and Treater/Delivery Truck Drivers** in Midland, Texas. Qualified driver applicants will need to possess, at a minimum, a Class B CDL with HAZMAT, Tanker and Airbrake Endorsements. Pre- 's experience preferred, and excellent driving record required. Excellent insurance, benefits and 401(k) participation. Please apply online at **http://www.jacam.com/career.html**. Jacam is an EOE

Multiple Positions
Nolan H. Brunson/SLS is looking for experienced **Pushers, Drivers, Swampers, and Office Manager** for its Midland yard. We offer top competitive wages, health/vision/dental insurance, 401 K plan, paid holidays and vacations. Please apply in person @ **2306 N. FM 1788**.

PUMPER / GAUGER / OPERATOR
ISLAND OPERATING COMPANY is seeking a **gauger/operator** to operate oil and gas wells and facilities in Midland, Texas area. Only experienced production operators need apply. 10/4 rotation with callouts sometimes required. Candidates must also have a clean driving record. **Island** is an equal opportunity employer, we offer great benefits and pay. All interested parties should contact Recruiting Dept. **337-233-9594** for more information on this position.

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions
Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Nursing staff to fill the following Positions:
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$1,000 Sign on BONUS Apply in person.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
The Kids Place FT
Join our growing team. Benefits and top pay for **EXPERIENCED DENTAL ASSISTANT**. Please mail or bring by resume to: **4410 North Midkiff, Suite D1 Midland, Tx. 79705**.

EMTs & Paramedics
Guardian EMS is looking to hire FT & PT EMT's and Paramedics, competitive salary, benefits, PTO if you're looking to join a progressive Medical transport team providing all types of transports including critical care and Emergency calls please apply at www.guardian-ems.com or contact Matt Briggs @ (325) 665 - 1464 Positions now available and filling fast in the Big Spring / Midland / Odessa Area

ReceptionistAssistant
Thomas Campagna, DMD FT
We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, Dental Receptionist full time position, to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Bi Lingual required. Please email: **info@smilemidland.com**, fax: **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 N. Loop 250, Midland, TX.**

HEALTHCARE

MIDLAND SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.
is seeking experienced candidates for the following positions to complement our team. All candidates must be able to work independently and possess excellent communication and patient skills.

Part Time/PRN RN's and LVN's

Medical Records Clerk

Billing and Collections Specialist

Benefit package includes PTO, Health, Life and AFLAC insurance coverages, and 401-K
Office Hours M-F 8:30-5:30
Send resume to: 432-697-7089 or call 432-697-1061 for more information.

Now Hiring - Home Health Agency
A growing Home Health Agency in Midland, TX Needs:
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• Staff Nurses (RN/LVN
For more information Call: Tynisa: 432-686-7449 Claudia: 432-686-7535.

Personal Care Attendants
Seeking caring and dependable people to work in the homes of elderly and disabled clients. Will assist with preparing meals, shopping, personal care, errands, light housekeeping and other assigned duties. We offer flexible day, evening, and weekend shifts. Must be at least 18 years of age with a clean criminal background, MUST have reliable transportation. No certifications or prior experience required. **CNAs needed in Midland. 40 hours in one home.** Fax resume to referencing Ad # 14641 to (432) 332-1640. For an application, call: (432) 332-4025. Apply online at: www.girling.com. Or apply in person at: 619 North Grant, Ste. 110, Odessa, Texas 79791. E.O.E M/F/D/V

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Receptionist
West Texas Urology FT
Receptionist needed for busy multi-physician office. Duties include: high volume telephones, posting charges and receiving payments. Bilingual preferred. Send resume to: 2706 West Cuthbert Bldg C, Midland TX 79701.

Weight Loss Coach
Wanted - High energy motivated self starter to manage a physician supervised weight loss and wellness clinic. Ideal person has excellent customer service, phone and computer skills, manages tasks independently, understands and respects privacy. Will train the right person. Salary and incentive bonuses. Email resumes to **gacbecky@cableone.net**.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Immediate Openings
DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza is seeking eager employees to work and be trained in our dining facility. There are positions available on both shift and room service. We have excellent pay for starting servers. We also are interviewing now for • Front Desk Clerks & • Night Auditors . Full and part time positions available in • Valet/Bell. Experience is not required. If hospitality interest you, come by and see us at 117 W. Wall, Midland.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE
Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

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BE A PART OF OUR TEAM-INVENTORY TAKERS
If you are looking for a new challenge, we want you to join our TEAM of **Inventory Takers**. $9/hr, no experience necessary, paid training, 10-key exp. a plus, and year-round PT employment. You must have access to reliable transporation and communication. Be available to work anytime, nights and weekends or days. If you are ready to take on the challenge, apply today! **RGISINV.COM** Job **#357. RGIS** EOE.

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Now hiring Child Care Provider. 3220 W. Illinois, Midland.

Cleaning Positions
Part time cleaning positions available in the evenings, work 3 to 4 hours nightly. Apply in person at **2311 Elizabeth Avenue**.

Delivery Driver
American Glass Dist. FT
Help wanted: Male or Female Delivery Driver. Must be 25 years of age, have social security card, driver's license & have a decent driving record. Good benefits after 6 months of employment. Starting at $12/hr. Please call 432-699-5235 or come by 5002 Basin Street, A-2, to fill out an application.

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Now that I have your attention, are you tired of where you're at? Call Mr. Stone at **432-234-3411** for an interview!

Embroidery Assistant
Full time Monday thru Friday 9-5. No experience needed. Non-smoking environment. Apply in person only. 2901 N. Big Spring Street, Midland. Serious inquiries only.

EXPERIENCED IRRIGATION HAND NEEDED
Must be able to perform basic sprinkler diagnostics & repairs unassisted & have own transportation. Salary DOE. **Call 432-770-2399.**

Housekeeper
Housekeeper wanted, 5 days per week for busy household. Duties include but not limited to, vacuuming, mopping, dusting, patio cleaning, window cleaning, picking up, making beds, dishes, laundry, ironing, taking/picking up dry cleaner clothes, grocery shopping, light cooking, and other errands that may need to be completed. Must be able to read and understand English. Have valid DL, Social Security ID, and be legal to work in the USA. $600/wk plus benefits. Call 432-934-3967

Inside Sales Person & Door Shop Assembler
Inside sales person with building material experience, also **person for door shop assembly**. Must have experience with power tools and nail guns. Need person for work in lumber yard with valid drivers license. Able to drive standard shift. Call **432-683-4761** or stop by **1701 West Industrial.**

Insurance Inspector
PT (20 to 25 hrs/wk) in Midland area. Work independently in the field to verify measurements and condition of homes for insurance companies. No sales. Computer, digital camera, car, cell phone required. Knowledge of home construction and customer service experience a plus. Paid Training, $15/hr. Apply at www.muellerreports.com , click Careers tab.

OTHER JOBS

Multiple Positions
Midland's Premier Country Club FT/PT
Midland Country Club has multiple open positions. Remember, we hire attitude and personality over experience and we offer a very competitive wage with benefits such as paid medical insurance, paid life insurance, 401k, free lunch and vacation:
1. Evening Receptionist
2. Line Cooks
3. Food/Beverage Servers
4. Housekeeper (2-10pm)
5. Lifeguards (must be certified)
6. Pool Concierge' (front desk)
Applications can be completed at: 6101 N. Hwy 349 or email resume to: hr@midlandcc.com.

RANCHLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB
Now Hiring for Clubhouse Maintenance and Janitor. Apply at 1600 E Wadley Midland, TX 79705 No phone calls, please

Resident Monitor & Cooks - Full Time, Part Time, & Relief
Dismas Charities is hiring for full-time, part/time & relief staff for the positions of **Resident Monitor & Cooks** (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at: **24 W. Industrial Loop.**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HSCR Marketing & Development Director
High Sky Children's Ranch is seeking a Marketing and Development Director to lead the agency's fundraising and outreach efforts. The position will require knowledge of fundraising processes including direct mail, grant writing, donor recognition and special events as well as marketing strategies to promote High Sky within our region.
The successful candidate will have the ability to relate positively, influentially and sensitively to a broad spectrum of people in a variety of multi – tiered relationships and settings. Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Marketng or Business preferred and/or two years prior experience in related non-profit field. Salary: DOE Please send resumes to Jalynnh@highsky.org

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Dish Washer/ Prep Cook
Wall Street Bar & Grill FT
Hiring Dish Washer/ Prep Cook. Apply in person: 115 E. Wall St., Midland or call 432-684-6686.

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
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Kitchen Staff/Bussers
The Garlic Press is hiring bussers and kitchen staff. Flexible hours. Great work environment and benefits.
Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield. 11-2 and 5:30-6:30

Servers
Basin Burger House FT/PT
Basin Burger House in Downtown Midland is seeking servers. Great work environment. Apply in person after 2pm. 607 N Colorado St, Midland, 79701.

Warehouse Manager, Coffee Delivery & Route Driver
Looking for energetic people for the positions of **Warehouse Manager, Coffee Delivery Person and Route Driver** for Custom Food Group. **Drivers receive $500 after 6 months of employment.** Apply in person at **2045 S. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX.** Call or Email to set up an appointment today. **806-231-0260, Justin.littlejohn@customfoodgroup.com.**

SALES JOBS

Sales Representatives
D & B Rental Service is now hiring Sales Representatives! Must be friendly, outgoing and self-motivated! Please send resumes to db_rental@yahoo.com or call Jason to apply in person 432-257-5276

Warehouse/Local Delivery Driver
BenMark Supply Co. is looking to hire full time **warehouse/local delivery driver** positions in our Midland and Odessa stores. Industrial, Waterworks, Oilfield, and Irrigation. We offer health insurance, 401K, and paid vacation. Fax resumes to **432-682-4110** or email to jodisprinkle@benmarksupply.com

SKILLED LABOR

Equipment Operator/Driver
Talon/LPE is seeking an experienced Equipment Operator/Driver for our Midland office. Candidates must possess an active CDL and clean driving record. Required experience includes dump truck, tanker truck, backhoe, bulldozer, skid loader, and other heavy equipment. Experience in general construction/industrial activities including excavations, leveling, demolition, trenching/boring, and roadway a plus. Talon/LPE is an equal opportunity employer. Please fax a resume to (806) 467-0622 or e-mail to resumes@talonlpe.com.

Experienced Diesel Technician
Horizon Transportation FT
Now hiring **Experienced Diesel Technician**. Clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and drug test. Please call **432-699-4468.**

Journeyman Plumber FT
Journeyman Plumber needed for new commercial. Join our growing company. Please call Superior Plumbing 432-687-5905

Licensed Commercial Plumber
TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay **(up to $28/hr DOE and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements)**. Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. **Please call 432-686-0002 for interview.**

Machine Shop Supervisor
Monahans - New Shop seeking supervisor to assist with start up and perform machinist duties. 3-5 Years prior experience including supervisory required. Submit resume with salary requirements to lisa.bresee@gracofish.com or by fax 214-618-5305 EOE

Plant Operator
Plant Operator Needed immediately: Experience preferred but not required. Location near Rankin, TX. Fax resume to 432-693-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, TX. 79755

Tractor Trailer Mechanic/Shop Manager
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Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Need experienced Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic. Must have own tools. Competitive wages, paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental and vision coverage available. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas, mail resume to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, fax to 432-683-7407, or call 24-hour phone 432-682-0434.

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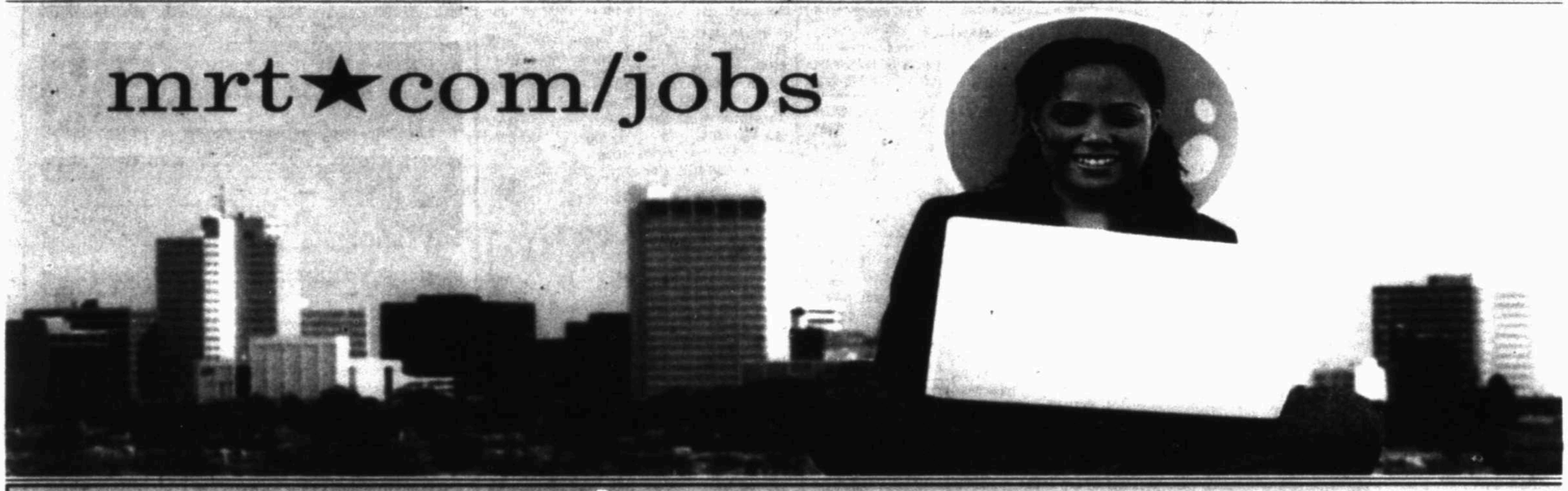

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MULE DEER *migration*

Researchers: Wyoming mule deer herd travels farthest in the world

By Christine Peterson
Star-Tribune

Each spring, a herd of mule deer leaves the Red Desert and follows a trail of greening grass and retreating snow along the western slope of the Wind River Range. Months later, the animals arrive in the Hoback Basin south of Jackson, more than 150 miles away.

It is the farthest recorded mule deer migration in the world, and an ancient rite vital to the long-term survival of Wyoming's iconic mule deer populations.

And its future is uncertain.

The journey from desert to mountains takes the herd over fences and across roads, near subdivisions and through narrow passageways flanked by towns and lakes. There are no national parks or wilderness areas to offer refuge. The deer contend with the elements and whatever obstacles people put in their way.

Scientist believe the migration has lasted this long because large swaths of land between the deer's summer and winter ranges have remained undeveloped.

In many ways the migration, like bison roaming the plains, is a symbol of the old West. It is a possibility only states like Wyoming can still offer, and one that may not always remain.

"We've been blind to a large chunk of this migration to date, and been fortunate that that landscape has remained intact," said Hall Sawyer, a researcher at Western Ecosystems Technology Inc. who discovered the migration. "But it's important for us to understand where this route is so we can take a proactive approach in helping shape future land use practices."

RESEARCHERS DIDN'T even know the migration existed until two years ago.

The Bureau of Land Management had contacted Sawyer to find out where a group of deer living in the Red Desert call their winter and summer ranges.

Sawyer, 43, has studied elk, pronghorn and deer migrations for two decades. He also uncovered the famous pronghorn herd that travels more than 100 miles from the Upper Green River Basin near Pinedale to Grand Teton National Park, which, until now, held the title of longest migrating mammal in the Lower 48.

In 2011, Sawyer caught and collared 40 deer east of Rock Springs for the BLM study and commissioned a pilot to track the herd. Yet following the deer proved more difficult than expected. On the first flight, the pilot found only a few.

Sawyer asked him to fly even farther north, near Pinedale, to see if they'd joined deer on the south end of the Wind Rivers. The pilot called an hour later and said he picked them up, 100 miles away from where they'd started.

"That was the beginning of it," Sawyer said. "It took us a couple of flights to make sure this was really happening. Then I thought, 'How will we have the flight budget to fly half of the state of Wyoming looking for deer?'"

He discovered that a group of about 500 mule deer starts north of Rock Springs, winding 50 miles through canyons and past sand dunes to join almost 5,000 more. The mass then snakes like a living train for another 100 miles. The original group ultimately climbs 3,000 to 4,000 feet in elevation.

Sawyer finished his project for BLM, at the same time working with Matt Kauffman, leader of the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at University of Wyoming and director of a new effort called the Wyoming Migration Initiative.

The scientists believed the mule deer migration fit perfectly with the initiative, which was created to connect migration research with groups working on wildlife issues.

"We recognized that although there was an incredible amount of interest and people wanted to wrap their heads around migration, the science wasn't getting applied to the effort," Kauffman said. "I remember that meeting ... at one point Hall simply said, 'This [Red Desert to Hoback] migration is the story the WMI should tell.'"

The pair decided to document the migration in video and photographs and contacted Joe Riis, a National Geographic photographer based in Wyoming who tracked the pronghorn journey. They wanted to combine the intrigue of deer wading through rivers, crossing roads and calling out to each other with the practical science of conservation and mapping.

ABOUT 90 PERCENT of Wyoming's big game migrates from one area in the winter to another in the summer, Kauffman said. It might be from the foothills of Casper Mountain to its summit, from the Red Desert to the Hoback, or some distance in between.

Migration, he said, is what sustains many of Wyoming's herds. It is how big game has evolved and learned to live in the harsh, high plains known for long, bitter winters and dry, windy summers.

Deer often stay in the mountains in the summer, gorging themselves on luscious, green plants and shrubs while building a critical layer of fat meant to carry them through most of the winter.

The herds move down to the plains when the snow begins to fall. There is less food, but they do not have to contend with the potentially deadly combination of deep snow and subzero temperatures.

Come spring, they move back toward greener pasture.

Some deer remain on their winter ranges all year, eking out a living on what little remains. Most of them move on.

"It's a trade-off between making the long, dangerous migration and getting some good groceries, or staying in the desert where you don't have to migrate but have slim pickings," Sawyer said. "It's nice to see that the population didn't put all their eggs in one basket. Some go all the way, some pop up a little ways, and other stay put."

Wyoming would still have deer even without migrations. Does would munch on tulips in backyards and fawns would be raised on golf courses, Sawyer said.

But backyard deer are a drop in the bucket of Wyoming's overall population. They number in the hundreds when migratory herds number in the tens of thousands.

"These migratory herds are our bread and butter," Sawyer said.

TO ANYONE who has seen a mule deer clear a fence, such a barrier may not appear to be an obstacle.

But 100 fences, combined with rural subdivisions, highway crossings and bottlenecks, are more problematic, Sawyer said.

Sawyer and Kauffman highlighted 10 potential problem areas for deer and their passage between the desert and the Hoback. They range from 8-foot-tall fencing on feedgrounds to Bureau of Land Management lands available for oil and gas leasing.

What makes the herd so remarkable — that they travel through unprotected land — is also what makes their seasonal journey so perilous, Sawyer said.

Instead of traveling through a wildlife refuge or national park, they move over a mix of BLM, state, Forest Service and private land.

Sawyer not only detailed where the deer go, but also where they stop for nourishment. Deer travel in some ways like people, moving long distances and stopping in key areas for food and rest. Developing in those resting areas would be like removing hotels and restaurants from towns along interstates, Sawyer said. Without a stopover, deer could miss important groceries along the way.

But now that researchers know where the deer travel, and where and when they stop, land management agencies, conservation groups and landowners can focus their efforts on the critical areas, he said.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation, for example, has agreed to lower the top wire on fencing surrounding one of the key highway crossings, Sawyer said.

Nonprofits now know what areas could be important for habitat projects or fence changes.

The research and outreach effort connects science to boots on the ground, said Steve Kilpatrick, executive director of the Wyoming Wildlife Federation.

"If we don't have science, we use our opinion to paint a broad landscape. With science, we know we have a narrow band and what we can do to help the band," Kilpatrick said. "The important parts of those migration routes are absolutely essential to the long term well-being of our big game herds in Wyoming."

Kauffmann and Sawyer believe the migration rivals the wildebeests' trek across the Serengeti or the caribou's journey over the Canadian tundra. They compiled a report aimed at raising awareness of the journey, aided by photos and video from Riis, the National Geographic photographer.

Today, many states have had their wild places filled in with subdivisions, shopping centers, industrial development and crop lands. The days of the great bison herds moving across the plains have long since ended. Most big horn sheep no longer trek from one mountain range to another.

But Kauffman and Sawyer say there's hope. With a little planning, Wyoming's mule deer migrations and others like it will endure in one of the last truly wild places.

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