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# City facing deficit in water and sewer fund

## *Staff expects changes to be made to prevent shortfall*

**By Kathleen Petty**
*Staff Writer*

It's estimated the city of Midland's water and sewer fund will operate with an about $8.1 million cash flow deficit in the coming fiscal year if no rate changes are implemented.

Director of Utilities Stuart Purvis said those estimates, which were presented to the City Council this week, are based on current rates. Changes will be made so no shortfall occurs.

"We will adjust," he said. "The fund itself will not go into a deficit position."

What those changes will be and when they'll be enforced still is up for discussion.

City Manager Courtney Sharp said the potential deficit is the result of a combination of lower water sales and a more than 40 percent increase in rates that will be implemented by the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD).

The city of Midland now pays $1.66 per thousand gallons of water it purchases from the CRMWD. In the coming year, it will pay an estimated $2.35 per thousand gallons, Purvis said. The rate hike was approved by the CRMWD board in an effort to cover the costs of a pipeline project that will provide water from well fields in Ward County — a resource that will be essential should the O.H. Ivie Reservoir become dry.

With the rate increase, the city is anticipating a 15.75 percent jump in water and sewer fund expenses during fiscal year 2013 when compared with the current year, Sharp said.

In total, expenses for the water and sewer fund in fiscal year 2013 are estimated at $59.6 million. The revenue, without rate changes, is projected to come in at about $46.4 million, Sharp said.

"All of our funds are in good shape except for the water and sewer fund," he said.

Sharp said they expect some water usage to return when more water becomes available to sell. But the city also anticipates rates will need to be adjusted.

When water becomes available from T-Bar Ranch — scheduled to occur by May 31, 2013 — Purvis said some residents likely will use more water in an effort to revive their lawns.

After that initial use, though, Purvis said he expects

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# THE MOVE TO MIDLAND

*Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram*

From left, XCOR Chief Operating Officer Andrew Nelson, CEO Jeff Greason and Gov. Rick Perry listen during a ceremony anouncing the approval of a $10 million incentive deal and XCOR's relocation to Midland on Monday at the Midland International Airport.

## Texas lures pioneering space firm from Mojave

**Editor's Note: The following story from the Bakersfield Californian was the reaction from XCOR Aerospace's announcement earlier in the week. Baskerfield is located about an hour northwest of Mojave, the current headquarters for XCOR.**

**By Steven Mayer**
*Bakersfield Californian*

Did Gov. Rick Perry snatch a growing company from its home in Kern County?

Or does California make it easy for companies to say adios?

A commercial aerospace firm based in eastern Kern County announced Monday that it is expanding its operations to Texas, a move characterized by some observers as an avoidable economic loss to Kern County and the state as a whole.

XCOR Aerospace, a manufacturer of reusable rocket engines and the developer of the Lynx, a suborbital space plane designed to carry two persons or scientific experiments to the edge of space, announced the move Monday at a press conference in Midland, the site of its new research and development center.

The center will be created over the next 18 months in an existing hangar on the flightline at Midland International Airport. The company, which expects to grow from about 30 employees to more than 100 over the next five years, has centered its operations at Mojave Air and Space Port for more than a decade.

Despite the move, some operations will remain in Mojave, including commercial launches of the Lynx once flight testing is completed, said XCOR Chief Executive Officer Jeff Greason, who was in Texas for the announcement.

"I personally will be one of those moving to Midland," Greason said. "I take no pleasure in leaving Mojave. I love Mojave. But I had to do what's best for the company."

Indeed, Greason has described the growing space port in eastern Kern as "the Silicon Valley of the private space industry" and the premier location for civilian flight research and testing in the United States.

But California's less favorable tax and regulatory environment — and its inability to pass timely liability protection for companies planning to invest in commercial space tourism —

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**Coming Sunday**

We look at what's required to turn Midland International Airport into a spaceport. Also, MDC board member Robert Rendall address how the hard work by many helped bring XCOR to Midland.

# Report: Texas homeowners insurance premiums spike

*Associated Press*

AUSTIN — Texas homeowners insurance premiums have risen 21 percent since the start of 2009, partly because the industry expects there to be greater property losses from natural disasters going forward.

The average premium on a homeowners policy in Texas last year was $1,412, according to the report state Insurance Commissioner Eleanor Kitzman presented Tuesday to a state Senate committee.

There are several reasons behind the increase, including industry models that project greater losses in Texas from hurricanes, hail storms, wildfires and other disasters, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Consequently, the average loss on an insurance claim in Texas is among the highest in the country, which contributed to the high premiums, the report found.

"Texas has both a high average loss per policy and a high exposure to catastrophes," the report stated.

The factors in Texas that caused the most insured losses in the past decade were hail ($7.6 billion), water damage ($7.3 billion), hurricane winds ($6.2 billion) and fire ($4.3 billion), according to the study.

Also contributing to the price hike were higher insurance company expenses and declines in interest rates that cut insurers' investment returns.

The report ranked six regions in Texas and found, as expected, that coastal counties had the highest premiums and highest average losses and counties in the state's southwest had the lowest.

To reduce property losses, Kitzman made several recommendations, such as putting in place stronger building codes, requiring the state licensing of roofing contractors and increasing the criminal penalties for insurance fraud.

Texas has "one of the highest rates of fraud" in roofing repairs because of the lack of state regulation over roofing contractors, she said.

**Reaping the benefits**

*Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram*

Ramon Valenzula collects runoff from the afternoon's rain showers to top off the planting beds in his yard Wednesday on the 1000 block of North Main Street.

# Local car dealership owner dies after attack on wife

■ Former Midlander living in Highland Park shocks neighbors with early morning incident.

*From staff and wire reports*

A local car dealership owner and former Midlander killed himself following an attack on his wife in their Highland Park home, according to police.

Fifty-year-old John "Rod" Steele, the owner of BMW of the Permian Basin, stabbed himself to death early Wednesday morning after an attack on his wife that sent her to the hospital with an injury to her hand, police said.

Steele is a graduate of Midland High and still has family in Midland.

According to police reports and a Dallas Morning News account of the events in the Dallas suburb, Dina Steele said she awoke to find her husband holding a knife. She told police that she then fended off an attack, suffering cuts to her hands and arms. Police said the couple's 16-year-old son intervened

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A free summer lunch program for kids could lose its government funding if attendance doesn't increase by July 20.

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# Surrogates for Obama, Romney debate energy

**By Jennifer A. Dlouhy**
*Hearst Newspapers*

WASHINGTON — Surrogates for President Obama and Mitt Romney squared off Wednesday during a debate on energy policy that revealed stark differences between the two candidates' views of the federal government's role in using taxpayer dollars to support still-developing energy technologies.

Dan Reicher, a representative of the Obama campaign, argued that federal dollars can wisely be used to leverage private sector spending and keep the U.S. competitive in a global race to commercialize new energy technologies.

"The government has an appropriate role to play," said Reicher, a Stanford University professor who previously headed energy initiatives for Google.

Linda Gillespie Stuntz, representing the Romney campaign, backed some government spending to propel research and development of energy technologies, but said science and the free market should drive most investments — not White House whims.

"The U.S. should not be playing venture capitalist with taxpayer dollars," said Stuntz, a former deputy secretary at the Energy Department under President George H.W. Bush.

Stuntz said Romney would end an expiring production tax credit that has helped pay for wind farms nationwide for more than two decades, but she was uncertain how quickly the program should be phased out. The tax credit is set to expire at the end of the year, unless Congress votes to renew it.

"We now have wind and solar industries dependent on subsidies," Stuntz said. "When is enough? What is justified for American consumers to continue paying for a technology that either is cost-competitive ... or it's not and it can only exist because of taxpayer subsidies?"

Wednesday's forum, hosted by the Business Roundtable, represented one of the first and broadest looks yet at how the two presidential candidates would tackle energy issues over the next four years.

Reicher accused Romney of being wedded to conventional oil and gas to the expense of alternative energy sources.

"There (are) a number of areas where Gov. Romney's bet is essentially on being able to drill our way out of this," Reicher said. "I don't think the resources are there overall. I don't think it gives us the diversity of supply we need from a security perspective. And it cedes market internationally to what is a rapidly growing opportunity around clean energy technologies."

On the campaign trail, Romney has pledged that if elected, he immediately would approve the controversial Keystone XL pipeline that would send oil sands crude from Alberta, Canada, to Gulf Coast refineries — a commitment Stuntz reiterated Wednesday.

Reicher said the Obama administration was moving toward making a decision on the proposed pipeline in the first quarter of 2013.

Both campaign representatives touted the potential for oil exploration in the Arctic Ocean, as Shell moves closer to launching exploratory drilling in the region once the ice clears this summer.

Stuntz, a lobbyist who sits on Shell's board of directors, credited the Obama administration with working well with the company to put in place protections for Arctic oil development. Using that model, she said, "There's no reason we can't do more to take advantage of what's in the Arctic, because we think that's the next frontier."

Although Reicher agreed that the Arctic Ocean offers "big opportunities," he ruled out drilling in the nearby Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. That, he said, is "a line in the sand for this administration."

Stuntz said Romney was "certainly not a denier" when it came to climate change, but the two campaigns differ on the best approach. Stuntz argued that unilateral action would not affect greenhouse gas emissions globally and "will only hamstring us economically."

Reicher said Obama supports a binding international agreement on climate change, but in the meantime, "It is important that this country be working with other countries on how to — in a very practical way — deploy clean energy technologies."

# University of Alabama hires Texas Tech president

*Associated Press*

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Guy Bailey, hired away from Texas Tech University to become president of the University of Alabama, said Wednesday he wants to increase research funding and spending and keep Crimson Tide athletic programs in the hunt for national championships.

Deciding on Bailey's hiring without a formal vote, trustees approved the Montgomery native to return to the campus where he earned two English degrees.

"This is my home. I'm proud to be from Alabama. I'm proud to be from this institution," said Bailey.

Search committee chairwoman Karen Brooks said it was a "bonus" that Bailey is an Alabama graduate. Brooks said Bailey was the clear favorite in a field that began with several dozen potential candidates.

"There was one person who was best, and he rose to the top quickly and stayed there," said Brooks, of Tuscaloosa.

Bailey has been president at Texas Tech since 2008. At Alabama he replaces Robert Witt, who is now chancellor of the three-campus University of Alabama System.

Details on Bailey's pay at Alabama weren't available; a university spokeswoman said they were still being worked out. Bailey said he plans to begin work in early September, around the start of the next academic year.

Texas Tech said Bailey had a salary and benefits package worth $422,637 last year, and he received $152,000 in deferred compensation.

Texas Tech and Alabama have roughly the same enrollment, about 32,000 graduates and undergraduates.

Responding to trustees' questions, Bailey said he wants to concentrate on expanding research at Alabama while maintaining a quality education for undergraduates. Growth in research at Texas Tech during his tenure helped attract more dollars through partnerships with the military, corporations, public agencies and other schools, he said.

"Never let $1 be $1. Develop it into $2," he said.

Asked about the president's role in athletics, Bailey said championship sports programs — Alabama won four national team titles last year, including football — provide the university with great advertising for recruiting top academic students.

"It doesn't do you any good to have an athletics program if it's not successful," he said, noting that his 85-year-old mother attends every home football game and even travels to some contests away.

While Bailey helped hire Tommy Tuberville at Texas Tech, where the former Auburn University football coach is 13-12 over the last two years, he said fans shouldn't be worried if he still is president when it comes time to replace Nick Saban as football coach at Alabama.

"We hope Nick Saban will stay here a long time," said Bailey, 61. "He's younger than I am."

While trustees voiced unanimous support for Bailey and there were no other candidates, they didn't actually vote to hire him.

After unanimously accepting a motion and a second to approve Bailey's nomination, board pro tem Paul Bryant Jr., son of the legendary 'Bama football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, asked if there was any opposition. No one spoke up, and Bryant introduced Bailey as president.

During a standing ovation in a conference hall, some trustees could be seen murmuring to each other. "We didn't vote," Montgomery developer Jim Wilson appeared to say across the table to another member.

After the meeting, Bryant said he meant to make Bailey's hiring a decision by acclimation but failed to do so as another person guided him through parliamentary process.

"I sort of mumbled," said Bryant.


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## It's not lunacy: Not-a-planet Pluto boasts 5 moons

Pluto may have been kicked out of the planet club, but it has gained yet another companion.

Scientists announced Wednesday the discovery of the smallest moon yet around the icy orb, bringing the tally of known moons to five.

"We're not finished searching yet," said Hal Weaver of Johns Hopkins University, who thinks there may be more lurking.

The discovery was made by a team of scientists who used the Hubble Space Telescope to scout out Pluto's neighborhood ahead of a NASA spacecraft that's scheduled to arrive in 2015. When the New Horizons craft launched in 2006, Pluto was a full-fledged planet, but since has been demoted to dwarf planet status by the International Astronomical Union.

The newfound moon — known as P5 until it gets a proper name — appeared as a faint fleck in the Hubble images. Scientists estimated the mini-moon to be 6 to 15 miles across, smaller than the still nameless one that they spotted last year, which is 8 to 21 miles wide.

Pluto's largest moon, the 650-mile-wide Charon, was discovered in 1978. Two smaller moons, Nix and Hydra, were found in 2005.

The moons are thought to have formed after an ancient collision between Pluto and an object in the Kuiper Belt, a disk teeming with small bodies that lies beyond the orbit of Neptune.

WEST VIRGINIA

## Man denies enslaving, torturing wife

MORGANTOWN — While her husband returned a rototiller to a West Virginia rental shop, a limping woman sneaked into another part of the building seeking help. Soon, she was at a shelter with a horrifying tale: She had been held hostage for the better part of a decade — beaten, burned and even shackled during childbirth.

Investigators have 45 photographs showing burns on her back and breasts from irons and frying pans, and scars on her wrists and ankles. Now, her husband is in jail and authorities are investigating what Jackson County Chief Sheriff's Deputy Tony Boggs called one of the most terrible cases he's seen.

"This appears to go beyond abuse to what I would consider torture," he said Wednesday.

Peter Lizon, 37, was in jail on $300,000 bond. He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Friday on a malicious wounding charge.

The criminal complaint said 43-year-old Stephanie Lizon told another woman at a Parkersburg shelter that her husband smashed her foot with a piece of farm equipment, among other things.

But Shawn Bayliss, Peter Lizon's attorney, said the allegations are "the fabrication of a fertile imagination or a feeble mind, one of the two."

NEW YORK

## Teen girls to Teen Vogue: Stop altering photos

Days after a campaign led by a 14-year-old girl secured a promise from Seventeen magazine not to alter body shapes in photographs, more teens protested against Teen Vogue on Wednesday with "Keep it Real" signs and a makeshift red carpet.

About half a dozen girls high-fived each other as they catwalked near the magazine's office in Times Square. They've collected more than 28,000 signatures in just over a week asking Teen Vogue to follow Seventeen's lead in declaring an end to digitally manipulating images.

The girls, affiliated with the protest group SPARK Movement, said Teen Vogue and other magazines read by vulnerable young readers present an unrealistic notion of beauty, threatening their self-esteem and leading to depression and eating disorders.

INDIANAPOLIS

## US-Russian adoption pact met with caution, hope

When they adopted their son from a Russian orphanage in 2007, veterinarian Dan Genatiempo and his wife, Nancy, endured a year filled with red tape, tens of thousands of dollars in travel costs and months of anxious waiting.

The suburban Indianapolis couple recently began the process of adopting a Russian sister for their now 6-year-old son, Max. But they aren't overly optimistic that their second adoption will be any easier, despite the Russian parliament's approval of a long-awaited agreement to simplify the adoptions by Americans.

"I think it's going to be a beneficial thing, but as far as changing the process real drastically, I honestly don't expect it to," Dan Genatiempo said Wednesday.

The adoption climate between the two nations soured in April 2010, when a Tennessee woman put her 7-year-old son alone on a plane with a one-way ticket back to Russia. She said the boy had emotional problems and claimed she had been misled by a Russian orphanage about his condition.

Russian officials responded by threatening to halt all adoptions by Americans.

Adoption agencies and prospective parents hope the agreement ratified Tuesday will ease tensions between the two countries over the abuse and deaths of Russian children adopted by U.S. parents. Russian officials said at least 19 adopted children have died at the hands of their American parents.

Opportunities for international adoptions have declined dramatically in recent years as countries such as China have tightened restrictions and begun promoting domestic adoption and foster care to keep more children in their native countries.


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CALIFORNIA

## Another city opts for bankruptcy

SAN BERNARDINO — In this sweltering Southern California city, officials tried to keep the budget in check by selling assets, cutting spending and asking public employees to take a hit as tax revenues dwindled.

But San Bernardino officials found themselves staring at a bleak prospect Tuesday night: Vendors hadn't been paid and cash was running out to make payroll, threatening to shut down the city altogether.

That prompted elected officials in the city of 210,000 people to take the sudden move of authorizing the city attorney to seek federal bankruptcy protection, becoming the third California city poised to do so in less than two weeks.

Bankruptcy experts said the decision in San Bernardino — some 60 miles east of Los Angeles — could sound an alarm to cities across the state and country that are grappling with weak property and sales tax revenues as their pension obligations continue to rise.

ATLANTA

## Missing bank director sends confession, disappears

After penning a rambling letter to financial regulators and writing notes to his family, a south Georgia bank director boarded a ferry in Key West, Fla., and disappeared.

Now local and federal investigators are trying to determine whether Aubrey Lee Price killed himself; as the lengthy letter — which they've described as a confession — would have them believe, or whether he slipped away with $17 million of investors' money. His family has told authorities they believe he's dead, but federal investigators aren't so sure and have offered $20,000 for information leading to his arrest.

"My depression and discouragement have driven me to deep anxiety, fear and shame. I am emotionally overwhelmed and incapable of continuing in this life," said the confession letter investigators believe was written by Price.

PITTSBURGH

## Can fracking pollute water? Study tries to answer

A new study being done by the Department of Energy may provide some of the first solid answers to a controversial question: Can gas drilling fluids migrate and pose a threat to drinking water?

A drilling company in southwestern Pennsylvania is giving researchers access to a commercial drilling site, said Richard Hammack, a spokesman for the National Energy Technology Laboratory in Pittsburgh.

The firm let scientists conduct baseline tests, allowed tracing elements to be added to hydraulic fracturing fluids and agreed to allow follow-up monitoring. That should let scientists see whether the drilling fluids move upwards or sideways from the Marcellus Shale, which is 8,100 feet deep at that spot.

The Marcellus Shale is a gas-rich rock formation thousands of feet under large parts of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and West Virginia. Over the past five years, advances in drilling technology made the gas accessible, leading to a boom in production, jobs, and profits — and concerns about pollution.

The gas is pulled from the ground through a process called hydraulic fracturing in which large volumes of water, plus sand and chemicals, are injected deep underground to break shale apart and free the gas.

# Results due soon on new Alzheimer drugs

By Marilynn Marchione
*Associated Press*

Results are due within a month or so from key studies of two drugs that may determine if there will be a way anytime soon to slow the course of Alzheimer's disease.

A pivotal study of a third drug will end later this year, and results from a small, early test of it will be reported next week at an Alzheimer's conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

These three treatments are practically the "last men standing" in late-stage trials, after more than a decade of failed efforts to develop a drug to halt the mind-robbing disease. Current medicines such as Aricept and Namenda just temporarily ease symptoms. There is no known cure.

Experts said that if these fail, drug companies may pull out of the field in frustration, leaving little hope for the millions of people with the disease. An estimated 35 million people worldwide have dementia, which includes Alzheimer's. In the U.S., experts say about 5 million have Alzheimer's.

The three treatments being tested are not even drugs in the traditional, chemical sense. They are antibodies — proteins made by the immune system that promote clearance of amyloid, the stuff that forms the plaque.

It's a strategy with a checkered history, and scientists aren't even sure that amyloid causes Alzheimer's or that removing it will do any good in people who already have symptoms. But there are some hopeful signs they may be on the right track.

"Everybody in the field is probably holding their breath that there is something positive to come out of these trials," said Dr. Ronald Petersen, director of the Mayo Clinic's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

"It may not be a home run" in terms of improving memory and cognition, but if brain imaging or spinal fluid tests show the drugs are hitting their target, "they will be regarded as successes," he said.

William Thies, scientific director of the Alzheimer's Association, agreed.

Even if there is just a small effect, "that would be a huge finding because that would let you know you had a drug that worked," he said. It then could be tried as a preventive medicine or given earlier in the course of the disease when it may have more impact.

The three drugs and their developers are:

- Bapineuzumab, by Pfizer Inc. and Johnson & Johnson's Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy unit.
- Solanezumab, by Eli Lilly & Co.
- Gammagard, by Baxter International Inc.

All are given as periodic intravenous infusions; some companies are trying to reformulate them so they could be given as shots. If a major study shows that one of the drugs works, there will be a huge effort to make it more convenient and practical, Thies predicted.

Still, it probably would be very expensive.

The first two on the list are lab-made, single antibodies against amyloid. Gammagard is intravenous immune globulin, or IVIG — multiple, natural antibodies culled from blood. Half a dozen companies already sell IVIG to treat immune system and blood disorders. It takes 130 plasma donations to make enough to treat one patient for a year.

Treating Alzheimer's with IVIG would cost $2,000 to $5,000 every two weeks, depending on the patient's weight, said Dr. Norman Relkin, head of a memory disorders program at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. He consults for some drugmakers and has patents for tests that measure amyloid.

Relkin is also leading a late-stage, 400-patient study of Gammagard that will wrap up late this year. A much smaller, earlier study he led showed less brain shrinkage among people receiving the drug than among those getting dummy infusions.

"It was so startling that I sent it to two laboratories for independent verification," Relkin said.

Next week, at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Canada, Relkin will give a three-year progress report on 16 patients out of the original 24 enrolled in that earlier study.

Jason Marder is among them. The New York City man, who turned 70 Tuesday, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's more than eight years ago.

"It was devastating," said his wife, Karin Marder. "I thought, 'Our life is over together as a couple.' But in fact it really has not been, and I have to attribute this really to the clinical trial."

In the roughly five years that her husband has taken Gammagard, there has been decline in his health, but it is minimal and the kind of slowing down you might expect from ordinary aging, she said. "He travels the subways, he does things that you and I do. And our quality of life together is what's most important," she said.

Jason Marder said he takes a creative writing class, runs errands for his wife and bikes around the city. As for his disease, "I fight it as much as I can," he said. "I feel I can handle it."

It's impossible to say how Marder would have fared without the treatment. Some patients decline rapidly, while others not for years. Hard evidence comes from large studies like the one that will conclude later this year, in which a group of patients getting the treatment is compared with a similar group given dummy infusions.

Studies on the two other drugs already have ended and results are being analyzed. The main outcome is likely to be announced by the companies as soon as it is known, and detailed results are to be presented at scientific conferences in October.


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### New movies

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ Tall City 14:
Closing today: "Snow White and the Huntsman" and "That's My Boy"
Opening Friday: "Ice Age 4: Continental Drift"

■ Big Sky Drive-in:
Closing today: "Madagascar," "Snow White and the Huntsman" and "Men in Black 3"
Opening Friday: "Ice Age 4: Continental Drift," "Magic Mike" and "Tyler Perry's Witness Protection"

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

### Support groups, club meetings

**Support groups**

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m., Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 AND 10 a.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2600 Healy; 694-8347.

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

**Club meetings**

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m. at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

### Correction

In Sunday's story about a 12-year-old Midland girl, Megan Dillon, who is battling a rare form of childhood leukemia, the story listed Chris Earp as her father. Earp is Dillon's stepfather. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

### Medal of Honor highlights

On July 12, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill passed by Congress authorizing the Medal of Honor.

**Area Medal of Honor recipients**
George Herman O'Brien Jr., of Big Spring, was presented with the Medal of Honor on Oct. 27, 1953.
Marvin Rex Young, of Odessa, was presented with the Medal of Honor on April 7, 1970.

*Source: Congressional Medal of Honor Society, http://www.cmohs.org.*

### Lottery

**Pick 3 day:** 4-8-9
**Pick 3 night:** 3-3-6
**Daily 4 day:** 3-3-3-3
**Daily 4 night:** 2-8-0-0
**Cash Five:** 12-14-21-24-29
**Lotto Texas:** 5-8-26-32-40-49
**Powerball:** 5-22-36-49-55
PB: 23

### Today in history

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 194th day of 2012. There are 172 days left in the year.

**On this date:**

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was ratified in February 1913.)

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro, of New York, to be his running mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major party ticket.

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running mate.

Today's birthdays: Pianist Van Cliburn is 78. Comedian Bill Cosby is 75. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 61.

*Associated Press*

# FUND

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water use will level off at a lower pace than had been the norm for Midland in previous years.

"We've lost some demand, I just don't know how much," he said. "There've been a lot of wells drilled. There've been a lot of people change their landscape; people have changed their habits in how they water."

Mayor Wes Perry said during the budget meeting that many of those changes are positive. Having additional resources available from T-Bar Ranch will allow for some shifts in habits, but Midlanders also need to be a good stewards of that water.

Knowing costs are rising and that usage likely will be lower even with less stringent outdoor watering rules, Purvis said they're working on a rate change proposal.

Any changes made won't be as drastic as those implemented this year, Purvis said.

To curtail water purchases this year, rates were multiplied by five for any customers falling within the top two tiers of users. Perry said it was implemented to encourage conservation, not to bring in more money.

So far, that's been the case. In May, the most recent numbers released, water revenues were down by just more than $100,000. In April, revenues were down about $800,000 from the previous year, according to Bob McNaughton, finance director.

Sharp said sewer rates also are being looked at for fiscal year 2013.

Customers now pay a flat sewer rate. However, the revenue generated from that rate does not cover the sewer costs, so water revenue supplements the fund, he said.

In an effort to change that, the city may look at charging sewer fees based on an average use, Sharp said.

Council members will meet in September or October to discuss all of the potential changes with the water and sewer fund.

"There's so many moving parts to this one," Perry said.

Scott Dufford, councilman at large, said it's a fine balance the city will have to strike. They don't want to raise rates to the point that residents buy minimal water — because many of the costs of providing water are fixed regardless of what's sold — but they also want to conserve water while covering costs.

"We've really got to be careful," he said.

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# MOVE

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made it easier to make the move, he said.

"We did look at three or four other sites," he said. "Each had different strengths. But the folks in Midland were very persuasive."

Gov. Perry was on hand Monday to welcome XCOR.

"This is a great day for Midland and a huge step forward for the state of Texas," Perry said. "Visionary companies like XCOR continue to choose Texas because they know that innovation is fueled by freedom."

Marv Esterly, director of airports in Midland, suggested Texas is aggressively courting aerospace companies from other states.

"This new R&D facility has the potential to open the door to even more economic development at our airport and for our community," he said at the press conference.

Pam Welch, executive director of the Midland Development Corp., made it even more clear Midland is targeting out-of-state businesses.

"The decision to establish XCOR's research and development center headquarters in Midland came after intense competition from other locations," she said. "Once the technical and operational needs of XCOR were met, the final factors influencing the decision to locate R&D to Midland included the friendly business climate, a predictable regulatory environment, and the state of Texas tort reform initiatives."

The organization estimated XCOR will generate $12 million in new payroll and capital investment over the next five years, with an estimated average annual salary of more than $60,000.

In order to accommodate XCOR's flight test needs, Midland must apply to the Federal Aviation Administration for a commercial space launch site designation. Once the application is granted, Midland will have "space port" status, similar to Mojave's.

Stu Witt, CEO and general manager of Mojave Air and Space Port, said the loss of XCOR to Texas shouldn't have happened.

"You can have the tax or you can have the business, but you can't have both," Witt said.

While XCOR still is relatively small, the company has done more rocket engine tests than any private company in the world, Witt said. With the end of NASA's space shuttle program and the coming commercialization of space flight, XCOR is poised for growth.

Over the past few years, Witt and Greason have traveled to the state capital to push for the passage of liability reform, a law that would set limits on civil damages should a space tourist be killed or injured in a mishap. But they've had no luck. In the meantime, Texas has passed tort reforms.

'We're in an ax fight and we don't have an ax," Witt said. "These other states have been aggressive in taking away businesses in California — because it's easy."

Witt said he's lost two other companies, both aviation-based, to out-of-state interests in the past two years. One went to Arizona, the other to Texas.

Nevertheless, despite tax and environmental concerns, Mojave's story has been more about winning businesses than losing them. When Witt came to Mojave a decade ago, the airport had about 14 business tenants generating a few hundred jobs. Today, there are more than 65 tenants and close to 2,500 jobs, including massive commercial space projects by Virgin Galactic and The Spaceship Company.

And there's been help on the regulatory question, as well.

Earlier this year, Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, the House majority whip, was able to insert a provision in the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that extended a moratorium on federal regulations in the commercial spaceflight industry to October 2015.

The measure passed with bipartisan support in both houses.

While Greason applauded the federal legislation at the time, he told The Californian the congressional action would not affect the regulatory authority exercised by the state of California, which he says has remained onerous and expensive to follow.

Meanwhile, California Assembly Bill 2243, which would give commercial space flights qualified immunity from liability for injuries caused by the inherent risks associated with space flight, has been passed by the Assembly and is on its way to the state Senate. This is further than it has proceeded before and Greason and Witt said they saw it as an encouraging sign.

# Dufford announces bid for re-election to City Council

*From staff reports*

Scott Dufford announced Wednesday he plans to run for a second term as a councilman at large.

"Midland is facing many challenges due to the unprecedented growth that is taking place within our city. Potentially, come this November, four inexperienced council members could be elected to the City Council," Dufford said. "Now is not the time for such a drastic change in leadership, what our community needs and deserves is an experienced and proven conservative leader that can cut through the bull to make the tough decisions."

**Scott Dufford:** The former city councilman has announced his intention to run for re-election to the council. He cites his experience on the council and his desire to deal with the city's water sources and a texting while driving ban among his reasons for seeking the office.

Dufford was first elected to the City Council in 2001 as a representative for District 3. After serving in District 3, he won an at large seat in 2007, beating Berry Simpson and Jonathan Dumire, according to Midland County Elections Office records.

Dufford said there are a number of issues with which he'd like to continue to be involved.

Water is on the way from the city's T-Bar Ranch property, but Dufford said he wants to continue being part of the group that makes decisions concerning an even longer-term 100-year water plan.

Dufford said he also wants to push for a vote from the council on a texting while driving ban — an issue he first brought up in 2011.

Filing for City Council elections runs from July 21 through Aug. 20.

# Comic-Con to celebrate history, heritage at 43rd annual gathering

**By Derrik J. Lang**
*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — This week's Comic-Con pop-cultural extravaganza in San Diego may not be as cutting-edge cool as you think.

Several of the festival's franchise favorites are showing off their ages this year as they celebrate milestone birthdays, including Tarzan at 100, James Bond at 50 and those strapping 20-year-olds, the Power Rangers.

Other beloved characters blowing out serious candles at this year's 43rd annual Comic-Con will be Prince Valiant (75), Alfred E. Neuman and his Mad Magazine (60) and Buffy the Vampire Slayer (20). The four-day convention begins today and is expected to drive more than 100,000 die-hard fans to the San Diego Convention Center.

Panels, parties and stunts are planned to pay tribute to the long-running properties, proving that Comic-Con continues to be more than just quizzing of-the-moment celebrities and peeking at never-before-seen footage.

In recent years, as the focus at Comic-Con has increasingly shifted to upcoming offerings from Hollywood and beyond, organizers have been tasked with balancing new and old on the already overflowing Comic-Con schedule. It's all the more apparent this year when so many franchises just happen to be celebrating birthdays that end in either a 0 or 5.

"It's a coming-of-age story, not just for our property, but for Comic-Con," said Elie Dekel, president of "Power Rangers" owner Saban Brands. "You now have generations of parents and children who've had Comic-Con as part of their lives. It's become a popular-culture kaleidoscope for what's resonating with everyone across genres and generations."

"Power Rangers," the kids action TV series that spawned a mighty merchandising empire, will commemorate its birthday with the Thursday panel "Power Rangers: 20 Years and Beyond." Others with anniversary panels include Joss Whedon's "Firefly" TV series, the "Judge Dredd" and "Courtney Crumrin" comics, "Heavy Metal" magazine and Marvel superheros.

To honor the 50th anniversary of Bond — and stir up hype for the release of a 22-disc Blu-ray box set — MGM Home Entertainment will park different vehicles from Bond movies in its booth each day on the show floor. Fans can pose for photos with rides like the Aston Martin Volante from "The Living Daylights" and a parahawk from "The World is Not Enough."

"I think there's a little Bond in everyone that will be at Comic-Con," said Michael Brown, the vice president of marketing for MGM Home Entertainment. "I want the fans to come to our booth and experience Bond like they've never been able to before for this special occasion. They've never been able to do this — and what better place than Comic-Con."

Others marking special anniversaries at Comic-Con include the 30-year-old "American Flagg" publisher First Comics; 20-year-old "Walking Dead" publisher Image Comics; and the 25-year-old "Street Fighter" video game series.

"Not many games get to celebrate 25 years," said Tomoaki Ayano, a Japanese producer at developer Capcom, in a translated statement. "We like to think that the 'Street Fighter' series has withstood the test of time. We have some of the best fans in the world, and for the next 25 years until the 50th anniversary, we will continue to work even harder."

The 75th anniversary of the historical adventure comic strip "Prince Valiant" will be saluted at a Friday panel featuring the comic's current writer and artists. Long before "The Dark Knight" arose or "The Avengers" assembled, Harold R. Foster's epic about the Duke of Windsor launched in 1937 and continues to be published by King Features Syndicate.

"At the time it came out, it was a hugely popular," said Mark Schulz, the comic's current writer. "Comics were the visual medium that people turned to then — much like how people now turn to TV. Millions of people read them. It wasn't just the oddball that was aware of the weekly travails of Prince Valiant, Flash Gordon or Dick Tracy. It was everyone."

This year's expo will be the 22nd for Schulz, who has attended Comic-Con each year since 1990. While many fans argue that the entertainment industry has co-opted the convention for promotional purposes, Schulz doesn't mind the attention that Hollywood has brought to Comic-Con, which first debuted in 1970 at the U.S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego.

Despite the abundance of birthdays, there will undoubtedly be more frenzied anticipation for looking ahead than back at this year's Comic-Con: Peter Jackson is unleashing "The Hobbit," the cast of "The Walking Dead" is aligning with two newbie members, Robert Downey Jr. is landing with "Iron Man 3" and Arnold Schwarzenegger is teaming up with "The Expendables 2" ensemble.

But do any of them drive an Aston Martin Volante?

# ATTACK

From 1A

and disarmed his father. The teenager was unharmed, according to reports.

Rod Steele later was found dead with multiple stab wounds, one of them in the chest. Police believe he may have used more than one knife to kill himself.

There is no information on when Steele's funeral will take place.

Neighbors told the Morning News the Steele family was happy and frequently held parties in their back yard.

"They're a very loving couple," said Anthony McClure, who has known the Steele family for more than a decade and is a member of their prayer group at Highland Park Methodist Church.

"This just doesn't make sense," McClure said. "They're a good family. It's just tragic. He's so young and has those two children."

The couple's two children, ages 12 and 16, were the only two others present in the house. They are safe and with a family member, according to reports.

Dallas County sheriff's investigators, went through the Steele's Highland Park home processing evidence Wednesday, according to reports. The home is located three blocks south of the Southern Methodist University campus.

"It's a complicated crime scene," police spokesman Lance Koppa told the Morning News. "It's a large house, and there's quite a bit of evidence throughout the house."

Koppa said police had not been called to the house before for domestic violence but there was a noise complaint there, according to the Morning News.

Around 4:15 a.m., a 911 call came from the house. After the dispatcher received minimal information, the call was disconnected.

"We normally dispatch 911 calls that are disconnected because we don't know if it could be something serious," Koppa said. "As you can see, it is the real deal."

Highland Park's last homicide was a domestic dispute in 2001 on Mockingbird Lane.

AP file photo

In this Sept. 11, 2001, file photo, the twin towers of the World Trade Center burn behind the Empire State Building in New York. The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack is by far the most memorable moment shared by television viewers during the past 50 years, a study released on Wednesday concluded.

# Study: Sept. 11 most memorable TV moment

**By David Bauder**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack is by far the most memorable moment shared by television viewers during the past 50 years, a study released on Wednesday concluded.

The only thing that came close was President John F. Kennedy's assassination and its aftermath in 1963, but that was only for the people aged 55 and over who experienced those events as they happened instead of replayed as an historical artifact.

Sony Electronics and the Nielsen television research company collaborated on the survey. They ranked TV moments for their impact not just by asking people if they remembered watching them, but if they recalled where they watched it, who they were with and whether they talked to other people about what they had seen.

By that measure, the Sept. 11 tragedy was nearly twice as impactful as the second-ranked moment, which was the coverage of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Minutes after the first airplane struck New York's World Trade Center on a late summer morning, television networks began covering the events continuously and stayed with them for days.

The other biggest TV events, in order, were the 1995 verdict in O.J. Simpson's murder trial, the Challenger space shuttle explosion in 1986 and the death of Osama bin Laden last year, the survey found.

Sony was interested in the study for clues on consumer interests and behaviors and found "that television is really the grandmother of all the social devices," said Brian Siegel, vice president of television business for the company.

Going into the study, Siegel said he had anticipated that entertainment events like the final episode of "M*A*S*H" (ranked No. 42), the Beatles' appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" (No. 43) and the "Who shot J.R.?" episode of "Dallas" (No. 44) would rank higher. Instead, television coverage of news events made the biggest difference in viewers' lives.

The Super Bowl is annually the most-watched TV event, with this year's game between the New York Giants and New England Patriots setting a record with 111 million viewers. The memories don't seem to linger, however: the top-ranked Super Bowl Sunday event in Sony's study came in 2004 and had nothing to do with football. It was Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction (No. 26).

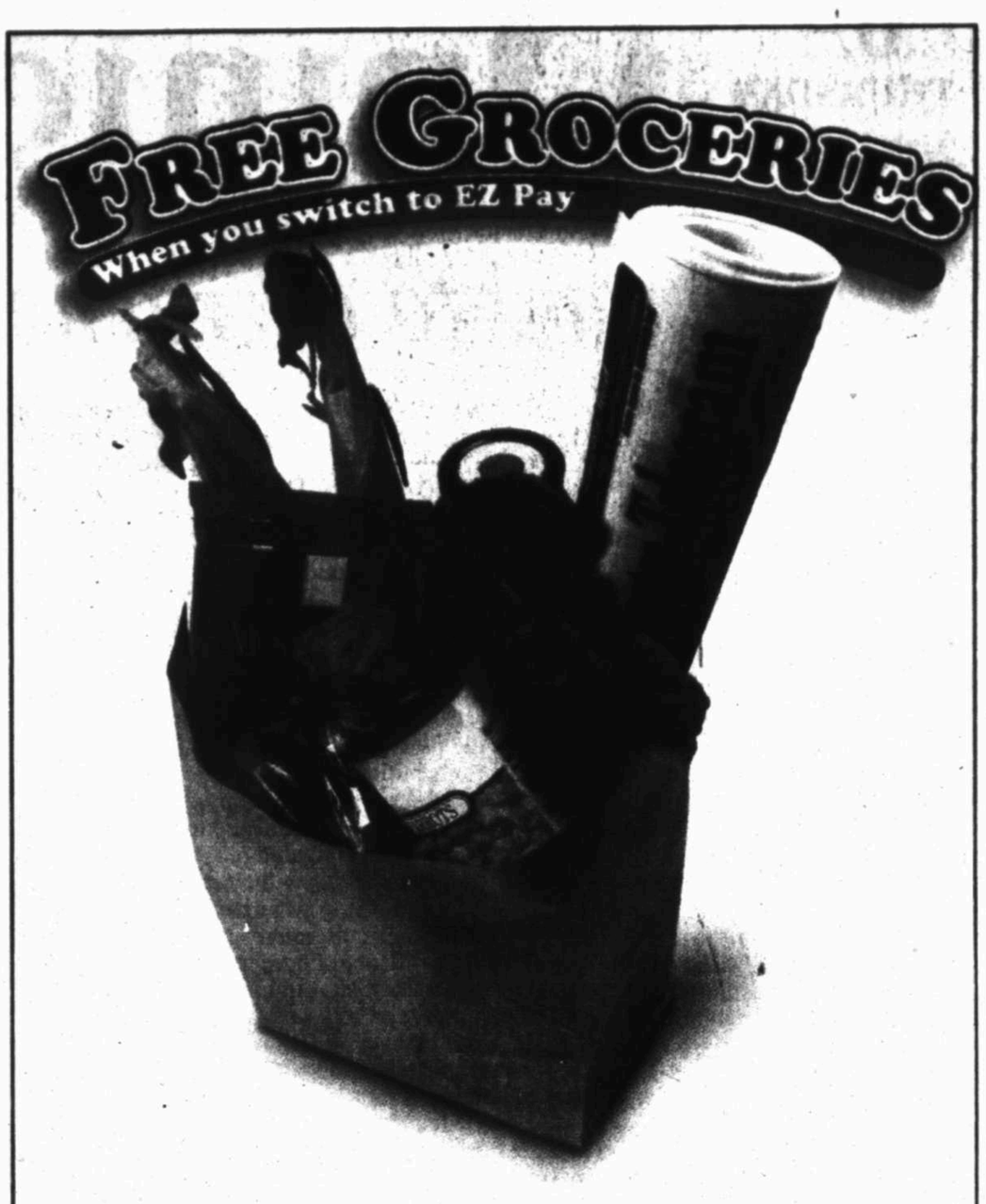
Men and women agreed on the three most impactful television events — Sept. 11, Katrina and Simpson. After that, some of the interests diverged.

For example, women ranked the 1997 funeral of Princess Diana as the fourth most memorable event, while men put that at No. 23. Women ranked last year's death of Whitney Houston at No. 5, with men judging it No. 21.

Similarly, the 2003 bombing of Baghdad at the start of the Iraq War was seen as the No. 14 most impactful moment by men, and No. 37 among women. Men were also far more struck by boxer Mike Tyson biting off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear.

The passage of time has also diluted some moments once thought as unforgettable, simply because succeeding generations have no personal memory of them. Man's first moon landing in 1969 ranked No. 21.

Age also made a big difference in the survey. JFK's assassination was the second-most impactful TV event among people 55 and over, while for those between 18 and 34, it was the death of Osama bin Laden.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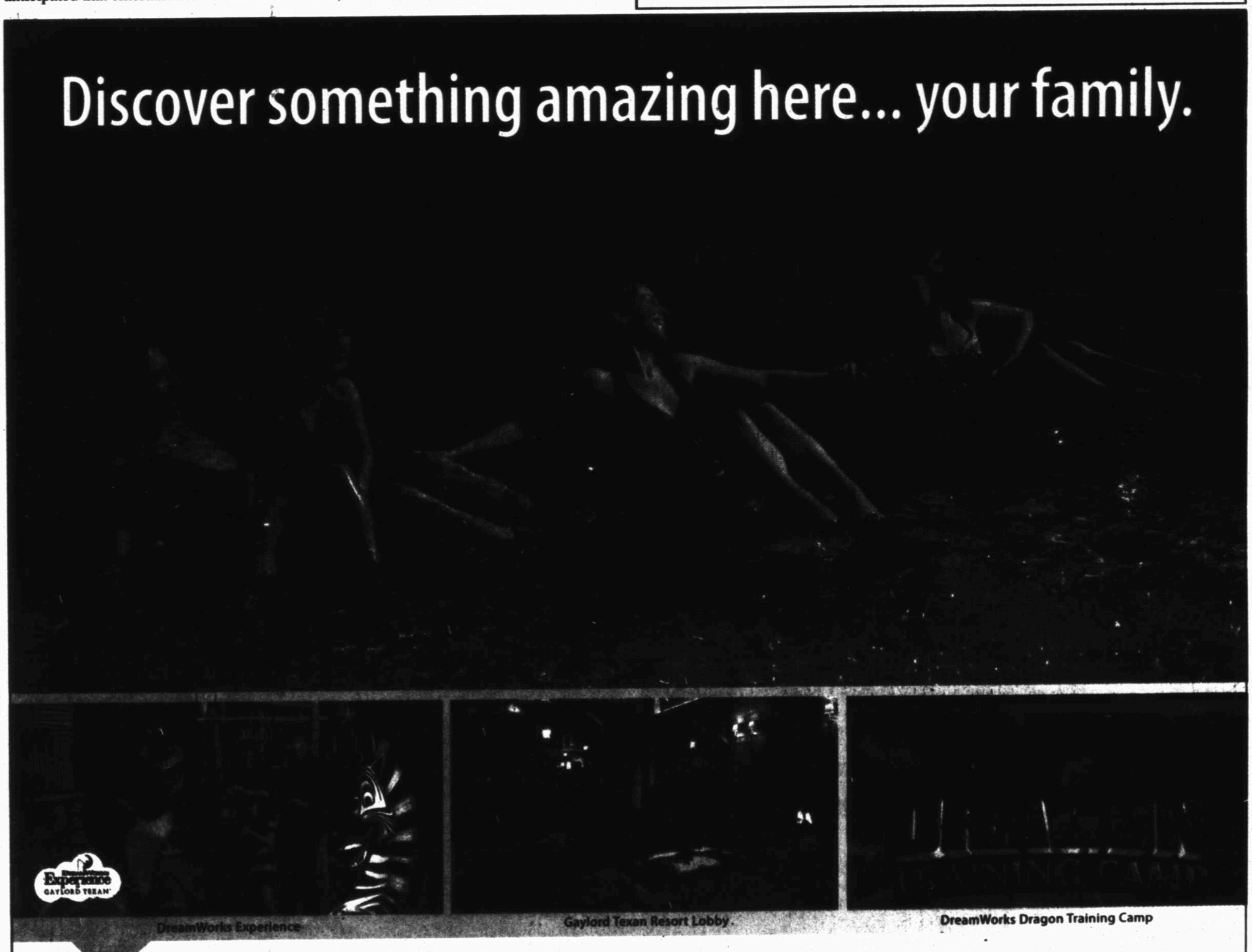


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Tuesday's total: 13,178,000 (CRMWD 9,720,000, Paul Davis field 3,458,000)

**Past three Tuesdays**
July 3 — 16,898,000 gallons
June 26 — 14,913,000 gallons
June 19 — 13,910,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 84,810 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 145,625 acre-feet. The average usage for June from CRMWD was 12,678,000. The average usage since July 1 from CRMWD is 11,982,900.

### New movies

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

■ Tall City 14:
Closing today: "Snow White and the Huntsman" and "That's My Boy"
Opening Friday: "Ice Age 4: Continental Drift"

■ Big Sky Drive-in:
Closing today: "Madagascar," "Snow White and the Huntsman" and "Men in Black 3"
Opening Friday: "Ice Age 4: Continental Drift," "Magic Mike" and "Tyler Perry's Witness Protection"

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

### Support groups, club meetings

**Support groups**

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m., Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 AND 10 a.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2600 Neely; 694-8347.

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

**Club meetings**

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m. at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

### Correction

In Sunday's story about a 12-year-old Midland girl, Megan Dillon, who is battling a rare form of childhood leukemia, the story listed Chris Earp as her father. Earp is Dillon's stepfather. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

### Medal of Honor highlights

On July 12, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill passed by Congress authorizing the Medal of Honor.

**Area Medal of Honor recipients**
George Herman O'Brien Jr., of Big Spring, was presented with the Medal of Honor on Oct. 27, 1953.
Marvin Rex Young, of Odessa, was presented with the Medal of Honor on April 7, 1970.

*Source: Congressional Medal of Honor Society, http://www.cmohs.org*

### Lottery

**Pick 3 day:** 4-8-9
**Pick 3 night:** 3-3-6
**Daily 4 day:** 3-3-3-3
**Daily 4 night:** 2-8-0-0
**Cash Five:** 12-14-21-24-29
**Lotto Texas:** 5-8-26-32-40-49
**Powerball:** 5-22-36-49-55
PB: 23

### Today in history

Today is Thursday, July 12, the 194th day of 2012. There are 172 days left in the year.

**On this date:**

In 1909, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was ratified in February 1913.)

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court limits on government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro, of New York, to be his running mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major party ticket.

In 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis tapped Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas as his running mate.

Today's birthdays: Pianist Van Cliburn is 78. Comedian Bill Cosby is 75. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 61.

*Associated Press*

# FUND

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water use will level off at a lower pace than had been the norm for Midland in previous years.

"We've lost some demand, I just don't know how much," he said. "There've been a lot of wells drilled. There've been a lot of people change their landscape; people have changed their habits in how they water."

Mayor Wes Perry said during the budget meeting that many of those changes are positive. Having additional resources available from T-Bar Ranch will allow for some shifts in habits, but Midlanders also need to be a good stewards of that water.

Knowing costs are rising and that usage likely will be lower even with less stringent outdoor watering rules, Purvis said they're working on a rate change proposal.

Any changes made won't be as drastic as those implemented this year, Purvis said.

To curtail water purchases this year, rates were multiplied by five for any customers falling within the top two tiers of users. Perry said it was implemented to encourage conservation, not to bring in more money.

So far, that's been the case. In May, the most recent numbers released, water revenues were down by just more than $100,000. In April, revenues were down about $800,000 from the previous year, according to Bob McNaughton, finance director.

Sharp said sewer rates also are being looked at for fiscal year 2013.

Customers now pay a flat sewer rate. However, the revenue generated from that rate does not cover the sewer costs, so water revenue supplements the fund, he said.

In an effort to change that, the city may look at charging sewer fees based on an average use, Sharp said.

Council members will meet in September or October to discuss all of the potential changes with the water and sewer fund.

"There's so many moving parts to this one," Perry said.

Scott Dufford, councilman at large, said it's a fine balance the city will have to strike. They don't want to raise rates to the point that residents buy minimal water — because many of the costs of providing water are fixed regardless of what's sold — but they also want to conserve water while covering costs.

"We've really got to be careful," he said.

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# MOVE

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made it easier to make the move, he said.

"We did look at three or four other sites," he said. "Each had different strengths. But the folks in Midland were very persuasive."

Gov. Perry was on hand Monday to welcome XCOR.

"This is a great day for Midland and a huge step forward for the state of Texas," Perry said. "Visionary companies like XCOR continue to choose Texas because they know that innovation is fueled by freedom."

Marv Esterly, director of airports in Midland, suggested Texas is aggressively courting aerospace companies from other states.

"This new R&D facility has the potential to open the door to even more economic development at our airport and for our community," he said at the press conference.

Pam Welch, executive director of the Midland Development Corp., made it even more clear Midland is targeting out-of-state businesses.

"The decision to establish XCOR's research and development center headquarters in Midland came after intense competition from other locations," she said. "Once the technical and operational needs of XCOR were met, the final factors influencing the decision to locate R&D to Midland included the friendly business climate, a predictable regulatory environment, and the state of Texas tort reform initiatives."

The organization estimated XCOR will generate $12 million in new payroll and capital investment over the next five years, with an estimated average annual salary of more than $60,000.

In order to accommodate XCOR's flight test needs, Midland must apply to the Federal Aviation Administration for a commercial space launch site designation. Once the application is granted, Midland will have "space port" status, similar to Mojave's.

Stu Witt, CEO and general manager of Mojave Air and Space Port, said the loss of XCOR to Texas shouldn't have happened.

"You can have the tax or you can have the business, but you can't have both," Witt said.

While XCOR still is relatively small, the company has done more rocket engine tests than any private company in the world, Witt said. With the end of NASA's space shuttle program and the coming commercialization of space flight, XCOR is poised for growth.

Over the past few years, Witt and Greason have traveled to the state capital to push for the passage of liability reform, a law that would set limits on civil damages should a space tourist be killed or injured in a mishap. But they've had no luck. In the meantime, Texas has passed tort reforms.

'We're in an ax fight and we don't have an ax," Witt said. "These other states have been aggressive in taking away businesses in California — because it's easy."

Witt said he's lost two other companies, both aviation-based, to out-of-state interests in the past two years. One went to Arizona, the other to Texas.

Nevertheless, despite tax and environmental concerns, Mojave's story has been more about winning businesses than losing them. When Witt came to Mojave a decade ago, the airport had about 14 business tenants generating a few hundred jobs. Today, there are more than 65 tenants and close to 2,500 jobs, including massive commercial space projects by Virgin Galactic and The Spaceship Company.

And there's been help on the regulatory question, as well.

Earlier this year, Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, the House majority whip, was able to insert a provision in the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that extended a moratorium on federal regulations in the commercial spaceflight industry to October 2015.

The measure passed with bipartisan support in both houses.

While Greason applauded the federal legislation at the time, he told The Californian the congressional action would not affect the regulatory authority exercised by the state of California, which he says has remained onerous and expensive to follow.

Meanwhile, California Assembly Bill 2243, which would give commercial space flights qualified immunity from liability for injuries caused by the inherent risks associated with space flight, has been passed by the Assembly and is on its way to the state Senate. This is further than it has proceeded before and Greason and Witt said they saw it as an encouraging sign.

# Dufford announces bid for re-election to City Council

*From staff reports*

Scott Dufford announced Wednesday he plans to run for a second term as a councilman at large.

"Midland is facing many challenges due to the unprecedented growth that is taking place within our city. Potentially, come this November, four inexperienced council members could be elected to the City Council," Dufford said. "Now is not the time for such a drastic change in leadership, what our community needs and deserves is an experienced and proven conservative leader that can cut through the bull to make the tough decisions."

**Scott Dufford:** The former city councilman has announced his intention to run for re-election to the council. He cites his experience on the council and his desire to deal with the city's water sources and a texting while driving ban among his reasons for seeking the office.

Dufford was first elected to the City Council in 2001 as a representative for District 3. After serving in District 3, he won an at large seat in 2007, beating Berry Simpson and Jonathan Dumire, according to Midland County Elections Office records.

Dufford said there are a number of issues with which he'd like to continue to be involved.

Water is on the way from the city's T-Bar Ranch property, but Dufford said he wants to continue being part of the group that makes decisions concerning an even longer-term 100-year water plan.

Dufford said he also wants to push for a vote from the council on a texting while driving ban — an issue he first brought up in 2011.

Filing for City Council elections runs from July 21 through Aug. 20.

# Comic-Con to celebrate history, heritage at 43rd annual gathering

**By Derrik J. Lang**
*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — This week's Comic-Con pop-cultural extravaganza in San Diego may not be as cutting-edge cool as you think.

Several of the festival's franchise favorites are showing off their ages this year as they celebrate milestone birthdays, including Tarzan at 100, James Bond at 50 and those strapping 20-year-olds, the Power Rangers.

Other beloved characters blowing out serious candles at this year's 43rd annual Comic-Con will be Prince Valiant (75), Alfred E. Neuman and his Mad Magazine (60) and Buffy the Vampire Slayer (20). The four-day convention begins today and is expected to drive more than 100,000 die-hard fans to the San Diego Convention Center.

Panels, parties and stunts are planned to pay tribute to the long-running properties, proving that Comic-Con continues to be more than just quizzing of-the-moment celebrities and peeking at never-before-seen footage.

In recent years, as the focus at Comic-Con has increasingly shifted to upcoming offerings from Hollywood and beyond, organizers have been tasked with balancing new and old on the already overflowing Comic-Con schedule. It's all the more apparent this year when so many franchises just happen to be celebrating birthdays that end in either a 0 or 5.

"It's a coming-of-age story, not just for our property, but for Comic-Con," said Elie Dekel, president of "Power Rangers," owner Saban Brands. "You now have generations of parents and children who've had Comic-Con as part of their lives. It's become a popular-culture kaleidoscope for what's resonating with everyone across genres and generations."

"Power Rangers," the kids action TV series that spawned a mighty merchandising empire, will commemorate its birthday with the Thursday panel "Power Rangers: 20 Years and Beyond." Others with anniversary panels include Joss Whedon's "Firefly" TV series, the "Judge Dredd" and "Courtney Crumrin" comics, "Heavy Metal" magazine and Marvel superheros.

To honor the 50th anniversary of Bond — and stir up hype for the release of a 22-disc Blu-ray box set — MGM Home Entertainment will park different vehicles from Bond movies in its booth each day on the show floor. Fans can pose for photos with rides like the Aston Martin Volante from "The Living Daylights" and a parahawk from "The World is Not Enough."

"I think there's a little Bond in everyone that will be at Comic-Con," said Michael Brown, the vice president of marketing for MGM Home Entertainment. "I want the fans to come to our booth and experience Bond like they've never been able to before for this special occasion. They've never been able to do this — and what better place than Comic-Con."

Others marking special anniversaries at Comic-Con include the 30-year-old "American Flagg" publisher First Comics; 20-year-old "Walking Dead" publisher Image Comics; and the 25-year-old "Street Fighter" video game series.

"Not many games get to celebrate 25 years," said Tomoaki Ayano, a Japanese producer at developer Capcom, in a translated statement. "We like to think that the 'Street Fighter' series has withstood the test of time. We have some of the best fans in the world, and for the next 25 years until the 50th anniversary, we will continue to work even harder."

The 75th anniversary of the historical adventure comic strip "Prince Valiant" will be saluted at a Friday panel featuring the comic's current writer and artists. Long before "The Dark Knight" arose or "The Avengers" assembled, Harold R. Foster's epic about the Duke of Windsor launched in 1937 and continues to be published by King Features Syndicate.

"At the time it came out, it was a hugely popular," said Mark Schulz, the comic's current writer. "Comics were the visual medium that people turned to then — much like how people now turn to TV. Millions of people read them. It wasn't just the oddball that was aware of the weekly travails of Prince Valiant, Flash Gordon or Dick Tracy. It was everyone."

This year's expo will be the 22nd for Schulz, who has attended Comic-Con each year since 1990. While many fans argue that the entertainment industry has co-opted the convention for promotional purposes, Schulz doesn't mind the attention that Hollywood has brought to Comic-Con, which first debuted in 1970 at the U.S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego.

Despite the abundance of birthdays, there will undoubtedly be more frenzied anticipation for looking ahead than back at this year's Comic-Con: Peter Jackson is unleashing "The Hobbit," the cast of "The Walking Dead" is aligning with two newbie members, Robert Downey Jr. is landing with "Iron Man 3" and Arnold Schwarzenegger is teaming up with "The Expendables 2" ensemble.

But do any of them drive an Aston Martin Volante?

# ATTACK

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and disarmed his father. The teenager was unharmed, according to reports.

Rod Steele later was found dead with multiple stab wounds, one of them in the chest. Police believe he may have used more than one knife to kill himself.

There is no information on when Steele's funeral will take place.

Neighbors told the Morning News the Steele family was happy and frequently held parties in their back yard.

"They're a very loving couple," said Anthony McClure, who has known the Steele family for more than a decade and is a member of their prayer group at Highland Park Methodist Church.

"This just doesn't make sense," McClure said. "They're a good family. It's just tragic. He's so young and has those two children."

The couple's two children, ages 12 and 16, were the only two others present in the house. They are safe and with a family member, according to reports.

Dallas County sheriff's investigators, went through the Steele's Highland Park home processing evidence Wednesday, according to reports. The home is located three blocks south of the Southern Methodist University campus.

"It's a complicated crime scene," police spokesman Lance Koppa told the Morning News. "It's a large house, and there's quite a bit of evidence throughout the house."

Koppa said police had not been called to the house before for domestic violence but there was a noise complaint there, according to the Morning News.

Around 4:15 a.m., a 911 call came from the house. After the dispatcher received minimal information, the call was disconnected.

"We normally dispatch 911 calls that are disconnected because we don't know if it could be something serious," Koppa said. "As you can see, it is the real deal."

Highland Park's last homicide was a domestic dispute in 2001 on Mockingbird Lane.

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In this Sept. 11, 2001, file photo, the twin towers of the World Trade Center burn behind the Empire State Building in New York. The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack is by far the most memorable moment shared by television viewers during the past 50 years, a study released on Wednesday concluded.

# Study: Sept. 11 most memorable TV moment

**By David Bauder**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack is by far the most memorable moment shared by television viewers during the past 50 years, a study released on Wednesday concluded.

The only thing that came close was President John F. Kennedy's assassination and its aftermath in 1963, but that was only for the people aged 55 and over who experienced those events as they happened instead of replayed as an historical artifact.

Sony Electronics and the Nielsen television research company collaborated on the survey. They ranked TV moments for their impact not just by asking people if they remembered watching them, but if they recalled where they watched it, who they were with and whether they talked to other people about what they had seen.

By that measure, the Sept. 11 tragedy was nearly twice as impactful as the second-ranked moment, which was the coverage of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Minutes after the first airplane struck New York's World Trade Center on a late summer morning, television networks began covering the events continuously and stayed with them for days.

The other biggest TV events, in order, were the 1995 verdict in O.J. Simpson's murder trial, the Challenger space shuttle explosion in 1986 and the death of Osama bin Laden last year, the survey found.

Sony was interested in the study for clues on consumer interests and behaviors and found "that television is really the grandmother of all the social devices," said Brian Siegel, vice president of television business for the company.

Going into the study, Siegel said he had anticipated that entertainment events like the final episode of "M*A*S*H" (ranked No. 42), the Beatles' appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" (No. 43) and the "Who shot J.R.?" episode of "Dallas" (No. 44) would rank higher. Instead, television coverage of news events made the biggest difference in viewers' lives.

The Super Bowl is annually the most-watched TV event, with this year's game between the New York Giants and New England Patriots setting a record with 111 million viewers. The memories don't seem to linger, however: the top-ranked Super Bowl Sunday event in Sony's study came in 2004 and had nothing to do with football. It was Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction (No. 26).

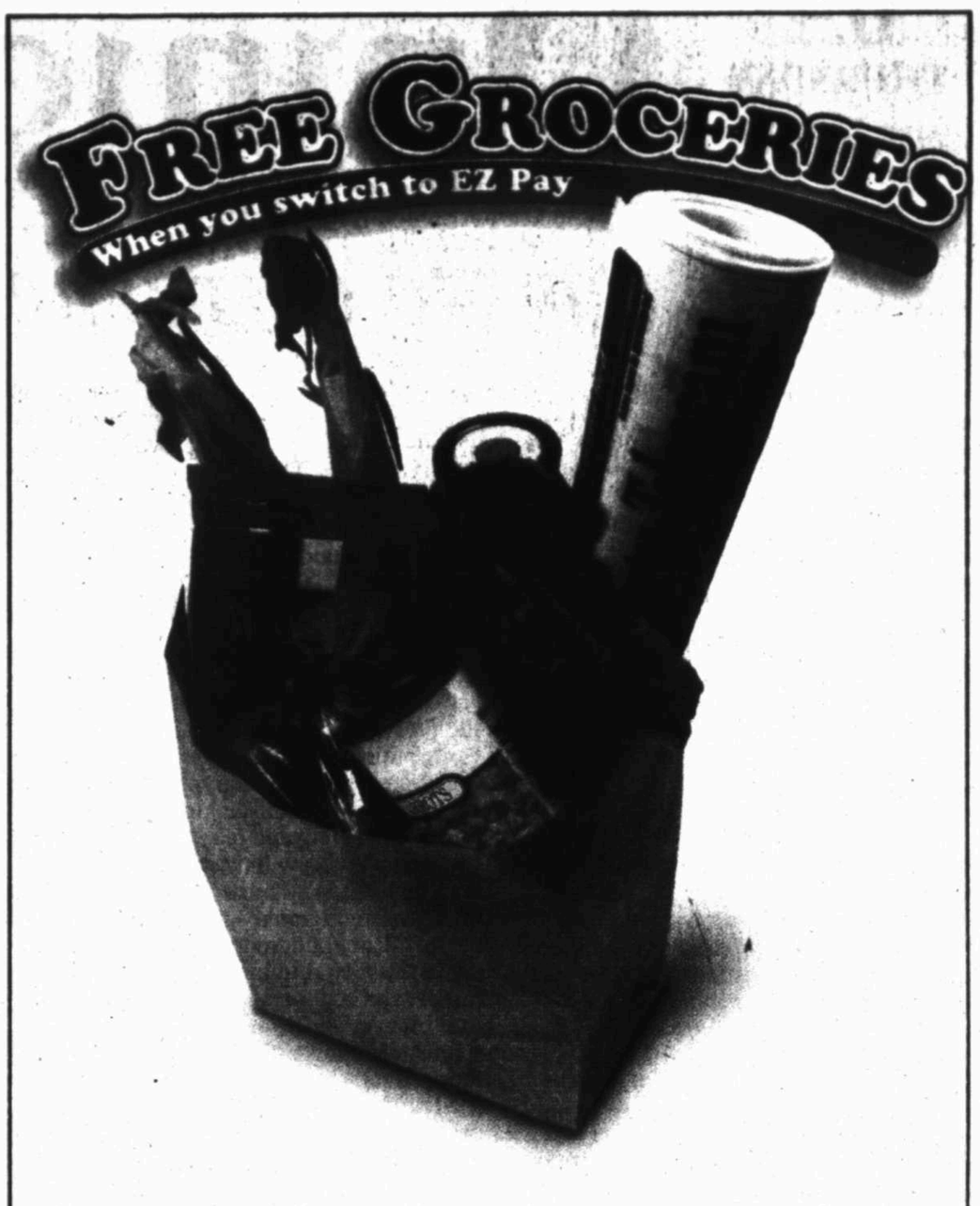
Men and women agreed on the three most impactful television events — Sept. 11, Katrina and Simpson. After that, some of the interests diverged.

For example, women ranked the 1997 funeral of Princess Diana as the fourth most memorable event, while men put that at No. 23. Women ranked last year's death of Whitney Houston at No. 5, with men judging it No. 21.

Similarly, the 2003 bombing of Baghdad at the start of the Iraq War was seen as the No. 14 most impactful moment by men, and No. 37 among women. Men were also far more struck by boxer Mike Tyson biting off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear.

The passage of time has also diluted some moments once thought as unforgettable, simply because succeeding generations have no personal memory of them. Man's first moon landing in 1969 ranked No. 21.

Age also made a big difference in the survey. JFK's assassination was the second-most impactful TV event among people 55 and over, while for those between 18 and 34, it was the death of Osama bin Laden.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## People tend to overgeneralize about immigrants

■ Both sides will find nothing good happens when this complex argument is made too simplistic.

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When people get passionate, they get sloppy. This always has been my beef with immigration activists, whether it's the throw-open-the-borders lobby or the seal-the-country-and-hide-your-women-and-children nativists. In their zeal to prove that theirs is the best solution for our country's future, they make the mistake of overgeneralizing the term "immigrant."

In an environment where the illegal immigrant witch hunt is directly contributing to harassment and discrimination against anyone with a foreign accent or the indescribable look of not being a U.S.-born citizen, it's no wonder that some activists — out of frustration at what has in many ways become an anti-Hispanic movement — sometimes err on the side of overglorifying immigrants. But their good intentions are as dangerous as the desire of those who seek to paint all immigrants as a threat.

I was reminded of this on the Fourth of July when I started seeing social media postings praising President Obama's White House naturalization ceremony, while implying that the 25 active-duty service members who were sworn in were not only noncitizens but also illegal immigrants.

Sure, it's powerful and inspiring to hear the president pay tribute to immigrants' contributions to this country even as so many others ignore their work while pressuring people to self-deport. But a few parts of the Hispanic blogosphere got carried away and saw the ceremony as a vindication of good, hardworking and patriotic illegal immigrants.

Now, I'm not here to further knock down the illegal immigrant population, but rather to point out the hazards of buying into blanket generalizations about immigrants, even those that paint them in a flattering light.

First, let's not unnecessarily cast doubt on the 25 service members from 17 countries who became citizens on Independence Day — none of them were illegal immigrants. As many news reports about the event correctly noted, residents here illegally cannot join the military.

There is a small, though untracked, number of active duty soldiers who, despite their nonlegal status, somehow managed to get past the military's stringent background checks. They face the thorny process of trying to legalize their status, under a 1952 law that allows for such discretion, and can expect differing outcomes.

The unclear status of this group aptly illustrates the disparate nature of the umbrella term "immigrants" and how very imprecise it is to herd them into blunt categories.

"The confusion with the military aspect has been troubling these last couple of weeks because so many people get it wrong. It really shows the need for education on how immigration rules really work," said Michele Waslin, the senior policy analyst at the Washington, D.C.-based Immigration Policy Center. "Immigration law is really, really complex and people think you're either legal or you're not, even though there are lots of different types of statuses."

Waslin gave for me a long list of temporary and permanent forms of being in the country legally and illegally, which sometimes overlap or morph from one to the other — everything from being in the country on work, study and vacation visas, to being in different stages of applying for a green card. Plus there are temporary protected statuses that can change on a moment's notice and various legal-limbo modes, such as the recently re-announced "deferred action" that confers a status that's neither legal nor illegal.

The problem is that blurring the lines between legal and illegal immigrants, even if only to humanize the most dehumanized population in America, brings all immigrants down instead of lifting them all up. Trust me, no one reacts more strongly to being accused of being in this country illegally than the immigrant who is not.

When well-meaning advocates equate these two groups by, for instance, using a ceremony naturalizing legal immigrant service members to imply that the military provision of the DREAM Act is therefore a great idea, it gives firmer footing to those who would use the small percentage of undocumented soldiers in the military to ban all noncitizens from joining it.

That's not an overstatement. There are always people looking to curtail the benefits that legal immigrants or U.S.-born children of immigrants are eligible for. In the 1990s people wanted to restrict legal permanent residents from accessing welfare benefits; today it's trying to take away tax credits and tomorrow it'll be something else.

Passionate stances on illegal immigration notwithstanding, we must all be vigilant about understanding our immigrant population — and guard against simplistic overgeneralizations.

## OUR VIEW

## *Obama playbook is about November not long term*

We were disappointed with President Barack Obama's call for a one-year extension of tax cuts for households making less than $250,000 a year.

We feel this is another example of the White House and Democrats trying to divide the electorate ahead of November's elections.

The Bush-era tax cuts will expire at the end of the year unless Congress votes to extend them. According to an Associated Press report, economists worry that across-the-board tax increases, along with automatic spending cuts also scheduled to take hold at year's end, could be a blow to the shaky U.S. economy.

We believe lawmakers in Washington should extend the Bush tax cuts for all Americans. It makes sense for our fragile economy.

However, the president has an eye on November, and he is attempting to score points with his pledge of not increasing taxes for those making $250,000 or less. He also is attempting to score points by putting a target on the backs of more prosperous Americans. Our country deserves better.

We, frankly, are more interested in the president working with Republicans on a plan that puts America on a fiscally responsible road for the long term. We anticipate this will be a dead end. The president already has tossed aside the findings of his Simpson-Bowles deficit commission. He knows real solutions that will make a difference don't play well on the campaign trail.

When it comes to taxes, the economy, energy and immigration, we wish that the president would stop dividing our country and think about the long term. It is time to call for changes that make sense for America.

## GUEST VIEW

## *Accountability is the issue, not Perry's travel*

*San Antonio Express-News*

The cost to taxpayers for Gov. Rick Perry's security detail while traveling, including in large measure trips related to his failed effort to seek the GOP presidential nomination, has now reached $2.2 million over the 20 months since his re-election in November 2010. The news, reported in the Express-News on Monday, has predictably raised partisan hackles.

The state pays Perry's travel expenses when he's acting in his official capacity as governor. Perry or his campaign pays those expenses when the travel is personal or partisan, including his presidential bid. In either case, the state pays for the governor's security.

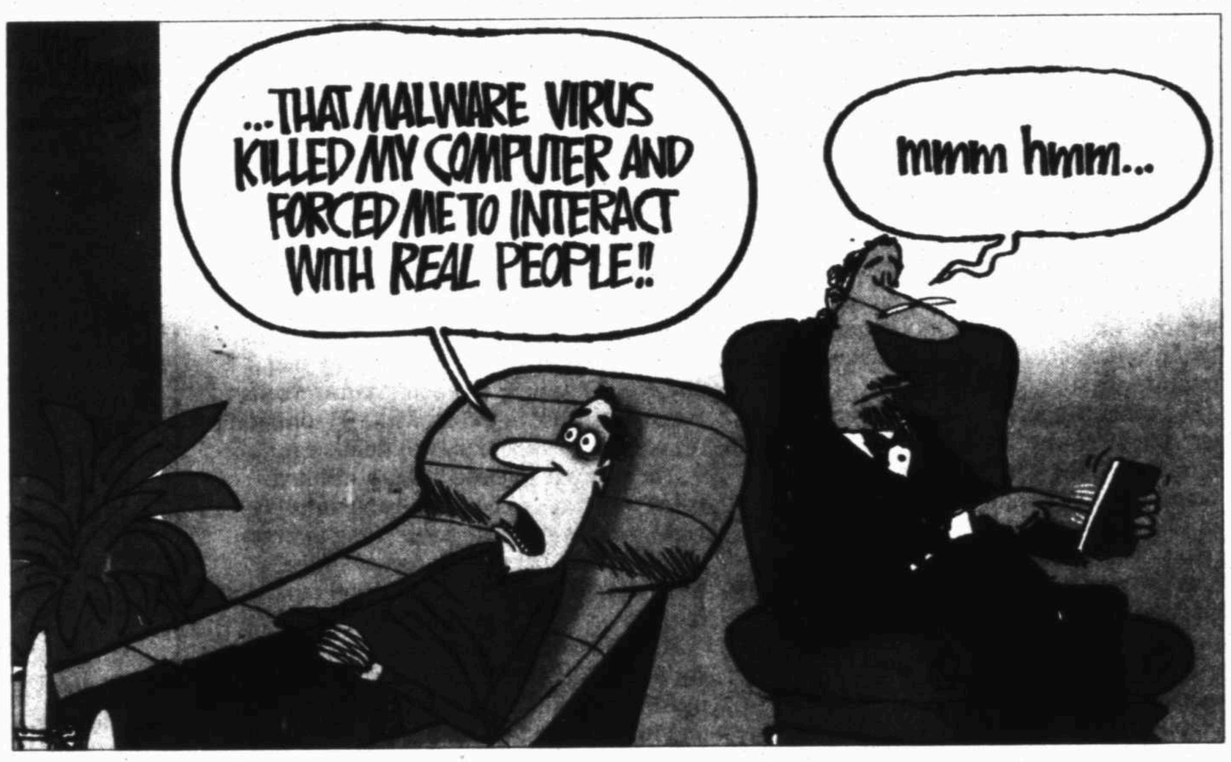
There are some gray areas, but that's the way it works in Texas, whether the governor is a Republican or a Democrat. That's the way it should work.

In seeking public office, individuals do not give up their ability to travel. Those in high-profile positions, such as the governor, have legitimate security concerns. The price tag for Perry's security detail is one of the costs of democracy.

Taxpayers, however, have a legitimate interest in seeing that their money is being spent wisely in securing the governor. Perry has vigorously fought efforts by this newspaper and others to review spending records related to his security.

In May, State District Judge Scott Jenkins delivered a blow to transparency by ruling against the public's right to know about Perry's security expenses on the notion that someone with a devious mind could identify and exploit patterns in his security detail. Jenkins even rejected a compromise that would have required the release of just one travel voucher per trip.

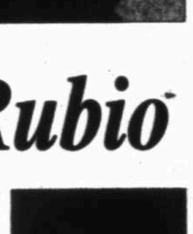
Public accountability is another cost of democracy. There are reasonable ways to balance the interests of security and transparency. Unfortunately, while Perry is happy to have the public pick up the tab for his security detail, he's unwilling to account for it.




## Univision should be fair to Rubio

■ Too bad the network's host wasn't interested.

**RUBEN NAVARRETTE**
*Washington Post Writers Group*



When Marco Rubio sat down recently for an interview with Univision's Jorge Ramos, the spirited exchange made for great television. It also made Rubio look sympathetic, and Ramos unprofessional.

And to think, it almost didn't happen. There was a kerfuffle last year between Rubio and the Spanish-language television network. The Miami Herald reported that Univision's news chief had offered members of Rubio's staff a deal: If the senator agreed to appear on "Al Punto" — the network's Sunday morning talk show hosted by Ramos — and discuss immigration, the news division would soften or might even kill an embarrassing story about how Rubio's brother-in-law was convicted of drug trafficking in 1987. Univision executives denied tendering such an offer, but the editors at the Herald stand by the story.

The interview also made clear just how difficult it is to be a Hispanic elected official who is expected constantly — by some in the advocacy-driven Spanish-language media — to bend over backward and accommodate the demands of illegal immigrants, most of whom are also Hispanic.

Stop the tape. That a class of people who shouldn't even be in this country in the first place, and don't have a legal right to remain here, have demands at all is one of the things wrong with the immigration debate.

Rubio made a similar assertion during the interview, reiterating what he has said in other venues about how there is no right to immigrate illegally and how many Americans resent that illegal immigrants in the United States have a sense of entitlement about the kind of life they feel they deserve. This involves more than expecting legal status. For some, it includes all the benefits of U.S. citizenship — no conditions to meet and no questions asked.

No, thank you. There already is enough entitlement thinking on the part of U.S. citizens. We don't need immigrants to start adopting those ways.

These are valuable observations on Rubio's part. The senator is quite correct. The immigration debate isn't about rights, or expectations, or what people think they deserve. It's about what is best for the United States.

Personally, I think what is best is a pathway to earned legal status for many but not all of the estimated 10 million undocumented immigrants in this country. Other Americans think differently, and demand higher walls and more deportations. We are having that argument but — as harsh as it sounds — illegal immigrants don't get a vote in the matter. And when they forget that, and start making demands, it makes the job of those who are advocating for them much harder.

None of this seemed to get through to the Mexican-born Ramos, who really wanted to know why Rubio isn't more outspoken in defense of illegal immigrants. For instance, the journalist asked, how could it be that Rubio doesn't support "legalization of the undocumented"? Rubio tried to interject that, in fact, he does support legalization for some illegal immigrants under certain circumstances. He just thinks that the issue is more complicated than proponents of comprehensive immigration reform are willing to admit.

As Rubio tried to make his points, Ramos repeatedly cut him off so the anchor could make his. This wasn't an interview as much as an interrogation. Time and again, Ramos made clear that he expected better from the son of Cuban immigrants.

Unlike many Cuban-Americans, Rubio's parents can't be called "refugees" because they came to the United States before Fidel Castro came to power in 1959. Ramos wanted to know how the son of immigrants could fail to "defend the poorest, the most persecuted victims, the most vulnerable" — which include the undocumented. Rubio reminded Ramos that his parents came legally. So there is no comparison.

It didn't do any good. Nothing was getting through.

For many immigrant advocates, Rubio already has two strikes against him. He opposed the original version of the DREAM Act, which would have offered legal status and a pathway to U.S. citizenship to undocumented immigrants who went to college or joined the military. And he supported the Arizona immigration law.

For what it's worth, I think that Rubio has his positions backward. He should support the DREAM Act and oppose the Arizona law. But he has the right to be wrong.

Rubio's immigration views deserve a fair hearing. They didn't get one from Ramos and the Univision network.

**From the Left | Doonesbury**

**From the Right | Mallard Fillmore**

# Romney faces NAACP, booed for hitting 'Obamacare'

*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — Unflinching before a skeptical NAACP crowd, Mitt Romney declared Wednesday he'd do more for African-Americans than Barack Obama, the nation's first black president. He drew jeers when he lambasted the Democrat's policies.

"If you want a president who will make things better in the African-American community, you are looking at him," Romney told the group's annual convention. Pausing as some in the crowd heckled, he added, "You take a look!"

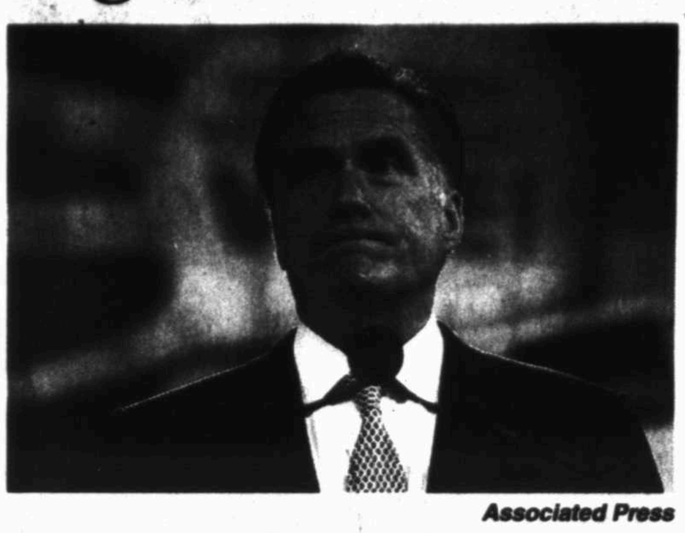
"For real?" yelled someone in the crowd.

The reception was occasionally rocky though generally polite as the Republican presidential candidate sought to woo a Democratic bloc that voted heavily for Obama four years ago and is certain to do so again. Romney was booed when he vowed to repeal "Obamacare" — the Democrat's signature health care measure — and the crowd interrupted him when he accused Obama of failing to spark a more robust economic recovery.

"I know the president has said he will do those things. But he has not. He cannot. He will not," Romney said as the crowd's murmurs turned to groans.

At other points, Romney earned scattered clapping for his promises to create jobs and improve education. In an interview with Fox News after the speech, Romney said he had expected the negative reaction to some of his comments. "I am going to give the same message to the NAACP that I give across the country, which is that Obamacare is killing jobs," he said.

Four months before the election, Romney's appearance at the NAACP convention was a direct, aggressive appeal for support from across the political spectrum in what polls show is a close contest. Romney doesn't expect to win a majority of black voters — 95 percent backed Obama in 2008 — but he's trying to show independent and swing voters that he's willing to reach out to diverse audiences, while demonstrating that his campaign and the Republican Party he leads are inclusive.



*Associated Press*

Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney pauses during a speech to the NAACP annual convention Wednesday in Houston.

# Democrats block Senate vote on Obama tax plan

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Democrats blocked a Senate vote Wednesday on President Barack Obama's plan to extend expiring tax cuts for a year for everyone but the highest-earning Americans as the two parties maneuvered to try to embarrass each other on one of the election year's foremost issues.

The move came just two days after Obama urged Congress to vote on his proposal. Democrats plan to take up the president's proposal before Congress' August recess.

Without action by lawmakers, wide-ranging tax cuts enacted a decade ago under President George W. Bush will expire on New Year's Day. That's an outcome that economists say would be a blow to the already weak economy.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., proposed votes on two amendments to a small business tax cut bill the chamber is debating. One was on Obama's plan, the other on a Republican alternative that would include top earners in the extended tax reductions.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., blocked the votes on both for now, saying the Senate would return to them after it finishes the small business tax measure.

# Republican-controlled House votes to kill health law

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Pressing an election-year point, Republicans pushed yet another bill through the House on Wednesday to repeal the nation's two-year-old health care law, a maneuver that forced Democrats to choose between President Barack Obama's signature domestic achievement and a public that is persistently skeptical of its value.

The vote was 244-185, with five Democratic defectors siding with Republicans.

By Republican count, the vote marked the 33rd time in 18 months that the tea party-infused GOP majority has tried to eliminate, defund or otherwise scale back the program — opponents scornfully call it "Obamacare" — since the GOP took control of the House.

Repeal this year by Congress likely is doomed because the Democratic-controlled Senate will never agree.

But Illinois Rep. Peter Roskam said before joining other Republicans in Wednesday's House vote: "Here's the good news. The voters get the last word in November. Stay tuned."

Nor was the vote in the House the only act of political theater during the day as campaign concerns increasingly crowded out bipartisan attempts at lawmaking in the Capitol.

One day after campaigning Obama called on Congress to pass his proposal to extend tax cuts on all but the highest wage earners, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky offered to allow an immediate vote. "I can't see why Democrats wouldn't want to give him the chance" to sign the bill, he said.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., countered by blocking an immediate vote. "We'll get to the tax issues. That way we'll be able to talk in more detail about Gov. Romney's taxes," he said in a reference to Democratic campaign attacks on the GOP presidential candidate's overseas investment, the relatively low rate of income tax he is required to pay and his refusal thus far to release personal tax returns dating before 2010.

The health care debate roiled the campaign for the White House, as well as Congress.

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney drew boos from his largely black audience at the NAACP convention when he vowed to wipe out Obama's overhaul.

In the House, Republicans assailed the law as a job-killing threat to the economic recovery, but Democrats said repeal would eliminate consumer protections that already have affected millions.

"The intent of the president's health care law was to lower costs and to help create jobs. ... Instead, it is making our economy worse, driving up costs and making it harder for small businesses to hire," said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. He cited a study by a business group that estimated that one of the bill's taxes would cost up to 249,000 jobs, and a different estimate that a second tax would "put as many as 47,100 in jeopardy."

But House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said repeal would take away provisions that guarantee coverage for children with pre-existing medical conditions, reduce prescription drug costs for some seniors, provide for protective checks for patients of all ages and ensure rebates totaling more than $1 billion this summer for policy holders.

"What a valentine to the health insurance industry," Pelosi said scornfully of the repeal measure. The party leader was a driving force behind the overhaul when she was speaker and Democrats held a majority.

**The vote**

**At issue:** Repealing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

**Did the bill pass?** Yes (244-185)

**How Rep. Mike Conaway voted:** Yes

**What's next:** It moves to the Senate for debate

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# Midland downtown director starts with city

## *Former CVB official envisions vibrant, thriving city center with help of residents*

**By Kathleen Petty**
*Staff Writer*

When Genora Young returned to Texas following the oil bust of the 1980s, she was struck immediately by the negative impact the economic downturn had on downtowns.

The vibrant and bustling West Texas downtowns she remembered from her childhood were deteriorating. The mom and pop stores that once had thrived in places like her hometown of Fort Stockton no longer were mainstays, and downtown simply wasn't a place families went when they were looking for a night out.

"The first oil crunch really devastated downtowns," she said.

That's now changing in many places, including Midland. And Young said she's thrilled to contribute to the oity's downtown redevelopment process; she starts her new position as Midland's first downtown development director this week.

"I love Midland," she said, speaking from her office at City Hall on Wednesday. "I'm here to work really hard, and I hope to do very good work for the community."

Young joins Midland after serving for more than two years as the executive director of Downtown San Angelo Inc. She also has led development efforts with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and the city of Eden, and she previously worked for the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau.

With the boom, diversification efforts and enthusiasm for development in Midland, Young said now is a particularly exciting time for the city.

And while she has experience in downtown revitalization efforts, Young's aim for Midland is not to turn downtown into what she might envision. Instead, she plans to spend the beginning of her time learning what residents want to see happen.

"What I'm really here to do right now is be the eyes and ears and listen to what the community wants," she said. "I'm here to listen; it's about what Midland wants to see and about what the development community here wants."

The decision to create the position of downtown development director came from a downtown consortium that's been meeting since 2011. Representatives from the group said they wanted someone who

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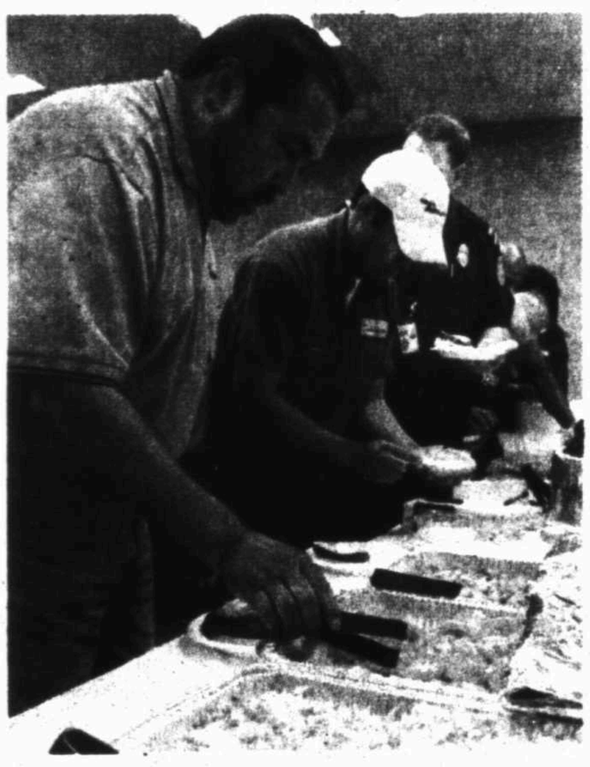
*Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Genora Young, Midland' new downtown director, starts this week.

# Burger Bash helps Megan



Erin Hicks, above, and Dario Reyes, right, fix their burgers at a fundraiser that took place Wednesday afternoon at the Midland International Airport to help raise money for Megan Dillon. For the past month, Dillon has been treated with chemotherapy at Cook's Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth. The 12-year-old Parker Elementary student was diagnosed with leukemia in May. Burger Bash is one multiple fundraisers to help raise money for hospital costs.

**Photo by Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram**

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Find out more about Megan's illness and ways to help online.

# UTPB to construct additional housing

■ University could have more than 700 students living on campus by 2013.

*From staff reports*

The board of regents for University of Texas System at its meeting Wednesday approved the construction of three new apartment buildings at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The new buildings, planned as phase five of the university's 2012-17 Capital Improvement Program, will contain a total of 99 beds and continue through August 2013.

Each of the three buildings will house 32 beds for students and one for a resident advisor. The apartments will be arranged in four-bedroom units with two bathrooms and one kitchen, dining and living area per unit, according to the recommendation provided to the regents.

"Demand for on-campus living spaces has exceeded the living space available," said UTPB President David Watts in a news release. "It is an important factor when enrolling students from outside the Odessa/Midland area.

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# Midland High wants feedback on custom plates

**By Meredith Moriak**
*Staff Writer*

Custom license plates for Midland High School are in the works, and creators are asking for feedback on the prototypes.

The idea for custom plates originated when Justin Walker, Midland High's marketing teacher, sat in Metroplex traffic earlier this summer.

"I noticed the car in front of me had a Southlake Carroll High School license plate," Walker said. "I thought it was pretty interesting, and not an hour later, I saw a license plate for Allen High School."

Intrigued, Walker said he started researching how to create custom license plates for Midland High and began working with My Plates, the official custom plates vendor for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

"I was thinking, 'If I were in high school, how cool would it be to have that plate?'" Walker said. "Every school has school pride, and Midlanders certainly do."

After a month of working with My Plates, three prototypes and an online survey were created to gain feedback on the designs.

"Everyone has a chance to vote on which design they'd like and make comments on what they like and what they'd like to change," Walker said.

The survey will be available through July 20. Feedback received will be used to draft a final license plate for Midland High, Walker said.

My Plates will then give a plate to the DMV for testing to ensure it complies with safety regulations, said My Plates spokeswoman Kim Miller Drummond.

If all goes according to plan, Midland High's plate would be presented for approval at the Oct. 11 DMV board meeting, with a release date slated for February 2013.

The basic Midland High plate without name customizations would cost $55 a year, $195 for five years or $295 for 10 years. This would be in addition to the annual $62.75 license plate registration paid annually to Midland County.

"Custom plates are a lot of fun, and I really think that students, booster club supporters, alumni and anyone that is proud of Midland High would really dive into getting these plates," said Walker, who'd like to sell 500 the first year.

For every plate sold, Midland High will receive $5.50 from My Plates.

Though it hasn't been decided how Midland High will use the proceeds, Walker said it is something that will be decided with the input of Principal Jeff Horner.

"Once we get into that phase we'll figure out if it goes to a certain club or organization, but right now all we know is a portion of the process will go back to

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*Photo courtesy of myplates.com*

**Custom plates**

Share your thoughts online at www.myplates.com/go/MidlandHigh by July 20 to view the three license plates and answer a three-question survey about their look and affordability.

**What other high schools have custom plates?**

Allen, Bishop Lynch, Southlake Carroll, Coppell, Dallas Jesuit, Keller, Lake Dallas, Liberty Christian, Longview and Prosper.

# MISD freshmen retake state tests

**By Meredith Moriak**
*Staff Writer*

More than 400 Midland ISD freshmen who failed to meet the state's standard on end-of-course examinations are giving the tests a second try this week.

Students can take State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) retests in English 1 writing, English 1 reading, biology, world geography and Algebra 1 if they did not meet the standard or want to raise their score.

With about 1,700 students in the class of 2015, only 53 percent passed the EOC in English I writing, 68 percent in English I reading, 81 percent in world geography, 83 percent in algebra 1, and 85 percent in biology, according to data provided by MISD.

Students who did not pass the tests, which were implemented for the first time this year and required for high school graduation, were notified the last week of school, said Amy Phillips, an assistant principal at Lee Freshman High School.

Students were encouraged to attend 13 days of targeted summer school intervention classes meant to prepare the students for the summer

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# Obituaries

## Donna McCullough

Donna McCullough, age 60, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 9, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 13, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery, with Pastor Ed Wegele officiating.

Donna was born in Rockdale, Texas, on January 13, 1952, to Bernard and Helen Kopecky. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. Donna loved her country and was very patriotic. She was always so proud of the people that served this great country. Donna loved to travel to go see her daughter, Rachel and always enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter, Cheyanne. Some of the things that she enjoyed doing were sitting outside and watching her cat play and listening to the birds sing. Donna was a very hard worker, working at Nabors Drilling for the last 15 years in Odessa.

Donna is survived by her husband, Buster McCullough of Midland; son, Scotty and wife, Jennifer McCullough of Midland; daughter, Rachel Westbrook and husband, Jim Keresztury of San Antonio; and granddaughter, Cheyanne McCullough of Midland.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Martha Van de Walle; brother, Howard Kopecky; brother-in-laws, Allen Taylor, Jack McCullough; sister-in-law, Margaret McCullough; and father-in-law, Buster McCullough; and mother-in-law, Grace McCullough.

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

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## Doris Evelyn Holzer

Doris Evelyn Holzer was born on August 15, 1922, in Rush County, Kansas, to John W. and Lydia Keener. She married Vernon W. Holzer on November 29, 1951, in Great Bend, Kansas. She was a homemaker and a devoted mother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon and one son, Llewellyn Holzer; a brother, Jack Keener and a sister, Lorraine Smith. Survivors include two sons, Randall Holzer of Ft. Stockton, Texas, and Reggie Holzer and wife, Laura of Houston, Texas; two granddaughters, Julie Dockery and husband, Ben of Louisville, Kentucky, Jenny Holzer of Louisville, Kentucky; and two great granddaughters, Abigail and Emma, also of Louisville.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, July 13, 2012, at East Hill Cemetery in Ft. Stockton, at 10:00 a.m.

Doris went home to be with the Lord on July 9, 2012, at the Hospice House in Odessa, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Hospice House Foundation in Odessa.

A special thanks to the Hospice staff for the love of our beloved mother and heartfelt thanks goes to friends and family who ministered to us with prayers, love and support during a difficult time.

Heritage Funeral Home of the Big Bend of Fort Stockton has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## Gladys R. Dougherty

Gladys R. Dougherty, 83, passed away on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, in Plano, TX. She was born in Lubbock, TX. October 4, 1928, and was the eldest of seven children. Gladys was a long time resident of Midland, TX, where she was an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, where her children attended school and Our Lady of Guadalupe until moving to Carrollton, TX in 2009. Most notably, Gladys, a well-loved beautician, co-owned La Petite Beauty Salon in south Midland, with Lela Carnett for 36 years.

Gladys is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Roland and Jill Dougherty of Yakima, WA; son and daughter-in-law, Ronald "Rick" and Sharon Dougherty of Carrollton, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Gary Perry of Wylie, TX; grandchildren, Tammy Carman, Lana Griffin and husband, Greg Griffin, Michael Dougherty and wife, Janet Dougherty, Jennifer Curfew and husband, John "Turtle" Curfew, Amiti Perry, Patrick Dougherty, Tony Dougherty, Beverly Dougherty, Travis Dougherty; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Raymond Peek; and sisters, Geraldine Hall, Wanda Tomlin, and Judy Ray.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert O. Dougherty; and her son, Daniel L. Dougherty.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2012, at the funeral home. Funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 14, 2012, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gladys Dougherty's name to: http://www.stjude.org/.

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# Death Notices

## Ada Elizabeth Brazelton Wilson

Ada Elizabeth Brazelton Wilson, 91, of Midland, passed away on Monday, July 9, 2012.

Family will be receiving friends, tonight, Thursday, July 12, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Friday, July 13, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral services are entrusted to the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

## Charles D. Lee

Charles D. Lee, 72, of Midland, passed away Monday, July 9, 2012, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 14, 2012, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Survivors include three sisters, Mae Jackson (Thomas), Ruth Lee, and Carolyn Lee; one brother, Vallard Lee; and a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

## John Rodman "Rod" Steele

Rod Steele, 50, passed away unexpectedly, in Dallas, on Wednesday, July 11, 2012.

He was a Dallas resident and former Midland resident and the owner of BMW - Permian Basin auto dealership. He is the son of Nancy Anguish of Midland.

Funeral services are pending.

## Mary Culver

Mary Culver, 77, of Odessa, passed away on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, in Odessa.

Survivors include her husband, Billy C. Culver; her son, Ricky Culver (Sylvia); her daughter, Diane G. Lewis (George); her brothers, Don Conrad (Sue) and Dale Conrad (Reba); her sister, Gayle Anderson (Dale); her sister-in-law, Darlene Conrad; five grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home. Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 13, 2012, at Northside Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

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# TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

## Chinese man pleads guilty in nearly $1M ID theft

A Chinese man who faked being someone else to steal nearly $1 million from accounts at a Houston bank has pleaded guilty.

Xin Gu, of Dalian, China, faces up to 30 years in prison when he's sentenced Oct. 19.

Prosecutors in Houston said Gu was on trial when he pleaded guilty Tuesday to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft.

Gu was arrested Feb. 3 after posing as someone else at a Chase bank in Houston. Investigators said he presented a fake passport and bogus documents in the victim's name.

Prosecutors said a week earlier a fictional authorized user was added to the victim's accounts. Investigators believe a woman helped Gu withdraw the funds. Gu remains in custody as the investigation continues.

MAINE

## Texas girl, 15, suffers severed leg in Maine boat crash

LOVELL — A 15-year-old girl has suffered a severed leg after her family's boat hit a submerged rock and crashed on Kezar Lake.

Abby Mueller of Houston, Texas, was ejected from the family's 24-foot motorboat around 2:45 p.m. Tuesday and run over by the propeller, which severed one leg between the ankle and knee. She was flown to a Boston hospital. Her condition was not immediately known late Tuesday.

The Maine Warden Service said the girl's father, 44-year-old Robert Mueller, had five children with him, one being towed on a tube, when the boat struck a rock inside an area marked with hazard buoys.

Mueller suffered minor injuries. He is the father of three of the children and two are family cousins from Woodstock, Conn.

Officials don't believe alcohol was involved.

HOUSTON

## Woman on Texas death row loses federal appeal

A Dallas County woman on Texas death row has lost a federal court appeal, moving her a step closer to execution for the fatal stabbing and bludgeoning of a 71-year-old neighbor during a robbery 15 years ago.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Wednesday refused an appeal from 51-year-old Kimberly McCarthy. She was sentenced to die for the murder of a retired college professor, Dorothy Booth, at the woman's home in Lancaster, about 15 miles south of Dallas. Evidence showed Booth was attacked with metal candelabra and knives and her finger was cut off while she was still alive to remove her wedding ring.

McCarthy was tried twice for the slaying, most recently in 2002. A state appeals court threw out her previous conviction in 1998.

AUSTIN

## Federal lawsuit alleges sex discrimination

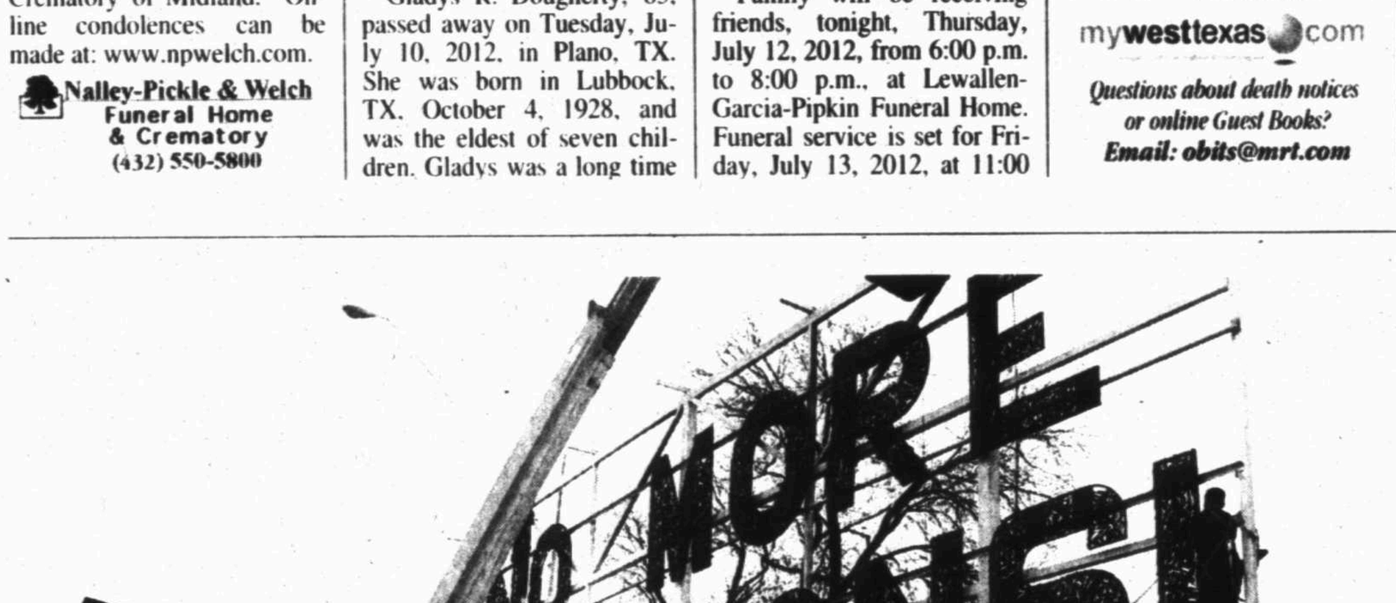
The Justice Department has filed a lawsuit alleging that two Texas agencies are liable for three employees at the now defunct Texas Department of Rural Affairs being discriminated against because they were women.

The Justice Department said the Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas General Land Office assumed responsibility for the now defunct agency.

The lawsuit filed in Texas Wednesday said the three women were paid significantly less than their male colleagues for performing substantially the same work. It says the women were retaliated against by losing their jobs as a result of their claims.

The complaint seeks monetary damages.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said the Texas attorney general has been working with federal lawyers to resolve the matter.

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Soldiers put final touches on a giant "No More Weapons" billboard made with crushed firearms placed near the U.S. border in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, in February. Killings by criminal gangs in the drug violence-wracked border city of Ciudad Juarez fell by 42 percent in the first six months of this year from the same period of 2011, Mexico's army said.

# Border city killings down 42 percent

*Associated Press*

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Killings by criminal gangs in the drug violence-wracked border city of Ciudad Juarez fell by 42 percent in the first six months of this year from the same period of 2011, Mexico's army said Wednesday.

Gen. Emilio Zarate, the local army commander, attributed the drop to the weakening of the local Juarez drug cartel and the rival Gente Nueva gang, which is allied with the powerful Sinaloa cartel. The two cartels have fought turf battles since 2008 that notoriously made this city across the border from El Paso the most violent city in Mexico.

Ciudad Juarez recorded 952 killings by gangs in the first half of the year, compared to 1,642 in the first half of 2011, according to Zarate, who said the gangs have been diminished by a multi-pronged offensive that includes army patrols, police reforms and social programs.

He told reporters the Juarez cartel has become so weak that it is having trouble paying its members.

"They have been forced to reorganize and opt for other activities, like kidnapping and extortion," he said. But he warned that the leaders of the Sinaloa-backed Gente Nueva (or New People) "have economic power because they have constantly received funds from other states."

Numbers released by the Chihuahua state prosecutors office indicated a similar decline, though its numbers are lower because civilian prosecutors track murders differently. Prosecutors said there were 653 murders in the first half of 2012 and 1,322 in the same period of last year.

More than a transition into peace, drug violence seems to migrate in Mexico, exploding in once-quiet places across the country such as the Gulf coast state of Veracruz and the resort city of Acapulco. When authorities launch an offensive in one spot, violence moves to another. When cartel leaders are arrested, gangs splinter and the resulting offshoot groups fight in areas to control local police and lucrative smuggling corridors.

President Felipe Calderon claimed in an interview with The Wall Street Journal last month that drug-related killings in Mexico had fallen by roughly 12 percent in the first five months of this year, although he and his administration have refused to release the actual figures of drug-linked homicides since September 2011.

The government's figures released last fall say more than 47,500 people had died in violence linked to the militarized offensive Calderon launched shortly after taking office in December 2006. Separate federal figures have shown a drop in the overall numbers of homicides in several violence-wracked states, although those statistics do not break out drug-linked killings.

Under its late leader, Amado Carrillo Fuentes, the Juarez cartel became known in the 1990s for flying planeloads of cocaine into the United States, earning Carrillo Fuentes the nickname "The Lord of the Skies."

**Key statistic**

The number of causualities resulting from a militarized offensive launched by Mexico Felipe Calderon in December 2006:

**47,500 people**

# Mexico paper won't cover violence after grenade attack

*Associated Press*

MEXICO CITY — The El Manana newspaper in the northern Mexico border city of Nuevo Laredo announced that it will stop covering violent criminal disputes after suffering a second grenade attack against its offices in two months.

Other northern Mexican newspapers have quietly adopted similar policies of not covering drug cartel violence to protect their staffs against threats and violent attacks including kidnappings and murders carried out by gangs that either don't want their activities to appear in print, or are angered by coverage of their rivals.

But El Manana's announcement Tuesday was unusual because it was public. The paper did not say who it thought was behind the attack earlier in the day, nor give a possible motive.

"We ask for the public's comprehension and will refrain, for as long as needed, from publishing any information related to the violent disputes our city and other regions of the country are suffering," the paper said in an editorial. Nuevo Laredo, like much of Tamaulipas state, has been the scene of bloody battles between the Zetas drug gang and the Gulf cartel, supported by allies in the Sinaloa cartel.

"The company's editorial and administrative board has been forced to make this regrettable decision by circumstances we are all familiar with, and by the lack of adequate conditions for freely exercising professional journalism," according to the El Manana statement. "We will only address the (violent crime) issue through the opinions of professional analysts who study the phenomenon in an intelligent and responsible way."

Also Tuesday, gunmen threw grenades and opened fire on two buildings belonging to the El Norte newspaper in the northern state of Nuevo Leon. No injuries were reported in those attacks, and that newspaper has not announced any change in coverage.

The newspaper reported Monday that employees of a local motor vehicle bureau were suspected of improperly providing thousands of license plates that were used to make stolen cars appear to be legitimately licensed vehicles that were then sold to unsuspecting buyers.

El Manana and one of El Norte's offices, home to a weekly local supplement of the paper, both have been attacked before.

"It is appalling that three Mexican media outlets, two of which have been attacked repeatedly in the past, were violently targeted in a single day," said Carlos Lauría, CPJ's senior program coordinator.

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# MMH: Salmonella peaks in summer; protect against mosquitos after rain

By Audrie Palmer
*Staff Writer*

Backyard barbecues and outdoor picnics are popular in the summertime, and according to local medical professionals, can lead to increased problems with salmonella.

Salmonella peaks in the summer months, and Midland Memorial Hospital staff said they've seen an increase of those coming into the emergency room with the bacteria-generated illness as of late.

"It's seasonal. We see it every year when it gets warmer outside and more people are having picnics and holidays around the pool, at the lake or camping," said Val Sparks, Midland Memorial Hospital's infection prevention coordinator. "They have got to keep the food cool and not leave it to sit out for any lengths of time."

Salmonellosis is an infection with the bacteria of salmonella and develops diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps in an individual within 12 to 72 hours after infection, according to the Centers of Disease Control.

More than 42,000 outbreaks are reported each year, and the illness is said to last between four and seven days.

Sparks said the bacteria can be found in meats and foods that aren't cooked properly or are left outside for more than an hour.

Officials also are warning residents to be cautious of mosquitos after the recent rains this week and to protect themselves when outside.

"The rain and moisture are going to breed mosquitos," Sparks said.

She added that mosquitos also could carry the West Nile virus; Midlanders need to wear insect repellent with DEET and shirts with long sleeves in the early morning hours and at dusk to cover their arms and avoid mosquito bites.

While Midland hasn't had any reports of West Nile Virus this year, there have been past cases, Sparks said. Other diseases reportedly spreading across the nation include pertussis, also known as whooping cough. The CDC reports it has seen more than 16,000 confirmed cases this year. In 2010, There were a record 27,550 cases.

But local health care officials said no cases have been reported in Midland County in the past few years, and Sparks said they haven't seen anyone come in the MMH emergency room with the disease and don't expect to.

Still, with a new vaccine out this year, Sparks said the hospital is encouraging all individuals, no matter their age, as well as new mothers and families with a newborn to get the booster.

"Adults that are carrying pertussis can actually infect children," she said.

The DTaP vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) isn't available at the hospital but can be received at local pharmacies and doctors, Sparks added.

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| | HBOS | 304 | 70 | 16 | 102 | | (4:45) ★ Les Misera... | | ★★ Sucker Punch Emily Browning. | | | | Boardwalk Empire | | The Newsroom | | ★ Your Highness | |
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| | SHOW | 320 | 66 | 19 | 140 | 25 | Movie | | ★ The Help ('11, Dra) Viola Davis, Emma Stone. | | | | The Real L Word | | Polyamor | The Real L Word | | Polyamor |
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| | FSSW | 37 | 43 | 50 | 45 | 29 | Rangers Insider | SportsDay OnAir | WPT Poker L.A. Classic | | WPT Poker L.A. Classic | | Action Sports World Tour | | Ultimate Insider | SW Outdoors | London 2012 | SportsDay OnAir |
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| | HGTV | 63 | 50 | 26 | 48 | 44 | House | HouseH | At Home | Selling LA | Sellers (N) | London | HouseH | House | HouseH | House | Sellers | London |
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# Judge rules atmosphere, air is public trust

HOUSTON — A Texas judge has ruled that the atmosphere and air must be protected for public use, just like water, which could help attorneys tasked with arguing climate change lawsuits designed to force states to cut emissions.

The written ruling, issued in a letter Monday by Texas District Court Judge Gisela Triana, shot down arguments by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that only water is a "public trust," a doctrine that dates to the Roman Empire stating a government must protect certain resources — usually water, sometimes wildlife — for the common good.

Adam Abrams, one of the attorneys arguing the case against TCEQ, said Triana's ruling could be used as a persuasive argument in lawsuits pending in 11 other states.

In Texas, though, a ruling to protect air and the atmosphere has added significance. Republican Gov. Rick Perry is one of the most vocal opponents against widely accepted scientific research that fossil fuel emissions are causing global warming. And the state has refused to regulate greenhouse gases, forcing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to work directly with industries to ensure they comply with federal law.

"The commission's conclusion that the public trust doctrine is exclusively limited to the conservation of water is legally invalid," Triana wrote.

She also wants the case brought to a standstill, saying that so long as Texas has open-ended litigation on similar issues on the federal level, she cannot compel the TCEQ to write protection rules.

The TCEQ said in an emailed comment that it was reviewing the judge's letter and is awaiting her final order, but it appears Triana will support the agency's move to deny the request for new rules.

The lawsuit was brought by the Texas Environmental Law Center, and is part of a court campaign in a dozen states by an Oregon-based nonprofit, Our Children's Trust. The group is using children and young adults as plaintiffs in the lawsuits — some state and some federal — filed in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas and Washington.

By relying on "common law" theories, the group hopes to have the atmosphere declared a public trust for the first time, granting it special protection. The doctrine has been used to clean up rivers and coastlines, but many legal experts have been unsure if it could be used successfully to combat climate change.

Still, Abrams, who has handled the Texas case on behalf of the Texas Environmental Law Center, believes Triana's ruling can be used to argue the cases in other states. So far, he said, this is the first judge to back the group, though a New Mexico court recently allowed the case to go forward.

"I think it's huge that we got a judge to acknowledge that the atmosphere is a public trust asset and the air is a public trust asset," Abrams said. "It's the first time we've had verbage like this come out of one of these cases."

## Study: Golden-cheeked warber tally is higher

**AUSTIN — The population of golden-cheeked warblers, among the most famed of endangered species in Central Texas, is higher than previously estimated, according to research by Texas A&M University scientists to be published later this summer.**

**The researchers calculate the rangewide population of male warblers in Texas at a shade over 263,000. Previous surveys counted roughly 9,000 to 54,000 birds. The new figure comes as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducts a five-year review of the warbler.**

**The small bird, characterized by the male's yellow cheeks outlined in black, was one of several species at the heart of battles between developers and environmentalists.**

*Associated Press*

# MISD

From 1B

STAAR retests, said Phillips, who is serving as EOC summer school principal.

Top teachers from the freshman schools and junior highs were hired to work with the students. A teaching staff was made up of three in writing, two in reading, five in math, three in science and four in social studies, Phillips said.

"Our teachers have worked incredibly hard focusing on instruction and preparing these students for the tests," said Phillips, of the one-hour classes that focused on specific objectives outline by the state.

Beginning with the class of 2015, students must pass 12 EOC assessments to be eligible for high school graduation.

"(Summer school) gives the students another opportunity to see the material before they are tested again," Phillips said.

"The big push is to come to summer school, retake the test and pass it now," Phillips added. "They'll get focused instruction on the courses they've most recently taken. ... We want it fresh on their mind and hopefully get them to pass this summer."

Students who did not attend summer school and complete retests this week will not have the opportunity again until December, Phillips said.

"There's still a huge pool of kids that didn't come to summer school," Phillips said. "My only disappointment would be that attendance was not higher."

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# UTPB

From 1B

These students need housing — especially in view of the severe housing shortages brought about by the oil boom."

UTPB's current occupancy rate is 100 percent, and 35 students are on the waiting list for the 521 apartments currently available.

The total number of on-campus beds will increase to 615 this fall when the phase four Falcon's Nest Apartments open and to 714 when phase five is completed in 2013.

The new units are expected to "allow for the admission of at least 60 students from outside the Odessa/Midland area who would not otherwise be able to attend UTPB due to the housing shortage," according to the regents' agenda.

Once occupied, the new units are expected to increase the number of on-campus students by 14 percent, "with related increases in tuition and fees, meal plan purchases and bookstore sales," according to the agenda.

The $8.75 million project will contain approximately 42,726 gross square feet and be funded by the UT System, according to the agenda.

The buildings are consistent with existing apartments completed in August 2004 and will be two-story, wood frame, slab on-grade structures with brick and stone exteriors.

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# Expert: Voter IDs in Texas won't affect turnout

WASHINGTON — An expert testifying for the state of Texas told a federal court on Wednesday that new voter identification requirements would not affect voter turnout.

Daron Shaw, a distinguished teaching professor in political science at the University of Texas, said there's also no evidence that requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls disproportionately impacts one race over another. Shaw cited a series of surveys and research he conducted at the request of Texas.

"I think the weight of all the evidence is that it will not have an impact on turnout," Shaw said during testimony in a Washington courtroom.

Texas' voter ID law, passed by the state's Republican-controlled Legislature last year, requires voters heading to the polls to present a valid, government-issued photo ID. Currently, Texas only requires voters to show their voter registration cards, which do not have photos, or another acceptable alternative form of ID. Texas' law is similar to other laws passed by GOP-controlled legislatures in Georgia and Indiana.

The Justice Department blocked Texas' new law in March, citing the Voting Rights Act. Texas, in turn, sued the Justice Department bringing the case to Washington, where a three-judge panel is set to decide the fate of the law in a case that will test the limits of the Voting Rights Act, passed in 1965 as a safeguard on minority voting rights.

Shaw, the political science expert, was the first witness for Texas on Wednesday. Under cross-examination, Justice Department attorneys questioned Shaw about the methodology of his research and asked about his outside work. Shaw said he had worked as a political strategist for both of President George W. Bush's presidential campaigns.

Earlier Wednesday, Justice Department witness Victoria Rose Rodriguez finished her testimony. Lawyers for Texas cross-examined her, trying to show that the 18-year-old Rodriguez from San Antonio could easily obtain the new voter photo ID. The attorneys asked her a series of questions about what documents she has and pointed out that those would be enough for her to obtain the photo ID.

In her testimony Tuesday, Rodriguez testified that she"s currently a registered voter but would not be able to meet the requirements of Texas' new law. She said she lacked the necessary documents and the ability to travel to a location where she can obtain the newly required voter ID.

Both the state of Texas and the Justice Department are calling witnesses out of order so that travel schedules of those testifying can be accommodated. As a result, witnesses for both sides continued to be called to the stand Wednesday.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis said he believed certain Republican lawmakers passed the voter ID bill with racial motives in mind, at least partly.

"Based on my experience they knew what they are doing," said the Houston Democrat and Justice Department witness, referring to his GOP colleagues in the Senate. "They're good people doing a bad thing.

"That bill has everything to do with race."

The Rev. Peter Johnson, another Justice Department witness, said he has worked on registering voters, primarily minorities, for more than 40 years.

*Associated Press*

Attorney General Eric Holder is welcomed at the NAACP annual convention Tuesday in Houston. Holder says he opposes a new photo ID requirement in Texas elections because it would be harmful to minority voters.

## Texas teen testifies about voter ID law

WASHINGTON — A San Antonio teenager said Tuesday that she didn't have the right documents to comply with Texas' new voter ID law and would be disenfranchised if it goes into effect.

Victoria Rose Rodriguez, 18, told a federal court in Washington that she had limited documentation — a birth certificate, a high school transcript and a student ID card with a photo on it — but currently is a registered voter in Texas.

She said her parents are too busy to take her or her twin sister to get the new voter identification cards required by the law.

Getting a driver's license also is not an option, she said, because it would mean she and her sister would be added to her family's car insurance, a costly move.

"My dad works all day," she said. "And my mother is the sole caretaker for my grandmother."

Rodriguez's testimony came at the end of the second day of a trial to determine whether Texas' new voter ID law violates the federal Voting Rights Act. A three-judge panel is hearing the case after the state of Texas sued the Justice Department, which blocked the law under the Act in March.

The teen will return to the witness stand Wednesday, when she will be cross-examined by attorneys for Texas.

Earlier Tuesday, the Justice Department presented witnesses who testified that the law was passed in haste. State Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer said the voter ID bill was rushed through the Legislature and passed over the objections of minority lawmakers.

"There was a determined effort to pass this bill in record time," Martinez Fischer testified.

*Associated Press*

## CITY

From 1B

could be the point-person for downtown and lead developers through the process, as well as recruit businesses and foster relationships with downtown stake holders.

"It's to help turn around the downtown and really make it a destination," said Jim Nichols, assistant city manager, speaking after Young was hired in June. "She has tremendous experience, a great passion for downtowns and a genuine love for the city of Midland, which really impressed us."

The Midland City Council, Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone board, Downtown Midland Management District and Midland Development Corp. all voted in 2011 to contribute to the $200,000 operating budget of the newly created office. Young's salary will account for $87,000 of the budget.

In general, Young said mixed development, which would include office, retail and residential space, is key to downtown redevelopment.

In some cities, the addition of arts and culture serve as the catalyst. That can come through more performance arts venues, galleries and even expanded restaurants or culinary arts.

Events also can play a role. In San Angelo, for example, regular movie nights were held, Young said.

The events may not have generated direct business for shops. But it went a long way in showing families downtown was a safe, friendly and fun place.

Young said that when it comes to retail, typically a combination of "mom and pop" businesses, as well as chain stores and restaurants, are key. To draw many of those requires "rooftops," or a community of people living downtown, she said.

Downtown Midland businesses already are great and will be key to growth as it's often existing entrepreneurs that draw new development, Young said.

Still, every town is different, and the results of any downtown efforts won't happen immediately, she said.

"Hopefully, it will continue to evolve and grow," Young said. "Downtowns did not reach a point of decay within months. It takes time; it takes due diligence."

Young said as her father often told her, desire can produce the greatest results, which is a positive for Midland.

"Midland, from where I sit, appears to have a desire to really have downtown be vibrant and thriving," she said. "I need to kind of define what that is for the community."

Young and her husband, Gregory, have two daughters and three grandchildren.

*Kathleen Petty can be reached at kpetty@mrt.com.*

## PLATES

From 1B

Midland High," Walker said.

In addition to promoting school spirit, Walker said the plates will allow his marketing students to focus on promoting them within the community and increasing sales.

"Though I'm doing the initial steps by getting everything set up, this will be a good way to teach the students about marketing strategies in their community and get (Midland High's brand) out in the community," Walker said.

If the process continues as expected, Midland High will be the first high school in West Texas to have custom license plates. Walker said he wouldn't be surprised if Midland High's plates prompted Lee, Odessa and Permian high schools to follow suit.

*Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.*

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**SATURDAY** Sunny High 93 Low 71

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Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 93 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 70 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 94, a low around 70 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for sunny skies with a high around 94 and a low around 71. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Wednesday reached 86 while the low dropped to 69. The record high for July 11 is 106 set in 1998. The record low is 62 set in 1947.

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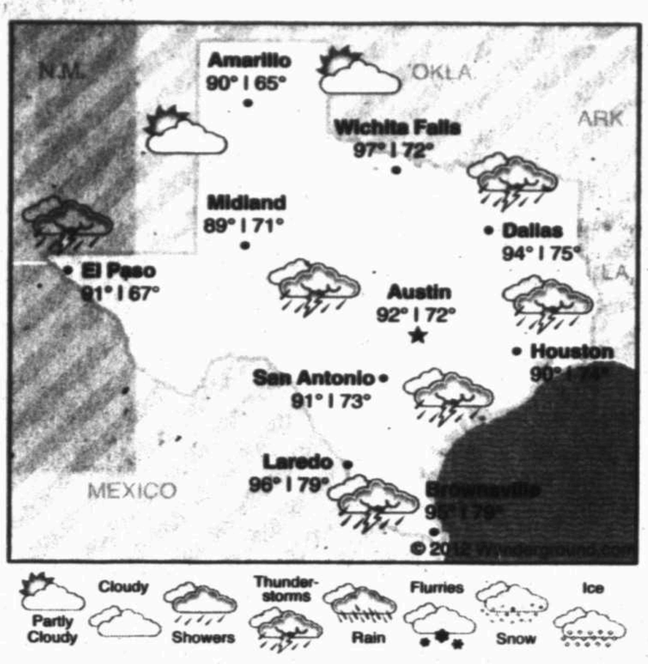
Downpours will continue to affect areas from Texas to Florida and the Carolinas today. Additional showers and thunderstorms produced by a stalled front and a flow of moisture from the Gulf of Mexico are the main drivers of the rainfall. Up to several inches of rain from the pattern will continue to benefit areas in drought. Too much rain will bring flash floods in some locations, while other areas will remain completely dry.

In the West, heat will continue over much of the region, except for the immediate Pacific Coast. Temperatures will approach or exceed 100 degrees in much of the interior.




**Precipitation**

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| Rainfall Tuesday | 0.06 in. |
| Rainfall Wednesday | trace |
| Total for month | 0.07 in. |
| Total for year | 4.73 in. |
| Normal total (year to date) | 6.71 in. |

**Wednesday's temperatures**

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| High | 86 |
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| Normal high | 95 |
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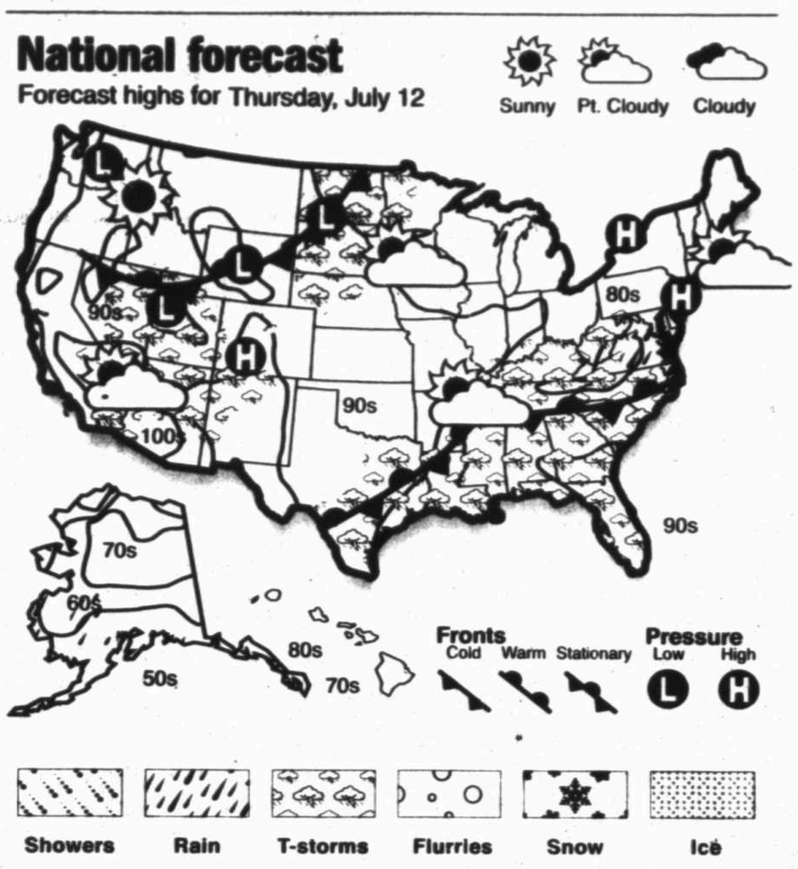


# *Email, online thank-yous suffice in stressful times*

## 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**: "Wants to Do the Right Thing" (April 18) asked about using email to thank those who donated to a fundraiser for her son, who has bone cancer. What is wrong with that?

I have been there. One of my twin boys was diagnosed with cancer at age 2. I was grateful for all the help my family and friends gave me, but I did not always have the time or energy to devote to writing thank-you cards.

You really have to have experienced this kind of long-term stress and trauma to understand. It takes all the strength you have to just get through each day without breaking down. For larger donations, I would write a card when I could or print some out on my computer. Sometimes I recruited a friend or family member to handle thank-you notes. People always ask, "What can I do?" Well, assign them this task!

Another way of thanking people was through a blog, like CaringBridge. These free websites were a great way to keep in touch with people and let them know what was going on. I often posted general notes of thanks there, then emailed everyone who contributed with a link to the site.

The truth is, it was difficult to accept charity and help from others, and I often found myself overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support. — TRULY THANKFUL IN NEW YORK

DEAR TRULY THANKFUL: Thank YOU for your heartfelt letter and helpful suggestions. I reminded "Wants" that writing personal thank-you notes was the proper thing to do, but not all readers agreed.

**DEAR ABBY:** Any spare time that mom has needs to be spent with her family or taking care of herself. They are going through a very difficult time.

I believe that in this day and age, the majority of people would understand and not expect a thank-you note for their donation.

So a quick email of thanks would be more than appreciated. Email is more acceptable now, especially among younger people. If this is all she has time for, it's better than no thank-you at all. — KELLY IN WINCHESTER, VA.

**DEAR ABBY**: To that mother of the child with cancer: Instead of writing thank-you notes to all the people who help you in the community, please spend that time with your son. Someday, return the favor with some other family's child. Many families in our town cope with childhood cancer. We help each other. It is important that you spend every precious moment with him, not writing cards. We all understand. — PAYING IT FORWARD IN CLYDE, OHIO

**DEAR ABBY:** You correctly advised "Wants" that a handwritten, personal note was in order. However, having found myself in this position, I sometimes first send out a quick "blanket" email to all the donors:

"Dear Friends and Family, you are great to contribute to our cause. Please forgive this email reply, but we want you to know right away how much your support means to us. You'll be hearing from us personally as soon as possible."

This acknowledges the generosity immediately, while relieving some stress for the writer at a busy time. — WISE IN WASHINGTON

# GOREN BRIDGE

*With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch*

### Another Tommy Triumph

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 8 7
♡ Q J 5
♢ A 8 5 3
♣ Q 9 7

WEST
♠ K Q
♡ A 10 8 6
♢ 9 7 4 2
♣ 10 6 2

EAST
♠ J 9 6 5 4 3 2
♡ Void
♢ 10 6
♣ 8 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A
♡ K 9 7 4 3 2
♢ K Q J
♣ A K J

The bidding:

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
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| 2♣ | Pass | 2♡ | Pass |
| 2♢ | Pass | 3♡ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♡ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | 6♡ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Opening lead: King of ♠

When we last saw Trump Coup Tommy, he was basking in the glow of his latest triumph. As our readers know, Tommy is a rare creature — an average player who is transformed into a technical wizard as soon as he realizes he is facing a bad trump break. This is the deal that had the whole club buzzing.

The South hand is not an easy hand to bid — a powerhouse where the key suit is weak! However, since it was only a four-loser hand, we have a great deal of sympathy for the approach adopted by Tommy — an artificial two club game force followed by a cue-bidding sequence. North jumped to slam on the strength of the trump honors.

West, delighted with his trump holding and the possible spade trick to boot, knew better than to double Tommy. The king of spades was led, taken by Tommy's ace. A low heart to the knave brought a spade discard from East and a gleam to Tommy's eye. A spade was ruffed, followed by three rounds of diamonds, ending in dummy as East parted with another spade. Since West was known to have another diamond, Tommy ruffed the last diamond low. He then played off three rounds of clubs, ending in dummy, completing the groundwork.

Not faltering for a moment, Tommy led the remaining spade from the table and ruffed with the king of trumps! West was a gone goose. With nothing left but trumps, the defender could do no better than overruff with ace, but then was forced to lead away from the 10 8 of trumps into Tommy's combined Q 9 tenace. Tommy lost nothing but a trump to the ace!

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# JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 12, 2012:

Ride the crest of good luck this year, which will become even better next year. Eliminate what no longer works for you. As you close doors, new ones will open. Opportunities strike wherever you put your focus. Pick only those you really want. If you are single, you could have quite the pick of suitors. Enjoy the process. If you are attached, the two of you seem to enjoy a new tango, where you turn up the love temperature. You might opt for a special, long-desired trip together. TAURUS helps pave the way for you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Clearly an adjustment is made by others, but perhaps not for the reason you wanted. The change occurs because of certain financial benefits. Don't get picky — just be happy. Confusion surrounds conversations. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Treat yourself, too.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You know when it is prime time to make your move, and that time is now. Do not hesitate to push in order to get what you feel is needed. You have your eye on the long term, so do not be surprised if you get some flak from others who don't see your logic. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Even if you must maintain a low profile, you'll gain a different perspective. In the long run, this stance is perfect, as new insights will allow you to make better choices. You see the light, so to speak. Tonight: You do not always need company — do you? Do your own thing.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ A goal-driven response inspires close-to-perfect action. You cannot always operate like this, but you like the results. A partner might demonstrate an innate confusion when speaking or responding to you. Focus on your long-term goals instead of getting too uptight about a problem. Tonight: Where crowds can be found.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others continue to look to you for guidance and understanding. You might want to change your M.O. as you discover what a burden you might be carrying. Give yourself time if you feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Leader of the gang (again).

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone you really care about. Pressure builds and forces your hand. Detach, and don't react. A partner demonstrates unusual imagination and caring. Be ready to take a leap of faith. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You cannot ignore a loved one's request. You might not know what to say, but you need to say something, should you be speechless or undecided. Work with others on an individual level, and you'll gain success. Be subtle and nonjudgmental when asking questions. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Defer to others, especially as they are determined to have their way. Communication flows, so use your ability to help yourself and others process a problem. A friend could disappoint you. Plans also might change. Tonight: Sort through invitations. Think "weekend."

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are tempted to plunge into whatever you do 100 percent. You could be confused by a personal matter. Revamp your budget if you need to; do not let someone's opinion affect you. Give yourself time. Don't demand the impossible from yourself. Tonight: Get some exercise.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Once more, others are taken with a side of you that does not come out often: your creativity. You are known for your endurance and intellect. Ingenuity — the blend of imagination and logic — can find solutions where others cannot. Let more impulsiveness in. Tonight: Fun and games.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Stay close to home, and refuse to be intimidated. You might be seeing a constant flow of cash leaving your checking account. If this makes you uncomfortable, you know what to do — just stop spending. Ask questions in a nonthreatening manner. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ State your case, ask questions and loosen up about a situation. You can achieve this without standing on ceremony or changing your goals. Most people will be highly responsive, with the exception of a close loved one. Tonight: Yap up a storm.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian Bill Cosby (1937), fitness celebrity Richard Simmons (1948), actress Cheryl Ladd (1951)

# DAILY CROSSWORD

### Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**
1 Increasingly rare PC monitors
5 Last name of the start of 48-Across
9 Supplement
14 Flood notable
15 "Iliad" warrior
16 Rank
17 Site of Napoleon's 1804 coronation
19 Condor's castle?
20 Reggie Miller, e.g.
22 Parting word
25 "Everybody Hurts" band
26 Long-eared hopper
31 9-3, 9-4 or 9-5
35 It might be casual: Abbr.
36 Actress Falco et al.
37 Hard to look at
38 Tolkien creatures
40 Last name of the start of 20-Across
42 Not looking well
43 Hollandaise ingredient
44 Salon offerings
46 [Sniff!]
47 Overly precious, to a Brit
48 Reign between the Qin and the Three Kingdoms
50 Letters from your parents?
52 Pernod flavoring
53 Actor born 7/13/1942 who played characters found in 20-, 26- and 48-Across
60 Often-filtered transmission
61 Degas subject
65 Photo finish
66 "... __ saw Elba"
67 "Grand" ice cream brand
68 Manuscript marks
69 Last name of the start of 26-Across
70 Basketful, perhaps

**DOWN**
1 "Piers Morgan Tonight" channel
2 Milne marsupial
3 Bit of artwork seen in NBA games
4 Mouse reaction
5 H.S. safety org.
6 City WNW of Los Angeles
7 Tibetan for "superior one"
8 Farm team
9 With one's jaw on the floor, so to speak
10 Concocts
11 Jeanne __
12 Jon Arbuckle's pooch
13 "When pigs flyeth!"
18 Toughen
21 Knack
22 Four-time Indy 500 winner
23 Scopes's defender
24 December hanger
27 Tall, dark or handsome: Abbr.
28 Flora and fauna
29 Togo neighbor
30 "__ a Message": INXS song
32 Court star with the autobiography "Open"
33 Doles out
34 Parting words
39 "Picket Fences" Emmy winner Tom
41 Pen name?
45 Marcher's drum
48 Is ill with
49 Jackson or Johnson
51 TV's younger Dr. Crane
53 Garment edges
54 Latin lesson word
55 Deserve
56 Upper, in Upper Westphalia
57 Quaint negative
58 __ market
59 "Chocolat" actress
62 Nev. neighbor
63 Where Cuomo is gov.
64 Cheroot residue

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# Texas Senate race: Cruz misses deadline, Dewhurst scrubs website

*Associated Press*

AUSTIN — U.S. Senate candidate Ted Cruz's campaign acknowledged Wednesday that he missed a deadline to file his financial disclosure forms, but also challenged his opponent, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, to explain why a controversial speech given in 2007 is no longer available online.

Cruz was required under federal campaign finance laws to file an updated personal disclosure on May 15 and was fined for missing the deadline. Cruz submitted the form by overnight mail on Monday night, making it 56 days late.

"The $200 payment has been submitted as required and along with the completed form in full compliance and disclosure," James Bernsen, a Cruz campaign spokesman, said.

An adviser to the Dewhurst campaign, Mark Miner, issued a statement condemning Cruz for missing the deadline.

"It's ironic that Ted Cruz has been fined by the Senate Ethics Committee without even being elected to the Senate," Minder said. "Texans deserve to know the truth about where Ted Cruz's money comes from."

The two candidates are in a fierce campaign for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson. The winner will be determined in a runoff on July 31.

The Cruz campaign questioned why a speech that Dewhurst gave in 2007 supporting a guest worker program to allow illegal workers to remain in the country was no longer available online. The link to the speech was still active less than a month ago when a reporter for the San Antonio Express-News blogged about how Dewhurst's campaign now says he opposes such a program.

Matt Hirsch, a spokesman for the Dewhurst campaign, said campaign workers had no knowledge of the deletions and was not coordinating with state workers, which is forbidden by state law. A state employee in the lieutenant governor's office said the order to remove all of the speeches, which she referred to as archiving, was not new.

"More than a year ago, we asked the secretary of the Senate to archive all of the speeches on our website," said Lauren Thurston, official spokeswoman for the lieutenant governor.

Thurston said she did not know why Dewhurst had asked for his speeches to be removed from the website, but that they are still available through public information requests. There's no law against a public official removing official records from a state-owned website.

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Texas Senate candidates Ted Cruz, left, and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, right, are seen after their televised debate in Dallas in June.


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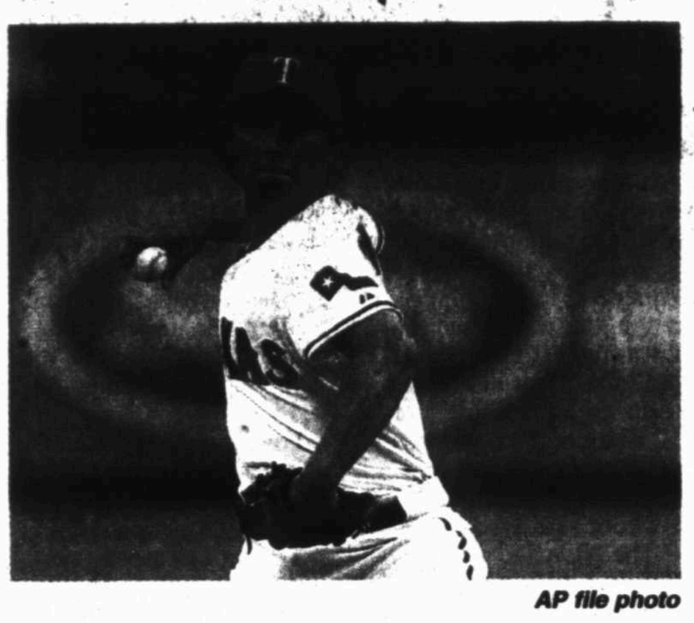
# Darvish variety to Dickey mastery for same results



AP file photo

Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish throws a pitch during the first inning against the Oakland Athletics on July 1 in Arlington. Darvish is known for this wide array of pitches. But no matter how many tricks he has up his sleeve, he has the same objective as all pitchers: Get the batter out.

*Associated Press*

Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan had a blazing fastball, the first ever clocked at 100 mph, during 27 seasons that included 5,714 strikeouts and seven no-hitters. Mariano Rivera has used a devastating, bat-cracking cutter for a record 608 saves to be part of five World Series championships with the New York Yankees.

R.A. Dickey? He mastered one pitch, the knuckleball, and at age 37 became an All-Star for the first time.

Then Yu Darvish came to America this year with an array of different pitches, at least seven and maybe more depending on how you might classify his repertoire. The Japanese ace won 10 games for the Texas Rangers before the All-Star break.

"Everything from the velocity to the way he spins the ball is impressive. ... He can do a lot of different things with the baseball," Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "When he needs to make a pitch, he has a lot of different things he can do."

There are fastballs, sliders, curves, slurves, palmballs, splitters, forkballs and even the infamous gyroball. The curve has nicknames like hammer, deuce or Uncle Charlie.

But are there really that many more pitches these days? Or are things more specific because of all the advance scouting and modern technology that can track the speed and movement of every pitch?

"Now you're talking about two-seamers, four-seamers and cutters. That can be three pitches off the fastball, where before it was just a fastball," said Arizona manager Bob Melvin, a former big-league catcher. "I think with video and bats and breaking things down and analyzing now, now you're just getting a little more complex where those pitchers might have been there in the past, but now they're designated all as different pitches."

More than the typical fastball, curve, slider and change of the past.

"I put down one (finger) and got whatever they threw me," said Melvin, who played in the majors from 1985-94.

Like Darvish with his wide variety of pitches or Dickey and his specialized toss, every pitcher who has ever stood on a mound is trying to do the same thing: Get the guy out.

Seattle right-hander Kevin Millwood, who last month threw the first six innings of a combined no-hitter, is in the 16th season of his major league career that began in Atlanta when he was on a staff with four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz.

"I guess you can have as many pitches as you want as long as you can control them and know where they're going. I have a hard enough

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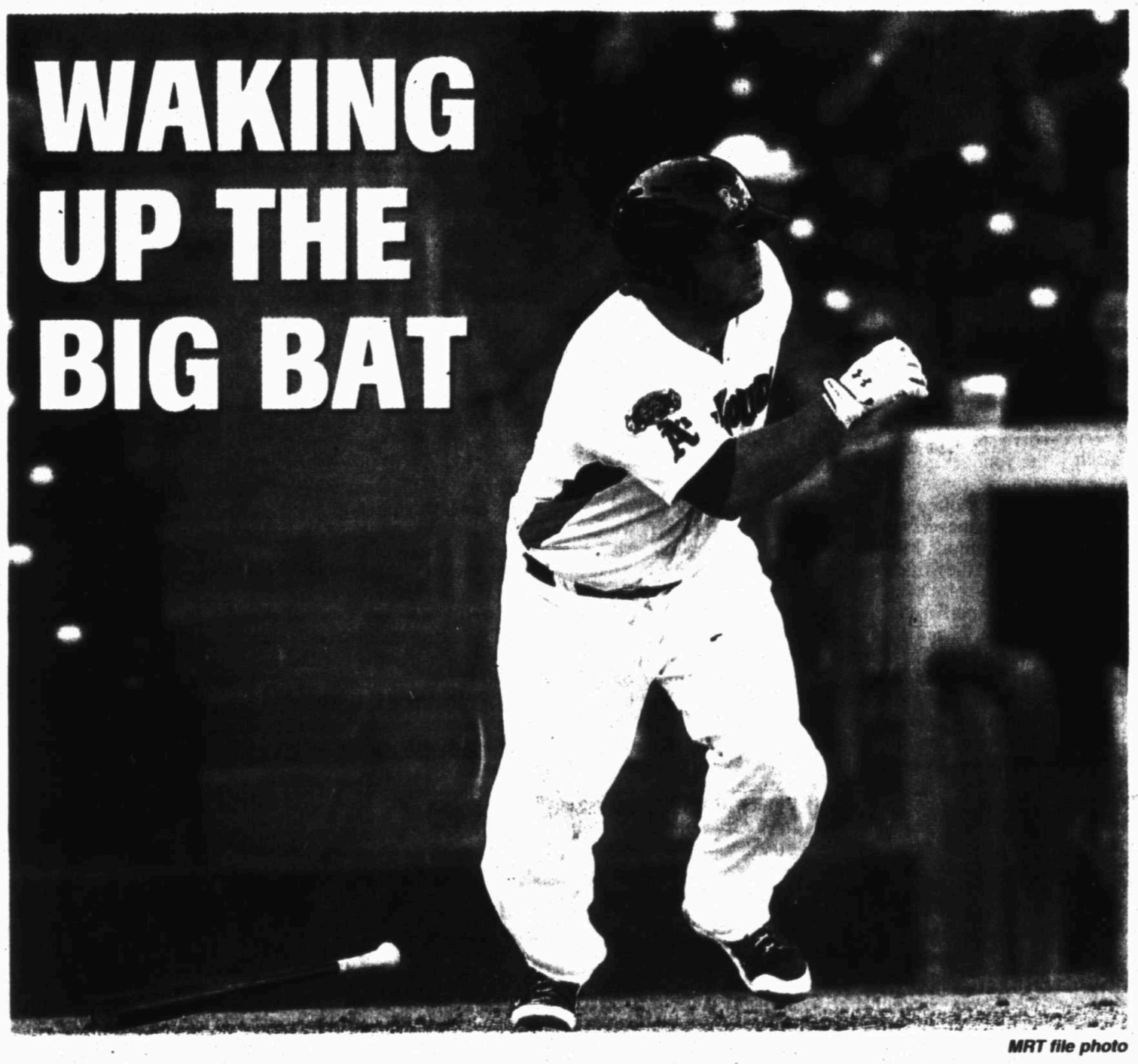


MRT file photo

Miles Head gets a hit and heads to first base July 7 during the RockHounds game against the Arkansas Travelers at Citibank Ballpark. Head batted .382 with Single-A Stockton but has been held to .262 since his move to Midland.

# Heavy hitter adjusts to consistent pitching

**By Jonathan Hull**
*Sports Writer*

Miles Head hit the ground swinging upon his arrival in the Oakland Athletics minor league system.

After spending his first three minor league seasons within the Boston Red Sox organization, Head was given a change of scenery as he was included in a trade that netted the A's major league outfielder Josh Reddick in exchange for closer Andrew Bailey and outfielder Ryan Sweeney.

And while Reddick is considered the major piece for the A's in that deal, Head has been proving he's more than just a consolation prize.

In his first year with the A's organization, Head spent the first half of it lighting up scoreboards in the California League with the Single-A Stockton Ports. In just 67 games with the Ports, Head batted .382 with 18 home runs and 56 RBI. He had an on-base percentage of .433 and a slugging percentage of .715. But perhaps his most impressive accomplishment this season in Stockton was picking up at least one hit in the first 19 games of the season.

"I just tried to stay consistent with my approach," Head said of his offensive outbreak in Stockton. "I was just trying to hit line-drives up the middle and if they happen to go out, they go out. I just have to stay within myself and not try to do too much."

With stats like that, he wasn't long for Stockton, and the 21-year-old third baseman was promoted to the Midland RockHounds on June 21 shortly after playing in the California-Carolina League All-Star Game.

But there's some major differences from playing in Stockton compared to playing in Midland. For starters, Head is having to adjust to a more consistent brand of pitching that has held him to a .262 average in 16 games with the RockHounds with one homer and seven RBI.

"I'm having to make a little bit of

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# Sockers close season tonight against Laredo

**By Len Hayward**
*Sports Editor*

In the span of five days, the West Texas Sockers went from having an outside shot at the postseason to suffering a three-game losing streak and giving up more goals in three games than they had all year.

The Sockers will conclude their season with a pair of home games today against Laredo and Saturday against the Texas Dutch Lions but are still trying to figure out how their season went awry.

Munoz

Cottle

"How can I say it ... no excuses," said forward Joe Munoz. "We should've gone out there and played. We tried our best, but we just got outplayed."

The Sockers (2-6-6, 12 points) had a grueling three-game stretch in five days last week that had them playing in Midland last Wednesday and then playing back-to-back games in Austin and The Woodlands on Friday and Saturday.

In those three games, the Sockers were outscored 16-4, which included a 4-1 loss to El Paso at home on July 4, a 7-0 loss to division-leading Austin on Friday and a 5-3 setback to the Texas Dutch Lions on Saturday. Before those three games, the Sockers played a pair of games on June 28 and June 30. Add those up, and they played five games in eight days.

The Sockers have not scored a point in the standings in more than two weeks, but coach Warren Cottle still found positives for his team as they enter this final stretch of games.

"I think five games in eight days took its toll," Cottle said. "We've been playing hard and been fighting hard, but we haven't been able to find the back of the net. We are outshooting people but not scoring. But I still think they will keep

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# Spurs mainstay Tim Duncan re-signs with San Antonio

*Assoicated Press*

SAN ANTONIO — The Tim Duncan era isn't over yet.

The San Antonio Spurs announced Wednesday that they had re-signed Duncan, bringing back the 36-year-old forward for at least a 16th season. Terms were not disclosed, though Yahoo Sports cited anonymous sources in reporting it was a three-year, $36 million deal.

The first overall pick in the 1997 draft, Duncan in 15 seasons has led the Spurs to nine division titles and the playoffs every year, including four NBA championships. The Spurs are 830-352 in the regular season during his tenure, the highest winning percentage over any 15-year span in NBA history, and Duncan has two league MVP awards to go along with three NBA Finals MVP honors.

"Tim Duncan has established himself as one of the best players in NBA history," coach Gregg Popovich said. "He is an unselfish superstar who loves to compete and has only one goal when he steps on the court — to do whatever it takes to help his team win. We are all thrilled that he'll spend his entire career as a San Antonio Spur."

Duncan, a 13-time All-Star, has averaged 20.3 points, 11.3 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.22 blocks per game over his career.

The Spurs have other questions headed into the offseason. Tony Parker has apparently

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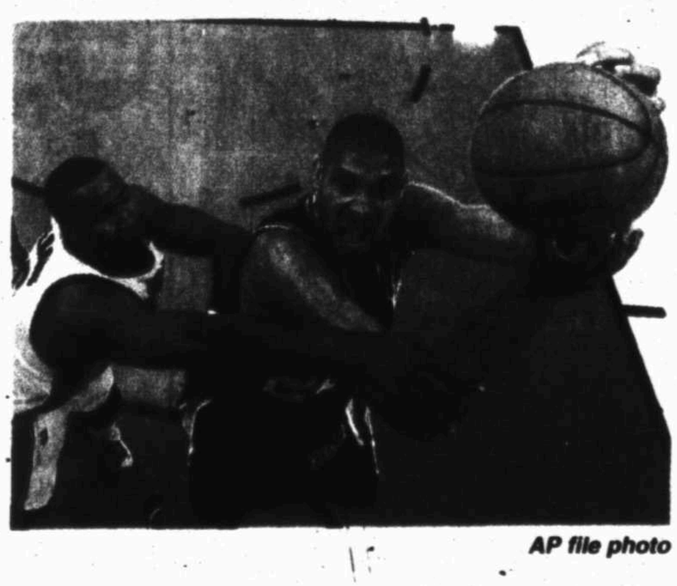
The Houston Rockets have traded Marcus Camby to the Knicks and Kyle Lowry to the Raptors. **Page 4C**



AP file photo

San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan goes up against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka during Game 4 in the NBA playoffs Western Conference finals on June 2. The longtime Spur has re-signed with San Antonio

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## HEAD

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adjustments with the pitching, but I'm catching on," Head said. "It's consistency mainly from pitchers. I'm not seeing a whole lot better stuff, but I would say I'm seeing more consistent stuff with guys staying around the strike zone more."

Then there's Citibank Ballpark, which has never been confused for a great hitter's park. Of course, but neither is Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum where the Athletics play their home games — a place Head has aspirations of playing in the near future.

"(Citibank) is no so fun to hit in," Head said with a smile. "But I can't concentrate on that. I have to stay within myself and keep doing what I've been doing all year and stay consistent. The wind is always blowing in and the field is huge, but hey, I'm going to have to play in a place like this someday."

Despite the new string of challenges that make hitting at the Double-A level more of a challenge, Head is still displaying the line-drive power that led to his success in Stockton. That power paid dividends for the RockHounds on Saturday.

Head stepped to the plate in the bottom of the eighth inning against the Arkansas Travelers with the game tied 2-2 and his teammate Conner Crumbliss on first base with two outs. Head drilled a pitch from Arkansas reliever Andrew Taylor to the wall in right-center field for a double, allowing Crumbliss to score what turned out to be the game-winning run.

But it wasn't just his bat doing the talking during this most recent six-game homestand at Citibank. Head also made some impressive plays in the field with his glove, including a diving stop of a sharp ground ball that turned into a double play in the seventh inning of Saturday's win against Arkansas.

Considering the bases were loaded with one out and the score tied when Head made that play, it's safe to say the final outcome of the game would have been different had he not gone all out to keep the ball in the infield.

Not bad for a guy who spent his first three years in the minors playing first base, and hadn't played third since he was a senior in high school.

"I was a little shaky because I haven't really played there much since high school. I was with the Red Sox for three years and I was playing first the whole time," Head admitted. "I practiced this all season and have worked pretty hard at it. I feel like I've gotten the hang of it. I don't really prefer anything, as long as I'm in the lineup hitting I don't care where they put me."

Change is what Head got when he joined the A's organization, and when he got the promotion from Stockton to Midland. But, the RockHounds burgeoning third baseman has learned that change can be good.

"I'm loving it," Head said. "It's a little different change of scenery, this is the first time I've really been in Texas. But as far as a baseball standpoint, I'm loving it."

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## Maradona wants to hold talks to save coaching job

*Associated Press*

BUENOS AIRES — Diego Maradona said he wants to hold talks with Al Wasl to try and save his job, one day after he was fired by the Dubai club.

The club said the former Argentina star was being "relieved" of his duties Tuesday because it wanted to move in a new direction.

The former Argentina great was fired after one season in charge, having signed a two-year deal in May 2011.

# LIFE AFTER MLB

## Former managers make way to minors

*Associated Press*

ZEBULON, N.C. — Edwin Rodriguez climbed the managing ladder all the way to the major leagues. Now the former Florida Marlins skipper has settled into a new home — back in the minors.

Rodriguez is one of a handful of ex-big league managers who have resurfaced this season in the minors. He's now in charge of the Single-A Carolina Mudcats and relishing the challenge of developing the next crop of Cleveland Indians.

"Most of the guys that got to manage in the big leagues — I would say a high percentage of them — they have been through the minor leagues and the development side, working with the minor-league players, the young players, and that's one thing that you just don't stop doing," Rodriguez said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"You really like when you see a player grow up as a player, as an athlete, and it's a very great moment for you as a coach when you see that," he added. "I'm just talking about myself, but I'm pretty sure everybody would say the same thing. ... So whenever we have a chance to stay in baseball and come back to the minor leagues, I think that's one thing we'd take into consideration."

He certainly isn't alone in the minors.

Former Cleveland interim manager Joel Skinner is now with Triple-A Charlotte. Former Nationals manager Jim Riggleman is with the Reds' Double-A affiliate in Pensacola. Ex-Toronto skipper John Gibbons has resurfaced with the Padres' Double-A team in San Antonio — with San Diego general manager Josh Byrnes calling Gibbons "a great addition to our organization."

"His knowledge, calmness and competitiveness have all proven to be standout qualities," Byrnes said. "We are lucky to have him."

Indians GM Chris Antonetti said Rodriguez is "invaluable because he provides a unique set of experiences.

"Having managed some of the best players in the world at the major league level and dealing with that dynamic and now going back to the minor leagues and being able to have that impact on younger players and apply some of the lessons that he learned at the major league level and share some of those with the younger guys, is really valuable for us," he added.

It's not often that former MLB managers slide back to the minors. More frequently, they find work on someone else's big league staff — perhaps as a base coach or bench coach — while hoping for that next big-league managing gig.

Skinner, the Indians' interim manager in 2003, first dipped into the minors in 2009 at Double-A Akron and spent two years on Oakland's big-league staff before coming to Charlotte. Gibbons, fired by the Blue Jays in 2008, was Kansas City's bench coach before going in San Antonio.

Rodriguez's ascent started in 1997 as the hitting coach of Tampa Bay's rookie-league team. He rocketed up the Marlins' organization and peaked in 2010 when the big-league club made him the first Puerto Rican-born manager in major-league history. He went 78-85 during parts of two seasons before resigning last June following a long losing streak.

Roughly 10 minutes after that announcement, he said, another unnamed big-league team offered a job on its staff — and a different club made a similar offer a week later. He held off and took the Indians' job because of that club's reputation for developing players, especially those from Latin America.

"Going back to A-ball, I really have to remind myself on a daily basis that I have to start (teaching the players) from zero," Rodriguez said. "I can't assume anything with these guys, with the young players, so it's a daily reminder for me."

The move back down to the minors usually requires a refocusing of priorities. While managers are judged primarily on wins and losses in the big leagues, the emphasis is a little different in the minors — the record matters, but generally not as much as keeping the players developing and moving up the farm system.

Players' "makeup sometimes is different — they're a little more fragile mentally, and they have to understand that it's a grind," Rodriguez said. "It's a long season, and that's the part that as a manager or coach, you have to take that in consideration, making sure the confidence is going to be there regardless. ... The difference is, in the big leagues, you have to make sure they're doing their work and all that. In the minor leagues, you really have to work on the mental side of the player."

Associated Press

Carolina Mudcats manager Edwin Rodriguez coaches his team during a minor league baseball game against the Frederick Keys in Zebulon, N.C., on June 27. Rodriguez is a former manager of the Miami Marlins.

# All-Star game narrowly sets record-low rating

*Associated Press*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The National League's 8-0 victory set a record low rating for baseball's All-Star game, just 4 hundredths of a point below last year's figure.

The blowout over the American League on Tuesday night, which had the third-highest victory margin in All-Star history, received a 6.8 rating and 12 share on Fox and was seen by an average audience of 10.9 million, the network said Wednesday.

The NL's 5-1 victory last year drew a 6.9/12 and was seen by an average audience of 11 million.

Still, the total audience that watched any portion of the game was 27.7 million, up 7 percent from last year, and the initial rating at the start of the game was 6.5/12, up 7 percent from last season and the best for the All-Star game since 2009.

St. Louis had the highest rating (20.5/33) for the sixth straight season, up 15 percent from last year. Kansas City was next at 18.7 and 31, up 188 percent and nearly double the 10.6/19 for host Phoenix last year.

Fox won the night and drew its highest prime-time rating since the season finale of "American Idol."

The ratings are the percentage of all households with televisions tuned into a program, and the share is the percentage watching a show among those homes with TVs in use at the time.

## DARVISH

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time with four," Millwood said with a chuckle.

"I watched Glavine win a lot of ballgames throwing pretty much two pitches, Smoltz was pretty much the same way," he said. "Maddux, he would use three different pitches really and might mix in a curveball here and there. But for the most part he was fastball, changeup and a little cutter."

Satchel Paige had his bow-tie pitch, which was a neck-high fastball sure to back batters off the plate. Christy Mathewson threw his fadeaway pitch that was later known as a screwball and thrown so effectively by Pedro Martinez and Fernando Valenzuela.

Dickey, the New York Mets right-hander, baffles batters and sometimes his own catchers. He is the only current major leaguer whose primary pitch is the knuckleball, a pitch with little or no spin is hard to hit because it floats and can unexpectedly dart or move in any direction. It's also supposed to be hard for pitchers to control.

Now there is Darvish, who won 93 games and had a 1.99 ERA as a two-time MVP and five-time All-Star over seven seasons in Japan before signing with Texas last winter.

"He really throws seven, eight different pitches," said All-Star starting catcher Mike Napoli of the Rangers. "Yu's stuff, all of his pitches are pretty good."

Texas manager Ron Washington is quick to point out that Darvish is still learning the different hitters in his new league.

"We may not see the real Yu Darvish until toward the end of the year and going into next year," Washington said. "He's doing things on the fly. He's in a tough situation and his still thriving. ... He's got stuff and he's going to figure out how to package it and use it."

## SOCKERS

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fighting."

Munoz said the number of games and the travel did have some effect on the players, but he said the team also has struggled to put teams away after scoring on them first. Against El Paso last week, the Sockers scored game's first goal and then gave up four unanswered in the loss.

"Whenever we get one or two goals on us and we are winning and they tie us, our minds go down," Munoz said. "We get mellow. I think that's what we need work on, but it's probably too late now. But that's the struggle we've had all season. We had the game and they tied us and we should shut down. I think we need to work on that for next year."

**SOCKERS NOTE:** Cottle said that goalie Alonso Jimenez is still battling a knee injury and has been hit or miss on playing the last few games. He is likely to play this week, but Cottle said he wasn't sure on Monday.

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**Records:** West Texas 2-6-6 (12 points); Laredo 8-3-3 (27 points)

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# LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**NORTHERN SQUADS STILL ALIVE AT TOURNEY**

LUBBOCK — The Northern 10-11 year old All-Stars beat Lubbock Southwest on Tuesday to advance to Wednesday's championship game. The Northern squad beat Lubbock Southwest 11-4 on Tuesday, and were set to play Lubbock Southwest on Wednesday.

No score on Wednesday's was available at press time.

The Northern 9-10 year old All-Stars beat Lubbock Cooper 13-3 on Tuesday and were set to play in Wednesday's championship game. If the Northern squad wins, it will advance to the state tournament.

The Northern 11-12 year old All-Stars fell to Fabens Cotton Valley 3-2 and were eliminated from the tournament on Tuesday.

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**North Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Springfield | 11 | 6 | .647 | — |
| Tulsa | 10 | 6 | .444 | 3 1/2 |
| Arkansas | 7 | 11 | .389 | 4 1/2 |
| Northwest Arkansas | 5 | 13 | .278 | 6 1/2 |

**South Division**

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 13 | 5 | .722 | — |
| Corpus Christi | 12 | 6 | .667 | 1 |
| Frisco | 9 | 9 | .500 | 4 |
| Midland | 6 | 11 | .353 | 6 1/2 |

**Wednesday's Games**
No games scheduled

**Today's Games**
Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 7:08 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

## WNBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Connecticut | 14 | 4 | .778 | — |
| Indiana | 10 | 6 | .625 | 3 |
| Atlanta | 9 | 9 | .500 | 5 |
| Chicago | 8 | 8 | .500 | 5 |
| New York | 6 | 11 | .353 | 7 1/2 |
| Washington | 3 | 14 | .176 | 10 1/2 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 14 | 4 | .778 | — |
| San Antonio | 12 | 5 | .706 | 1 1/2 |
| Los Angeles | 11 | 6 | .700 | 1 |
| Seattle | 8 | 10 | .444 | 6 |
| Phoenix | 4 | 14 | .222 | 10 |
| Tulsa | 3 | 14 | .176 | 10 1/2 |

**Wednesday's Scores**
San Antonio 77, Chicago 68
Atlanta 70, Seattle 59
Connecticut 85, Washington 73

**Today's Games**
Tulsa at Minnesota, noon
Los Angeles at Indiana, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday's Texas Box**
**SILVER STARS 77, SKY 68**
**SAN ANTONIO (77):** Christon 1-6 0-0 2, S.Young 7-13 2-2 16, Appel 0-0 2-2 2, Robinson 6-9 4-5 16, Hammon 2-6 2-3 7, Adams 2-12 2-3 6, Perkins 4-8 1-2 11, Johnson 3-9 2-2 10, Morrison 3-4 0-0 7, Bevilaqua 0-0 0-0 0
Totals 28-67 15-19 77
**CHICAGO (68):** Cash 2-10 3-4 8, Riley 2-2 2-2 6, Fowles 2-9 2-3 6, T.Young 8-14 2-3 18, Vandersloot 1-4 0-0 3, Pensinger 1-3 0-0 2, Willingham 1-3 0-0 3, Murphy 8-15 0-0 20, Petrovic 1-4 0-0 2, Swords 0-1 0-0 0
Totals 26-65 9-12 68
**San Antonio** 19 18 24 **16 — 77**
**Chicago** 15 **18** 16 19 **— 68**
3-Point Goals—San Antonio 6-14 (Perkins 2-3, Johnson 2-3, Morrison 1-1, Hammon 1-6, Adams 0-2, Christon 0-3), Chicago 7-16 (Murphy 4-5, Willingham 1-2, Cash 1-3, Vandersloot 1-3, Petrovic 0-1, Pensinger 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 36 (Appel 5), Chicago 49 (Fowles 7). Assists—San Antonio 18 (Hammon 7), Chicago 16 (Penicheiro, Willingham 3). Total Fouls—San Antonio 13, Chicago 19. A—13,161 (7,000).

## Soccer

**MLS STANDINGS**
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spor Kansas City | 10 | 5 | 3 | 33 | 23 | 17 |
| D.C. | 10 | 5 | 3 | 33 | 34 | 22 |
| New York | 9 | 5 | 4 | 31 | 32 | 27 |
| Chicago | 8 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 21 | 21 |
| Houston | 6 | 5 | 7 | 25 | 22 | 24 |
| New England | 6 | 7 | 4 | 22 | 24 | 22 |
| Columbus | 6 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 17 | 17 |
| Montreal | 6 | 11 | 3 | 21 | 27 | 36 |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 9 | 2 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| Toronto FC | 3 | 11 | 4 | 13 | 21 | 35 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
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| San Jose | 11 | 4 | 4 | 37 | 36 | 24 |
| Real Salt Lake | 11 | 6 | 3 | 36 | 31 | 21 |
| Seattle | 8 | 5 | 6 | 30 | 23 | 19 |
| Vancouver | 8 | 5 | 6 | 30 | 21 | 22 |
| Los Angeles | 7 | 10 | 2 | 23 | 28 | 29 |
| Colorado | 7 | 10 | 1 | 22 | 25 | 24 |
| Chivas USA | 5 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 21 | 25 |
| Portland | 5 | 8 | 4 | 19 | 16 | 24 |
| FC Dallas | 3 | 9 | 7 | 16 | 17 | 27 |

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

**Wednesday's Score**
Toronto FC 3, Vancouver 2

**Saturday's Games**
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m
Toronto FC at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Los Aggeles at Portland, 10 p.m.

**U.S. OPEN CUP GLANCE**
**SEMIFINALS**
**Wednesday**
Sporting Kansas City (MLS) 2, Philadelphia Union (MLS) 0
Chivas USA (MLS) vs. Seattle Sounders (MLS) at Tukwila, Wash. late
**CHAMPIONSHIP**
**Tuesday, Aug. 7 or Wednesday, Aug. 8**
Chivas USA (MLS) or Seattle Sounders (MLS) at Sporting Kansas City (MLS), TBA

## Tour de France

**Wednesday**
**At Bellegarde-Valserine, France**
**10th Stage**

A 120.9-mile ride from Macon in southern Burgundy into the Jura mountains to Bellegarde-sur-Valserine, with the first "Hors catégorie" climb of this year's tour to the Col de Grand Colombier

1. Thomas Voeckler, France, Team Europcar, 4 hours, 46 minutes, 26 seconds
2. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Lampre-ISD, 3 seconds behind
3. Jens Voigt, Germany, RadioShack-Nissan, :07
4. Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain, Rabobank, :23
5. Dries Devenyns, Belgium, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, :30
6. Sandy Casar, France, FDJ-Big Mat, 2:44
7. Egoi Martinez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time
8. Pierre Rolland, France, Team Europcar, same time
9. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, same time
10. Dmitriy Fofonov, Kazakhstan, Astana, 2:52
11. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ-Big Mat, 3:16
12. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, same time
13. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, same time
14. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time
15. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, same time
16. Denis Menchov, Russia, Katusha, same time
17. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, same time
18. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky Procycling, same time
19. Rui Costa, Portugal, Movistar, same time
20. Jerome Coppel, France, Saur-Sojasun, same time

**Also**
21. Maxime Monfort, Belgium, RadioShack-Nissan, same time
22. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, same time
23. Haimar Zubeldia, Spain, RadioShack-Nissan, same time
24. Andreas Kloeden, Germany, RadioShack-Nissan, same time
25. Rein Taaramae, Estonia, Cofidis, same time
26. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, RadioShack-Nissan, same time
27. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, 3:33
31. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, 3:40
34. Christopher Horner, United States, RadioShack-Nissan, 3:54
49. George Hincapie, United States, BMC Racing, 11:41
54. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Sharp-Barracuda, same time
69. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Sharp-Barracuda, 19:05
146. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Sharp-Barracuda, 3:16

**Overall Standings**
**(After 10 stages)**
1. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, 43 hours, 59 minutes, 02 seconds
2. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, 1:53 behind
3. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky Procycling, 2:07
4. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, 2:23
5. Denis Menchov, Russia, Katusha, 3:02
6. Haimar Zubeldia, Spain, RadioShack-Nissan, 3:19
7. Maxime Monfort, Belgium, RadioShack-Nissan, 4:23
8. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, 4:48
9. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 5:29
10. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, 5:31
11. Rui Costa, Portugal, Movistar, 5:46
12. Rein Taaramae, Estonia, Cofidis, 5:56
13. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, 6:28
14. Andreas Kloeden, Germany, RadioShack-Nissan, 6:33
15. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Lampre-ISD, 7:14

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Leaders

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**
BATTING—Trout, Los Angeles, .341; Ackiacun, Detroit, .332; Konerko, Chicago, .329; Mauer, Minnesota, .326; Beltre, Texas, .328; McCabrera, Detroit, .324; Rios, Chicago, .318.
RUNS—Kinsler, Texas, 63; Ortiz, Boston, 62; Granderson, New York, 61; Bautista, Toronto, 58; De Aza, Chicago, 58; Cano, New York, 57; Choo, Cleveland, 57; Trout, Los Angeles, 57.
RBI—Hamilton, Texas, 75; McCabrera, Detroit, 71; Bautista, Toronto, 65; Fielder, Detroit, 63; Adams, Chicago, 61; Willingham, Minnesota, 60; Encarnacion, Toronto, 58.
HITS—McCabrera, Detroit, 111; Jeter, New York, 111; Beltre, Texas, 104; Cano, New York, 104; Kinsler, Texas, 103; Choo, Cleveland, 101; Aldunea, Baltimore, 98.
DOUBLES—AdGonzalez, Boston, 27; AGordon, Kansas City, 27; McCabrera, Detroit, 26; Cano, New York, 26; Choo, Cleveland, 26; Kinsler, Texas, 26; Ortiz, Boston, 25.
TRIPLES—Andrus, Texas, 5; Berry, Detroit, 5; Aldecoa, Detroit, 5; Rios, Chicago, 5; JWeeks, Oakland, 5; De Aza, Chicago, 4; Brodick, Oakland, 4; Zobrist, Tampa Bay, 4.
HOME RUNS—Bautista, Toronto, 27; Hamilton, Texas, 27; ADunn, Chicago, 25; Encarnacion, Toronto, 23; Granderson, New York, 23; Ortiz, Boston, 22; Trumbo, Los Angeles, 22.
STOLEN BASES—Trout, Los Angeles, 26; RDavis, Toronto, 23; Kipnis, Cleveland, 20; Rivere, Minnesota, 18; Andrus, Texas, 16; Crisp, Oakland, 16; 6 tied at 15.
PITCHING—McHarnison, Texas, 11-4, Price, Tampa Bay, 11-4; Weaver, Los Angeles, 10-1; Sale, Chicago, 10-2; Nova, New York, 10-3; Darvish, Texas, 10-5; 5 tied at 9.
STRIKEOUTS—Hernandez, Seattle, 128; Verlander, Detroit, 128; Scherzer, Detroit, 121; Darvish, Texas, 117; Shields, Tampa Bay, 109; Peavy, Chicago, 108; Price, Tampa Bay, 105; Sabathia, New York, 105.
SAVES—Jiuhnson, Baltimore, 26; Rodney, Tampa Bay, 25; CPerez, Cleveland, 24; Broaton, Kansas City, 21; RSoriano, New York, 20; Aceves, Boston, 19; Nathan, Texas, 18.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**
BATTING—McCutchen, Pittsburgh, .362; McCabrera, San Francisco, .353; DWright, New York, .351; Ruiz, Philadelphia, .350; Votto, Cincinnati, .348; CGonzalez, Colorado, .330; Prado, Atlanta, .321.
RUNS—CGonzalez, Colorado, 61; Bourn, Atlanta, 60; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 58; Pence, Philadelphia, 58; Braun, Milwaukee, 56; Holliday, St. Louis, 56; DWright, New York, 56.
RBI—Beltran, St. Louis, 65; Braun, Milwaukee, 61; Kubel, Arizona, 60; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 60; DWright, New York, 59; CGonzalez, Colorado, 58; Bruce, Cincinnati, 56; Holliday, St. Louis, 56.
HITS—McCabrera, San Francisco, 119; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 112; Bourn, Atlanta, 111; DWright, New York, 106; CGortzalez, Colorado, 104; Prado, Atlanta, 104; Holliday, St. Louis, 101.
DOUBLES—Votto, Cincinnati, 35; ARamirez, Milwaukee, 27; DWright, New York, 27; Cuddyer, Colorado, 25; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 25; Desmond, Washington, 24; Hart, Milwaukee, 24.
TRIPLES—Fowler, Colorado, 9; McCabrera, San Francisco, 7; SCastro, Chicago, 7; Bourn, Atlanta, 6; Reyes, Miami, 6; 8 tied at 5.
HOME RUNS—Braun, Milwaukee, 24; Beltran, St. Louis, 20; Stanton, Miami, 19; Bruce, Cincinnati, 18; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 18; Desmond, Washington, 17; CGonzalez, Colorado, 17.
STOLEN BASES—DGordon, Los Angeles, 30; Bourn, Atlanta, 25; Campana, Miami, 25; Bonifacio, Miami, 20; Pierre, Philadelphia, 20; Reyes, Miami, 20; Schafer, Houston, 20.
PITCHING—Dickey, New York, 12-1; GGonzalez, Washington, 12-3; Lynn, St. Louis, 11-4; AJBurnett, Pittsburgh, 10-2; Hamels, Philadelphia, 10-4; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 10-5; Cueto, Cincinnati, 10-5; Hanson, Atlanta, 10-5.
STRIKEOUTS—Strasburg, Washington, 128; Dickey, New York, 123; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 119; GGonzalez, Washington, 118; Hamels, Philadelphia, 118; MCain, San Francisco, 118; Greinke, Milwaukee, 111.
SAVES—Kimbrel, Atlanta, 25; Hanrahan, Pittsburgh, 23; SCasilla, San Francisco, 21; Motte, St. Louis, 20; HBell, Miami, 19; FFrancisco, New York, 18; Papelbon, Philadelphia, 18; Myers, Houston, 18.

## Calendar

Friday — Deadline for amateur draft picks to sign
July 22 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y

## Bonuses

**2012 Baseball First-Round Signing Bonuses**
The signing bonuses for the first-round selections in the 2012 amateur baseball draft who have agreed to contracts:
1. Houston, Carlos Correa, SS, Puerto Rico Baseball Academy, $4.8 million
2. Minnesota, Byron Buxton, OF, Appling County HS, Baxley, Ga., $6 million
3. Seattle, Mike Zunino, C, Florida, $4 million
4 Baltimore, Kevin Gausman, RHP, LSU
5. Kansas City, Kyle Zimmer, RHP, San Francisco, $3 million
6 Chicago Cubs, Albert Almora, OF, Mater Academy Hialeah, Fla., $3.9 million
7. San Diego, Max Fried, LHP, Harvard-Westlake HS, Encino, Calif., $3.8 million
8. Pittsburgh, Mark Appel, RHP, Stanford
9 Miami, Andrew Heaney, LHP, Oklahoma State
10. Colorado, David Dahl, OF, Oak Mountain HS, Birmingham, Ala., $2.6 million
11 Oakland, Addison Russell, SS, Pace (Fla.) HS, $2,625,000.
12. N.Y Mets, Gavin Cecchini, SS, Barbe HS, Lake Charles, La., $2.3 million
13. Chicago White Sox, Courtney Hawkins, OF, Carroll HS, Corpus Christi, Texas, $2,475,000
14 Cincinnati, Nick Travieso, RHP, Archbishop McCarthy HS, Pembroke Pines, Fla., $2 million
15 Cleveland, Tyler Naquin, OF, Texas A&M, $1.75 million
16. Washington, Lucas Giolito, RHP, Harvard-Westlake HS, Santa Monica, Calif.
17. Houston, DJ Davis, OF, Stone County HS, Wiggins, Miss., $1.75 million
18 L.A. Dodgers, Corey Seager, SS, Northwest Cabarrus HS, Kannapolis, N.C., $2.35 million
19. St. Louis (Pujols-LA Angels), Michael Wacha, RHP, Texas A&M, $1.9 million
20. San Francisco, Chris Stratton, RHP, Mississippi State, $1.85 million
21 Atlanta, Lucas Sims, RHP, Brookwood HS, Lawrenceville, Ga., $1.65 million
22. Toronto, Marcus Stroman, RHP, Duke
23. St. Louis, James Ramsey, OF, Florida State, $1.6 million
24. Boston, Deven Marrero, SS, Arizona State, $2.05 million
25 Tampa Bay, Richie Shaffer, 3B, Clemson
26. Arizona, Stryker Trahan, C, Acadiana HS, Scott, La., $1.7 million
27 Milwaukee (Fielder-Detroit), Clint Coulter, C, Union HS, Camas, Wash., $1,675,000
28 Milwaukee, Victor Roache, OF, Georgia Southern, $1.525,000
29. Texas, Lewis Brinson, OF, Coral Springs HS, Tamarac, Fla., $1.625,000
30. N.Y Yankees, Ty Hensley, RHP, Edmond (Okla.) Santa Fe HS
31 Boston (Papelbon-Philadelphia), Brian Johnson, LHP, Florida, $1,575,000

## AUTO RACING

(oval, 1.058 miles)
**Race distance:** 211.6 miles, 200 laps
**Last week:** Kurt Busch raced to his second victory of the season, winning at Daytona for Phoenix Racing. Busch also won at Richmond in a car owned by the Penske team.
**Fast facts:** Kyle Busch is driving his own Kyle Busch Motorsports No 54 Toyota. Eli Iott Sadler leads the season standings, eight points ahead of Austin Dillon. Cup drivers Kasey Kahne, Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski and Jamie McMurray are racing. Ryan Truex is driving Joe Gibbs Racing's No 18 Toyota
**Next race:** Indy 250, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis
**Online:** http://www.nascar.com

**CAMPING WORLD TRUCK AMERICAN ETHANOL 200**
**Site:** Newton, Iowa.
**Schedule:** Friday, practice (Speed, 6-7:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Speed, 5:30-6:30 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m. (Speed, 7-10 p.m.)
**Track:** Iowa Speedway, oval (0.875 miles)
**Race distance:** 175 miles, 200 laps
**Last race:** James Buescher won at Kentucky on June 29, holding off Brad Keselowski. Buescher also won at Kansas and took the season-opening Nationwide race at Daytona
**Fast facts:** Timothy Peters leads the season standings, four truck in the Chase last September en route to the series title. Kenseth leads the season standings, 25 points ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr. Brian Scott is driving Michael Waltrip Racing's No 55 Toyota.
**Next race:** Brickyard 400, July 29, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis
**Online:** http://www.nascar.com

**NATIONWIDE**
**F.W. WEBB 200**
**Site:** Loudon, N.H.
**Schedule:** Friday, practice (Speed, 12:30-2 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 9:10 a.m., race, 2 p.m. (ESPN, 1:30-5 p.m.)
**Track:** New Hampshire Motor Speedway (oval, 1.058 miles)
**Race distance:** 211.6 miles, 200 laps
**Last week:** Kurt Busch raced to his second victory of the season, winning at Daytona for Phoenix Racing. Busch also won at Richmond in a car owned by the Penske team.
**Fast facts:** Kyle Busch is driving his own Kyle Busch Motorsports No 54 Toyota. Eli Iott Sadler leads the season standings, eight points ahead of Austin Dillon. Cup drivers Kasey Kahne, Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski and Jamie McMurray are racing. Ryan Truex is driving Joe Gibbs Racing's No 18 Toyota
**Next race:** Indy 250, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis
**Online:** http://www.nascar.com

**INDYCAR**
**Next race:** Edmonton Indy, July 22, Edmonton City Centre Airport, Edmonton, Alberta
**Last week:** Ryan Hunter-Reay raced to his third straight victory to take the season points lead, winning under caution in Toronto

## Standings

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**
**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 52 | 33 | .612 | — | — | 6-4 | W-1 | 25-16 | 27-17 |
| Baltimore | 45 | 40 | .529 | 7 | — | 4-6 | L-2 | 22-20 | 23-20 |
| Tampa Bay | 45 | 41 | .523 | 7 1/2 | 1/2 | 5-5 | W-3 | 19-21 | 26-20 |
| Boston | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9 1/2 | 2 1/2 | 3-7 | L-1 | 22-24 | 21-19 |
| Toronto | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9 1/2 | 2 1/2 | 5-5 | W-1 | 23-19 | 20-24 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 47 | 38 | .553 | — | — | 7-3 | L-1 | 24-22 | 23-16 |
| Cleveland | 44 | 41 | .518 | 3 | 1 | 5-4 | L-1 | 24-21 | 20-20 |
| Detroit | 44 | 42 | .512 | 3 1/2 | 1 1/2 | 7-3 | W-5 | 22-20 | 22-22 |
| Kansas City | 37 | 47 | .440 | 9 1/2 | 7 1/2 | 2-8 | L-3 | 14-23 | 23-24 |
| Minnesota | 36 | 49 | .424 | 11 | 9 | 6-4 | L-2 | 17-25 | 19-24 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 52 | 34 | .605 | — | — | 5-5 | W-2 | 29-16 | 23-18 |
| Los Angeles | 48 | 38 | .558 | 4 | — | 5-5 | W-2 | 25-18 | 23-20 |
| Oakland | 43 | 43 | .500 | 9 | 2 1/2 | 6-4 | W-1 | 24-20 | 19-23 |
| Seattle | 36 | 51 | .414 | 16 1/2 | 10 | 4-6 | L-1 | 16-25 | 20-26 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**
**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 49 | 34 | .590 | — | — | 4-6 | L-1 | 24-16 | 25-18 |
| Atlanta | 46 | 39 | .541 | 4 | — | 6-4 | W-4 | 20-22 | 26-17 |
| New York | 46 | 40 | .535 | 4 1/2 | 1/2 | 6-4 | L-1 | 26-20 | 20-20 |
| Miami | 41 | 44 | .482 | 9 | 5 | 6-4 | L-2 | 22-22 | 19-22 |
| Philadelphia | 37 | 50 | .425 | 14 | 10 | 1-9 | L-4 | 17-27 | 20-23 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 49 | 37 | .570 | — | — | 3-7 | W-2 | 29-14 | 19-23 |
| Cincinnati | 47 | 38 | .553 | 1 | — | 6-4 | W-3 | 23-16 | 24-22 |
| St. Louis | 46 | 40 | .535 | 2 1/2 | 1/2 | 6-4 | W-2 | 23-20 | 23-20 |
| Milwaukee | 40 | 45 | .471 | 8 | 6 | 4-6 | W-1 | 22-21 | 18-24 |
| Chicago | 33 | 52 | .388 | 15 | 13 | 7-3 | W-1 | 19-20 | 14-32 |
| Houston | 33 | 53 | .384 | 15 1/2 | 13 1/2 | 1-9 | L-1 | 24-21 | 9-32 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB | WCGB | L10 | Str | Home | Away |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 47 | 40 | .540 | — | — | 4-6 | L-3 | 27-16 | 20-24 |
| San Francisco | 46 | 40 | .535 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 3-7 | L-2 | 26-16 | 20-24 |
| Arizona | 42 | 43 | .494 | 4 | 4 | 4-6 | W-3 | 23-21 | 19-22 |
| San Diego | 34 | 53 | .391 | 13 | 13 | 6-4 | L-3 | 17-27 | 17-26 |
| Colorado | 33 | 52 | .388 | 13 | 13 | 4-6 | W-1 | 18-25 | 15-27 |

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**
**Wednesday's Games**
No games scheduled
**Today's Games**
Detroit at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at N.Y Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**
**Wednesday's Games**
No games scheduled
**Today's Games**
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 6:10 p.m.
N.Y Mets at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
Aug 15-16 — Owners' meetings, Denver.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Oct. 5 — Postseason begins, wild-card playoffs.
Oct 7 — Division series begin.
Oct. 13 — League championship series begin.
Oct 24 — World Series begins.
November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible free agents who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.
November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.
Nov. 7-9 — General managers meetings, Indian Wells, Calif.
Dec. 2 — Last day for teams to offer 2013 contracts to unsigned players.
Dec. 3-6 — Winter meetings, Nashville, Tenn.

## FISHING REPORT

**WEST**
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 81-88 degrees; 6.98 lbs. Black bass are good on topwaters early and late, midday switching to Carolina rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows over brush piles and around structure. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 80-87 degrees; 9.01 lbs. Black bass are fair on topwaters, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows under a float. White bass are good jm slabs and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.
COLORADO CITY: 18.76' low. No report available
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear, 79-87 degrees; 10.93 lbs. Black bass are fair on Pop-Rs and Zara Spooks early, later switching Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows around deep water structure. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: 79-88 degrees; 15.6' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwater early and late, midday switching to Texas rigs, jigs, deep diving crankbaits and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.
NASWORTHY. No report available
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 80-87 degrees; 16.01' low. Black bass are fair to good on Pop-Rs and early and late, midday switching to Carolina rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and spoons. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 81-89 degrees; 41.55' low. Black bass are good on Zara Spooks and buzzbaits early and late, midday switching to Texas rigs, shaky heads, Carolina rigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are good on slabs and Hummingers. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.
PONTOON KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 80-87 degrees; 6.37' low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, spoons, shaky heads and Texas rigs with a decent early topwater bite. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over brush piles and around bridge columns. Catfish bass are good on topwater early — midday on slabs and tail spinners. Striped bass are fair on live shad and Sassy Shad. Catfish are good on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 84.85' low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 5.02' low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 81-89 degrees; 15.55' low. Black bass are fair on wacky rigs, Texas rigs, Senkos and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 80-88 degrees; 35.85' low. Black bass are fair on buzzbaits early, midday switching to Texas rigs and weightless soft plastics. Crappie are fair on live minnows in brush. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

**PANHANDLE**
GREENBELT: Water stained; 81-88 degrees; 37.85' low. Black bass are good on buzzbaits early, midday switching to Carolina rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs over brush piles. The Old Marina Park fishing is still open.
MACKENZIE: Water stained; 79-87 degrees, 88.22' low. Black bass are fair on Yellow Magics early, midday switching to Texas rigs, Carolina rigs and shakyheads. No report on striped bass. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers fished under a float. Ramp No. 1 is still open.
MEREDITH: 96.74' low. No report available
PALO DURO: 47.93' low. No report available

**SOUTH**
AMISTAD: Water clear; 84-88 degrees; 25.32' low. Black bass are good on waterlotion crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on shad and chartreuse topwaters. White bass are fair on slabs and small spinnerbaits. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers, liver, and shrimp over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

**CENTRAL**
BASTROP: Water stained; 87-91 degrees. Black bass are good on crankbaits and chartreuse soft plastics. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water clear; 84-88 degrees; 0.78' low. Black bass are good on topwaters early and late. Hybrid stripe are good on live shad and slab. White bass are excellent on white riversides. Crappie are good on minnows in 30 feet. Channel and blue catfish for 4 pounds are good on summer sausage Yellow catfish are good on live perch and goldfish.
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 84-88 degrees; 11.54' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse/white spinnerbaits and soft plastic worms and brush piles in 15-25 feet. Hybrid stripper are fair on shad at night. White bass are fair on Lil Fishes and slabs. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.
BUCHANAN: Water murky; 84-88 degrees; 23.65' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, Chug Bugs, and Texas rigged watermelon soft plastics. Striped bass are good on minnows, Rat-Traps, and swim baits. White bass are fair on minnows and Lil Fishes around brush. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on goldfish and perch upriver.
CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 83-87 degrees; 5.31' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, Rat-L-Traps, and watermelon soft plastics along shorelines. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and Tiny Traps early and late. Smallmouth bass are fair on smoke grubs, and dark crankbaits early. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel catfish are fair on liver and shrimp. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on goldfish and perch.
COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 83-87 degrees; 16.53' low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms and chartreuse topwaters. Hybrid stripper are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Crappie are fair on good on trotlines baited with live perch and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.
COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available
EAYETTE: Water stained Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and small Rat-L-Traps. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and cut bait over baited holes.
GRANBURY: Water murky; 87-91 degrees; 1.49' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on minnows, nightcrawlers, and shrimp.
GRANGER: Water clear; 88-92 degrees; 0.66' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and watermelon soft plastics. White bass are fair on pet spoons and small spinnerbaits early and late. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs in 10-15 feet. Blue catfish are good on juglines baited with perch and shad. Yellow catfish are slow.
LBJ: Water clear; 86-90 degrees, 0.32' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and lizards, and on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on live shad. White bass Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.
NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 84-88 degrees, 0.13' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse Rat-L-Traps and soft plastic worms near the dam White bass are good on spinnerbaits, slabs, and spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs around structure. Channel catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch.
PROCTOR: Water stained; 88-92 degrees; 1.68' low. Black bass are good on crankbaits. Striped bass are good on live shad. White bass are good on live shad and small spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with liver and cut shad. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.
SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 86-90 degrees, 0.41' low. Black bass are good on topwaters and shallow' running crankbaits. Hybrid stripper are fair on minnows and silver stripe jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shad, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.
STILLHOUSE: Water murky; 85-89 degrees; 1.99' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse soft plastics and small crankbaits. White bass are good on minnows and watermelon jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, chicken livers, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.
TRAVIS: Water stained; 87-91 degrees; 41.35' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse soft plastic worms, white grubs, and small topwaters in 10-20 feet. Striped bass are fair on white stripe jigs. White bass are fair on green topwaters and minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp in 20-40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

## Tennis

**ATP World Tour**
**Campbell's Hall of Fame Championships**
**Wednesday**
**At The International Tennis Hall of Fame**
**Newport, R.I.**
**Purse: $468,750 (WT250)**
**Surface: Grass-Outdoor**
**Singles**
**Second Round**
Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-2.
Rajeev Ram, United States, def. Michael Russell, United States, 7-6 (6), 6-

# Allmendinger says he tested positive for stimulant

*Associated Press*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Suspended NASCAR driver AJ Allmendinger said Wednesday that he tested positive for a stimulant and was collecting his medicines and supplements in an attempt to figure out what got him in trouble.

A statement issued by Allmendinger's business manager did not identify the stimulant and said the driver does not know what caused him to fail the random test conducted June 29. He was suspended Saturday and NASCAR has not revealed the substance, either.

"AJ tested positive for a stimulant. He has no idea why the first test was positive, and he has never knowingly taken any prohibited substance," said Tara Ragan, vice president of Allmendinger's Walldinger Racing Inc. "AJ is collecting his medicines and supplements for testing to determine whether an over-the-counter product caused his positive test."

Allmendinger

Allmendinger is the second Sprint Cup Series driver to be suspended under the NASCAR drug policy implemented in 2009. The 30-year-old Allmendinger has requested his "B" urine sample be tested, and it's not clear when that will occur.

Allmendinger said Tuesday that he would never knowingly take a prohibited substance.

"Obviously I would never do anything to jeopardize my opportunity here at Penske Racing or to my fellow drivers. I am very conscious about my training and health and would never knowingly take a prohibited drug," he said.

According to NASCAR's drug policy, a stimulant is defined as "amphetamine, methamphetamine, Ecstasy (MDMA), Eve (MDEA), MDA, PMA, Phentermine, and other amphetamine derivatives and related compounds."

In March, Allmendinger signed on as a brand ambassador for "Fuel in a Bottle," energy and protein power shots owned by Charlotte-based BYB Brands, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

There's been no official link to his positive test and the power shots. The March press release announcing the partnership with Allmendinger described "Fuel in a Bottle" as a booster that "provides a quick energy boost in convenient 2-ounce liquid form. It is packed with B vitamins, is sugar free and has zero calories."

# Houston trades Camby, Lowry

*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets traded center Marcus Camby to the New York Knicks for guard Toney Douglas, centers Josh Harrelson and Jerome Jordan and future second-round picks.

Earlier Wednesday, when the NBA's moratorium on trades ended, Houston dealt point guard Kyle Lowry to Toronto for a future first-round lottery pick and forward Gary Forbes.

The Rockets have been collecting draft picks for a potential package to entice Orlando to send All-Star center Dwight Howard their way. The Lowry deal was in place several days ago, and the Camby deal was agreed to on Monday.

The 38-year-old Camby will return to New York, where he played from 1998-2002. Yahoo Sports reported that Camby's deal was for three years and $13.2 million.

The 6-foot-11 Camby was the No. 2 overall pick in the 1996 draft and became a fan favorite in New York before the Knicks dealt him to Denver in 2002. He should become a valuable backup at center to Tyson Chandler, last season's NBA Defensive Player of the Year.

The Rockets obtained Camby from Portland at last season's trading deadline. He averaged 7.1 points and 9.3 rebounds in 19 games.

Houston is also expected to sign Bulls center Omer Asik and Knicks guard Jeremy Lin to offer sheets. Chicago and New York will have three days to match the Rockets' offers.

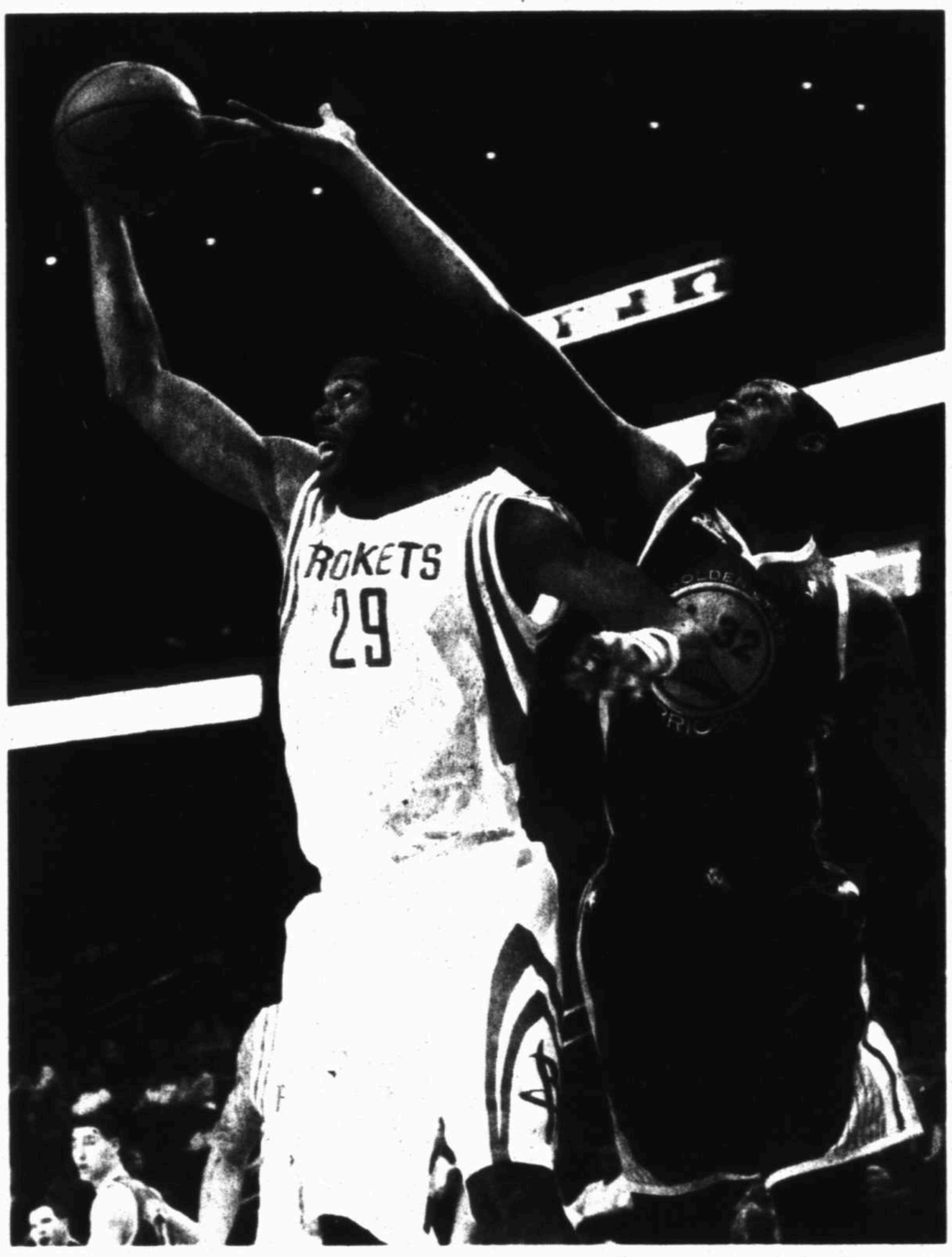
Lin catapulted to stardom in New York during a dazzling stretch in February where he scored at least 20 points in nine of 10 games. The Knicks are expected to match Houston's offer and retain Lin, who was undrafted out of Harvard.

Lowry played four seasons in Houston and averaged 14.3 points, 4.5 rebounds and 6.6 assists last season.

The Rockets wanted to re-sign Goran Dragic, who took over the starting role and played well after Lowry was sidelined with a bacterial infection. But Dragic agreed to a four-year, $30 million contract to rejoin Phoenix, where he played from 2008-11.

Before the draft, Houston traded forward Chase Budinger and center Samuel Dalembert in separate deals that netted two first-round picks. The Rockets were reportedly shopping the picks to move up in the draft, but eventually used their three first-round draft picks as they stood on Connecticut guard Jeremy Lamb, Iowa State forward Royce White and Kentucky forward Terrence Jones.

Houston opened free agency by getting the 7-foot Asik, a restricted free agent, to agree to a three-year, $25 million offer. The Rockets have needed a big man since Yao Ming became increasingly injury-prone and finally retired last summer.



AP file photo

The Houston Rockets' Marcus Camby, left, was traded to the New York Knicks on Wednesday for guard Toney Douglas, centers Josh Harrelson and Jerome Jordan and future second-round picks.

# Allen, Lewis sign with Miami Heat

*Associated Press*

MIAMI — Ray Allen's role in Miami is yet to be totally determined. And that clearly doesn't bother the NBA's leading 3-point shooter.

Allen and Rashard Lewis signed their free-agent contracts with the Heat on Wednesday, giving the NBA champions a pair of veterans who bring tons of experience and versatility to a lineup already featuring LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

And both wasted no time saying they want to adapt to the Heat way.

"Whatever's going to be best for me in this situation is going to figure itself out," Allen said, flanked by Heat President Pat Riley and coach Erik Spoelstra for his introductory news conference. "This team won a championship without me. I'm not going to come in and expect for coach to cater to who I am and what I do. I've got to make that work on the floor with my new teammates."

Allen agreed to join the Heat on Friday, deciding to leave Boston after five wildly successful seasons and the 2008 NBA championship. Lewis agreed to terms with Miami on Tuesday.

Allen will make just over $3 million this season. Lewis will earn about $1.35 million from the Heat, plus another $13.7 million after getting a buyout from the New Orleans Hornets earlier this offseason.

"I'm at a point in my career where I've been on the All-Star team, played for 13, 14 years and I've made a pretty good amount of money over my career," Lewis said. "Everybody sets goals over their career and my next goal is obviously to try to win a championship. The ball can't bounce forever. I'm sure you all see the gray hair on my head."

For Lewis, coming to Miami is a new beginning. For Allen, coming to Miami wraps up a month of unexpected twists and turns.

The Celtics' season ended in Miami a little over a month ago, with a loss in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals. Allen was unusually emotional after that defeat, then insisted that even after an injury-marred season — he's recovering from surgery to remove bone spurs from his right ankle — he has basketball left in his legs.

## DUNCAN

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healed from a bizarre eye injury in time to play for France in the Summer Olympics. He got a shard of glass in his eye, damaging his cornea, during a New York City night club fight involving Chris Brown and members of hip-hop star Drake's entourage.

The 30-year-old Parker has two years remaining on a $50 million contract. He is coming off averaging 18.3 points and a career-high 7.7 assists.

Manu Ginobili is also in London this summer playing for his native Argentina, a moonlighting stint that always makes the Spurs anxious because of the 34-year-old playmaker's propensity for injury.

The Spurs lost in the playoffs to Oklahoma City, blowing a 2-0 lead. They don't have many glaring needs, with the bulk of the roster on track to return.

# UK: 3,500 more troops assigned to Olympics

*Associated Press*

LONDON — Britain put an extra 3,500 military personnel on standby Wednesday to protect venues at the London Olympics, after a private contractor said it may not be able to provide enough security guards on time.

The contractor, G4S, had been enlisted to provide the bulk of the 13,200 private security guards across 100 venues, but said in a statement that it may not hit its target because of problems recruiting and training staff.

In a statement, the government ministry in charge of crime and security said the troops would be ready to be deployed to cover any shortfall.

"We have agreed to offer help to G4S by revising the level of military support," the Home Office said.

Defense Secretary Philip Hammond will confirm the full details to Parliament on Thursday in an official written ministerial statement, the Home Office said.

G4S insisted that it still hopes to be able to supply the guards, but Britain's government is putting the troops on alert to be quickly deployed if the contractor cannot meet its obligations.

"This has been an unprecedented and very complex security recruitment, training and deployment exercise, which has been carried out to a tight timescale," the company said in a statement. "We have encountered some issues in relation to workforce supply and scheduling over the last couple of weeks, but are resolving these every day."

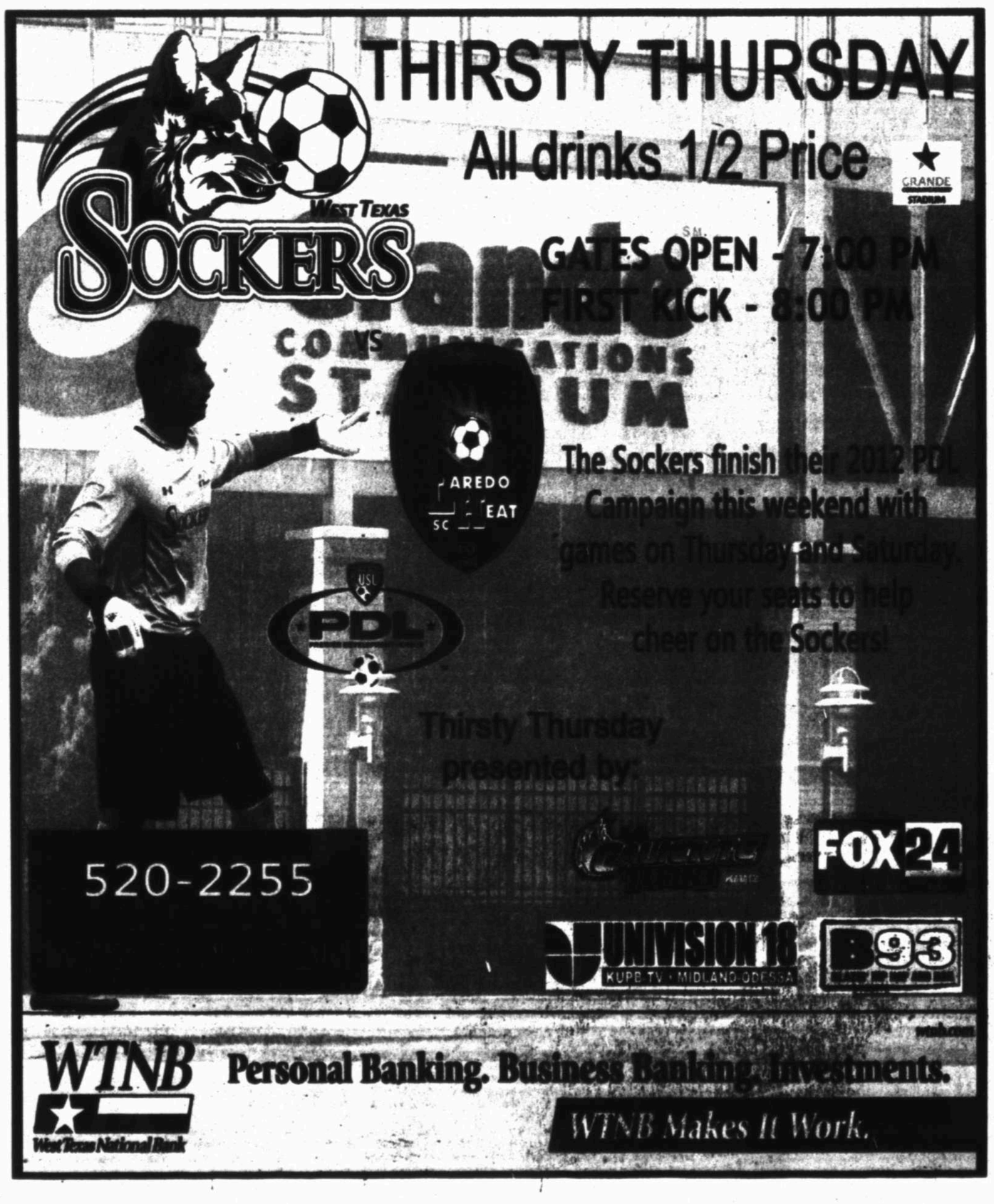
The firm said it accepted "that the government has decided to overlay additional resources." It was not clear what, if any, penalties the company would face if it failed to meet its contract.

Main opposition Labour Party lawmaker Tessa Jowell, Olympics minister in the previous government, said the news was a concern with the London Games due to begin on July 27.

"This is clearly a serious problem, and we have to understand how this problem arose," she said.

Britain has committed 553 million pounds ($857 million) for venue security, covering arenas in London and a number of additional locations across Britain — including a southern England sailing center and five soccer stadiums.

In the country's mammoth Olympics security operation, 7,500 troops are already being deployed at venues and 6,000 more had previously been put on stand-by to provide a range of security duties. If all military personnel were deployed, the total would be 17,000.



# NASCAR THIS WEEK

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## ON THE TUBE

**Sprint Cup**
Lenox Industrial Tools 301, Noon, Sunday — TNT

**Nationwide Series**
F.W. Webb 200, 2:30 p.m., Saturday — ESPN

**Truck Series**
American Ethanol 200, 8 p.m., Saturday — SPEED

## BURNING ISSUES

▶ Tony Stewart won his fourth summertime race at Daytona after starting 42nd. For the record, the last similar performance in the race was Bill Elliott's victory after starting 38th in 1988.

▶ The big news from Daytona Beach was off the track, though. NASCAR suspended, at least temporarily, driver A.J. Allmendinger for failing a drug test. Soon a "B" sample will be analyzed. Such a sample is unlikely to clear Allmendinger, whose career may hang on that long shot.

▶ Keelan Paul Harvick, first child of Kevin and DeLana Harvick, was born on July 8. In the months leading up to his birth, the Harvicks had jokingly referred to their child as "Baby Otis."

▶ The reason Stewart started near the back of the Coke Zero 400 pack was the setting aside of his second-place qualifying effort by NASCAR officials, ostensibly because an air hose in the driver's compartment came loose during the run.

▶ A similar infraction — though the circumstances were apparently not the same — cost Austin Dillon the Nationwide Series pole.

▶ Kurt Busch's victory in that race, the Subway Jalapeno 250, was widely viewed as inspirational. Maturity should not be defined in triumph, however. The test in Busch's case is how he responds when things don't go his way.

▶ Threes come in twos. At Kentucky, Brad Keselowski became the season's first three-time winner at the Sprint Cup level. A week later, Stewart became the second.

▶ The late Dale Earnhardt won 34 races in various series at Daytona, though only three were Cup points races. Stewart has now won 18, second best all-time. Stewart has won four Cup points races but, unlike Earnhardt, has never won the Daytona 500.

▶ When asked about it in victory lane, Stewart said he'd trade all four 400s for one 500. Later, in his media conference, he amended it to "at least two."

## 2012 POINTS STANDINGS

| Sprint Cup Series | Pts. |
|---|---|
| 1. Matt Kenseth | 676 |
| 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr. | -25 |
| 3. Greg Biffle | -44 |
| 4. Jimmie Johnson | -58 |
| 5. Tony Stewart | -84 |
| 6. Kevin Harvick | -90 |
| 7. Denny Hamlin | -91 |
| 8. Martin Truex Jr. | -92 |
| 9. Brad Keselowski | -101 |
| 10. Clint Bowyer | -104 |
| 11. Carl Edwards | -135 |
| 12. Kyle Busch | -160 |

| Nationwide Series | |
|---|---|
| 1. Elliott Sadler | 591 |
| 2. Austin Dillon | -2 |
| 3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. | -18 |
| 4. Sam Hornish Jr. | -35 |
| 5. Justin Allgaier | -72 |
| 6. Michael Annett | -95 |
| 7. Cole Whitt | -103 |
| 8. Mike Bliss | -184 |
| 9. Danica Patrick | -206 |
| 10. Taylor Malsam | -222 |

| Camping World Truck Series | |
|---|---|
| 1. Timothy Peters | 306 |
| 2. Austin Dillon | -4 |
| 3. Ty Dillon | -4 |
| 4. James Buescher | -9 |
| 5. Parker Kligerman | -34 |
| 6. Matt Crafton | -42 |
| 7. Joey Coulter | -50 |
| 8. Ron Hornaday | -53 |
| 9. Nelson Piquet Jr. | -57 |
| 10. Miguel Paludo | -75 |

## WHAT'S UP NEXT

### SPRINT CUP

**Race:** Lenox Industrial Tools 301
**Where:** New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon (1.058 mi.), 301 laps/318.46 miles.
**When:** Sunday, July 15.
**Last year's winner:** Ryan Newman, Chevy.
**Qualifying record:** Ryan Newman, Chevy, 135.232 mph, July 15, 2011.
**Race record:** Jeff Burton, Ford, 117.134 mph, July 13, 1997.
**Last week:** Tony Stewart made a spectacular move on the final lap to take the lead in Daytona Beach's Coke Zero 400. Jeff Burton finished second and Matt Kenseth third as a massive crash occurred just behind the leaders on the final straightaway.

### NATIONWIDE

**Race:** F.W. Webb 200
**Where:** New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon (1.058 mi.), 200 laps/211.6 miles.
**When:** Saturday, July 14.
**Last year's winner:** Kyle Busch, Toyota.
**Qualifying record:** Kevin Harvick, Chevy, 130.716 mph, May 11, 2001.
**Race record:** Kyle Busch, Toyota, 111.925 mph, June 27, 2009.
**Last week:** The Daytona race was also crash-filled in the Nationwide Series, where Kurt Busch outran the mayhem and the rest of the field. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. finished second and Michael Annett third.

### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

**Race:** American Ethanol 200
**Where:** Iowa Speedway, Newton (.875 mi.), 200 laps/175 miles.
**When:** Saturday, July 14.
**Last year's winner:** Matt Crafton, Chevy.
**Qualifying record:** Mike Skinner, Toyota, 137.052 mph, Sept. 5, 2009.
**Race record:** Mike Skinner, Toyota, 99.181 mph, Sept. 5, 2009.
**Last race:** James Buescher streaked away after a restart with 36 laps remaining and captured the UNOH 225 at Kentucky Speedway in his Chevy. Brad Keselowski finished second in a Ram, followed by Ty Dillon in another Chevy.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE DATA

TNT July 15 — Sept. 23 ESPN

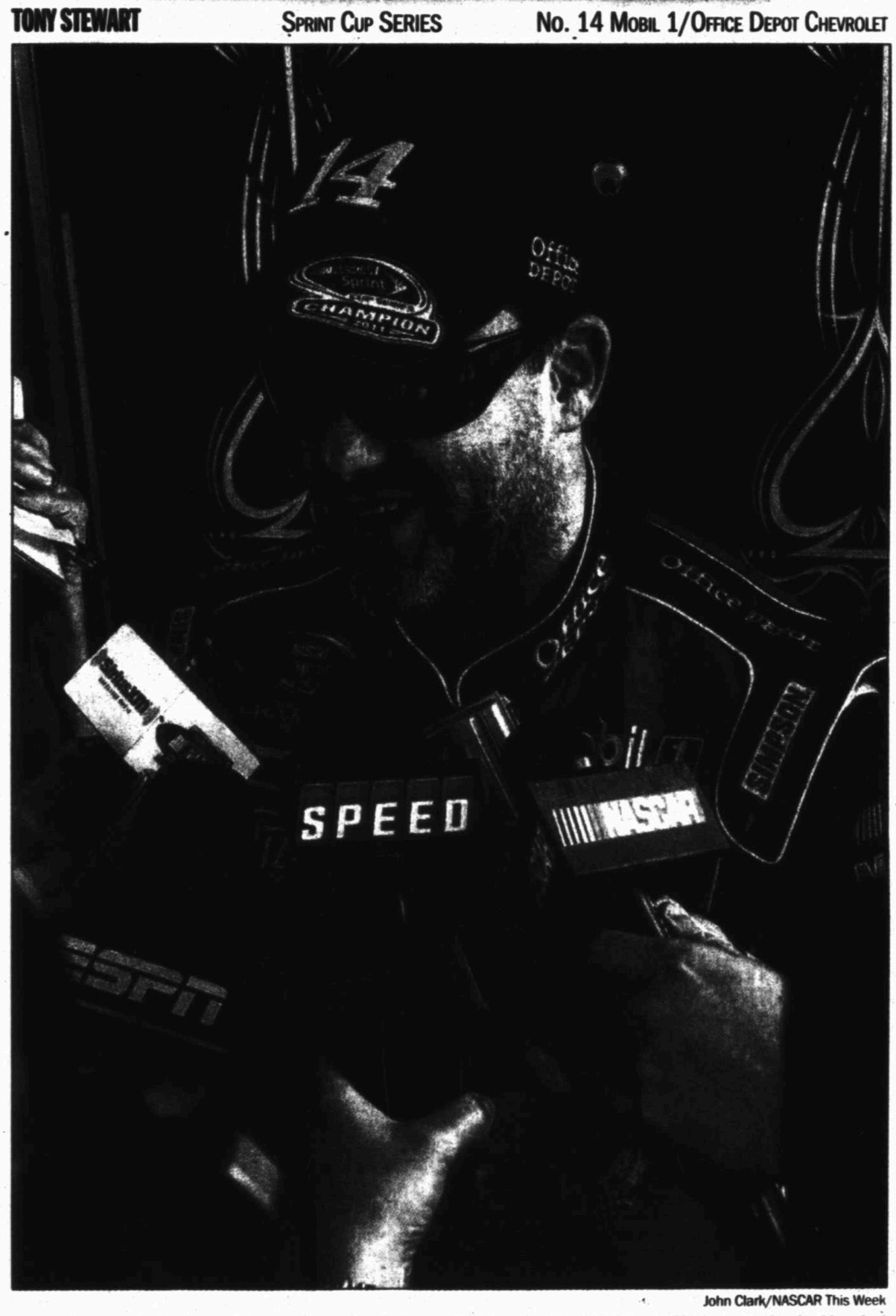
Banking in straights

Distance:.....1.058-mile oval
Length of frontstretch:.....1,500 ft.
Length of backstretch:.....1,500 ft.
Miles/Laps: 318.4 mi. • 301 laps

Banking in turns 1-4

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**TONY STEWART** — SPRINT CUP SERIES — NO. 14 MOBIL 1/OFFICE DEPOT CHEVROLET

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Reigning Cup champion Tony Stewart is tied with Brad Keselowski for most wins this season (three). But his rank (fifth) in the standings has him poised to make a stronger run at the 2013 title if Keselowski has to rely on one of two wild-card entries to get into the Chase.

# A Look In His Eyes

## With three wins in 2012, Stewart could repeat as champ

**By Monte Dutton**
NASCAR This Week

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The hope of Sprint Cup champion Tony Stewart to repeat is very much alive.

Stewart, 41, is in excellent position. His victory in the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway was his third of the season. He ranks fifth in the points standings, but once the Chase begins on Sept. 16, that ranking won't matter as long as Stewart remains in the top 10. At the beginning of the Chase, which consists of the season's final 10 races, bonus points are allotted on the basis of victories. At the moment, Stewart and Brad Keselowski are tied with three.

Keselowski's hold on the top 10 is more tenuous. He ranks ninth. The three victories will almost surely put him in the Chase, but if Keselowski has to rely on one of the two wild-card slots, he won't get the bonus points.

In other words, Stewart is looking great.

"Everybody has a shot to win these things (meaning restrictor-plate races at Daytona) and to run in the top five when they get here," Stewart said. "It's just a matter of getting that luck on your side and being at the right place at the right time and having that opportunity."

Will Stewart be an intimidating presence in the Chase? Oh, yeah. A year ago he won half the 10 races. He'll be the shark in the bay when NASCAR's championship process commences.

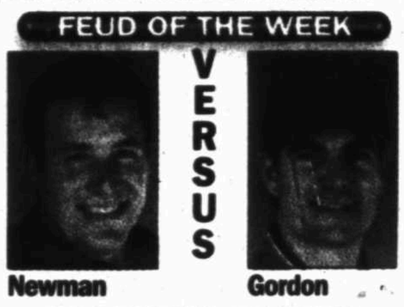
In Daytona Beach, Stewart posted the second-best qualifying speed, but it was disallowed when an inspection revealed an air hose that had allegedly come loose during the run. As a result, Stewart started 42nd in a 43-car field. Halfway through the race, he was running 30th, more than a half lap behind. A caution flag allowed him to catch up when the field bunched up for the next restart.

The rest, as they say, is history. Given a reprieve from the specter of being lapped, Stewart raced to the front, and it was a good thing. In the final 10 laps, two huge crashes occurred.

"The great thing about it," Stewart said, "is that 43 cars all have the same shot at winning the race."

"But that's also part of what makes it frustrating."

## FEUD OF THE WEEK



Newman — VERSUS — Gordon

### RYAN NEWMAN VS. JEFF GORDON

Newman was able to recover to finish fifth but was still animated about a pit-road incident involving his car as well as those of Gordon and Brad Keselowski: "Basically, the way I saw it, the No. 24 (Gordon) just didn't leave us any room. I watched him in the mirror coming off, he was way behind us and he just never made it to the outside lane."

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take:** "The crashes on the track were more spectacular, but the one on pit road was more dangerous. Fortunately, no crewman was hit by cars spinning."

## Know Your NASCAR

1. In what year did Richard Petty win the first of his seven championships?
2. In what year did Dale Earnhardt Jr. win his first Cup race?
3. In what year was James Hylton Rookie of the Year?
4. In what year did Benny Parsons win his only Daytona 500?
5. In what year did Bobby Isaac win his only championship?
6. In what year did Bobby Allison win his only championship?
7. In what year did Jody Ridley win his only Cup race?
8. In what year did Robby Gordon win two Cup races?
9. In what year did Bill Elliott win his only Cup championship?
10. In what year did Casey Mears claim his only Cup victory to date?
11. In what year did Mark Martin win his first Cup race?
12. In what year did Tony Stewart win a career-best (to date) six races?

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Bill Elliott

1. 1964
2. 2000
3. 1966
4. 1975
5. 1970
6. 1983
7. 1981
8. 2003
9. 1988
10. 2007
11. 1989
12. 2000

## LEGENDS AND LORE

### Hero On The Fourth Of July

Columbus, Ga.'s Sam McQuagg became a hero on July 4, 1966, when he won the Firecracker 400 at Daytona International Speedway in a Dodge fielded by Ray Nichels. Only Darel Dieringer, in Bud Moore's Mercury, finished on the same lap. It was McQuagg's only victory in 62 ties at NASCAR's premier level. McQuagg passed away on Jan. 3, 2009, at age 71. He had nine top-five finishes in a Grand National career that began in 1962. He ran his final three races in 1974.

## FAN TIPS

### People Were Watching

TNT's coverage of the Coke Zero 400, combined with a simulcast on truTV, generated a 3.8 U.S. household rating and 6,184,000 total viewers to become the highest-rated and most-viewed summertime race at Daytona International Speedway since 2008. The prime-time coverage was up 12 percent over 2011. The highest-rated markets were, in order, Greenville/Spartanburg/Asheville (N.C./S.C.), Charlotte, Greensboro (N.C.), Indianapolis and Birmingham, Ala.

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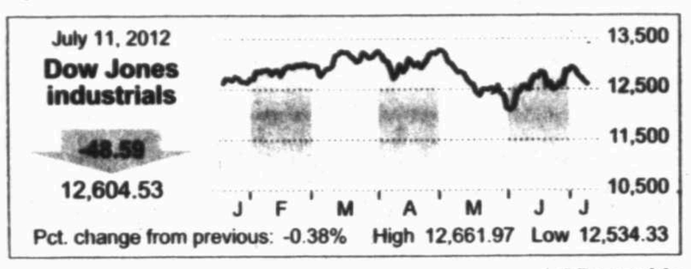
# Business & Oil

## A DAY ON WALL STREET

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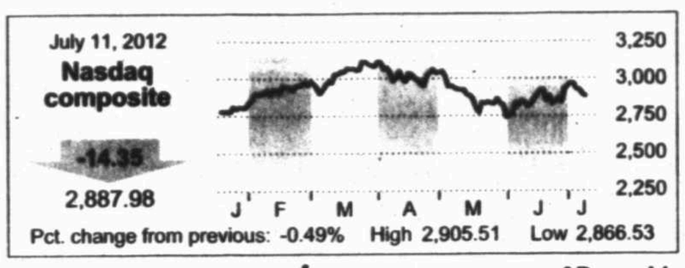


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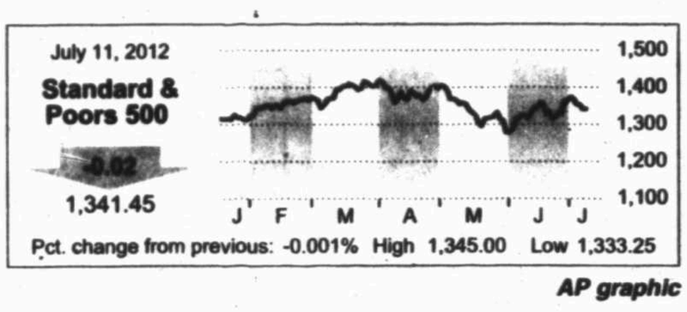


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## OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $85.81
Previous: $83.91

POSTED

Wednesday: $82.25
Previous: $80.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $75.60
Previous: $73.60

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.853
Previous: $2.737

AP file photo

Charles Brinkley, left, and John Lerro, with Great American Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., install an air conditioner in Chevy Chase, Md., in 2008. A sharp decline in the price of natural gas makes it much cheaper for U.S. utilities to produce electricity. It just isn't having any impact on homeowners' monthly bills. Instead of falling, electricity prices aren't budging. They are rising just as families begin cranking up their air conditioners.

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|---|---|---|---|
| BoozAllenH | 16.76 | +2.00 | +13.6 |
| VeriFone | 35.41 | +3.49 | +10.9 |
| CSVLgNGs | 28.60 | +2.78 | +10.8 |
| ETSh6mVix | 113.59 | +10.03 | +9.7 |
| PNC wt | 10.73 | +.73 | +7.3 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| hhgregg | 7.34 | -4.20 | -36.4 |
| BiP GCrb | 10.55 | -1.45 | -12.1 |
| CSVInvNG | 31.84 | -4.21 | -11.7 |
| Calix | 6.48 | -.73 | -10.1 |
| Goldcrp g | 33.17 | -3.58 | -9.7 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 1,600 |
| Declined | 1,425 |
| Unchanged | 135 |
| Total issues | 3,160 |
| New Highs | 125 |
| New Lows | 32 |
| Volume | 3,328,885,339 |

### AMEX

**MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| CheniereEn | 60896 | 14.16 | -.58 |
| NovaGold g | 31443 | 5.27 | -.23 |
| NA Pall g | 28253 | 1.82 | -.20 |
| Rentech | 26140 | 2.07 | +.01 |
| YM Bio g | 18383 | 2.02 | -.15 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| SDigo pfA | 26.34 | +2.64 | +11.1 |
| SL Ind | 16.64 | +.99 | +6.3 |
| Argan | 14.89 | +.86 | +6.1 |
| BoweMed | 2.65 | +.15 | +6.0 |
| CmtyBkTr | 2.00 | +.11 | +5.8 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| GldFld | 2.23 | -.32 | -12.5 |
| EntGrng rs | 2.63 | -.20 | -7.1 |
| YM Bio g | 2.02 | -.15 | -6.9 |
| Medgen wt | 5.60 | -.40 | -6.7 |
| MidstnBcp | 13.87 | -.96 | -6.5 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 217 |
| Declined | 221 |
| Unchanged | 24 |
| Total issues | 462 |
| New Highs | 17 |
| New Lows | 7 |
| Volume | 67,403,635 |

### NASDAQ

**MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cisco | 448435 | 16.38 | -.03 |
| PwShs QQQ | 416930 | 63.02 | -.35 |
| Microsoft | 384486 | 29.30 | -.44 |
| Intel | 340765 | 25.39 | -.17 |
| MicronT | 331491 | 6.21 | +.05 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| OceanPw h | 3.55 | +1.49 | +72.2 |
| RIT Tech | 5.00 | +1.81 | +56.8 |
| CarverB rs | 8.00 | +2.55 | +46.8 |
| CmplGnom | 2.93 | +.89 | +43.6 |
| CntrlFed rs | 2.00 | +.38 | +23.5 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| VOXX Intl | 8.04 | -1.73 | -17.7 |
| OCZ Tech | 4.50 | -.95 | -17.4 |
| AmIndep | 5.05 | -.95 | -15.8 |
| Adtran | 23.01 | -4.18 | -15.4 |
| SunshHrt n | 11.41 | -1.89 | -14.2 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 1,201 |
| Declined | 1,227 |
| Unchanged | 147 |
| Total issues | 2,575 |
| New Highs | 66 |
| New Lows | 49 |
| Volume | 1,592,838,056 |

# Electric rates not falling along with fuel costs

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — A plunge in the price of natural gas has made it cheaper for utilities to produce electricity. But the savings aren't translating to lower rates for customers. Instead, U.S. electricity prices are going up.

Electricity prices are forecast to rise slightly this summer. But any increase is noteworthy because natural gas, which is used to produce nearly a third of the country's power, is 43 percent cheaper than a year ago. A long-term downward trend in power prices could be starting to reverse, analysts say.

"It's caused us to scratch our heads," said Tyler Hodge, an analyst at the Energy Department who studies electricity prices.

The recent heat wave that gripped much of the country increased demand for power as families cranked up their air conditioners. And that may boost some June utility bills. But the nationwide rise in electricity prices is attributable to other factors, analysts said:

■ In many states, retail electricity rates are set by regulators every few years. As a result, lower power costs haven't yet made their way to customers.

■ Utilities often lock in their costs for natural gas and other fuels years in advance. That helps protect customers when fuel prices spike, but it prevents customers from reaping the benefits of a price drop.

■ The cost of actually delivering electricity, which accounts for 40 percent of a customer's bill on average, has been rising fast. That has eaten up any potential savings from the production of electricity.

Utilities are building transmission lines, installing new equipment and fixing up power plants after what analysts said has been years of under-investment.

This may reverse what has been a gradual decline in retail electricity prices. Adjusted for inflation, the average retail electricity price has been drifting mostly lower since 1984, when it was 16.7 cents per kilowatt-hour.

"The ratepayer is going to have to foot the bill," said David Wright, vice chairman of the South Carolina Public Service Commission and president of the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners.

The average U.S. residential electricity price is expected to be 12.4 cents per kilowatt hour for the June-to-August period, up 2.4 percent from the same time last year. For the full year, electricity prices are expected to rise 2 percent.

In a typical summer month, that would mean an extra $3 on a residential bill, which includes the cost of generating the power and delivering it to a home, plus local taxes and fees.

Electricity pricing is complicated, and it differs from state to state. In states where power providers are allowed to compete, such as Texas, Pennsylvania and New York, customers can shop around for cheaper electricity, although delivery charges are still set by regulators.

## Oil price recovers

The price of oil rose more than 2 percent Wednesday after the Federal Reserve released a report that signaled it may take further steps to lift the economy.

China also reported strong auto sales for last month, and the U.S. said crude supplies declined last week by a much larger amount than what analysts expected.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose by $1.90 to end the day at $85.81 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which helps set the price of imported oil, increased by $2.26 to finish at $100.23 per barrel in London.

The Fed on Wednesday released the minutes of a June meeting where it decided to extend a bond-buying program through the end of the year. The report showed that policymakers had agreed to take more aggressive steps to increase borrowing and spending.

## Euro 2-year low

The euro plummeted to a two-year low against the dollar Wednesday after minutes from the Federal Reserve's last meeting suggested that policymakers are not considering any immediate plans for more bond purchases to help the economy.

The euro sank as low as $1.2211 after the minutes were released, its lowest point against the dollar since July 1, 2010. By late Wednesday, the euro was trading at $1.2228. It was worth $1.2254 late Tuesday.

The dollar strengthened against most other currencies. The British pound fell to $1.5493 from $1.5509.

The dollar rose to 79.67 Japanese yen from 79.45 Japanese yen.

The dollar fell to 1.0211 Canadian dollar from 1.0227 Canadian dollar.

Gold for August delivery fell $4.10 to finish at $1,575.70 per ounce.

## MIDLAND STOCKS

**Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies**

**Basic Energy Services (BAS)**
Closing Price $9.34 Down 0.09

**Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)**
Closing Price $45.86 Down 0.35

**Concho Resources (CXO)**
Closing Price $83.70 Up 0.78

**Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)**
Closing Price $23.76 Up 0.55

**Legacy Reserves (LGCY)**
Closing Price $26.17 Up 0.43

**Mexco Energy (MXC)**
Closing Price $6.33 Up 0.65

**Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)**
Closing Price $14.93 Up 0.08

## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AT&T Inc | 1.76 | 51 | 35.26 | -.18 | +16.6 |
| **Abraxas** | ... | 15 | 3.09 | -.07 | -6.4 |
| **AdamsEx** | .65e | ... | 10.51 | +.02 | +9.0 |
| AMD | ... | ... | 4.89 | -.10 | -9.4 |
| Alcoa | .12 | 31 | 8.35 | -.05 | -3.5 |
| AlonUSA | .16 | ... | 8.78 | +.27 | +.8 |
| AlphaNRs | ... | ... | 7.48 | -.05 | -63.4 |
| **Amgen** | **1.44** | **18** | **76.09** | **+1.16** | **+18.5** |
| **Anadarko** | **.36** | **...** | **66.58** | **+1.81** | **-12.8** |
| **Apache** | **.68** | **8** | **84.20** | **+.52** | **-7.0** |
| Apple Inc | 10.60 | 15 | 604.43 | -3.78 | +49.2 |
| **ApldMatl** | **.36** | **10** | **10.57** | **-.14** | **-1.3** |
| ArenaPhm | ... | ... | 11.13 | -.68 | +495.2 |
| **ATMOS** | **1.38** | **18** | **36.11** | **...** | **+8.3** |
| AutoData | 1.58 | 20 | 55.45 | +.03 | +2.7 |
| **BP PLC** | **1.92** | **5** | **40.29** | **+.64** | **-5.7** |
| BabsCCInv | 1.20 | ... | 16.00 | +.49 | -11.1 |
| BakrHu | .60 | 11 | 39.46 | +.21 | -18.9 |
| BkofAm | .04 | ... | 7.63 | +.15 | +37.2 |
| Bar iPVix | ... | ... | 14.06 | -.47 | -60.4 |
| BarrickG | .80f | 7 | 34.95 | -.68 | -22.8 |
| BasicEnSv | ... | 4 | 9.34 | -.09 | -52.6 |
| BeazerHm | ... | ... | 2.88 | -.10 | +16.1 |
| **BerkHa A** | **...** | **21125936.00** | **+951.00** | | **+9.7** |
| **BerryPet** | **.32** | **...** | **38.86** | **+.42** | **-7.5** |
| BestBuy | .68f | ... | 19.37 | -1.77 | -17.1 |
| **BldHillsCp** | **1.48** | **30** | **31.46** | **-.18** | **-6.3** |
| **BrillySq** | **1.36** | **16** | **34.59** | **-.13** | **-1.8** |
| **BrownFA** | **1.40** | **23** | **91.15** | **-.03** | **+15.0** |
| **BrownFB** | **1.40** | **26** | **94.01** | **-.06** | **+16.8** |
| CVS Care | .65 | 18 | 46.90 | -.03 | +15.0 |
| CYS Invest | 2.00 | 4 | 13.83 | -.31 | +5.3 |
| Cameron | ... | 18 | 42.45 | +.34 | -13.7 |
| Caterpillar | 2.08f | 10 | 79.74 | -.53 | -12.0 |
| Celestic g | ... | 7 | 7.30 | +.10 | -.4 |
| CntryLink | 2.90 | 32 | 39.92 | +.55 | +7.3 |
| ChesEng | .35 | 7 | 19.08 | +.39 | -14.4 |
| **Chevron** | **3.60f** | **8** | **104.85** | **+.97** | **-1.5** |
| Chicos | .21 | 17 | 14.53 | -.11 | +30.4 |
| Cimarex | .48 | 9 | 52.94 | +.38 | -14.5 |
| Cisco | .32 | 12 | 16.38 | -.03 | -9.1 |
| Citigroup | .04 | 7 | 25.87 | -.01 | -1.7 |
| **ClayEng** | **...** | **5** | **45.86** | **-.35** | **-39.6** |
| **CocaCola** | **2.04** | **21** | **77.46** | **-.52** | **+10.7** |
| **ColgPal** | **2.48f** | **21** | **103.83** | **-.07** | **+12.4** |
| Comcast | .65 | 20 | 31.73 | +.38 | +33.8 |
| **ConAgra** | **.96** | **28** | **25.40** | **-.05** | **-3.8** |
| **ConchoRes** | **...** | **17** | **83.70** | **+.78** | **-10.7** |
| **ConocPhil** | **s2.64** | **6** | **54.36** | **+.88** | **-2.1** |
| CrackerB | 1.60f | 17 | 62.08 | -.43 | +23.2 |
| **CrosTim** | **2.81e** | **12** | **37.44** | **+.50** | **-23.4** |
| DCP Mid | 2.64f | 24 | 41.36 | +.50 | -12.9 |
| DTE | 2.48f | 15 | 59.09 | +.10 | +8.5 |
| Dataram h | ... | ... | .61 | ... | -24.7 |
| **Dawson** | **...** | **16** | **23.76** | **+.55** | **-39.9** |
| Dell Inc | .32 | 7 | 12.28 | -.02 | -16.1 |
| **DevonE** | **.80** | **5** | **55.83** | **+.46** | **-10.0** |
| DirSCBear | ... | ... | 18.41 | +.24 | -30.5 |
| DirFnBear | ... | ... | 23.34 | -.34 | -37.5 |
| **Disney** | **.60f** | **17** | **47.27** | **-.09** | **+26.1** |
| **DowChm** | **1.28f** | **16** | **30.29** | **-.27** | **+5.3** |
| EMC Cp | ... | 20 | 23.55 | -.01 | +9.3 |
| **EOG Res** | **.68** | **19** | **91.88** | **+2.53** | **-6.7** |
| **EmpDist** | **1.00** | **17** | **21.35** | **-.03** | **+1.2** |
| Energen | .56 | 12 | 45.32 | +.66 | -9.4 |
| EngyTsfr | 3.58 | 9 | 44.94 | +.29 | -2.0 |
| **EnPro** | **...** | **16** | **35.49** | **-1.15** | **+7.5** |
| EntPrPt | 2.51f | 21 | 52.19 | +.69 | +12.5 |
| Ericsson | .35e | ... | 8.79 | +.01 | -13.2 |
| **ExterranH** | **...** | **...** | **13.47** | **+.18** | **+48.0** |
| **ExxonMbl** | **2.28f** | **10** | **84.38** | **+1.27** | **-.4** |
| FordM | .20 | 6 | 9.33 | -.02 | -13.3 |
| ForestOil s | ... | 6 | 6.01 | -.14 | -55.6 |
| FMCG | 1.25 | 7 | 32.36 | -.42 | -12.0 |
| **FrozenFd** | **...** | **...** | **1.17** | **+.02** | **-9.3** |
| **GATX** | **1.20** | **15** | **37.33** | **+.02** | **-14.5** |
| **GabMultT** | **.80** | **...** | **7.00** | **-.03** | **+12.4** |
| **GAInv** | **.50e** | **...** | **27.11** | **+.08** | **+8.8** |
| **GenElec** | **.68** | **16** | **19.68** | **+.06** | **+9.9** |
| Goldcrp g | .54 | 18 | 33.17 | -3.58 | -25.0 |
| Golfsmith | ... | ... | 6.09 | +.01 | +90.3 |
| **Goodrich** | **1.16** | **20** | **127.08** | **-.02** | **+2.7** |
| **GtPlainEn** | **.85** | **19** | **21.78** | **+.11** | **...** |
| Groupon n | ... | ... | 7.77 | -.54 | -62.3 |
| HalconR rs | ... | ... | 8.59 | +.02 | -8.5 |
| Hallibrtn | .36 | 8 | 28.53 | +.17 | -17.3 |
| **Heinz** | **2.06f** | **19** | **55.05** | **-.03** | **+1.9** |
| HewlettP | .53f | 7 | 19.69 | +.58 | -23.6 |
| **Hitachi** | **...** | **...** | **63.70** | **...** | **+22.2** |
| iShChina25 | .93e | ... | 32.69 | +.26 | -6.3 |
| iShEMkts | .82e | ... | 38.40 | +.20 | +1.2 |
| iS Eale | 1.72e | ... | 49.15 | +.15 | -.8 |
| iShR2K | 1.23e | ... | 79.06 | -.27 | +7.2 |
| IntegrysE | 2.72 | 22 | 57.68 | +.33 | +6.5 |
| **Intel** | **.90f** | **11** | **25.39** | **-.17** | **+4.7** |
| InterDig | .40 | 16 | 27.40 | -.07 | -37.1 |
| ItauUnibH | .85e | ... | 13.81 | +.01 | -25.6 |
| JPMorgCh | 1.20 | 8 | 34.59 | +.34 | +4.0 |
| **JohnJn** | **2.44f** | **19** | **67.90** | **+.02** | **+3.5** |
| **KimbClk** | **2.96** | **20** | **84.35** | **-.42** | **+14.7** |
| KindME | 4.80f | ... | 83.34 | +.71 | -1.9 |
| KindMM | 4.80f | ... | 78.60 | -.21 | +.1 |
| LegacyRes | 2.22f | 8 | 26.17 | +.43 | -7.3 |
| Lowes | .64f | 17 | 26.67 | -.50 | +5.1 |
| **Lubys** | **...** | **29** | **7.30** | **...** | **+61.9** |
| MidtvGold | .15e | ... | 41.97 | -.90 | -18.4 |
| McDnlds | 2.80 | 17 | 89.53 | -.72 | -10.8 |
| Merck | 1.68 | 18 | 41.21 | -.16 | +9.3 |
| **MeritMed** | **...** | **25** | **13.95** | **+.15** | **+4.3** |
| MexcoEn | ... | 37 | 5.85 | +.17 | -16.4 |
| MicronT | ... | ... | 6.21 | +.05 | -1.3 |
| Microsoft | .80 | 11 | 29.30 | -.44 | +12.9 |
| MorgStan | .20 | 24 | 13.81 | +.10 | -8.7 |
| Nabors | ... | 10 | 13.24 | +.23 | -23.6 |
| **NatGrid** | **3.11e** | **...** | **53.72** | **+.57** | **+10.8** |
| NOilVarco | .48 | 13 | 66.88 | +.81 | -1.6 |
| NewsCpA | .17m | 15 | 21.69 | -.17 | +21.6 |
| NokiaCp | .26e | ... | 1.90 | +.10 | -60.6 |
| **NvMAd** | **.91e** | **...** | **15.27** | **+.02** | **+4.0** |
| **NvPMI** | **.88** | **...** | **15.19** | **+.03** | **+2.6** |
| **NuvPI** | **.92** | **...** | **15.17** | **-.01** | **+4.8** |
| **NSTFI3** | **.66e** | **...** | **15.07** | **-.06** | **+5.3** |
| **NTXQI** | **.77** | **...** | **16.93** | **+.22** | **+3.6** |
| **OcciPet** | **2.16** | **10** | **84.57** | **+1.33** | **-9.7** |
| Oracle | .24 | 15 | 29.23 | +.24 | +14.0 |
| **ParTech** | **...** | **12** | **5.10** | **-.06** | **+29.4** |
| **ParkDrl** | **...** | **...** | **4.69** | **+.13** | **-34.6** |
| **PattUTI** | **.20** | **6** | **14.01** | **+.01** | **-29.9** |
| **PennaRE** | **.64f** | **...** | **15.40** | **-.22** | **+47.5** |
| Pmian | 1.40e | 13 | 18.04 | +.11 | -11.4 |
| Petrobras | 1.03e | ... | 18.71 | +.03 | -24.7 |
| **Pfizer** | **.88** | **14** | **22.34** | **-.10** | **+3.2** |
| PioNtrl | .08 | 15 | 85.08 | +2.28 | -4.9 |
| **PlainsAA** | **4.26f** | **17** | **83.56** | **+.17** | **+13.8** |
| PwShs QQQ | .51e | ... | 63.02 | -.35 | +12.9 |
| **Praxair** | **2.20** | **19** | **107.36** | **-.30** | **+.4** |
| **PrmEgy** | **...** | **10** | **27.50** | **...** | **+21.7** |
| PrUSrS&P | ... | ... | 16.07 | -.01 | -16.7 |
| PrUVxST rs | ... | ... | 8.26 | -.60 | -88.7 |
| **ProctGam** | **2.25** | **16** | **61.40** | **-.33** | **-8.0** |
| ProspctCap | 1.22 | ... | 10.94 | -.96 | +17.8 |
| PulteGrp | ... | ... | 10.54 | -.25 | +67.0 |
| Qualcom | 1.00 | 16 | 54.37 | -.80 | -.6 |
| RangeRs | .16 | 93 | 58.76 | -.99 | -5.1 |
| RegionsFn | .04 | 24 | 6.56 | +.13 | +52.6 |
| RschMotn | ... | 3 | 7.40 | +.11 | -49.0 |
| Rowan | ... | 32 | 33.95 | +1.17 | +11.9 |
| RoyDShllA | 3.44f | 14 | 68.43 | +.90 | -6.4 |
| SpdrDJIA | 3.57e | ... | 125.91 | -.44 | +3.3 |
| S&P500ETF | 2.70e | ... | 134.16 | +.02 | +6.9 |
| SabrePr | 4.02e | 13 | 54.04 | +.37 | -14.3 |
| **SandarFm** | **.68** | **...** | **42.54** | **-.34** | **-15.1** |
| **SandRidge** | **...** | **23** | **6.16** | **+.06** | **-24.5** |
| **Sapient** | **.35e** | **20** | **9.88** | **+.06** | **-21.6** |
| Schlmbrg | 1.10 | 17 | 65.66 | +.69 | -3.9 |
| **SigmaAld** | **.80** | **19** | **70.42** | **-1.44** | **+12.7** |
| SiriusXM | ... | 15 | 2.03 | -.01 | +11.5 |
| Smucker | 1.92 | 18 | 74.76 | -.39 | -4.4 |
| SprintNex | ... | ... | 3.23 | +.04 | +38.0 |
| SP Engy | 1.15e | ... | 65.84 | +.88 | -4.8 |
| SPDR Fncl | .23e | ... | 14.46 | +.12 | +11.2 |
| SP Inds | .74e | ... | 34.34 | -.28 | +1.7 |
| Suncocl. s | 1.71f | 11 | 38.11 | +.12 | -3.3 |
| TaiwSemi | .50e | ... | 13.15 | -.13 | +1.9 |
| **TelefEsp** | **1.75e** | **...** | **12.39** | **+.29** | **-27.9** |
| Tesoro | ... | 7 | 26.38 | +.69 | +12.9 |
| 3M Co | 2.36 | 14 | 87.85 | -.40 | +7.5 |
| **Torchmark** | **.60** | **11** | **51.07** | **+.40** | **+17.7** |
| **TrContl** | **.41e** | **...** | **15.33** | **-.02** | **+7.7** |
| **TylerTech** | **...** | **48** | **40.64** | **-.14** | **+35.0** |
| **UBWV** | **1.24** | **15** | **24.56** | **...** | **-13.1** |
| ValeroE | .60 | 6 | 24.02 | +.38 | +14.1 |
| VangEmg | .91e | ... | 39.23 | +.18 | +2.7 |
| **VulcanM** | **.04** | **...** | **41.10** | **+.60** | **+4.4** |
| **Walgrn** | **1.10f** | **19** | **29.94** | **+.02** | **-9.4** |
| WstsMInc | 1.42 | 16 | 31.59 | -1.48 | -3.4 |
| WellsFargo | .88 | 11 | 33.27 | +.30 | +20.7 |
| WstnRefin | .16 | 14 | 23.00 | -.11 | +73.1 |
| WhitingPet | ... | 7 | 39.74 | +1.10 | -14.9 |
| WmsCos | 1.20f | 16 | 28.90 | +.12 | +7.2 |
| **XcelEngy** | **1.08f** | **17** | **28.80** | **+.16** | **+4.2** |
| **Xerox** | **.17** | **8** | **7.82** | **+.05** | **-4.3** |
| Yahoo | ... | 18 | 15.80 | -.02 | -2.0 |
| Zynga n | ... | ... | 4.95 | -.06 | -47.4 |

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| 52-Week High | 52-Week Low | Name | Last | Chg | Net %Chg | YTD % Chg | 52-wk % Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13,338.66 | 10,404.49 | Dow Jones Industrials | 12,604.53 | -48.59 | -.38 | +3.17 | +.90 |
| 5,548.25 | 3,950.66 | Dow Jones Transportation | 5,104.36 | -11.26 | -.22 | +1.69 | -5.76 |
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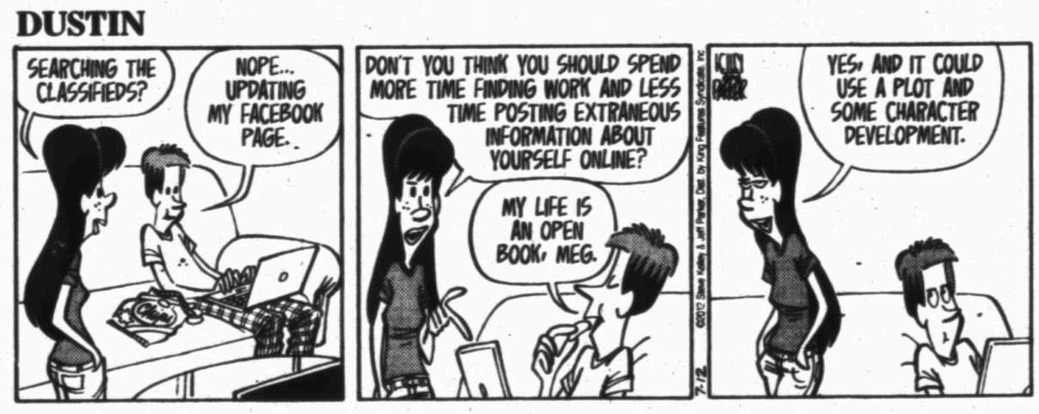


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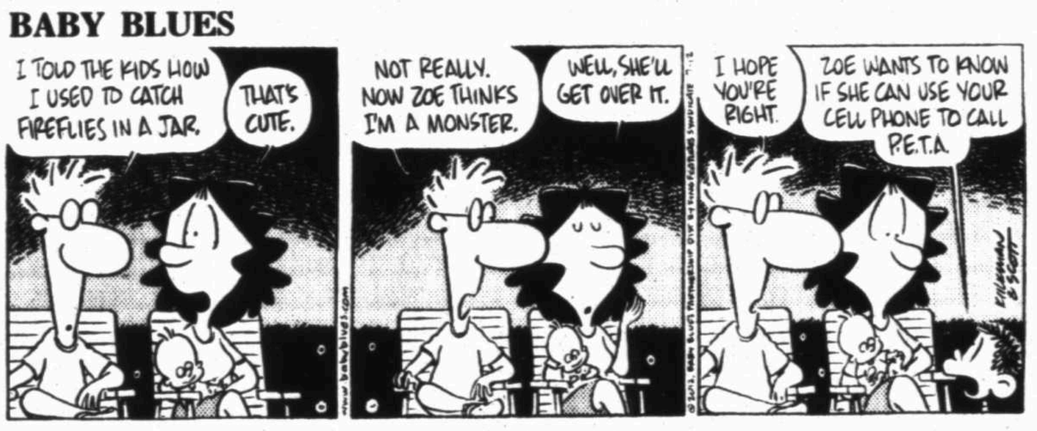


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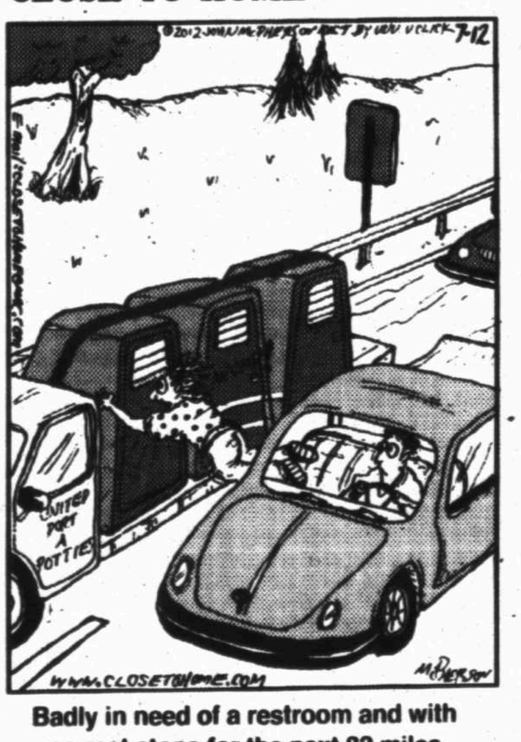


Badly in need of a restroom and with no rest stops for the next 82 miles, Holly makes a desperate move.

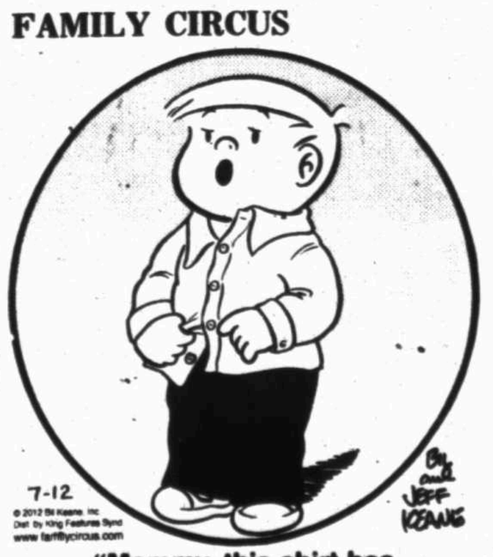
## DENNIS THE MENACE

"HE'S AN UMPIRE, JOEY, NOT A VAMPIRE!"

## LOCKHORNS

"ACCORDING TO MY HOROSCOPE, LEROY, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A BAD DAY."

## FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, this shirt has an extra button."

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GUY FIERI'S

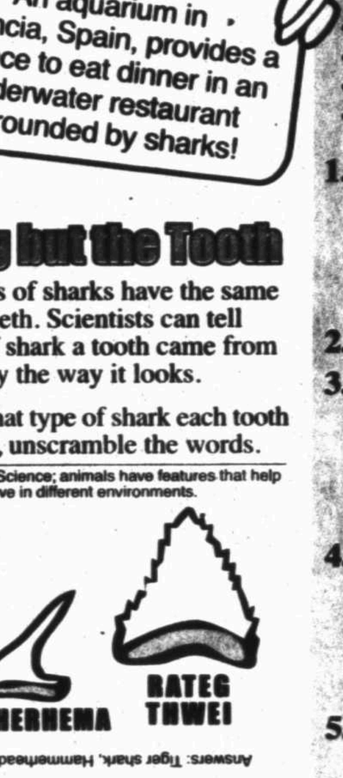
## Cooking with Kids

# Thriller Grillers!

Fire up the grill to make a killer sandwich sure to thrill! Everyone in the family can help make my grilled chicken sandwich.

**LET'S DO THIS!** Work on this page with a parent. Cooking together builds creativity and confidence!

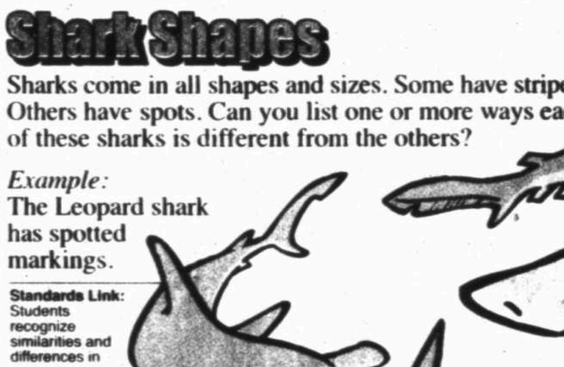
Sandwiches don't have to be *boring*. When the family cooks together, you *thrill* the taste buds!



**GUY SAYS:** An aquarium in Valencia, Spain, provides a chance to eat dinner in an underwater restaurant surrounded by sharks!

### Sleep with Sharks?

Today, many zoos and aquariums give kids the chance to be surrounded by fascinating animals at night. A thrilling experience filled with fun and learning!



### Monterey Bay Aquarium Sleepover

When the doors close at 8:00 p.m., you can explore the aquarium without daytime crowds. The sleepover includes special programs and a light bedtime snack, with a late-night nature movie before falling asleep in front of your favorite exhibit. Wake up with the fishes and enjoy a continental breakfast.

### Nothing but the Tooth

No two kinds of sharks have the same kind of teeth. Scientists can tell what kind of shark a tooth came from just by the way it looks.

To find out what type of shark each tooth came from, unscramble the words.

**Standards Link:** Life Science; animals have features that help them survive in different environments.

Answers: Tiger Shark, Hammerhead, Great White

### Shark Shapes

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes. Some have stripes. Others have spots. Can you list one or more ways each of these sharks is different from the others?

*Example:* The Leopard shark has spotted markings.

**Standards Link:** Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.

**Match each shark to its silhouette.**

### A Light in the Deep

Did you know that Lantern sharks have bellies that glow in the dark. To learn more fascinating facts about sharks, take a dive into your local library.

GUY'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

## GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH ON PRETZEL BAGUETTE

Recipe Courtesy Guy Fieri

Prep Time: 10 min
Cook Time: 20 min
Makes: 4 servings

### STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (1 1/2 pounds total)
- 3/4 cup grapefruit soda
- 1/4 cup orange juice, fresh squeezed
- 2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp lemon pepper
- 1 tsp granulated garlic
- 2 pretzel baguettes, 10 to 12 inches each
- 1/4 cup whole-grain Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp orange marmalade
- 6 slices Havarti cheese
- 6 pieces Bibb lettuce

1. In a gallon size re-sealable bag, add the chicken, grapefruit soda, orange juice, rice vinegar, the 1 tablespoon of Dijon, olive oil, lemon pepper and granulated garlic. Place in the refrigerator and marinate for 2 hours.
2. Preheat the grill to medium-high.
3. Remove the chicken from marinade and add to the grill. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes, flip over and cook until the internal temperature is 160°F, an additional 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from the grill, cover lightly with foil and allow to cool.
4. Split the baguettes in half, remove any excess bread from inside the top halves and lightly toast all four pieces on the grill. In a small bowl, combine the whole-grain Dijon and marmalade. Spread this mixture on the toasted bread halves.
5. Slice the cooked chicken breasts into 1/2-inch pieces on the diagonal and place on the bottom halves of the bread. Top evenly with the cheese and lettuce. Top with the top halves of the baguettes and slice each in half on a diagonal to serve.

### Extra! Extra! Dive into the Newspaper to find:

- a word that starts with "sh"
- a word that starts with "th"
- five words that describe a shark
- a picture of something sharp

**Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



**Kids:** Make a video or take pictures of your family making Guy's Grilled Chicken Sandwich. Provide step-by-step instructions. You might see it featured on Guy Fieri's very own Cooking With Kids site (cwkfoundation.org)!

Send to: kidscook@kidscoop.com

### Kid Scoop Table Talk's

Mealtime is a chance for families to talk about things that are interesting. Here's today's topic:

Ask a parent about the kinds of things they enjoyed doing when they were your age. What was the most thrilling time of their life?

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### What should you do if you find a shark in your bed?

Use the code to discover the punch line!

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For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit www.cwkfoundation.org

## Weekly Writing Corner

### The Moon

Is the moon made out of cheese? I don't know, I'm just a kid, but nothing is impossible. The moon is made out of some sort of rock. If it was made of cheese, it would smell really bad and it would be squishy. If it was cheese, we wouldn't use cows as much. I really think it's made out of rocks because it's very hard.

*Norman Pallanes,*
*4th grade, St. Ann's*

The moon is not made of cheese. It would melt because of the sun and it would mold if it were made of cheese. It would mold because there is not enough oxygen and it wouldn't be able to stay in my fridge like my cheese. You people who think the moon is made of cheese are crazy!

*Noah Guebara,*
*4th grade, St. Ann's*

No, the moon is not made out of cheese. The moon is mostly made out of igneous rock. No one knows for sure how the moon was formed. It takes the moon twenty seven days to make a complete revolution around the earth. If the moon was made out of cheese, it would already be "queso" because of the sun.

*Nathaly Martinez,*
*4th grade, St. Ann's*

I know that the moon is not made of cheese. There are two reasons why; it is made of igneous rock and you can still see the first foot prints made by man. That is because it has a gray soil with no wind to disturb it. That is why the moon is not made of cheese.

*Dominic Durgin,*
*4th grade, St. Ann's*

I know the moon is not made out of cheese. It's made out of igneous rock. I think it would be cool if the moon was made out of cheese, because I think cheese is delicious. If it was made out of cheese we would have an unlimited amount of it. I wish the moon was made out of cheese because cheese is my favorite snack. If the moon was made out of cheese, and if I were an astronaut, I would snack on cheese because I love it so much. If the moon was made out of cheese, it would probably rot and go bad. The moon would smell terrible if it were made of cheese.

*Champion,*
*4th grade, St. Ann's*

When I look at the moon, it looks like it's made out of two different cheeses. My favorite cheese is blue cheese and Swiss cheese. The moon's surface has holes, like Swiss. Some of the colors are white. I also enjoy blue cheese. The moon also looks like blue cheese when you break it into pieces. As long as the moon looks like cheese, I dream about eating it.

*Hope Mesa,*
*4th grade, St. Ann's*

### Write On!

**The Best Way to Eat a Tomato is...**

Finish this sentence and explain why you think this.

**Deadline:** August 5
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## Legal & Public Notices

Public Notice

The Midland County Housing Authority (MCHA) received a grant through The Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs: Contract #770999999170 To acquire abandoned, foreclosed homes for demolition, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

MCHA is seeking to contract with qualified contractors with experience for the following:

3408 Baumann
Plumbing repair/ slab leak

3210 Travis
Carpet and Flooring
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Bid Packets with statement of qualifications available to be picked up and submitted at the following address:

Midland County Housing Authority
1710 Edwards
Midland, Texas 79701

## General Announcements

AUCTION GAMING MACHINES RENEBATES.COM/ MIDLAND COUNTY JULY 2- JULY 24.

## Lost & Found

FOUND 2 mix Labs approx. 1 yr. old females, 1 brown & 1 yellow. Found near Scharbauer Dr. and H Street. 432-349-7882

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## Lost & Found

FOUND DOG on Missouri & 8th St. Black with tan & white spots. "Lilly Ramos" 432-889-8324.

FOUND LARGE Lab Mix, young male, chocolate with green eyes. Kaye 432-686-2420 or 682-6637.

FOUND MALE Chihuahua mix, white w/tan spots in downtown by A St./Texas. No collar. Call 432-553-1905.

FOUND MALE puppy. All black, medium hair, new collar. Found Sun. 7-8-12 @ Fannin & Northup. 683-9990.

FOUND SILVER Pit Bull and Brindle Sharpei. Call to identify at 432-682-4432.

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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT RENEWAL/MAJOR AMENDMENT PERMIT NO. 50215**

**APPLICATION.** Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 60756, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79711, a commercial industrial and municipal hazardous waste management facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a permit renewal with a major amendment. The amendment requests to authorize the storage of additional wastes in the container storage area; and proposes to revise the facility drawing with emission point sources subject to Subpart BB. The facility is located at 10607 WCR 127, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79711. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 27, 2012. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Midland Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.913492&lng=-102.221899&zoom=12&type=r For exact location, refer to application.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** TCEQ=s Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application.** The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director=s decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director=s decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group=s representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member=s location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group=s purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission=s decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director=s decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. To be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record.** For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ's Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Karen White Dobias, EHS Manager at (940) 591-1011.

Issuance Date: June 29, 2012

## Legal & Public Notices

MOTOR POLICY BOARD

Announcement of Meeting:

Date: July 16, 2012
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Located at: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

Conduct Executive Session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code, including but not limited to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with the board's attorney; Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

## Legal & Public Notices

**Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit**

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres Formation in the Goldsmith San Andres Unit Lease, well number: B017W. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles northwest from the city of Odessa in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3854' – 5111' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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### Passenger Cars

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## ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

**Accounts Payable Clerk**
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Fast growing independent oil & gas company looking for a full time accounts payable clerk. Responsible for processing invoices and associated duties including management of file room. We offer a competitive salary. Benefits include health/dental, 401K, paid holidays, vacation and possible bonus. Experience preferred. Please forward your resume to jlewis@reimid.com or fax to 432-618-0826.

**Staff Accountant**
**Alderson European Motors** FT
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## AUTOMOTIVE

**Auto Mechanic Helper**
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**Office Administrator**
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**Receptionist**
**Receptionist needed for busy medical practice. Appointment scheduling and insurance verification. Good people skills and experience in medical field required. Bilingual preferred. Please email resume to catcgraves@wtxneuro.com**

## CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

**Electrical/Powerline Construction Services**
**E Industries, Inc.** FT
E Industries Inc. is now accepting applications for electrical/powerline construction services, dirt construction services, and drilling services. These are full-time positions with great compensation, including overtime pay after 40 hours. Other benefits include company paid healthcare and safety bonuses for full-time employees. All applicants must undergo a pre-employment drug/alcohol screening, and have a clean driving record. CDL is preferable but not required. Please contact Joel Holland (432-853-2305) Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00AM – 5:00PM.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

**Customer Service Representative**
Leading Franchise Company needs energized & self-motivated person to join our team. Must have: customer service or sales experience, friendly, experienced phone skills & problem solving skills. Proficient with MS Office. Email/Fax Resume & Salary History to: mmoffice@suddenlinkmail.com 432-694-1600

**PART-TIME HELP**
**The Wine Rack** is now hiring for part time help. **Hourly + tips.** Apply in person at **4610 N. Garfield St. Ste. D4, Midland, TX.**

## ENERGY & UTILITIES

**Geological Technician**
**Estancia Oil & Gas, LLC** FT
Estancia Oil & Gas, LLC has an opening for a Geotech in our Midland Office. The ideal candidate will have general knowledge of geologic and production information. Experience with Petra and Kingdom or similar along with general working knowledge of computers and networks is a plus. Individuals with technical or computer science degrees may be considered and trained. We offer competitive compensation commensurate with your experience, health insurance and 401(k). Please email your resume to jobs@estanciaog.com.

**Hoover Energy Partners LP**
**Crude Oil - Field Technician (Pecos, Texas)**

Hoover Energy, a midstream owner and operator of crude oil, natural gas and water disposal assets located in Ward, Reeves and Pecos counties, Texas currently has an opportunity for an experienced crude oil Field Technician. An understanding of crude oil pipeline operations including storage facilities, pumps, LACTs and LACT proving is required. The successful candidate will gain additional training opportunities in natural gas and water disposal construction and operations. Additionally, the position includes use of a company vehicle, competitive pay, health benefits and the opportunity for advancement. www.hooverenergy.com

**Requirements:**
- Experience in operating and maintaining pipeline systems and related equipment utilized in crude oil gathering systems.
- Experience in various field functions including measurement, cathodic protection, and pump station operations.
- Ability to use tools and equipment including computers and related software.
- Application of basic arithmetic and formulas to estimate or calculate flow rates and volumes.
- Experience interacting and communicating effectively.
- Demonstrated ability to read and write fluently in English.
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Send resumes to:
Hoover Energy (crude candidate)
5703 N. Gomez Plant Rd.
Ft. Stockton, TX 79735

or email: dhoover@hooverenergy.com

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**Confidential** FT
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**Admissions/Marketing Position**
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**Clinical Director**
Seeking a full time **Clinical Director** to oversee our counseling programs. Masters degree in a counseling field required with licensure as LPC, LMSW, or LMFT. Status as an LPC Supervisor is a plus. Experience in program development, grant writing and budget oversight is preferred. Salary range BOE. EOE and United Way Provider. Email resume to **cgregory@centerswesttexas.org**.

**Dental Hygienist**
**Midland Park Mall Dental Center** FT/PT
**4511 N. Midkiff, Ste E-15** Midland, TX 79705
Dental Hygienist needed for busy growing practice. All inquires please come by The Midland Mall Dental Family Center or fax resume to: 432-694-7927.

## OTHER JOBS

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## HEALTHCARE

**Dental Office - Front Desk Position**
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Self-starter with good organizational skills to deal with all aspects of a progressive dental practice. Duties will include computerized insurance billing, patient scheduling and other office management skills. Applicants must demonstrate familiarity with dental software and Microsoft Word. Excellent verbal and written skills required in order to effectively communicate with patients. Non smoker preferred. Great pay, benefits and 4 1/2 work day week. Send Resume to: M- 20, Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

**Insurance Coordinator**
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**Midland, TX 79705**
Busy oral surgery practice needs an Insurance Coordinator for our Midland office. Please email your resume to: resumes@pboms.com

**LVN & CNA**
**Crane Nursing & Rehabilitation Center** PT
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We are looking for energetic and dynamic full-time LVN to work in our pediatric clinic. Must have pediatric experience. We offer excellent pay & benifits, bonuses, Etc. If interested please send resume to: Pedi Med Center, 5801 West Wadley Ave. Midland, TX 79707 attention Office Manager

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**Midland, TX 79701**
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**Security Officers**
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The Dollye Neal Worship Arts Academy is taking applications for part-time instructors in these areas: art, photography, piano, guitar, and voice. For more information call 432-682-3701 ext. 238 or email laurahollerman@firstmethodistmidland.com

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## OTHER JOBS

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

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Send resume and salary requirements to:
**John Maddox, Production Director**
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
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or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Sam's CLUB

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**Midland, TX 79701**
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## SKILLED LABOR

**Equipment Operators**
**South Environmental Services, Inc.** FT
Operators Needed: South Environmental Services is hiring experienced equipment operators.Please call Justin 432-894-6207

**Landscape Maintenance Foreman**
*Arbor-Tech Horticulture*
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**Lead Maintenance/Make Ready/Housekeeping**
**Summerhill Apartments** FT
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**Manual Lathe Operator**
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Manual Lathe Operator needed. Call 432-563-1784.

**Metal Building Hand**
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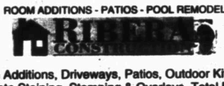

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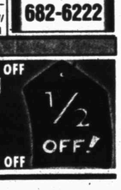

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