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Perry's decision will transform Texas politics

At least six statewide offices could change hands if governor retires

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

AUSTIN — No matter what Gov. Rick Perry announces on Monday, his decision will transform politics in Texas.

If the state's longest-serving governor chooses to retire, then at least six out of nine elected executive offices will change hands in a series of political dominoes. Texans will replace the governor, attorney general, comptroller and commissioners for land, agriculture and railroads. They'll also get a chance to choose another lieutenant governor, with three men running to replace David Dewhurst.

If Perry chooses to run again, the top Republican politicians in the state will have to do some soul-searching. Many of the candidates have waited years for a chance to move up, and if Perry seeks re-election, they'll have to decide whether their personal aspirations should take a back seat to party unity.

The governor has twice delayed letting the world know his plans due to two special legislative sessions. A scheduled announcement Monday in San Antonio will likely at long-last provide clarity.

No one on Perry's official or political staff will discuss his plans and those closest to him say he could change his mind at the last minute. But his decision will echo across the state, triggering campaign machinery for at least a dozen candidates.

First among them is Perry's heir-apparent, Attorney General Greg Abbott. He has more than $18 million to spend and has built the infrastructure and reputation necessary to run for governor. Since he and Perry share the same campaign consultant, most observers assume Perry will not run again and clear the way for Abbott.

Barry Smitherman, whom Perry appointed to the Railroad Commission, has already announced he will run for attorney general — if Abbott seeks higher office. Smitherman's close ties to Perry and his odd provisional

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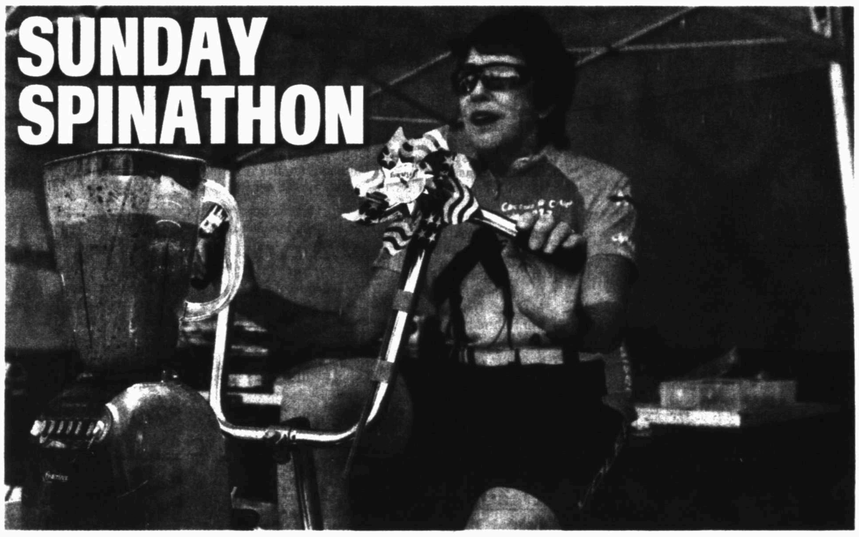

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Midlander Betty Shaffer peddles up a fruit smoothie while riding a stationary bike Sunday outside of Sam's Club in Midland.

Cyclists raise money for MS, train for 150-mile bike ride

By Tyler White
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As Betty Shaffer peddled a stationary bicycle on Sunday outside of Sam's Club, a blender retrofitted into the bike's frame crushed and pulsed ice cubes, milk, assorted fruits and ice cream — the "key ingredient" of a good smoothie.

Shaffer and several other volunteers took turns peddling $3 and $5 smoothies from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the Spinathon fundraiser leading up to Cactus & Crude Ride, which is July 20-21.

"We're on a mission to wipe out MS,"

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About MS

Multiple sclerosis is a degenerative disease in which the myelin sheath, a protective layer surrounding the axons in neurons, is damaged, affecting the ability for proper neuron-to-neuron communication. It is believed to affect more than 2.1 million people worldwide, is two-to-three times more common in women and onset commonly occurs in young adults.

Most common symptoms: Fatigue; numbness; walking, balance and coordination problems; bladder and bowel dysfunction; vision problems; dizziness and vertigo; sexual dysfunction; cognitive dysfunction; emotional changes; depression; and spasticity.

Less common symptoms: Speech disorders; swallowing problems; headache; hearing loss; seizures; tremor; respiration/breathing problems; and itching.

Source: National Multiple Sclerosis Society

MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Airfield developer died in 1929 flying accident

Before thousands of World War II era bombardiers-in-training were shipped to the wilds of West Texas from points across the country, Midland Army Airfield in its original iteration came into being thanks to Midland veteran Sam Sloan. Today's ultra-modern airport still bears its founder's name on the main east-west thoroughfare leading into and out of the facility. So, just who was Sam Sloan?

He was a World War I-era aviator and oil operator and a lieutenant in the armed services. Sloan "was among the first to recognize that Midland, with its location halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso, was a logical place to establish an airport," according to Betty Edgar, who wrote on Sloan in the historical periodical, "The Thorny Trail."

Sloan leased 240 acres from Clarence Scharbauer to build the

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Sukoshi comes home 10 months later, wagging her tail behind her

By Ronald W. Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

TUSCOLA — There is an expression; When God closes a door, he opens a window.

Even if you don't hold that faith, that doesn't mean the concept doesn't hold true.

In life, you never know what's around the corner. Even if events look their darkest, something unexpected and wonderful can still occur.

Just ask Eric and Sara Dodd.

They live six miles east of Tuscola, deep in ranch country. Their home perches on a hill overlooking a rocky, rolling landscape. They moved there from the Dallas-Fort Worth area because they believed their kids could benefit from the same rural childhood they had known.

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Sara Dodd pets one of her family's dogs, Sukoshi, an 8-year-old Great Pyrenees, with her children Rhett (left) and Reese on June 28. Sukoshi disappeared from her mother-in-law's home in Big Lake, more than 140 miles away, and reappeared 10 months later Feb. 1 at their home near Tuscola.

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Obituaries

Billy Blake

Billy Blake, 57, of Midland passed away on July 3, 2013. He was born on September 16, 1955 to Leslie Marvin Blake and Jackie Nakina Robertson in Chickasha, OK. Billy worked as a driller and a tool pusher.

He is preceded in death by his father, step-mother, Peggy Blake and one sister, Laurie Ann Pagett.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory is his mother, Nakina Carson of Seminole; his daughter Chrysanda Blake and husband Chris of Midland; his sisters, Kayla Blake and Robert Richards of Midland and Reva K. Langley of Seminole, Texas; his brother, Michael Blake of Granite Shoals, Texas; a granddaughter, Serenity Sisson. He also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, great nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, July 7, 2013 between the hours of 4:00pm and 6:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Monday, July 8, 2013 at 3:00pm in the Chapel at Ellis Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Billy R. Elder

Billy R. Elder, 88, of Midland, Texas passed away at home on Friday July 5, 2013.

Billy was born March 23, 1925 in Crawford, Texas to J.W. and Josie Lee Elder. He married Jean Marlow on January 17, 1947. Together they had two children, Steve and Kathy.

Billy served in WWII in the US Navy. He had a career with Mobil Oil from 1947 to 1984. Upon retiring he then worked with Law Buck Compressor until his death.

Billy is survived by his bride of 66 years, Jean Elder, sister Mary Ann Mara, daughter Kathy and husband Bill White, Daughter in Law Mimi Elder, grandchildren Coby and Cory White, Courtney Warden, Ryan, Jeremy, Cody, Kyle, and Matthew Elder. He is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Steve Elder, his parents and three brothers.

Billy enjoyed working, hunting, and spending time with his family.

A visitation will be held from 6pm-8pm Tuesday July 9, 2013 at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be on Wednesday July 10, 2013 at 11a.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Online condolences may be shared at:
www.ellisfunerals.com

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Doris Marie Sadler

Doris Marie Sadler, 84, of Stanton, died Friday, July 5, 2013, at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM, Monday, July 8, 2013 at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel, Stanton.

Doris was born February 24, 1929, in Martin County, and married Billy Sadler in 1951 in Midland. He preceded her in death June 16, 1979.

Doris and Billy moved to Lubbock soon after marriage and then to the Brownfield area where they owned and operated a grain elevator. Doris also worked as a bank teller and bookkeeper for several businesses. She loved to read.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Stanton.

Survivors include her brother, Kenneth Snodgrass and wife, Nelda; her niece, Debbie Almand; and great nieces, Angela Almand and Alisha Almand, all of Stanton; and her grandson, Jason Kelmel.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Cindy Kelmel; and one brother, Olin Lee Snodgrass Jr.

The family suggests memorials be made to Ronald McDonald House, 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263, or Make-A-Wish America, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6062, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6662.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Jesse Allen Messmer

Jesse Allen Messmer of Midland, Texas and formerly of Springhill, KS and Richmond, MO passed away on July 4, 2013 at his home with his family by his side.

Jess was a lifelong Farmer, Cattle Rancher, Athlete, and Sportsman. He served his country as an E6 military policeman in Korea during the Vietnam Era. He retired after 30 years as a maintenance mechanic. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. Jesse was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his family and friends with all his heart. He gave his time and talent freely. He will be greatly missed and greatly remembered.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents David Allen Messmer and Jessie Imogene Milam Messmer, his sister Peggy Ann Messmer, and his grandparents Jesse and Clara Milam.

Left to cherish Jesse's memory are his wife Kathy Yates Messmer, son Shawn Messmer and wife Rhonda of Wellsville, KS, daughters Brenda Lang-Del Castillo and husband Patrick, Lisa Spitzley and husband Keith of Westpahlia, MI, and Laura Bowling and husband Roy of Midland, TX. He is also survived by his grandchildren John Tyler Messmer, Matthew Lang, Lee Messmer, Taylor Spitzley, Lindsey Spitzley, Sarah Lang, Kyle Spitzley, Derek Spitzley, Kate Bowling, Leah Del Castillo, Faith Spitzley, Nathan Bowling, Clara Bowling, Madeline Grace Bowling and Mary Analise Bowling.

A Rosary will be held on Monday July 8, 2013 at 7pm at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday July 9, 2013 at 2pm at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

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Marie Malaby Qualls

Marie Malaby Qualls, 99, of Midland passed away on Thursday, July 04, 2013.

Mrs. Qualls was born on April 6, 1914 in Nogalas, Arizona, to Anna Marie and James Robert Malaby. She grew up and went to school in Nogalas, Arizona. On October 9, 1934, she was married to Vernon Qualls. She moved to Texas and traveled all over with her husband who was FAA. Marie was an active member of St. Ann's Church, and spent many years actively working with the Altar Society. Her church was most important to her, and she helped in every way she could. She was a life member of the Metropolitan Guild and was voted Woman of the Year for her volunteer work by her sorority.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon, her sister, Esther Moore, and her brother, George R. Malaby.

Mrs. Qualls is survived by her daughter, Vema Marie Kropp and her husband, John of Dallas, Texas, and her niece, Angie Clowers of Round Rock, grandchildren, Barbara Nichols of Midlothian TX , Pamela Rodgers of Dallas, David Krope of Garland TX, Valery McKenna of Spokame WA , two great nieces, and great nephew.

A Rosary Service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Monday July 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Graveside Service will be held at 10:00 am on , Tuesday July 9 , 2013 at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Beulah Hobbs

Beulah Hobbs passed away on Thursday July 4, 2014. The funeral service will be held on Monday, July 8, 2013, at 11a.m. at Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

Charlotte Gail Hobbs

Charlotte Gail Hobbs, 65, of Andrews, passed away Sunday, July 07, 2013. Services are pending with McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

Dr. Arthur Earl Erwin

Dr. Arthur Earl Erwin, 64, of Midland passed away on July 4th, 2013.

A memorial service will be Tuesday, July 9th, 2013 at 2:00p.m. at Midland Bible Church 5900 Whitman Dr. Midland, TX 79705.

Earl is survived by his wife, Marcie Erwin; three sons, Edgar Erwin and wife Melissa; Joseph Erwin and fiancé Staci Gold; and Kevin Erwin; three daughters, Mandy Rodriguez and husband Juan; Samantha Braden and husband Christopher; and Shanna McGuire and husband Alan; brother, Edgar Erwin Jr. and wife Marilynn; one niece, one nephew; stepmother, Evelyn Erwin and step-brother Darrell Richter, and ten grandchildren.

Roberta Johnson

Roberta Johnson, age 61, of Odessa, passed away Thursday, July 4, 2013, in Conroe, Texas.

Visitation with the family will be held from 5-7 PM Tuesday, July 9th, 2013, at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, July 10, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel

Roberta is survived by her son, Patrick Johnson; one sister and two brothers.

Texas officials look to sell portion of salt lake

Associated Press

HARLINGEN — South Texas officials intend to raise $2.5 million by selling 600 acres of a dry salt lake that borders the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

The La Sal Vieja lake in Willacy County has been a valuable resource dating to the Aztec civilization, and the Delta Lake Irrigation District wants to raise money to repair canals and other infrastructure.

General Manager Troy Allen told the Valley Morning Star that the district has set a July 16 deadline for bids.

"We have this piece (of land) there that has some value to it and right now we've decided it doesn't do us any good, sitting on the books. We'd like to sell it and put some of that money into infrastructure improvements," Allen said.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has purchased tracts of La Sal Vieja in the past to increase the size of the wildlife refuge, but currently the federal government has no funds available, Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge manager Bryan Winton said.

Allen expects the federal government to eventually buy the whole lakebed off. The area being sold is about 6 miles from the larger La Sal del Rey salt lake, which sits atop a massive salt dome inside the natural reserve.

"I know Fish & Wildlife has a big interest in wanting to buy it," he said.

Both lakes have a unique mixture of plants and animals. White-tailed deer, coyotes, ocelots, bobcats and javelinas have been spotted nearby, as well as large populations of gull-billed terns.

Current drought conditions have left both salt lakes dry, though rain brought by hurricanes and tropical storms periodically fill the lakes.

For centuries, the area was an important source for salt for pre-Columbian Mexican cultures, such as the Aztecs, Huastecs and Lipan Apaches. The lakes were also revered as places of religious pilgrimage.

"Pilgrims would come all the way from Mexico City to bathe there," because they believed the salt water of the lakes had energizing properties for the mind and body, said Lino Garcia, professor emeritus of history at the University of Texas-Pan American.

Today, the weight of saltwater and its lubricating properties are valued in the gas and oil industry. Salt is still being mined in the wildlife refuge for use as "heavy water" to help pump gas and oil from the ground, Winton said.

Appeals court to hear dispute over BP settlement

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS -- A federal appeals court is wading into a high-stakes dispute over the terms of a multibillion-dollar settlement of claims arising from BP's massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is scheduled to hear arguments today by attorneys for the London-based oil giant and for Gulf Coast businesses that say the nation's worst offshore oil spill cost them money.

BP asserts that the judge who approved the deal and a court-appointed claims administrator have misinterpreted the settlement, allowing thousands of businesses to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in payments for inflated and fictitious losses.

"The result is that thousands of claimants that suffered no losses are coming forward in ever-increasing numbers, seeking and obtaining outrageous windfalls and making a mockery of what was intended to be a fair and honest court-supervised settlement process," company attorneys wrote in their brief for the hearing.

BP says it could be forced to pay billions more in "capricious awards to uninjured claimants" if the 5th Circuit doesn't overturn rulings on the issue by U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier.

Plaintiffs' attorneys who brokered the deal last year counter that BP undervalued the settlement and underestimated how many claimants would qualify for payments under the terms they negotiated.

"Buyer's remorse does not alter the deal that was struck," they wrote.

BP's appeal doesn't apply to payouts to individuals.

The April 2010 blowout of BP's Macondo well off the Louisiana coast triggered an explosion that killed 11 workers on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig and led to millions of gallons of oil spilling into the Gulf. Shortly after the disaster, BP agreed to create a $20 billion compensation fund that was administered at first by the Gulf Coast Claims Facility, led by attorney Kenneth Feinberg.

After the settlement was announced last year, Barbier appointed Lafayette, La.-based attorney Patrick Juneau to take over the process of evaluating and paying claims.

The settlement doesn't have a cap, but BP initially estimated that it would pay $7.8 billion to resolve claims by tens of thousands of Gulf Coast residents and businesses. Now the company says it no longer can give a reliable estimate for how much the deal will cost.

Awards to businesses are based on a comparison of their revenues and expenses before and after the spill. BP says a "policy decision" that Juneau announced in January 2013 allows businesses to manipulate those figures in a way that leads to errors in calculating their actual lost profits.

"These problems are compounded by claimants' ability to select the time period that generates the largest payment: Claimants inevitably select time periods in which distortions due to the timing of recording receipts and disbursements work together to generate higher compensation," BP lawyers wrote.

BP says Juneau's policy decision, which Barbier most recently upheld in April, resulted in a $21 million payout to a Louisiana rice mill that earned more revenue in 2010 than it did in the previous three years.

Charges upgraded in Texas wreck

Associated Press

LOS FRESNOS — Authorities say multiple charges of intoxication manslaughter have been filed against a South Texas woman who they say triggered a two-vehicle accident that killed five.

The Brownsville Herald reports 32-year-old Margaret Gil initially was charged with criminal negligent homicide before those charges were upgraded.

Gil was driving near Los Fresnos on June 30 when her vehicle veered into oncoming traffic and crashed head-on into a car driven by 32-year-old Edward Gomez, of McAllen.

Fixing up seniors' homes to help them age in place

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Alberta Hough struggles to feed herself a snack, her arms shaking badly from Parkinson's disease. Days earlier, the 84-year-old fell while eating, sliding off her kitchen chair.

The rest of Hough's day isn't much easier to navigate. She wobbles into a bathtub with no grab bar. Her feet catch on damaged floor tiles. Part of the banister she needs to steady herself on the stairs has pulled out of the wall. At the back door, a rickety wooden ramp no longer supports the scooter that helps her get around.

The environment in which you live can be as disabling as a disease, and too often, older Americans wind up in a nursing home not because they're super-sick but because they can't get through their days safely at home.

Now a major research project will bring handymen, occupational therapists and nurses into the homes of 800 low-income seniors in Baltimore to test if some inexpensive fix-ups and strategies for daily living can keep them independent longer, and save millions in taxpayer dollars spent on nursing home care.

"Very small changes can make a big difference," said Sarah Szanton, a Johns Hopkins University associate nursing professor who leads the project. "We're not saying, 'What's your blood pressure?' We're focusing on function: What do they want to do?"

Losing independence is a leading fear as people age. But a recent poll shows that too few comprehend the changes in lifestyle needed to offset the chronic illnesses and gradual slowdown that hit just about everyone in the 70s, 80s and beyond.

Asked about their choice of living situation when they're older, Americans 40 and over say their top priorities are a one-level home with no stairs, that's close to their children and medical care, according to the poll by the AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Chances are, that won't be enough.

For Hough, No. 1 is feeding herself without everything tumbling off the fork.

"I'm shaking all the time," she quietly told Hopkins occupational therapist Allyson Evelyn-Gustave.

Hough's other priority is not falling, and stairs are only one of her home's hazards.

To Hopkins' Szanton, bridging the gap between what older adults are able to do and what their homes allow them to do is key to maintaining independence.

The Capable study aims to prove how. During 10 home visits over four months, the Hopkins team is tailoring interventions — including about $1,100 in home repairs or modifications provided for free — to help low-income seniors who are having trouble caring for themselves.

Drills buzzed in Hough's house as carpenters installed a new banister and added grab bars and a raised toilet seat in the bathroom. They replaced patches of flooring to prevent trips and prepared to tackle the ramp.

As for eating, Evelyn-Gustave recommended a little-known tool: utensils and cups that are specially weighted to counter Hough's tremors.

"It'll be easier for you to hold," she promised.

The set of utensils costs only about $20, one of the affordable tips the study is generating. Hough's daughter had thought the only solution was an aide to feed her mother, which the older woman hates.

"I always said I wouldn't let my mom go to a nursing home," said Gloria J. Hawks, 66, who is determined to care for her mother in the house the two share.

The Capable project — it stands for Community Aging in Place, Advancing Better Living for Elders — is being closely watched by Medicaid officials in other states as a way to coordinate care and improve the functional problems that lead to pricey, and sometimes preventable nursing home admissions. Today, it's difficult for Medicaid patients to get these services.

With more than $8 million in research money from the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the project goes beyond home repair for health. It starts with a full-scale assessment of each participant's needs.

In one home, a Hopkins nurse discovered that an 82-year-old woman was taking all of her 26 daily medications at once instead of staggered throughout the day, leaving her disoriented and sedentary until she became too weak to get out of bed without help.

First the nurse fixed the medication schedule. Then the occupational therapist taught the woman leg-strengthening exercises and installed $30 steel risers to make it easier for her to get in and out of bed. Add new banisters, and soon she was moving around on her own.

Whether it is the cost or emotional ties, many people grow old in the same home where they spent their younger, more agile years. An AARP survey in 2010 found nearly 90 percent of seniors wanted to remain in their current home for as long as possible.

Yet government figures show nearly 1 in 5 seniors living in the community have trouble with at least one activity of daily living, such as walking or bathing.

Those physical limitations become more difficult with doorways too narrow for walkers, toilets that are lower than chairs and kitchen counters too tall to sit on while cooking. Plus, nearly one-third of older adults experience a fall every year, and most who are injured fell inside the home, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"You don't think about that stuff," said Hattie Watties, who can't imagine leaving her Baltimore home of 36 years, that's near children and grandchildren. "You just do what you have to."

For Watties, 74, that meant climbing onto kitchen counters to reach too-high cabinets. Steep, dark stairs to the basement laundry only had a partial railing, so she threw clothes down and inched her way after them.

No more: Carpenter Tyrone White lowered Watties' cabinets to a comfortable reach, installed railings, and showed how an energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulb provided more light than a regular bulb in the dim stairway.

In homes where it's even darker, White sticks motion-sensing lights by each step to show where to aim your foot. They're less than $15 for a two-pack and run on batteries, so no rewiring is needed.

The work that perhaps has the biggest impact seen so far is a double railing for stairs lets people rest their weight on both sides.

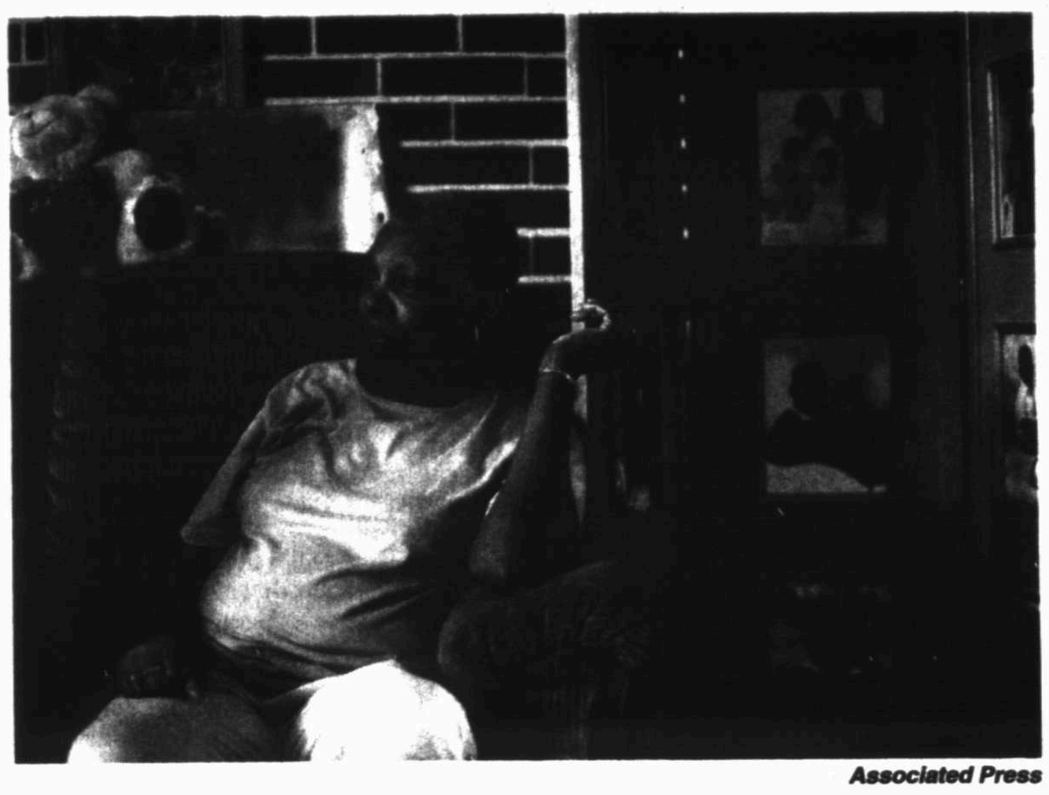
The handymen, employed by the urban service corps Civic Works, also insist on installing carbon monoxide monitors, which have detected leaking gas stoves in some homes.

Do these solutions really save money?

The four-month intervention costs about $4,000 per participant, including the home modifications and specialists' salaries. The average cost for nursing home care in the U.S. is $6,700 a month, so even a modest delay could add up fast. Szanton will track participants long term and, based on results from an earlier pilot test of 40 high-risk seniors, hopes to delay nursing home entry by up to a year in this frail population.

For families, perhaps the bigger question is how long the solutions will last. Evelyn-Gustave teaches families to brainstorm options as new challenges crop up.

"We can't be there forever. They need the skill to carry on," she said.



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This photo taken on June 12 shows Hattie Watties sitting near a collection of family portraits in her living room in Baltimore. Physical limitations become more difficult with doorways too narrow for walkers, toilets that are lower than chairs and kitchen counters too tall to sit on while cooking. Plus, nearly a third of older adults experience a fall every year, and most who are injured fell inside the home, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "You don't think about that stuff," said Hattie Watties, who can't imagine leaving her Baltimore home of 36 years, that's near children and grandchildren. "You just do what you have to."

Independent tips

There are many low-cost things that can be done to help seniors live independently their homes for longer periods of time.

Some tips, from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and AARP:

- Wear nonslip shoes, not slippers, in the house.
- Avoid area rugs or use double-sided tape to hold them in place.
- If you must climb, use a sturdy step stool with a hand rail, not a chair.
- Place everyday items in easy-to-reach places, including cooking items.
- Sit to cook if possible. Keep the microwave low enough to reach.
- Use a raised toilet seat, which can add 2 inches to 5 inches without replacing the toilet.
- Place nonskid safety strips in the tub, and use a tub bench or shower chair.
- Install grab bars in the bathroom or, if that's not possible, a safety rail can be clamped onto the side of the tub.
- Railings on both sides make stairs easier.
- Look for tools such as a button hook/zip pull or a "reacher" that grabs hard-to-reach items.
- Carry a portable or cellphone around the house in case of a fall or other emergency.
- Consider a home assessment from an occupational therapist, who can tailor suggestions to your functional ability.
- When remodeling, AARP suggests consulting a Certified Aging in Place Specialist, a program of the National Association of Home Builders that designates contractors, remodelers and others who are trained in modifying homes for the elderly.

To cut STD rate, Calif. considers condoms in prison

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California prisoners have unprotected sexual contact, forced or consensual, even if both are illegal, and this reality often leads to the spread of HIV and other diseases in prisons and in communities where felons are paroled.

Setting up a difficult conversation, one state lawmaker says it's time to give inmates a way to practice safe sex behind bars to reduce an infection rate that experts say is much higher than that of the general population.

The proposal from Oakland Democratic Assemblyman Rob Bonta comes despite a law prohibiting any sex between inmates, which creates a conflict that concerns both supporters and opponents of the legislation.

"It's a felony for prisoners to have sex while they're in prison, so I don't think it's good government for the state to encourage inmates to break the law," said Republican Assemblyman Dan Logue, of Marysville.

Bonta's proposal would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to make condoms available in five prisons by 2015 and expand the program to each of the state's 33 adult prisons no later than 2020.

The bill, AB999, passed the Assembly and is awaiting consideration in the state Senate. If it becomes law, California would be the second state behind Vermont, which has a fraction of the inmate population, to provide condoms to all prisoners. Canada, most of the European Union, Australia, Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa already take that step, according to legislative researchers.

Currently, condoms are contraband in California prisons, though the state has tried a distribution program before but on a temporary and limited basis.

Then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a 2007 bill that would have allowed nonprofit and health organizations to provide condoms to state prisoners. But in his veto message, the Republican governor instructed the corrections department to test a condom distribution program in one prison.

About 800 inmates in California State Prison, Solano, located about 30 miles southwest of the state capital, had access to free condoms in vending machines for a year starting in November 2008. Public health officials' report on the pilot program, published in September 2011, found few problems and recommended the program be expanded.

Today, California state prisoners have very limited sanctioned access to condoms. Spouses and domestic partners are allowed to bring as many as 10 on overnight family visits with lower-level offenders who qualify for the incentive program, said corrections department spokeswoman Terry Thornton. But the condoms must be accounted for and are not permitted outside visiting areas.

In Mississippi, the state has provided condoms for at least 20 years, but only to the roughly 10 percent of inmates who are married and qualify for conjugal visits.

The Vermont Department of Corrections has been making condoms available throughout its prison system since 1992. The department's health services director, Dr. Delores Burroughs-Biron, said the state's 2,200 inmates can request one condom at a time from a nurse.

The program has created no security issues, she said, while giving nurses a chance to counsel inmates and advise them that they should seek help if they are being coerced into having sex.

On a lower-level, condoms have been available to jail inmates in San Francisco since 1989 and in Los Angeles County since 2001. Jails in New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., also distribute them.

"It's really turned out to be not a big deal, and hopefully it's fostering some good practices on the outside and saving some families' lives," said Susan Fahey, spokeswoman for the San Francisco Sheriff's Department.

Critics initially worried that handing out condoms would encourage an increase in voluntary or forced sexual activity, that the condoms could be used to smuggle or hide drugs and other contraband, or that they could be filled with bodily fluids and launched at prison or jail employees, an assault known as "gassing."

None of that has proved to be a problem elsewhere, said Fahey and Kate Monico Klein, director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Forensic AIDS Project, which recently was renamed HIV Services.

There have been some unintended and almost comical uses. Now some detainees use the condoms as hair ties or blow them up to use as pillows.

"At first we thought this is sort of a wrong use for a condom, but then we felt this is a way of destigmatizing it," Monico Klein said.

Bonta's bill cleared the Assembly on a 44-26 vote, with one Republican in favor and several Democrats joining Republicans in opposition.

Logue, the Marysville Republican, said a better way to prevent the transmission of disease would be to enforce the law. He also noted that Bonta's bill would require distributing condoms in every prison — including the state's two prisons for women.

"Who would be using those?" Logue wondered. "Would they be guards or people who work in prison to have sex with prisoners?"

Illicit relations between employees and inmates have been an ongoing problem, according to the prison system's inspector general.

"That's of course potentially possible, and we've seen incidents of it happening, although it's illegal," Bonta said in an interview. "I mean, sexual contact between prisoners is technically illegal. But it happens, and I think we need to deal with reality as it stands."

There has been not talk of changing the law to allow inmate sex. But his bill gives the corrections department the flexibility to provide safe-sex options in women's prisons in addition to condoms.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Mic Madness second round starts today

Second-round action from the Walter Cronkite and Paul Harvey brackets gets under way today as the Mic Madness broadcaster competition continues.

In the Cronkite bracket KOSA's Jay Hendricks battles KWEL's Craig Anderson while KOSA's Krista Escamilla takes on KODM's Spencer Bennett.

In the Harvey bracket, KWEL's Jason Moore competes against KOSA's Darrell Ward. In the other Harvey matchup, KMID's Horace Brown goes up against KOSA's Whitney Harding.

Cronkite and Harvey voting take place Monday and Tuesday. Second-round action from the Rush Limbaugh and Brokaw brackets take place Wednesday and Thursday.

Go to MyWestTexas.com/broadcasters to vote for your favorite broadcasters. Check out page 1B today for a complete Mic Madness bracket.

Meetings today

County commissioners
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine St.

City Council budget work session
9 a.m.
City Hall Basement
300 N. Loraine St.

Community calendar

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is hosting an open house 7:30-8:30 p.m. today at its new building, 714 W. Louisiana Ave.

The event — a culmination of a two-year capital campaign to build a new facility — will include creations by Harlan the Balloon Man, Magic by Jack, face painting and refreshments, said Executive Director Kay Crites.

■ The Midland Police Department is planning Kids Academy for 8 a.m.-noon today through Friday at 601 N. Loraine St.

New applicants will be considered first; youth who want to repeat the class will be considered until the 25 spots are filled, according to a press release from the city's public information officer.

Kids Academy is for 8- to 12-year-olds. Students will learn about MPD's various divisions, the justice system and life skills dealing with bullying and exercise.

Applications are available at www.midlandtexas.gov or at the Midland Police Department and must be signed by parent or guardian.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays), 7 p.m., Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa; 559-5909 or 432-337-3684, pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Talk show schedules

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

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon, Neal Boortz (till Jan 21, then Herman Cain)
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-6 p.m. Jason Moore
6-8 p.m., Jerry Doyle
8-11 p.m. Mike Savage.
11 p.m.-6 a.m. The Music of Your Life
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sports talk
KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

Ramadan begins at sundown

Ramadan (also known as Ramadhan or Ramzan) is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is a period of prayer, fasting, charity-giving and self-accountability for Muslims in the United States. The first verses of the Koran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (also written as Mohammad or Muhammed) during the last third of Ramadan, making this an especially holy period.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Today in history

Today is Monday, July 8, the 189th day of 2013. There are 176 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 8, 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, outside the State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.

In 1947, demolition work began in New York City to make way for the new permanent headquarters of the United Nations.

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman named Gen. Douglas MacArthur commander in chief of United Nations forces in Korea. (Truman ended up sacking MacArthur for insubordination nine months later.)

Associated Press

Keystone's future may hinge on Canada's decisions

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The final verdict on the Keystone XL pipeline rests with Obama administration officials in Washington, but the project's fate may hinge on decisions made in Canada.

Analysts say that the administration is telegraphing willingness to approve the project, which would transport diluted bitumen from Alberta's oil sands, as long as stakeholders north of the border do more to shrink their carbon footprint.

In a June 25 speech, President Barack Obama vowed that his administration will approve the pipeline only if it "does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution."

"The net effects of the pipeline's impacts on our climate will be absolutely critical to determining whether this project is allowed to go forward," the president said.

Obama's emphases on the "net effects" of the pipeline and whether it "significantly" exacerbates greenhouse emissions suggest TransCanada could take steps to make up for the 830,000 metric tons per year of carbon dioxide the State Department estimated would be linked to Keystone XL.

While U.S. officials couldn't compel such action, said ClearView Energy Partners analyst Kevin Book, "it might be a behind-the-scenes wink and a nod."

For TransCanada Corp., the Calgary-based company behind Keystone XL, options include greening its own portfolio by investing in renewable power and buying carbon offsets. Keystone XL supporters also can argue that Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia already tax carbon.

TransCanada may have taken the first step already. Last Tuesday, the company announced it was paying $470 million to buy 86 megawatts of solar capacity in Ontario.

CEO Russ Girling touted the deal as part of a companywide move to the greener and cleaner.

TransCanada already has sunk more than $5 billion into U.S. hydro power facilities and wind farms in the U.S. and Canada.

"One-third of the power we provide to North American consumers today comes from carbon-free energy sources," Girling said.

Expensive offset

Spread over 20 years, the cost of the carbon emission displaced by TransCanada's new solar investment amounts to as much as $857 per metric ton, making it an expensive offset, according to ClearView Energy's number crunching.

But the real value isn't numeric, Book said.

"Solar sends a message that buying offsets in the market does not," he said. "It says 'we're changing us.' "

Broader efforts by Canada or oil sands developers working there also could support a White House decision to approve the pipeline.

In a letter blasting the State Department's analysis of the project's carbon footprint, the Environmental Protection Agency suggested a better review of "specific ways that the U.S. might work with Canada to ... reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production of oil sands crude."

Cynthia Giles, the EPA's assistant administrator for enforcement and compliance, wrote that work could include "a joint focus on carbon capture and storage projects and research, as well as ways to improve energy efficiency associated with extraction technologies."

Math disputed

Still, Keystone XL opponents dispute the State Department's math on the carbon emissions tied to the project. In calculating that the emissions associated with Keystone would be "no substantial change" in global greenhouse emissions, the State Department assumed that other pipelines and crude-carrying trains would fill the gap and sustain oil sands development even if Keystone XL were never built.

Environmentalists say that assumption overlooks opposition to pipelines proposed to carry oil sands crude to Canada's West Coast, the maxed-out capacity of railcars and the long lead times for possible pipelines to ferry supplies east.

The opponents are pressing the State Department to revise that calculation and redo its entire analysis before issuing a final environmental impact statement. The Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council and other groups outlined their case in a 48-page letter June 24.

"The oil industry wants you to believe that large-scale tar sands production is inevitable," said Jeff Gohringer, of the League of Conservation Voters. But he said, "the facts aren't on their side."

PERRY

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candidacy suggest he might have received a hint that the attorney general post will be open. Smitherman would run in the Republican primary against Dallas Rep. Dan Branch, who also announced a provisional campaign.

The fiercest battle among Republicans, though, will be for lieutenant governor. The race is already crowded with Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and Houston Sen. Dan Patrick giving up those elected seats to oust Dewhurst. But if Perry runs again, many speculate Abbott could use his war chest to jump into that race, too.

Lastly, Susan Combs said earlier this year that she will not seek re-election as state comptroller, and Republicans further down the chain are lining up to replace her, as well.

All of this positioning certainly helped inform Perry's decision on whether to seek an unprecedented fourth full-term as governor. But he's also held the office since December 2000, when George W. Bush won election to the presidency, and Perry has aspirations of his own.

He has not ruled out another run for president in 2016 and frequently recites the lessons he took from 2012: lay the national groundwork for a campaign in advance, get into the race early and don't undergo back surgery just weeks before getting started.

Perry has promised to let supporters know his presidential plans before the end of the year, three months prior to the Republican primaries on March 4, 2014. That means if he does intend to run for governor in 2014 and president in 2016, he'd be making the announcement before he'd won the 2014 Republican gubernatorial primary.

Since campaigning for both governor and president would risk losing both races at once, his timeline for decisions suggests he won't run for governor and another presidential bid is in the cards. If Perry should be taken at his word, then the "exciting news" his office announced for Monday will be a plan to boost his role as a national Christian conservative leader. An early entry into presidential politics could follow later this year.

The national media attention on Texas' proposed new restrictions on abortion plays perfectly into this plan. Every report about Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis and her filibuster against the law reminds social conservatives that Perry has called two special legislative sessions to pass the law.

That spotlight also transforms Texas politics by mobilizing national Democrats to fight for control of the country's second most-populous state. Texas Democrats are waiting to see if Davis runs for governor and see in her the best chance of winning statewide office in 20 years. Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa said he thinks her odds are better if she runs against Perry.

That leaves little doubt that when Perry takes the stage on Monday, he'll be in a politician's favorite place on earth — the center of attention.

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airfield in 1927 and spent more than $8,000 developing it. Within five months, it was announced that Sloan Field would be a stopover for Maddux Airlines' Los Angeles-to-Dallas flights. The airfield thrived and some said it provided "the most considerate service in the South," according to Edgar's research. That service included home-cooked meals using fresh vegetables grown at the field and prepared by the airfield's manager.

Sloan intended to develop a flying school at the airstrip, but instead met with a tragic and unusual death on New Year's Day 1929.

Lee Jones Jr., Sloan's employee and close friend, recalled their visit in the hours before Sloan's death, according to his writings that are part of Texas Tech University's Southwest Collection.

"I had the flu when Sam came by my room at the Scharbauer Hotel to check on my condition," Jones wrote. "While he was there, Sam told me that he was going to fly over to Colorado City and drop a note out of his plane for Kate Justice, the hostess at the Country Club, wishing her a happy New Year."

Justice and Sloan had become friends during World War I, when she was an Army nurse and he a member of the Army Air Corps. The two met in France and continued their friendship upon their return to West Texas.

"Sam opened the left door of the cabin plane and, just as he dropped the note the plane lost flying speed and spun into the ground very near the Country Club building — Sam was killed instantly, the control stick passing through his heart," Jones wrote.

Following Sloan's death, the airfield was operated by his brother and sister. Sloan Field was designated an Army Airways Station in May 1930, according to the Texas State Historical Association. In July 1939, the field was sold to the city of Midland. Runways were improved and landing lights were installed in 1940.

"After the outbreak of war in Europe and the fall of France in 1940, local officials successfully campaigned to have the field made into a training base for the expanding army flying-training program," according to the TSHA. "On July 1, 1941, the municipal airport was leased to the United States government for a dollar a year."

Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," will be completed this year.

CYCLISTS

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said Tammie Porter, a volunteer with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society - West Texas Office, the beneficiary of the annual ride.

Shaffer, a retired nurse, has worked with many MS patients and enjoys giving back to a beneficial cause. The upcoming 150-mile bike ride from Midland to Post will be her fourth ride to raise money for research and awareness of MS.

Kent Crowell, MS Society volunteer and Permian Basin Bicycle Association representative, said cyclists in the Cactus & Crude Ride are required to raise at least $250 in order to participate. Shaffer's nine-member team, Mostly Serious (MS) Bike Riders, have raised more than $9,000.

Crowell said Sunday's event raise about $1,000.

Tammy Lorenz and Danette Beals both have experience with MS, a degenerative incurable disease. They are among those who used Spinathon as an opportunity to train for Cactus & Crude.

Lorenz, whose grandfather died of MS complications at age 56, said the ride is an endurance challenge for her and exemplifies what people with MS experience daily.

"It's two days for us, but it's a lifetime for them," Lorenz said.

She said it's difficult to see family members struggle with MS, and it's important to find a cure.

This year's ride is the first for Beals, who has been training since December.

Ray Beals, her husband of three years, was diagnosed with MS in 1998. When the couple first met, symptoms of Ray's condition were not yet evident, his wife said. The disease's progression requires him to use a walker for mobility, she said.

Ray Beals said it's both "humbling and depressing" to see members of the community raise money and awareness for MS through the ride. The former avid mountain biker said he wishes he was able to join them on the ride.

He said MS's toll on his ego and self-perception is tough, but the decline in his physical capabilities is what continues to be a struggle for him.

"It's such an unpredictable disease," she said.

Danette Beals said MS affects the family, as well as the person battling the disease. She said "he didn't choose this life. I have, and I'm OK with that."

SUKOSHI

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But after six months, Sara became ill. So they sent their dog Sukoshi, a white Great Pyrenees, to live with Eric's parents in Big Lake, a town west of San Angelo more than 140 miles away. It was supposed to be just until Sara's health recovered.

But Sukoshi didn't like being separated from her family. Sara said the dog kept running away. Sukoshi and the local dogcatcher became well-acquainted.

"She escaped a couple of times but they always found her and brought her back," Eric told the Abilene Reporter-News.

But one day Sukoshi didn't come back. Days of not hearing a word about the dog's whereabouts rolled into weeks, then months. It was hard on the Dodds, especially their young children, Rhett and his sister Reese.

"We all grieved for her; the kids kept praying she would come back," Sara said. "It was so difficult."

As the time stretched out, other concerns replaced the question of what had happened to Sukoshi. Sara had another child, a daughter named Rhyan.

Owners usually regard their pets as family members and Sukoshi was no different. Though she was gone, the scent of her personality lingered in Sara's mind.

"It had been so long," she said. "I had a dream that she came home and I woke up and told Eric."

He told his wife he was sorry, but she had to understand that wasn't going to happen. She knew he had to be right.

In January, her parents came to visit. It should have been a joyful occasion and it was, for a time.

"Her dad had a seizure," Eric said. "That afternoon, we found out he had lung and brain cancer. It was devastating news."

The following day, Eric was at the hospital with Sara's dad, Pete Rixon, while Sara remained at home with her mother. Unexpectedly, she called him.

"You're never going to guess who's at the bottom of the hill," Sara said.

Weak, dehydrated and skittish, a white Great Pyrenees watched her with wary eyes in the pasture next to the gate. It had been 10 months.

Eric wasn't convinced.

"Sara, there's a lot going on, I know you're very emotional right now," he told her. "Don't get your hopes up, it's not her. It doesn't happen."

But there was no doubt in Sara's mind.

"I know this is my dog," she said. "I can tell by her mannerisms."

Her mother brought the kids down and they lured the dog in with bologna.

"She did answer to her name but she was so weak, she just laid there," Sara said.

They brought Sukoshi to the house, separating her from their other dogs.

"We separated her at first because she was traumatized, I can imagine what she had gone through," Sara said.

A trip to the vet revealed Sukoshi had a litter of pups during her journey. What became of them, no one knew.

"She slowly came back to her old self," Sara said. "I would love to know if someone has seen her, kept her or took care of her while on her road from Big Lake to here."

That breed of dog has a reputation for being good with children. Sara knows why.

"She was coming back to her kids," she said. "I'm convinced that's why she came back — because she guards and is very protective of them, and of me."

It affirmed their faith, too.

"We think it was God saying, 'Hey, don't forget, you're not in control here,'" Eric said.

Fifty-one days after Sukoshi's return, Sara's father died. The strange coincidence of the dog's return took some of the edge off the roughness of those days.

"I think what made it the neatest was the timing," said Eric. "Her dad had stage 4 lung and brain cancer one night, we're all obviously crushed, it's terminal, and the next morning Sukoshi shows up."

Sara wiped a tear, one of several.

"We needed that miracle," she said.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Judy C. Chavez, 49, of Rock Springs, Wyo., was arrested Saturday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Justin W. Crouch, 28, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of probation.

Carlos Lopez, 24, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of forgery of a government financial instrument.

Nicholas M. Lyles, 21, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of delivering marijuana between one-fourth of an ounce and 5 pounds.

Endre L. Nary, 32, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana between 2 and 4 ounces in a drug-free zone.

John P. Ramirez Jr., 46, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Scot E. Terrell, 50, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to sustain bodily injury.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Teresa Heinz Kerry hospitalized

Associated Press

BOSTON — Teresa Heinz Kerry, the wife of U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, is hospitalized at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

The 74-year-old Heinz Kerry taken to the emergency room in Nantucket in critical condition.

No details about her illness have been released.

Temporary jobs becoming a permanent fixture in US

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hiring is exploding in the one corner of the U.S. economy where few want to be hired: Temporary work.

From Wal-Mart to General Motors to PepsiCo, companies are increasingly turning to temps and to a much larger universe of freelancers, contract workers and consultants. Combined, these workers number nearly 17 million people who have only tenuous ties to the companies that pay them — about 12 percent of everyone with a job.

Hiring is always healthy for an economy. Yet the rise in temp and contract work shows that many employers aren't willing to hire for the long run.

The number of temps has jumped more than 50 percent since the recession ended four years ago to nearly 2.7 million — the most on government records dating to 1990. In no other sector has hiring come close.

Driving the trend are lingering uncertainty about the economy and employers' desire for more flexibility in matching their payrolls to their revenue. Some employers have also sought to sidestep the new health care law's rule that they provide medical coverage for permanent workers. Last week, though, the Obama administration delayed that provision of the law for a year.

The use of temps has extended into sectors that seldom used them in the past — professional services, for example, which include lawyers, doctors and information technology specialists.

Temps typically receive low pay, few benefits and scant job security. That makes them less likely to spend freely, so temp jobs don't tend to boost the economy the way permanent jobs do. More temps and contract workers also help explain why pay has barely outpaced inflation since the recession ended.

Beyond economic uncertainty, Ethan Harris, global economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, thinks more lasting changes are taking root.

"There's been a generational shift toward a less committed relationship between the firm and the worker," Harris said.

Associated Press

In 2012, Dave Morton, left, and Brian Goodman, who both drive school buses for Daviess County Public Schools in Owensboro, Ky., during the school year, coat the fence around Apollo High School's soccer field with metallic silver paint. Morton said they both took the temporary job with DCPS's maintenance department to earn a little extra money over the summer.

An Associated Press survey of 37 economists in May found that three-quarters thought the increased use of temps and contract workers represented a long-standing trend.

Typical of that trend is Latrese Carr, who was hired by a Wal-Mart in Glenwood, Ill., two months ago on a 90-day contract. She works 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., helping unload trucks and restocking shelves. Her pay is $9.45 an hour. There's no health insurance or other benefits.

Carr, 20, didn't particularly want the overnight shift.

"I needed a job," she said.

The store managers have said some temps will be kept on permanently, Carr says, depending on their performance.

Carr isn't counting on it.

The trend toward contract workers was intensified by the depth of the recession and the tepid pace of the recovery. A heavy investment in long-term employment isn't a cost all companies want to bear anymore.

"There's much more appreciation of the importance of having flexibility in the workforce," said Barry Asin, of Staffing Industry Analysts, a consulting firm.

Susan Houseman, an economist at the Upjohn Institute of Employment Research, says companies want to avoid having too many employees during a downturn, just as manufacturers want to avoid having too much inventory if demand slows.

"You have your just-in-time workforce," Houseman said. "You only pay them when you need them."

This marks a shift from what economists used to call "labor hoarding": Companies typically retained most of their staff throughout recessions, hoping to ride out the downturn.

"We clearly don't have that anymore," says Sylvia Allegretto, an economist at the University of California, Berkeley.

The result is that temps and contract workers have become fixtures at large companies. Business executives say they help their companies stay competitive. They also argue that temp work can provide valuable experience.

"It opens more doors for people to enter the labor market," said Jeff Joerres, CEO of ManpowerGroup, a workplace staffing firm.

But Houseman's research has found that even when jobs are classified as "temp to permanent," only 27 percent of such assignments lead to permanent positions.

About one-third of temporary workers work in manufacturing. Temps can be found on production lines, repairing machinery and stocking goods in warehouses. About a fifth are administrative.

Shortages of doctors and nurses have led some hospitals to turn to temp agencies. Staffing Industry Analysts forecasts that spending on temporary doctors will grow 10 percent this year and next.

Some school districts now turn to temp firms for substitute teachers. This lets them avoid providing retirement benefits, which union contracts might otherwise require.

Manufacturing unions have pushed back against the trend, with limited success.

"We run into this across all the various industries where we represent people," said Tony Montana, a spokesman for the USW, which represents workers in the steel, paper, and energy industries.

Todd Miller, CEO of software company Gwabbit in Carmel Valley, Calif., says about a third of his 20 employees are temporary. An additional one-third are contractors.

He said he's had no trouble filling such positions. People are "willing to entertain employment possibilities that they would not have six or seven years ago," Miller said.

If the economy were to accelerate, Miller said he might hire more permanent staff. But "I don't have tremendous confidence in this economy."

Only the health care and leisure and hospitality sectors have added more jobs during the recovery. But each is roughly five times as large as the temp industry. The proportion of all jobs in the temp industry is about 2 percent, just below a record set in 2000.

Temp hiring has accelerated even though the economy has 2.4 million fewer jobs than it did five years ago.

NYC cases show crooked cops' abuse of FBI database

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's billed by the FBI as "the lifeline of law enforcement" — a federal database used to catch criminals, recover stolen property and even identify terrorism suspects.

But authorities say Edwin Vargas logged onto the restricted system and ran names for reasons that had nothing to do with his duties as a New York Police Department detective. Instead, he was accused in May of looking up personal information on two fellow officers without their knowledge.

The allegation against Vargas is one of a batch of corruption cases in recent years against NYPD officers accused of abusing the FBI-operated National Crime Information Center database to cyber snoop on co-workers, tip off drug dealers, stage robberies and — most notoriously — scheme to abduct and eat women.

The NCIC database serves 90,000 agencies and gets 9 million entries a day by users seeking information on stolen guns and cars, fugitives, sex offenders, orders of protection and other subjects, according to an FBI website. The NYPD system — called the "Finest," as in "New York's Finest" — also allows access to state criminal and Department of Motor Vehicles records.

How often the database is used for unauthorized purposes is unclear. The NYPD insists that officers are under strict orders to use it only during car stops, ongoing investigations or other police work. The department assigns them login names and passwords that allow supervisors to track their usage on desktop computers in station houses or on laptops in patrol cars.

NYPD recruits are warned that "if you misuse or you access information in an inappropriate manner ... you are in serious trouble — such as being prosecuted, being fired and also big fines," a police academy instructor testified at the trial of Gilbert Valle, who was convicted in March in a bizarre plot to kidnap, cook and cannibalize women.

In addition, an FBI compliance unit conducts spot audits to examine users' "policies, procedures, and security requirements," the FBI said in a statement. The FBI also requires each state to have its own audit programs and claims that "malicious misuse is not commonly discovered."

But both the instructor testifying at the Valle trial and an Internal Affairs Bureau investigator who took the witness stand in an earlier case have conceded that officers can easily circumvent safeguards.

The investigator testified as a government witness at the 2010 trial of an NYPD officer accused of using the database to conduct surveillance of a perfume warehouse in New Jersey before an armed robbery there. He told jurors that officers often do searches while logged in under another officer's name — either out of neglect or, in this case, intent.

"Unfortunately ... it's not unusual that it happens," the investigator said.

The instructor, when asked about an officer's ability to effectively log in anonymously, responded, "I know it occurs. I wouldn't say it's common, but I know it does occur."

At a trial where Valle was convicted in March, prosecutors alleged that the officer used the database — sometimes accessing it while riding in a patrol car with his supervising sergeant — to help compile dossiers on women that listed their birthdates, addresses, heights and weights. None of the women were harmed, but prosecutors alleged he went as far as to show up on one woman's block after striking an agreement to kidnap her for $5,000 for a New Jersey man who wanted to rape and kill her.

In another database abuse case last year, federal authorities charged NYPD patrolman Jose Tejada with being a member of a crew that posed as police officers while staging more than 100 robberies of drug traffickers that netted more than 250 kilograms of cocaine and $1 million in cash.

Tejada "ran the names of co-conspirators through law enforcement databases to determine whether there were active warrants in the names of the coconspirators," prosecutors said in court papers. "In connection with these searches, Tejada advised co-conspirators whether they could re-enter the United States without being arrested by law enforcement authorities."

The cases aren't confined to New York. In the last six years, authorities have accused a Memphis police officer of using the NCIC database to leak information to a confidential informant about a watch dealer who the informant believed had stolen a Rolex; a reserve patrolman in Clarkston, Ga., of running names and license plates for marijuana dealers; a Montgomery County, Md., officer of running checks on cars belonging to a woman who later reported that the vehicles had been vandalized; and a Hartford, Conn., police sergeant of supplying database records to a woman who used them to harass her ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend.

In the case of Vargas, the NYPD detective, prosecutors allege he hacked into the email accounts and passwords of 21 fellow officers and nine others. At least two times, he used the NIRC database without authorization to look up information on two officers whose private email accounts he'd secretly obtained, authorities said.

Prosecutors didn't give a motive, but police officials suggested he was looking to see who his ex-girlfriend, also a police officer, was chatting with. His lawyer said he was "shocked" by the allegations.

If convicted, Vargas would be fired from the force and face a year behind bars.

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OPINION

Maternal instinct may be key in Trayvon Martin case

■ The slain boy's mother believes she heard her son on a 911 recording. How much will that matter to the mothers on the jury?

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In the annals of murder trials, few testimonies can rival the impact of slain teenager Trayvon Martin's mother Sybrina Fulton: "I heard my son screaming."

She was referring to the voice on an audio recording of a 911 call that has been at the center of the prosecution's case against George Zimmerman, who fatally shot Martin during a scuffle.

That is, until late Friday when the defense called Zimmerman's mother, Gladys, to the stand.

She, too, identified the same recorded voice as her son's. She was certain, she said, "because he's my son."

Suddenly, this high-stakes trial has become a test of the credibility of two mothers.

If the voice heard screaming in the background of the recording belonged to the dead teen, as the prosecution claims, then it is less easy to believe that Zimmerman was acting in self-defense, as he claims.

If the voice belongs to Zimmerman, then one might conclude that he felt sufficiently threatened to squeeze the trigger. Zimmerman, 29, was acting as a volunteer neighborhood watchman the night he shot Martin, 17, whom he has described as acting suspiciously.

Into the mix enters a ghost witness that is both more amorphous and exponentially more powerful than any other: Maternal Instinct. Clearly, attorneys for both sides are plowing this fertile field, counting on the maternal synchrony of the six jurors — all of whom are women, five of them mothers.

One of the mothers testifying is wrong and jurors will have to rely largely on their own instincts to determine who is right. The judge has ruled against allowing voice experts to testify.

Their answer likely will be the most probative piece of evidence in the trial despite the fact that there can be no certainty. The truth, to the extent it can be surmised, may well hinge on an assumption that is interesting to consider. It isn't so much a gut feeling but is primal, deep-brain and fiercer than mere logic.

Does maternal instinct convince these mothers that they are right? Or does maternal instinct compel each to protect her son regardless of what may be true?

Second-guessers have an array of questions to entertain: Would a mother lie about such a thing?

Could she? Would she wish another man convicted on the basis of her sense of things? Can she know with certainty that the voice in the background, barely audible, is that of her son and not of the other man?

The last question is most compelling. Can she?

Most mothers know the sound of their own child's cry from the moment of birth. From personal experience, I can vouch for the strange ability to discern one's own from all others. If my baby was crying in the hospital nursery, I was halfway down the hall to retrieve him before I realized I'd left the bed.

Does this sort of attunement last through time? Logic suggests that as a child's dependency decreases, so does the acuteness of a mother's instinctive responses. But experience tells us that the mother-child bond does not diminish with time. Every dead soldier is still his mother's baby.

Would a mother recognize her son's cry for help on a recording? It is possible to believe so, while also possible not to believe so.

Recordings often distort voices; other noises interfere.

Further complicating are the unconscious desires or needs of the listener. A mother needs to believe that whatever harm came to her son was not his fault.

Trayvon Martin was undoubtedly a beloved son who didn't deserve to die. He was unarmed, on his way home from a convenience store. Did he attack George Zimmerman? Was Zimmerman, also a beloved son, so mortally afraid that he had no choice but to shoot Martin in the heart?

No one envies the terrible decision these jurors must make.

Matters were made worse Friday when medical examiner Shiping Bao testified that Martin likely lived another one to 10 minutes and opined that he suffered and was in pain.

Maternal instinct may not be a reliable witness, but in the absence of verifiable truth, it may prove to be the bullet through the heart of this case.

OUR VIEW

Perry announcement could pave way for conservative 1-2 punch

What will Rick Perry say when he discloses his "exciting future plans?" And how excited will Texans be when they hear from the longest-serving governor in our state's history?

We believe Perry is going to do the right thing and say it's time for him to step aside when it comes to running for re-election in 2014. But Perry has surprised us before and he very well could do it again.

However, let's play out the scenario in which Perry says adios.

Immediately, two people become the transformative leaders of the state's Republican Party. The first is U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. The second is Attorney General Greg Abbott, who we believe is the favorite to become the next governor, even under a scenario that he and Perry both appear on a Republican Primary ballot.

How excited should the state's conservatives be with Cruz and Abbott in control? We believe the state's best days would remain ahead of it. It also provides some stability that we believe was lost after Perry's hard-to-watch presidential primary performance and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's Senate setback at the hands of Cruz.

Yes, the baton would officially be passed, and with Abbott and Cruz — who served together for five years in the attorney general office — we don't expect a conservative leadership void. We also expect down-ballot races from the lieutenant governor to the railroad commission to be in good hands. Texas' electorate showed in 2012 that candidates will have to work hard to earn their trust.

We expect Midlanders will play a part in selecting the next round of GOP leaders, as well we should. There are few areas in the state as meaningful to the state's future as Midland and the Permian Basin. People are finding work here like few other cities and regions in America can boast. The state coffers also have been blessed from the energy operations taking place here.

And with great riches should come great respect. We expect those candidates who come to Midland looking for support and campaign contributions to promise to do more than we saw in the 2013 legislative session. We expect real money to be sent in our direction to pave more of our roads and help finance more of our projects, including the tuition revenue bonds for the expansion of the engineering facility at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Yes, we expect 2014 will be an exciting time in Texas politics. The national media is trying to thrust state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, into a gubernatorial contest she frankly can't win. The Houston Chronicle's Texas on the Potomac's website, citing a Public Policy Polling firm poll, reported Perry would dominate Davis by 14 points in a hypothetical match-up.

Davis has become a shining star for Texas Democrats, but can her party really expose her to a statewide loss to Perry or Abbott just as her career takes off? At some point she, like the Castro brothers of San Antonio, provides Democrats what their party hasn't had since the 1980s — political depth.

They should be careful not to waste it on what we believe will be foolish notions that their time has come. Texas is not purple yet, and that doesn't change no matter what Perry says today.

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Time for Snowden to come home

■ The more he resists, the more the NSA whistle-blower takes away from his alleged orginal mission

DANA MILBANK
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Three weeks ago, Edward Snowden told the Guardian newspaper that "the sense of outrage" over the secret surveillance programs he had disclosed "has given me hope that, no matter what happens to me, the outcome will be positive for America."

But now that hope is being undermined by one man: Edward Snowden. The 30-year-old computer whiz seems all too concerned about what happens to him and entirely unconcerned about what harm he does his country in securing his safety.

At the start, Snowden's revelations to the Guardian and The Washington Post promised to put him in the distinguished company of Daniel Ellsberg and others who exposed government wrongdoing. But rather than come home and face trial — giving the nation the debate he claimed to seek about assaults on Americans' privacy — he has allowed the story to become all about his life as a fugitive in Hong Kong and Moscow and his many asylum requests.

Along the way, Snowden teamed up with WikiLeaks, known for its indiscriminate dumping of classified material, and he has been revealing further government secrets that seem to serve no purpose other than embarrassing the United States and winning favor (so far unsuccessfully) with American rivals and foes. On Monday, a statement issued in Snowden's name by WikiLeaks accused President Obama of "political aggression" in opposing his asylum requests.

"The fixation on asylum is a huge distraction, and it contradicts what he was purporting to do," says constitutional lawyer Bruce Fein. That opinion should carry extra weight because Fein is representing Snowden's father, Lonnie.

In this capacity, Fein wrote to Attorney General Eric Holder last week to say the elder Snowden "is reasonably confident that his son would voluntarily return to the United States" if he had "a fair opportunity to explain his motivations and actions." Fein, an official in the Reagan administration, was a harsh critic of George W. Bush's warrantless wiretapping program and has described Edward Snowden as a "modern-day Paul Revere" for his initial disclosures.

But Fein agrees that the leaker is now harming his own cause. "What is happening is inconsistent with what he stated to (the Guardian's) Glenn Greenwald," Fein told me on Tuesday, "which is that he didn't do it for fame, glory and narcissism but to ask whether we are going to sacrifice our Fourth Amendment privacy rights for any claim of enhanced security our government makes. To that extent, he's undermining his goal." The legality of the National Security Agency's surveillance programs "is now a sideshow," Fein says. "If that's what he's about, this is an odd way to pursue it."

I still believe that Snowden was justified in leaking information about the NSA's snooping. The administration's collusion with the congressional intelligence committees had denied Americans the public debate they deserved about the trade-offs between security and privacy. "I do not want to live in a world where everything I do and say is recorded," Snowden told the Guardian in justifying the leaks. "That is not something I am willing to support or live under."

That was a noble sentiment, and his disclosures forced some lazy lawmakers to do their jobs, asking questions about the secret programs and proposing changes to the laws that authorize them. Had Snowden turned himself in, he would have found many defenders in his homeland; and if the government brought him to trial, the spectacle would have forced the national soul-searching Snowden claimed to be seeking.

Instead, he disclosed in China that the United States is hacking Chinese networks. He disclosed in Russia that the United States is spying on European allies. These aren't exactly shocking revelations, but neither are they the work of a patriotic whistle-blower. Worse, if Greenwald and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange are to be believed, Snowden has made copies of the files he took so that they can be published; that sounds less like the sort of selective leak that exposed the NSA surveillance than a flood designed to harm U.S. security.

A spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that Snowden had withdrawn his request for asylum there because of Putin's (dubious) requirement that Snowden stop doing damage to the United States. WikiLeaks announced Tuesday that he's still seeking asylum for 20 other countries, including such bastions of freedom as China, Cuba and Venezuela.

"I do not expect to see home again," Snowden told the Guardian last month, "though that is what I want."

If so, and if he is not the traitor he is accused of being, he will come home.

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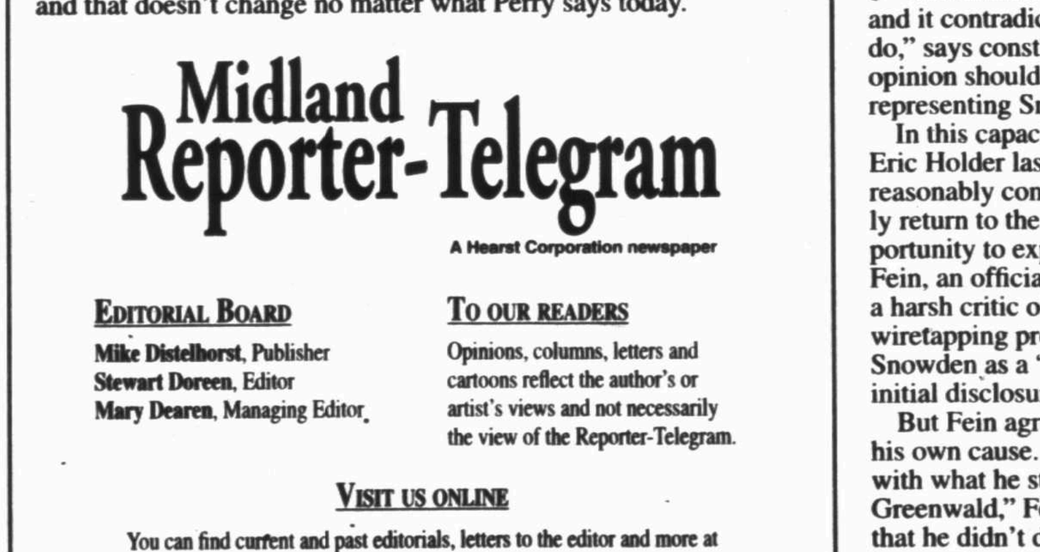

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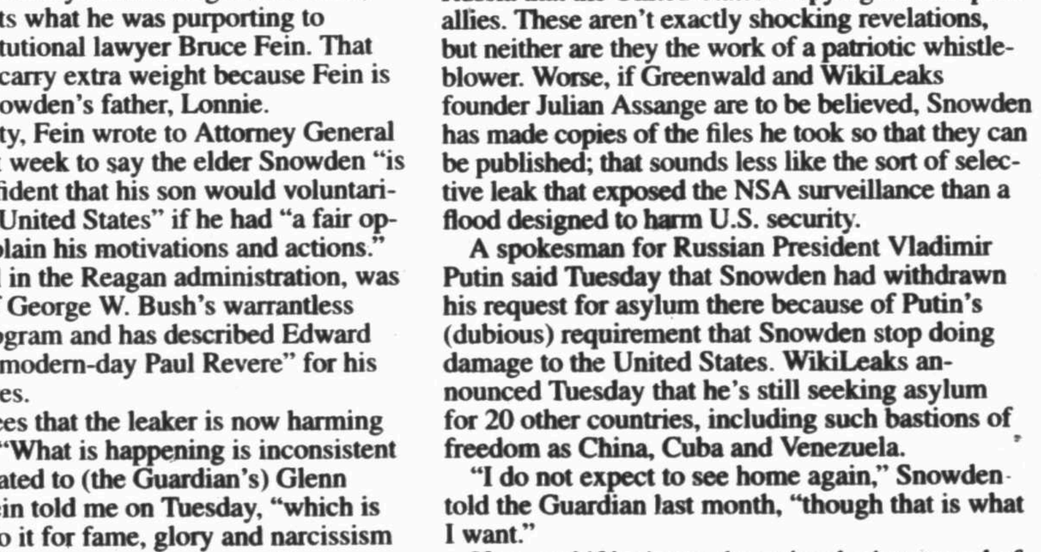

Immigration, student loans top congressional agenda

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats will put good will to the test when Congress returns this week to potentially incendiary fights over nominations, unresolved disputes over student loans and the farm bill, and the uncertainty of whether lawmakers have the political will to rewrite the nation's immigration laws.

The cooperation evident in the Senate last month with passage of a bipartisan immigration bill could be wiped out immediately if Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., frustrated with GOP delaying tactics on judges and nominations, tries to change the Senate rules by scrapping the current three-fifths majority for a simple majority.

Republican leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, has indicated it's a decision Reid could regret if the GOP seizes Senate control in next year's elections.

"Once the Senate definitively breaks the rules to change the rules, the pressure to respond in kind will be irresistible to future majorities," McConnell said last month, looking ahead to 2014 when Democrats have to defend 21 seats to the GOP's 14.

McConnell envisioned a long list of reversals from the Democratic agenda, from repealing President Barack Obama's health care law to shipping radioactive nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain in Reid's home state of Nevada.

Recently elected Democrats have clamored for changes in Senate rules as Obama has faced Republican resistance to his nominations.

Two Cabinet-rank choices — Tom Perez as labor secretary and Gina McCarthy to head the Environmental Protection Agency — could be approved by the Senate this month after a loud debate over administration policies.

The GOP also has challenged Obama's three judicial nominees to the powerful U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit as they've tried to eliminate the vacancies.

Reid had served notice in April that the Democratic majority could change the Senate rules on "any given day," and he was willing to do so if necessary.

Associated Press

In 2012, House Minority Leader, Democrat Nancy Pelosi, of California, second from left, House Speaker, Republican John Boehner, of Ohio, Senate Minority Leader, Republican Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, and Senate Majority Leader, Democrat Harry Reid, of Nevada, take turns speaking to reporters outside the White House in Washington after their meeting with President Barack Obama.

In the Republican-controlled House, courteous behavior, even within the GOP ranks, has barely been perceptible with the ignominious failure of the farm bill. Some collaboration will be necessary if the House is to move ahead on immigration legislation this month.

Conservatives from safe, gerrymandered House districts have rebuffed appeals from some national Republicans who argue that embracing immigration overhaul will boost the party's political standing with an increasingly diverse electorate, especially in the 2016 presidential election. The conservatives strongly oppose any legislation offering legalization to immigrants living here illegally.

Reflecting the will of the rank and file, House Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio, and other Republicans have said the comprehensive Senate immigration bill that couples the promise of citizenship for those living here unlawfully with increased border security is a nonstarter in the House.

Republicans were assessing the views of their constituents during the weeklong July Fourth break and planned to discuss their next steps at a private meeting Wednesday.

"I think what members need before we proceed on the actual immigration reform is an ironclad guarantee that the border is going to be secure," Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., said just before the recess. He didn't see any urgency to acting quickly.

"I find it very interesting the argument that we can't wait till the border is secure, we can't even do a six-month test to make sure ... we have to get them out of the shadows immediately," Salmon said. "They've been in the shadows for 20 years, and another six months is going to break their backs? I mean come on, that's not even a valid argument."

Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee said Republicans would be hashing out "two key hot spots" in Wednesday's meeting: the pathway to citizenship and health care.

"We need to be the party of solutions and not always obstructing. And, so, I think there's an effort here that we have a broken immigration system. We need to fix this immigration system," McCaul said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," predicting that the full House could take up immigration as early as this month and representatives from both chambers could be working to resolve differences in the House and Senate versions late this year or early next.

The House Judiciary Committee has adopted a piecemeal approach, approving a series of bills, none with a path to citizenship that Obama and Democrats are seeking. Democrats hope the single-issue bills get them to a conference with the Senate, where the prospects for a far-reaching overhaul improve.

"I think what you're finding is that there will be a compromise, a smart compromise," said Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., said Sunday, also on CBS. "You have to be smart. You have to be tough. But you have to be fair. And if you can do that, you'll have a full fix."

A more pressing concern for some lawmakers was the fate of the five-year, half-trillion-dollar farm bill.

In a surprise last month, the House rejected the bill as 62 Republicans voted no after Boehner had urged support for the measure.

House conservatives wanted cuts deeper than $2 billion annually, or about 3 percent, in the almost $80 billion-a-year food stamp program while Democrats were furious with a last-minute amendment that would have added additional work requirements to food stamps, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

Reid has made it clear that an extension of the current farm law, passed in 2008, is unlikely as he presses the House to pass the Senate version of the bill. That leaves Boehner to figure out the next step before the current policy expires Sept. 30.

Congress also must figure out what to do about interest rates on college student loans, which doubled from 3.4 percent last Monday because of partisan wrangling in the Senate.

Lawmakers promised to restore lower rates when they return this week, both retroactively and before students start signing loan documents later this summer. For now, the rate stands at 6.8 percent, which is higher than most loans available from private lenders.

Congress faces political and economic fights over the budget, with the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 and Congress plodding through spending bills with no sign they will be done on time. The House is set to vote this week on the spending bill for the Energy Department.

In addition to legislation to keep the government running, Congress probably will have to vote on whether to raise the nation's borrowing authority, a politically fraught vote that roiled the markets in August 2009.

Three Senate committees will consider Obama nominees for major national security positions this month, confirmation hearings certain to set off a political dust-up over the president's policies though the criticism is unlikely to scuttle the selections.

Questions about the administration's policy toward Syria and plans to arm the rebels in their civil war with President Bashar Assad's forces will dominate the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the re-nomination of Gen. Martin Dempsey for chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The hearing is scheduled for July 18.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to hold a hearing on Samantha Power, the president's pick for U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and a subcommittee meets July 11 to consider the nomination of Victoria Nuland for assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian Affairs.

That posting typically wouldn't draw a great deal of attention, but senators are certain to press Nuland about her work on the widely debunked talking points about the deadly assault on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. Four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, were killed in the Sept. 11 attack last year.

Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations at that time, used the talking points five days after the attack, blaming the assault on a spontaneous protest over an anti-Islamic video.

McConnell, Paul forge mutually beneficial alliance

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — To cover his political flank, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell has forged an alliance with tea party darling Rand Paul, picked up support from other national tea party leaders and brought in a campaign manager from the upper echelons of the tea party movement.

The GOP's fiscally conservative wing has proven particularly powerful in Kentucky, and elsewhere it has felled incumbents including McConnell's longtime Republican colleague U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar, of Indiana. But McConnell's efforts to make inroads with the tea party movement have clearly paid off, virtually ensuring that no would-be challenger can get the kind of infusion of cash from tea party channels that allowed Paul to win here in 2010.

Paul, who has presidential aspirations and is looking to run in 2016, needs McConnell's connections to the wealthy donor base of the Republican establishment. Meanwhile, McConnell needs Paul's tea party influence to keep potential primary challengers at bay and to energize his general election campaign against the likely Democratic nominee, Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes.

While the alliance with the family that includes former Rep. Ron Paul may not be enough to ward off a challenger in next year's Republican primary, observers say McConnell has little to fear in securing the nomination.

McConnell's new allegiances go deep into the Paul family. Jesse Benton, who married the older Paul's granddaughter, signed on last year to lead McConnell's re-election campaign. Benton has previously served as campaign manager and political adviser to both Pauls, and his affiliation with McConnell sends a not-so-subtle signal to would-be tea party challengers to stand down and to potential donors to support McConnell or keep their wallets in their pockets.

"Mitch McConnell is an important ally and a conservative voice in Washington for the people of Kentucky," the younger Paul said in a statement to The Associated Press. "The commonwealth is stronger because of his service and I look forward to continuing to work with him."

The McConnell alliance also is a boon for Paul in other ways, such as providing leverage to push his political agenda. McConnell has even signed on to one of Paul's and the tea party's top political priorities, legalizing industrial hemp farming.

McConnell, a skilled political tactician, watched Paul rise from relative obscurity as a Bowling Green eye surgeon to be elected U.S. senator. Paul knocked off McConnell's own hand-picked candidate in the GOP primary and then went on to defeat a strong Democrat in the general election.

McConnell, who had been reluctant even to meet with Paul during the primary, reached out after his primary victory, helping him to raise money from the GOP establishment and offering general election counsel in a state where no one knows the political landscape better.

That won McConnell not only Paul's favor, but his early endorsement for re-election. TheTeaParty.net also endorsed McConnell. The group's founder, Todd Cefaratti, called McConnell "an indispensable ally of conservatives in the Senate."

The group's chief strategist, Niger Innis, said tea party activists in Kentucky largely "seem to be circling the wagons around Sen. McConnell."

Still, one of Kentucky's most outspoken tea party activists, David Adams, of Nicholasville, has been bent on fielding a serious tea party challenger to McConnell. So far, he has no takers, though Louisville resident Matthew Bevin continues to toy with the idea. Bevin, who has offered no timetable for making a decision, has kept a low profile, declining interview requests. He has attended several GOP meetings, including a dinner last month where he sat three tables away from McConnell.

A millionaire businessman and investor, Bevin has no choice but to weigh the symbiotic relationship that has developed between Paul and McConnell.

Louisville attorney Mike Karem, a Republican activist who worked for the Nixon and Reagan administrations, said the relationship between Paul and McConnell has essentially cleared the path for McConnell to the GOP nomination. "They worked out a backroom deal," Karem said. "Nobody can say McConnell is dumb."

University of Kentucky political scientist Stephen Voss agreed McConnell has "shored up his right flank" and really has nothing to fear from potential GOP challengers.

"Upsets are never impossible, which is why incumbents always run scared," Voss said. "But it's hard to believe that Mitch McConnell is going to see a serious threat in the primary."

Voss said McConnell has been delivering "olive branches" to tea party activists as a vocal opponent of federal health care reforms and other Obama administration policies and initiatives. He also won favor with conservatives back home by filing legislation earlier this year to force the federal government to speed up the process for approving permits for new coal mining operations.

Kentucky has lost more than 4,000 mining jobs since 2011, largely because of market factors. But in the Kentucky coalfields, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is taking blame for "regulatory overreach" that political leaders insist is making it difficult for coal operators to open or expand mines, thereby costing jobs. McConnell toured the coalfields when he filed the legislation and was heralded a champion for Kentucky miners.

Adams, who served as Paul's campaign manager through the 2010 primary but has since fallen into disfavor with him, doesn't dispute that McConnell has appeal within the tea party movement, including some "who would lay their heads on a train track for him." Adams isn't one of those. He insists McConnell is vulnerable to a strong Democratic challenger and should be pushed aside for a tea party nominee in the primary.

Voss said he doesn't expect that to happen.

"There's no clear stalking horse to come after him in the primary," Voss said.

What is clear is that McConnell has a strong Democratic challenger to face in next year's general election. Grimes announced recently that she will take on the Republican stalwart who already has raised some $13 million for his re-election campaign. When Grimes stepped up, several other potential Democratic candidates stepped aside, including former Miss America Heather French Henry of Louisville, the wife of former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry.

Defeating McConnell would be the Democrats' biggest prize of the 2014 election. His seat is one of 14 that Republicans are defending, while Democrats try to hold onto 21.

McConnell, who has served in the U.S. Senate since 1984, has never lost an election. He spent more than $20 million in 2008 to beat Democratic challenger Bruce Lunsford, a wealthy Louisville businessman, by 6 percentage points.

Most think McConnell could spend as much as $30 million on the upcoming next race. Republican super PACs could spend an additional $30 million, making the race Kentucky's most expensive ever.

McConnell told GOP supporters in Kentucky that he's bent on winning re-election with hopes that voters will elect enough additional Republicans to the Senate to allow him to move up to majority leader.

"You know, I've had a lot of experience as defensive coordinator," he said. "I want to get a chance to call the plays."

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■ REVIEW

Price for simplicity in new Google phones

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two new Android phones will look and sound familiar to those who have been paying attention to phones. That's because these two devices are replicas of Samsung's Galaxy S4 and HTC's One, except they lack most of the bells and whistles added to the original models.

And that's a good thing.

The modifications Samsung and HTC apply to Google's Android software are meant to be improvements. But I've complained before about how the changes actually make phones more complex to use. The S4 even has an easy mode for first-time smartphone users, an admission that the normal mode is too confounding.

Google worked with both Samsung Electronics Co. and HTC Corp. to come out with "Google Play" editions of the hit phones. Instead of customized software from Samsung and HTC, the Google phones run a pure version of Android, just as it was developed by Google.

Google lets any phone maker use its Android operating system for free. To set themselves apart from competitors, phone makers often add their own touches to devices. They rearrange the menu or load additional apps. Wireless carriers also like to add their own apps. Before you know it, phones are bloated with features and apps you don't want and can't get rid of.

Consider my experience with the original S4 over the weekend. As I tried to adjust the camera's flash setting, I inadvertently made some postage stamp icon pop up. That activated the camera's dual-shot mode, which snaps a shot of you with the front camera to superimpose over whatever you're shooting with the camera on the back of the phone. I didn't want that, but I couldn't figure out how to get rid of it. My friend couldn't either. So we bagged the shot. Taking photos with a phone is supposed to be fun, not a chore.

With Google's version of the S4, I get a no-frills camera that is easy to figure out. It lacks gimmicks such as dual shots and the ability to combine several images of motion into a single shot. It offers about a half-dozen shooting modes, such as night, action and panorama, rather than the dozen or so on the original S4. But a half-dozen is about a half-dozen more than I need and use.

Google's S4 also lacks the original model's ability to pause video automatically when you look away from the screen or to scroll down an article when you tilt your head. Those features may sound cool, but they often don't work properly.

The Google version of the S4 also has alarm sounds that I can actually wake up to. Samsung had substituted those sounds with soft, soothing melodies that I end up incorporating into dreams. I've overslept a few times as a result.

As for Google's version of the HTC One, you don't get a busy home screen filled with news articles and Facebook status updates your phone thinks you want to read. Instead, you get a clean page with few apps. It's up to you to add the ones you want to see and use.

Both Google phones feel spare and minimal, which is great because it makes me feel in control. If I want to constantly know the weather, it's easy to add a weather widget to the home screen of either phone. But it's not forced.

The same goes for apps. I get basic functions such as text messaging and the clock and a range of Google services such as Gmail and YouTube. If I want other apps, I can easily tap the Google Play icon to get them. With the original S4, Samsung tries to steer you into its own app store, as well as its own music and video players. You end up with too many ways to do the same things.

You might think it takes a lot of work to add the apps you want to Google's phones, but it actually takes more work to hide or turn off everything you don't need — that is, if you can at all— with Samsung's and HTC's versions.

Now for the bad news: The Google edition of the S4 sells for $649, while Google's HTC One goes for $599. You can typically get the original models for $100 to $200 through your wireless carrier with a two-year agreement. And unless you're on T-Mobile, your monthly bill won't go down just because you pay full price for the phone elsewhere.

In addition, both Google phones are compatible only with T-Mobile, AT&T and other carriers that use GSM cellular technology, not the CDMA networks used by Sprint and Verizon Wireless. The Google edition would have been great for Verizon customers who still have unlimited data plans. Verizon no longer lets you stay on that plan if you buy a subsidized phone, so you'd have to pay the full price anyway.

The Google phones are also ideal for people who want the latest Android system that Google has to offer. You'll be able to update your phone as Google releases new versions of Android. Normally, phone makers and wireless carriers delay updates by weeks or months, so you can only read about those new Android features.

There are a few useful Samsung and HTC add-ons that Google does bring to its versions of the phones.

Google's S4 is compatible with Samsung's S-View flip cover. Using a magnetic sensor, the phone detects when the cover is closed and switches to a special mode that gives you the current time and details about who's calling through a small window in the cover. You can answer or reject a call without flipping over the cover.

Google's HTC One, meanwhile, shares the original model's front-facing speakers, giving you great sound when you're watching a movie or listening to music. Both models also have cameras with larger sensor pixels for better low-light shots. Our tests show that the HTC One produces low-light images with less distortion than other Android phones, though images aren't particularly crisp because the resolution is lower.

There are a few things I wish Google would have brought to its phones and to Android in general.

In the original S4, the on-screen keyboard has a row of numerals to type in. With the Google S4, you have to hit a button to get another screen with numerals, then toggle back for the letters. The original S4 also has the ability to run two apps side by side in a split window. That's gone in Google's S4.

Meanwhile, the original HTC One has the ability to make calls, send texts and take photos by sliding icons from the lock screen. With the Google version, you have to unlock the screen before getting icons to those functions.

On both phones, Google also adds one feature I could do without: a 360-degree panorama known as Photo Sphere. Neat as it is, it detracts from what is otherwise a just-the-basics camera. It would have been better as a separate app for those who want it.

But that's no reason to shun the Google phones. The minimized feel of Google's versions underscores how busy software can detract from good hardware. Take away that clutter, and you have excellent phones.

It's a bummer that you can't get the simplified phones through regular channels. You can get them only through Google's online Play store — for hundreds of dollars more.

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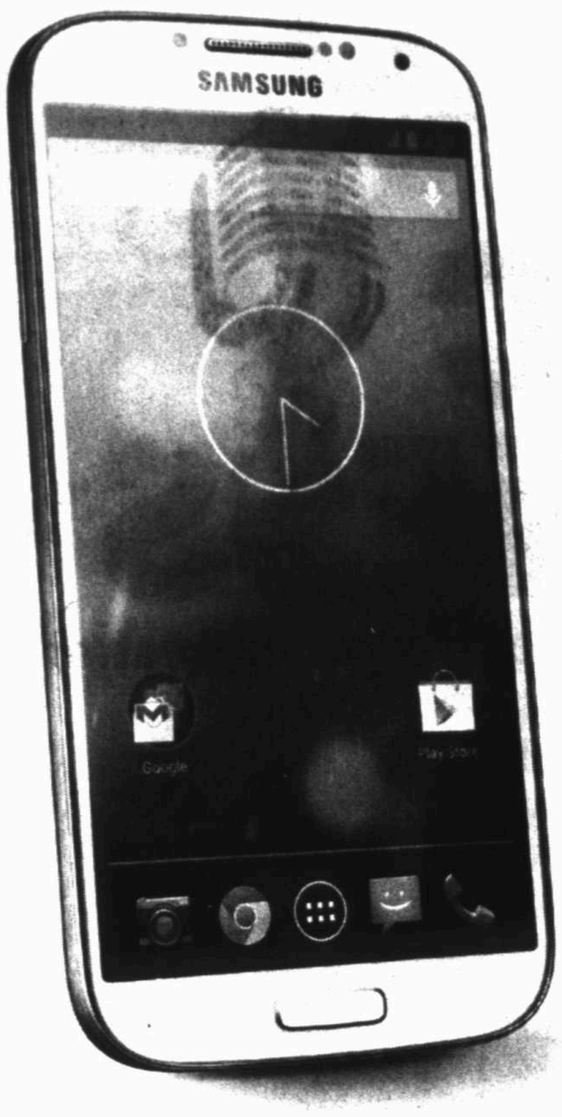

About Google phones

The new phones are existing Samsung and HTC phones loaded with Google's version of the Android operating system. That's the version that Google makes, before phone makers and phone carriers load Android up with their own features and apps.

These phones are good options for those who don't like all the bells and whistles in the original models. They are cleaner and easier to use. But they are also more expensive, as you have to pay full price through Google's online Play store rather than a subsidized price that wireless carriers offer with two-year agreements.

These phones aren't compatible with Verizon's or Sprint's CDMA networks. If you're on AT&T, you'll be paying more for the phone without any reduction in monthly phone bills. If you're on T-Mobile, though, expect to save $20 a month, or $480 over two years. You're still paying about $70 more overall for Google's S4 and $20 more for Google's One, but it's not the hundreds of dollars you'd be paying on AT&T.

The one-time, upfront cost is $649 for Google's S4 with 16 gigabytes of storage and $599 for the One with 32 gigabytes. Both phones are available in the U.S. only through Google's online Play store, with shipments expected by Tuesday.

Developers believe apps can change behavior and fitness

Omar L. Gallaga
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — It started with a book published last year, "The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business" by New York Times writer Charles Duhigg.

After reading it, Jason Bornhorst, a mobile product developer who'd worked on the travel app "FlightTrack," became obsessed with the ways in which we can improve ourselves by recognizing how and why our habits develop.

"I was struck with how perfect mobile is as a medium for engineering habit changes and new customer lifestyle changes," Bornhorst said. "That's kind of what started me down this path."

That path was partnering with Colin Anawaty, a designer and consultant who also had mobile app experience, to start a company called Filament Labs. With help from a few contractors and freelance writers, the two created "HabitSpark," launched in May on Apple's App Store. Though there are complex ideas about behavior, motivation and rewards behind the app, it's meant to be as simple as possible: Users are encouraged to pair a habit they already have with a baby step toward a healthier habit "so small the user cannot fail," as Bornhorst describes it. Watching TV every night at 7 p.m. or turning off the alarm clock in the morning, for instance, could prompt the app to remind you to put on running shoes or perform two push-ups.

Since its launch, the name of the app was changed to "HealthSpark" to better reflect the larger ambitions of Anawaty and Bornhorst. They see the app as one piece of a platform they're building to guide people to take first steps toward being healthier and happier.

"Our goal is not necessarily this app, but we've learned so much from people using it for a few weeks," Anawaty said.

Anawaty and Bornhorst say they've been talking to Central Texas hospitals about partnerships for "HealthSpark," but the company got a big break when its app caught the attention of health care giant Aetna Inc. Aetna was in the process of putting together a portal to recommend apps on a new wellness website, CarePass, when it met with Filament Labs at South by Southwest Interactive in March. "HealthSpark" is now one of about 30 apps featured on CarePass, which launched a week ago. Though CarePass is open to all, Aetna members have the option of sharing some of their health data with these apps and tracking it on CarePass to better monitor their activity, nutrition, sleep patterns and more.

CarePass seems to be harnessing several trends in tech: the popularity of mobile fitness apps, the ubiquity of smartphones and the availability of sensor-based technology like the Nike FuelBand and Fitbit, wearable activity trackers that also work with CarePass.

Martha Wofford, vice president and head of consumer platform at Aetna, said the goal for CarePass is to help people pull fitness and health information from a variety of sources and collect it in one place. But, more importantly, she hopes it will prompt healthier behavior.

"We're really focused on how we make this visually compelling for individuals and how we give them incentives to stick with it because we know it's hard to get started," Wofford said.

Wofford said that with tens of thousands of health-related apps out there, CarePass is narrowing them down and spotlighting the best for customers who want more tools to improve and manage their health. "Many of these apps make that easier," she said. "We feel it's incumbent on us to bring as broad an array of tools as possible."

Another app featured on CarePass is from Austin's MapMyFitness, which offers activity-tracking tools such as "MapMyRun." The "MapMyFitness" app is growing at a rate of about 30,000 to 40,000 new users a day.

Like Filament Labs, MapMyFitness is focused on trying to encourage healthier behaviors and long-term fitness habits among its users without the inevitable New Year's resolution effect of diminishing returns and February blues. Callahan says that over seven years, the company has learned a lot about using a mix of incentives like cash or travel prizes, regular notifications, fun goals and competitive contests like an annual Tour de France-inspired contest called the Le Tour Challenge, to keep customers happy.

"For me, personally, I go through an ebb and flow," Callahan said. "I go between goal-based routines, but then I get bored with that and want to do incentive-based challenges."

Callahan says that not all users want the same thing, so offering a variety of approaches has been key to the company's success.

"Your goal may be to be active. Or your goal may be to lose weight or just to be happy. People want to be more active and they want control over their own destiny. If you're happy and feel rewarded doing something, that's where you start developing these habits," Callahan said.

Both MapMyFitness and Filament Labs are benefiting from evolving technologies like GPS, cheaper wireless sensors and ever-improving phones and fitness devices making it easier to track what people are doing and to translate that into data that can be viewed or shared. A big part of what makes CarePass different from other health portals is that it's allowing users to combine data from different sources and even mash it up with existing health data from a health provider.

While not everyone will want what Callahan describes as the "fire hose" of big data about themselves, he believes that healthy habits can be formed when information is presented in a useful way. "We're giving people the story of their life. How can we present the data in a way where it's easily understandable?" Callahan asked.

Sharing data is also a motivator, Callahan said. Having a group of friends to compare runs with socially or being held accountable in the court of Facebook opinion can be more motivating than going it alone, he said.

For Filament Labs, Anawaty said, the data collected by an app like "HealthSpark" could direct someone to graduate to a real-world program like Weight Watchers or spur them to use a fitness coach, which some health plans offer as part of health coverage. But first, it's important to start small.

"Most people tend to set expectations too high. Then, as they age, they have these feelings of failure all the time. We're trying to change that mindset to get people to think positively," Anawaty said.

"Showing millions of people how to take the first step ... if you make it really easy, that's a powerful way of making change," Bornhorst added.

What can be done with old VHS tapes?

Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Ginger, a reader, asks, "What can be done with old VHS videotapes? I have between 75-100 old movies from when my son was young. ... Donating to a charity doesn't seem to be appropriate since VHS players are not being made and are not popular. I don't really want to transfer all these to DVDs, but I also hate to just throw them away. Any suggestions?"

Even though it may seem like video cassettes are far in the rear-view mirror, some people still collect them and some places with large movie collections never made the transition to DVD, a format that itself seems to be fading in favor of online streaming.

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas still accepts tapes as donations. VHS movies can be resold at Goodwill stores. Blank VHS tapes can be recycled. You really shouldn't throw VHS tapes in the trash. Recycling services like GreenDisk (greendisk.com) can do the eco-friendly thing for you for a fee, starting at around $10 if you ship the tapes yourself.

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TVPICKS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

By Dale Roe
Austin American-Statesman

Normally, new series premieres from NBC and FX would get top billing here. But normally, there's not a little something called "Sharknado" premiering on — you guessed it — Syfy. Here's what caught my eye on this week's television schedule:

SUNDAY:

"Sunday Best" 7 p.m., BET: It's "American Idol" for church choirs and it's back for a sixth season. Hallelujah!

"Masterpiece Mystery!" 8 p.m., PBS: The Inspector Morse prequel "Endeavour" kicks off tonight.

"Food Court Wars" 9 p.m., Food Network: "I'm just a po' boy; nobody loves me." Or maybe they do. Find out in the premiere of this new reality series.

MONDAY:

"Get Out Alive with Bear Grylls" 8 p.m., NBC: While Jeff Probst sits in his trailer watching his big-screen TV and sipping champagne between "Survivor" elimination ceremonies, Grylls — the real deal — actually toughs it out with contestants in the New Zealand wild.

TUESDAY:

"Betty White's Off Their Rockers" 7:30 p.m., NBC: Betty's old "Mary Tyler Moore Show" co-star Ed Asner guests in the second-season finale. I hope the seniors aren't too spunky — Asner hates spunk.

"Drunk History" 9 p.m., Comedy Central: Bob Odenkirk's Nixon meets Jack Black's Elvis in the television premiere of this series that finds celebrities re-enacting historical moments as recounted by narrators who are completely wasted on booze.

"The Jeselnik Offensive" 9:30 p.m., Comedy Central: Comic Jim Norton and Jeselnik ex-Amy Schumer are guests on tonight's second-season premiere.

WEDNESDAY:

"The Bridge" 9 p.m., FX: U.S. and Mexican detectives must work together to solve border murders in this new FX thriller.

"Camp" 9 p.m. NBC: What is honest-to-Pete good actress Rachel Griffiths doing in an NBC summer series playing the head of Little Otter Family Camp? I've gotta say slumming.

THURSDAY:

"Sharknado" 8 p.m., Syfy: Remember that old, old "Saturday Night Live" land shark bit? That's basically the plot of this film, which finds the ocean-dwelling killing machines dropped into L.A. during a freak storm. It makes the phrase "raining cats and dogs" sound a whole lot nicer, doesn't it?

FRIDAY:

"Comedy Bang! Bang!" 9 p.m., IFC: Former "SNL" star Andy Samberg guests on the Season 2 premiere.

SATURDAY:

"Wanda Sykes Presents Herlarious" 9 p.m., OWN: Sitcom veteran Sykes hosts an hourlong stand-up special from Oprah's old Chicago studios.

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This image provided by Heritage Auctions on July 2 shows the original art drawn by writer/artist Frank Miller for the cover to "The Dark Knight Returns" No. 2, which is planned to be sold at auction in August. It's the first cover from DC Comics' 1986 four-issue "Dark Knight" miniseries to be sold and is expected to go for more than $500,000.

AP Photo

'The Bridge' connects murder and immigration

By Rich Heldenfels
Akron Beacon Journal

"The Bridge" is not a tidy little connection between two points, or even two sides of a story. It stretches and bends, bringing in new characters before you've gotten to know the older ones, spreading its narrative from police offices and grimy streets to dry stretches of land along the border between Mexico and the United States. Not even the body that begins its story is simple.

Premiering at 9 p.m. Wednesday on FX, the series follows the investigation of that body, left at the midpoint of a bridge between Juarez and El Paso, with part of it resting in the United States and part in Mexico — bringing in law enforcement from both sides. From Mexico comes detective Marco Ruiz (Demian Bichir), an honorable man trying to keep his job (and his life) while working among the cartels and their corrupt associates, some of whom are his co-workers. From the U.S. is Sonya Cross (Diane Kruger), an El Paso detective whose personal challenges include having Asperger's syndrome. Each has rules, though not the same ones.

And they are part of a larger world that includes, among others, Ruiz's wife Alma (Catalina Sandino Moreno); Cross' boss Hank Wade (Ted Levine); Charlotte Millright (Annabeth Gish), a wealthy ranch wife who is suddenly widowed when her husband suffers a heart attack while on the Mexican side of the border; Daniel Frye (Matthew Lillard), a nasty and troubled newspaper reporter (is there any other kind?) who is drawn into coverage of the case, and others who seem to have interests in the outcome of the investigation.

All of that adds to the pushing and pulling of the central characters. But there are also points at which they step aside to reveal more about the supporting players: Frye's approach to the case, for example, or how Millright is seen by her wealthy neighbors. There's more than a little of "Traffic" at work here, although that film (and the miniseries that inspired it) moved more certainly forward. "The Bridge" can at times be very good; Bichir, a best-actor Oscar nominee for "A Better Life," is especially effective. It is also strong when it comes to the desperation of life along the border.

But "The Bridge" loves complexity too much, in the layers of Cross' personality and in the variety of characters and stories it tries to juggle. Still, I was drawn into it, and well into the third episode still wanted to see where "The Bridge" was going.

'Dark Knight Returns' No. 2 cover to be auctioned

By Matt Moore
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — It is the comic book cover that captured the grim visage of an older, wiser — and meaner — Batman.

Now, the 1986 pen and ink creation — drawn by writer/artist Frank Miller — that is the cover to "The Dark Knight Returns" No. 2 will be sold next month in Dallas by Heritage Auctions.

It's the first cover from DC Comics' 1986 four-issue "Dark Knight" miniseries to be sold and is expected to go for more than $500,000.

Miller's story "radically altered the direction of comics," said Todd Hignite, Heritage's vice president.

"For fans of modern comics, this drawing is where everything really begins," he said. "This moment defines Miller's Dark Knight, and the modern day perception of Batman, like no other drawing."

The only cover Hignite says might come close is the next in the series — with Batman and Robin — that was auctioned two years ago for nearly $450,000.

"It represents not only one of the most memorable images from the 1980s, but from Batman's entire illustrious history," Hignite said. "Miller's revolutionary Dark Knight radically altered the direction of comics with its prestige miniseries format, combined with the fact that it was one of the first modern mainstream features to put a gritty noir patina on the squeaky-clean Silver Age hero mythos previously exemplified by DC."

Also up for sale is a 9.2-graded copy of "Batman" No. 1 from 1940, that shows Batman and Robin swinging in front of a Gotham city skyline. It's being auctioned on behalf of Tadano America Corp. A similar copy sold for $850,000 in 2012.

"By any measure this is one of the most desirable comic books in existence," said Barry Sandoval, director of operations for comics and comic art category at Heritage. "There are just a few comics ahead of this on the ultimate comics list, but it's close when you see just how fantastic the shape of this book is."

The record price for a comic book remains "Action Comics" No. 1, which sold for $2.16 million in 2011. That featured Superman's first appearance.

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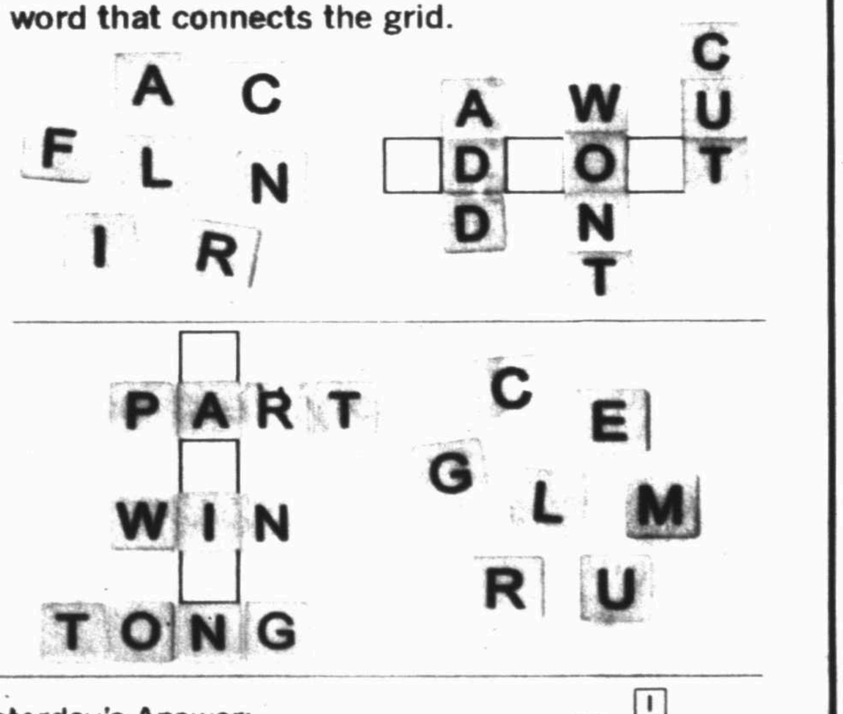

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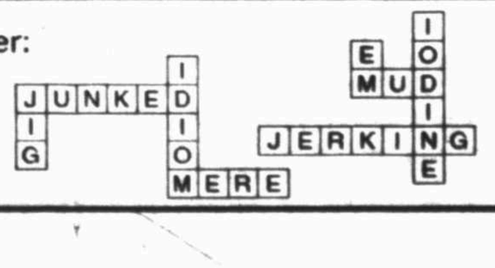

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A trader studies his computer screen Wednesday on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York. While companies have been lowering expectations for weeks, Wall Street analysts predict earnings for companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index to increase 3 percent from a year earlier, according to a survey by S&P Capital IQ.

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Gloomy 2Q earnings outlook might not be so dim

By Scott Mayerowitz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For Corporate America, it's the season of low expectations.

Companies have been scaling back their earnings forecasts for weeks as part of a quarterly cat-and-mouse game with financial analysts. It's not OK just to report a strong second-quarter profit — they also need to beat analysts' forecasts. And companies are eager to do just that.

Earnings season gets started Monday, when aluminum giant Alcoa Inc. reports results after the stock market close.

Wall Street analysts now predict that earnings for companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 rose 3 percent in the second quarter compared with a year earlier, according to a survey by S&P Capital IQ. But as recently as April 1, they thought earnings would rise nearly 7 percent. At the start of the year; they forecast a 9 percent increase. Companies that provide raw materials and technology firms are expected to drag down growth.

Another reason for the drop? Eighty seven of the 111 S&P 500 companies that offered guidance were negative.

"You really have to take it with a grain of salt," said Christine Short, associate director at S&P Capital IQ. Last quarter, she said, 65 percent of companies beat financial analysts' estimates.

Quarterly growth over the past 15 years has averaged 8 percent. In the last eight quarters, analysts' estimates have underplayed growth by about 4 percentage points, according to Short. That would mean earnings in the second quarter just ended are more likely to rise around 7 percent.

There are plenty of areas that could help lift corporate profits. Americans' confidence is up and they are willing to spend again. The housing market rebound is also expected to push up earnings of home construction companies such as DR Horton Inc., Lennar Corp. and PulteGroup Inc. The consumer discretionary sector, which includes retailers like Target Corp., entertainment companies like Walt Disney Co. and the homebuilders, is expected to see growth of 12 percent.

The financial sector is also expected to see a jump, with 16 percent growth from a year earlier.

An aggregate of the S&P 500's earnings per share is estimated at $26.41, up from $25.67 reported in the second quarter last year. That would be the second-highest quarterly earnings, only topped by the all-time high of $26.71 during this year's first quarter.

Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst with S&P Dow Jones Indices, said the earnings should propel the S&P 500 index past its record close of 1,669.16 on May 21.

"The guidance has been negative, but not as much as historically," Silverblatt said.

Still, there are concerns. Short points out that earnings are only part of the picture. She's scrutinizing revenue growth, which is predicted to slow by 0.3 percent from last year's second quarter. If that holds true, it would be the first revenue slowdown since the third quarter of 2009, just after the recession ended

"Companies have gotten very good at managing costs — which is of course important — but it's unsustainable," Short said. "At some point you need to grow that top line."

Profits at mining and other companies that provide gold, aluminum and similar products are expected to slow because of lower commodity prices. Growth for their profits is expected to pull back by 4 percent.

The technology sector isn't looking promising either. Personal computer sales have slumped, hurting Dell Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co. But the real drag is Apple Inc. The company isn't launching any new products and is expected to earn $7.37 a share, down from $9.32 last year, according to FactSet. Apple accounts for about 15 percent of the sector's weight, so its earnings drop brings down the entire group. Growth in IT earnings will slow by 5 percent.

Same-sex ruling has employers tweaking benefits

By Sam Hananel
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's landmark ruling on same-sex marriage has private employers around the country scrambling to make sure their employee benefit plans comply with the law.

The impact of the decision striking down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act is clear in the 13 states and the District of Columbia where gay marriage is currently legal or soon will be: Same-sex married couples must be treated the same as other spouses under federal laws governing tax, health care, pensions and other federal benefits.

But employee benefit experts say the effect of the ruling remains murky in the other 37 states. The court left intact another provision of the federal anti-gay marriage law that allows one state not to recognize a same-sex marriage performed elsewhere.

"What's the federal government going to do when you have a valid marriage in New York and the couple moves to Texas? We don't know the answer to that," said Scott Macey, president of the ERISA Industry Committee that represents large employers.

The confusion is creating uncertainty for many companies that operate nationwide and want to administer benefit plans in a uniform manner.

"My members are all across the country," Macey said. "Most, if not all of them, would prefer to have a consistent rule across the country. They don't want to worry about changing things from state to state."

For workers living in states that have legalized same-sex marriage, the Supreme Court's decision means gay spouses are entitled to a host of benefits they were denied previously. The decision extends pension and Social Security survivor benefits to same-sex spouses, grants equal access to the Family and Medical Leave Act and gives employees married to same-sex spouses the guarantee of uninterrupted health care coverage under the federal COBRA health benefits program.

Same-sex couples can also get the same tax break on health coverage that other couples have been receiving. Before the court's ruling, same-sex spouses covered by employer health plans had to pay taxes on the benefits they received, which on average added up to an extra $1,000 year. And employees now will be able to seek reimbursement from flexible health spending accounts for the medical expenses of gay spouses.

"This affects a thousand laws and regulations that touch employee benefits," said Bruce Elliott, manager of compensation and benefits at the Society for Human Resource Management, an industry association.

But many questions were left unanswered by the court. What happens if an employee lives in Maryland, which allows same-sex marriages, but works in neighboring Virginia, which doesn't? What happens to an employee who has a valid gay marriage in Iowa, but then moves to Alabama, which doesn't recognize same-sex marriages?

"It answers one question and raised many more," said Susan Hoffman, a Philadelphia attorney who focuses on employee benefits. "There may be pressures on the employer, but there is no legal mandate."

About 62 percent of Fortune 500 companies already offer same-sex domestic partner health benefits, according to the gay advocacy group Human Rights Campaign. More of those companies, and perhaps smaller firms, could decide to extend those benefits in light of the court's decision.

Hoffman said the legal ambiguities will have to be resolved in future court decisions as gay couples seek to protect their benefits in states that don't recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states.

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Murray makes history with Wimbledon win

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

LONDON — From the lawns of Wimbledon to the lochs of Scotland, all of Britain can celebrate.

Andy Murray made it possible Sunday, winning his country's hallowed tennis tournament to become the first British man in 77 years to raise the trophy at the All England Club.

Yes, this was history, and Murray's 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 victory over top-seeded Novak Djokovic was a fitting close to nearly eight decades of British frustration in its own backyard: A straight-setter, yes, but a hard-fought, 3-hour, 9-minute affair filled with long, punishing rallies and a final game that may have felt like another 77 years, with Murray squandering three match points before finally putting it away after four deuces.

Certainly, the endgame must have felt like torture to the 15,000 watching on Centre Court, the thousands more watching on a big-screen TV on the grounds and, of course, the millions of British watching on TV.

"Imagine playing it," Murray said in his on-court interview.

But he closed it out on this cloudless, 80-degree day on tennis' most famous court. He put his name beside that of Fred Perry, the last British man to win Wimbledon, back in 1936.

Those words don't have to be written again.

"He's someone that I've obviously never met but is quite relevant in my career really," Murray said.

The second-seeded Murray beat the best in Djokovic — top-ranked and a six-time Grand Slam tournament winner known for both a mental and physical fitness built to handle what he faced Sunday: A crowd full of overheated partisans rooting against him, to say nothing of Murray himself.

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Anja Niedringhaus/AP

Andy Murray, left, holds his championship trophy after he won the Wimbledon men's single final on Sunday against Novak Djokovic, left. Murray becaues the first native of Great Britain to win the tournament in 77 years.

SHORT RETIREMENT

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Former major league pitcher Mike Hampton, who is now the pitching coach for the Arkansas Travelers, looks on during Saturday night's game against the Midland RockHounds at Citibank Ballpark.

Hampton returns to the game he loves as a pitching coach 19 months after his retirement as a player

By Jordan Mason
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After 16 years in Major League Baseball, and 20 as a professional baseball player, Mike Hampton spent all of 19 months retired from the game of baseball.

And for him, even that was a long time.

But now the 2000 NLCS Most Valuable Player is back in the game he loves, not long after his critics derided him for not leaving it earlier.

"I've pretty much been in a locker room since middle school," said Hampton, the first-year pitching coach for the Arkansas Travelers, "it's just that clubhouse atmosphere, the camaraderie that you build when you play with players, and now with the coaching staff and with these young players, and trying to pass on the knowledge that I've learned through my time in the game.

"It's what I do. I'm a baseball player. If I'm not coaching, it'd have to be something involved in sports or the game."

Since being selected by the Seattle Mariners in the sixth round of the 1990 MLB Draft, Hampton has experienced the pinnacle of his sport since opting to go professional right out of high school in tiny Brooksville, Fla. (population: approximately 20,000).

Hampton was traded to the Houston Astros after his first major league season and became a starter in his second season in Houston in 1995.

Four years later, he had his best season as a pro, going 22-4 with a 2.90 ERA and finishing second to Randy Johnson in the NL Cy Young Award voting.

The following year he was dealt to the New York Mets, where he allowed no earned runs in a postseason that ended with Hampton pitching a complete game shutout of the St. Louis Cardinals to send the Mets to their first World Series since 1986. It was his favorite moment in a 16-year career.

"Not only for that moment," Hampton said, "but for the Mets, in New York, the whole Big Apple, for that city, all the Mets fans, what it meant for them and me being the guy standing on the mound when the last out was made to go to the World Series that was probably the highlight."

But that was his only season with the Mets, and what followed was the catalyst for the criticism that Hampton now openly embraces.

It began with him signing what, at the time, was the largest contract in sports history for eight

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Travelers put 'Hounds away early

Travelers **10**
RockHounds 0

By Jordan Mason
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A night after rallying to win in extra innings, the Arkansas Travelers ensured there'd be no late-game drama Sunday.

First baseman C.J. Cron busted the game open with a three-run blast to left in the top of the fifth as the Travelers coasted to an 10-0 win against the Midland RockHounds at Citibank Ballpark.

Cron

Montanez

"Any time you win a game in extra innings and you score three in the tenth, it's huge momentum," Cron said of Saturday's win. "Today, we came out, didn't score the first two innings, put good swings on some balls early and then ever since then it was pretty much we were scoring, it seemed like, every inning."

A game that began with a great defensive play — as centerfielder Chad Oberacker robbed Taylor Lindsey of an extra-base hit with a diving catch at the warning track — began spiraling out of control on an error that allowed Rolando Gomez to score the first run of the game in the third.

The two-out error was compounded on the next pitch when Luis Montanez punched an RBI single into right for a 2-0 lead.

Montanez was at it again in the top of the fifth, when he hit his second RBI single of the game, which followed a solo home run by Robbie Widlansky in the fourth to put the Travelers up 4-0.

After a coaching visit to the mound, Cron landed the biggest blow of the game with a three-run shot off Zach Neal. He finished the night with five RBI, going 2 for 5 at the plate.

Missed opportunities hurt Midland for the second straight game on Sunday as

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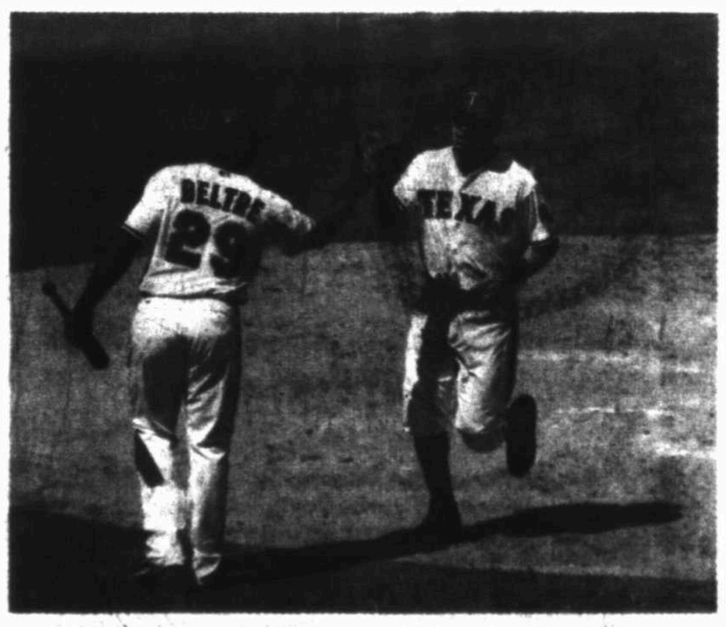

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Texas' Adrian Beltre congratulates Ian Kinsler, right, who scored on a single by Nelson Cruz in the fifth inning of their game against the Astros on Sunday in Arlington.

Rangers bullpen holds lead in win over Astros

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

Rangers **5**
Astros 4

ARLINGTON — Joakim Soria pitched in the big leagues for the first time in nearly two years. Cory Burns started his day in the minors and ended it with his first win in the majors.

The Texas right-handers were two of five bright spots for a bullpen that bailed out rookie starter Justin Grimm on Sunday.

A.J. Pierzynski hit a three-run homer, and a quintet of relievers threw five shutout innings to make Nelson Cruz's go-ahead single stand up in the Rangers' 5-4 win over the Houston Astros.

"This bullpen deserves all the credit today," Pierzynski said.

Each reliever pitched a scoreless inning apiece, starting with Burns when he escaped a jam with runners on first and third and no outs in the fifth.

Soria came out for the sixth, followed by right-hander Jason Frasor and left-hander Neal Cotts, who got pinch-hitter Chris Carter on a called third strike with the tying run at third in the eighth.

Closer Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 29th save in 30 chances a day after making his sixth All-Star team and second in two seasons with Texas.

It was Soria's first big league appearance since Sept. 11, 2011, when the two-time All-Star with 160 career saves was the closer for the Kansas City Royals before getting shut down by elbow reconstruction surgery.

"I've been working really hard so it was no time to doubt myself or get nervous," Soria said. "Everything I've worked for is here now, and I'm just going to enjoy it."

He looked like he was, protecting a one-run lead by getting Carlos Corporan and Carlos Pena on grounders and rookie Marc Krauss on a flyout.

"He looked like he hadn't missed a day," said Pierzynski, the Texas catcher who watched the steady parade of relievers. "Most guys that haven't pitched in over a year are a little nervous, a little fidgety out there. He was like, 'Ho hum, another spring training game.'"

Please see **RANGERS**/2C

Ramirez gets hit in debut of his latest comeback

Associated Prss

ROUND ROCK — Manny Ramirez didn't waste any time getting in the swing of things in his latest bid to return to the big leagues.

The 41-year-old slugger hit the first pitch he saw for a single in his debut for Triple-A Round Rock on Sunday, three days after joining the Texas Rangers on a minor league contract.

Facing a top Kansas City pitching prospect in right-hander Yordano Ventura of Omaha, Ramirez hit a soft line drive to right field leading off the second but was stranded there. He grounded into a fielder's choice to end the third — again hitting the first pitch.

With the cheers growing louder for each at-bat, Ramirez struck out swinging on a 94 mph fastball from Ventura to end the fifth. He walked against reliever Michael Mariot in the eighth and was taken out for a pinch-runner.

"The future is greater than the past," Ramirez said after the game.

A kinder, gentler Ramirez says he feels no pressure and has no time-line two years after his last appearance in the majors with Tampa Bay.

The 12-time All-Star who once forced his way out of Boston and twice was suspended for testing positive for banned drugs said before the game he was "so happy to get a chance to play the game I love."

"We all do a lot of things when we are young, but if you can make it through the fire, you are changed, made better and ready for anything else," said Ramirez, who was sporting much shorter dreadlocks after getting them cut to conform with Texas' minor league rules.

He shaved the sides of his head because he says it makes him feel cooler in the Texas heat.

Ramirez retired rather than face a 100-game ban in his second suspension when he was with the Rays in April 2011. He served a 50-game ban for a positive drug test while with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2009.

The lifetime .312 hitter was in Los Angeles because he forced his way out of Boston, where he won two World Series. He didn't want the Red Sox to pick up the option on his contract so he could sign a more lucrative deal elsewhere.

While Ramirez is 14th on the career home run list with 555, he has just 28 since the start of 2009 because of injuries and the drug suspensions.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ANGELS 3 RED SOX 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jered Weaver combined with three relievers on a five-hitter and All-Star Mike Trout homered to the lead the Angels to their 10th win in 12 games.

Weaver (3-4) allowed five hits, struck out six and walked two in 6 2-3 innings. It was his first outing since becoming a father on Friday, when he named his first child Aden David Weaver in honor of his late teammate and friend Nick Adenhart.

ORIOLES 2 YANKEES 1

NEW YORK — Adam Jones hit a two-run homer off Mariano Rivera in the ninth inning and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Yankees 2-1 on Sunday, ending New York's longest winning streak of the season at six games.

A healthy Hiroki Kuroda pitched seven innings of three-hit ball for the Yankees, but they were unable to finish off a three-game sweep after Baltimore took all three games from them at Camden Yards last weekend.

RAYS 3 WHITE SOX 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — David Price went the distance to win his second straight start since returning from an injury, helping the Rays finish a three-game series sweep.

ATHLETICS 10 ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Josh Reddick homered and drove in four runs, and Jed Lowrie and Eric Sogard also went deep for Oakland.

BLUE JAYS 11 TWINS 5

TORONTO — Todd Redmond pitched one-hit ball over five innings for his first major league win and Toronto beat Minnesota for the 10th time in the last 13 meetings.

INDIANS 9 TIGERS 6

CLEVELAND — Michael Brantley's two-run homer in the eighth inning off Al Alburquerque helped Cleveland snap a seven-game skid against Detroit.

National League

NATIONALS 11 PADRES 7

WASHINGTON — Ryan Zimmerman hit a grand slam, Bryce Harper added three hits and two stolen bases, and the Washington Nationals sent the San Diego Padres to their ninth straight loss, 11-7 on Sunday.

PHILLIES 7 BRAVES 3

PHILADELPHIA — Freshly chosen All-Star Domonic Brown homered, tripled and drove in two runs, leading the Phillies over the Braves.

METS 2 BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jeremy Hefner allowed one run on two hits over seven innings and the Mets turned two throwing errors by Milwaukee third baseman Juan Francisco into a pair of unearned runs and a 2-1 victory over the Brewers.

CUBS 4 PIRATES 3, 11 INNINGS

CHICAGO — Pinch-hitter Dioner Navarro had a game-ending sacrifice fly in the 11th inning, lifting the Cubs to a victory over the Pirates that dropped Pittsburgh into a tie atop the NL Central.

DIAMONDBACKS 6 ROCKIES 1

PHOENIX — Patrick Corbin gave up three hits in eight innings to finally get his 10th victory and the Diamondbacks beat Colorado for their fifth straight win and a dominant three-game sweep of the Rockies.

CARDINALS 3 MARLINS 2

ST. LOUIS — Lance Lynn outpitched Marlins All-Star Jose Fernandez for his 11th win and Matt Holliday homered for the Cardinals in a victory that wrapped up a three-game sweep.

DODGERS 4 GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — A.J. Ellis hit a three-run double in the ninth inning, All-Star Clayton Kershaw made a third straight stellar start and the Dodgers handed San Francisco its 11th loss in 13 games.

Interleague

MARINERS 3, REDS 1

CINCINNATI — Joe Saunders pitched seven efficient innings and Nick Franklin and Justin Smoak each homered to lift the Seattle Mariners to a 3-1 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

MLBSTANDINGS&MORE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	54	36	.600	—
Baltimore	49	40	.551	4 1/2
Tampa Bay	49	40	.551	4 1/2
New York	48	40	.545	5
Toronto	43	45	.489	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	48	39	.552	—
Cleveland	46	42	.523	2 1/2
Kansas City	41	44	.482	6
Minnesota	37	48	.435	10
Chicago	34	51	.400	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	52	37	.584	—
Texas	51	37	.580	1/2
Los Angeles	43	45	.489	8 1/2
Seattle	39	49	.443	12 1/2
Houston	32	57	.360	20

Sunday's Scores

Baltimore 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 9, Detroit 6
Toronto 11, Minnesota 5
Seattle 3, Cincinnati 1
Tampa Bay 3, Chicago White Sox 1
Oakland 10, Kansas City 4
Texas 5, Houston 4
L.A. Angels 3, Boston 0

Today's Games

Detroit (Scherzer 13-0) at Cleveland (Kazmir 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Phiughes 4-7), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Colon 11-3) at Pittsburgh (Locke 8-1), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 6-4) at Baltimore (Feldman 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Deduno 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Ro. Hernandez 4-10), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Garza 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Lester 8-4) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 8-4), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	50	38	.568	—
Washington	46	42	.523	4
Philadelphia	43	46	.483	7 1/2
New York	37	48	.435	11 1/2
Miami	32	55	.368	17 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	53	34	.609	—
St. Louis	53	34	.609	—
Cincinnati	50	38	.568	3 1/2
Chicago	38	48	.442	14 1/2
Milwaukee	35	52	.402	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	47	41	.534	—
Los Angeles	42	45	.483	4 1/2
Colorado	42	47	.472	5 1/2
San Francisco	40	47	.460	6 1/2
San Diego	40	49	.449	7 1/2

Sunday's Scores

Seattle 3, Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 3
Washington 11, San Diego 7
N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 3, Miami 2
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 3, 11 innings
L.A. Dodgers 4, San Francisco 1
Arizona 6, Colorado 1

Today's Games

Oakland (Colon 11-3) at Pittsburgh (Locke 8-1), 6:05 p.m.
Washington (Haren 4-9) at Philadelphia (Lannan 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 9-4) at Miami (Slowey 3-6), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Garza 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (H.Bailey 5-6) at Milwaukee (Lohse 4-6), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 6-2) at Arizona (Delgado 1-2), 8:40 p.m.
Colorado (Chatwood 4-2) at San Diego (Volquez 6-6), 9:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 7-2) at San Francisco (Lincecum 4-9), 9:15 p.m.

SUNDAY'S AL WEST BOX SCORES

RANGERS 5, ASTROS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	Kinsler 2b	4	1	1	0
Wallac 1b	4	0	0	0	Andrus ss	2	1	1	0
Corpm c	4	1	1	0	N.Cruz rf	3	1	1	1
C.Pena dh	2	1	0	0	ABeltre dh	4	1	1	1
Carter ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Przyns c	4	1	1	3
Krauss lf	4	1	1	2	Prelsr 3b	3	0	0	0
JDMrtn rf	4	0	3	1	DvMrp lf	3	0	1	0
BBarns cf	3	1	1	0	Chinns 1b	3	0	0	0
JCastro ph	1	0	0	0	Morlnd 1b	0	0	0	0
MDmn 3b	3	0	1	0	LMartn cf	3	0	1	0
Elmore ss	2	0	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**Totals**	**29**	**5**	**7**	**5**
Houston					....020 110 000 — 4				
Texas					....301 010 00x — 5				

E—Altuve (8), Grimm (1), Profar (5). DP—Houston 2, Texas 2. LOB—Houston 3, Texas 5. HR—Krauss (1), A.Beltre (18), Pierzynski (8). SB—Altuve 2 (21). CS—B.Barnes (6), Elmore (2). Profar (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Bedard L,3-5	6 1-3	5	5	4	5	4
Clemens	2-3	2	0	0	0	1
W.Wright	1	0	0	0	0	2
Texas						
Grimm	4	6	4	3	2	2
Burns W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Soria	1	0	0	0	0	0
Frasor	1	1	0	0	0	2
Cotts	1	1	0	0	0	3
Nathan S,29-30	1	0	0	0	0	1

Grimm pitched to 3 batters in the 5th
WP—Grimm.
T—3:16. A—36,746 (48,114).

MARINERS 3, REDS 1

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
BMiller ss	4	0	0	0	Choo cf	4	0	1	0
Frnklin 2b	4	1	1	1	Cozart ss	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	3	1	1	0	Votto 1b	4	0	1	0
Ibanez lf	4	0	1	0	Phillips 2b	4	0	1	0
Smoak 1b	4	1	1	2	Bruce rf	4	0	0	0
EnChvz rf	4	0	1	0	Frazier 3b	4	1	1	0
Zunino c	4	0	0	0	Heisey lf	3	0	2	1
Ackley cf	4	0	1	0	Hanign c	3	0	0	0
JSnchs p	2	0	0	0	Arroyo p	2	0	0	0
Furush p	0	0	0	0	Simon p	0	0	0	0
Wthims p	0	0	0	0	DRonsn ph	1	0	0	0
					MPelrr p	0	0	0	0
					Chprnn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**Totals**	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**
Seattle					....102 000 000 — 3				
Cincinnati					....000 000 100 — 1				

E—J.Saunders (1). Arroyo (1). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Seattle 5, Cincinnati 5. 2B—Frazier (15). Heisey 2 (7). HR—Franklin (6), Smoak (7). S—J. Saunders.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
J.Saunders W,7-8	7	6	1	1	0	2
Furbush	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wilhelmsen S,18-23	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati						
Arroyo L,7-7	6	5	3	3	1	6
Simon	1	1	0	0	0	2
M.Parra	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chapman	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:33. A—32,669 (42,319).

ATHLETICS 10, ROYALS 4

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp dh	4	1	1	1	AGordn lf	3	1	2	1
Lowrie ss	5	1	3	2	Lough lf	1	0	0	0
Dnldsn 3b	4	0	2	0	MTeyed 2b	5	0	2	1
Cespds lf	5	1	2	0	Hosmer 1b	5	0	2	0
Moss 1b	5	0	1	0	BButler dh	5	0	0	0
Jaso c	2	2	1	0	L.Cain rf	5	1	1	0
DNorrs c	2	0	1	0	Mostks 3b	4	1	1	1
Reddick rf	5	2	2	4	Kottars c	2	1	1	1
C'bung cf	4	1	0	0	E.Johnsn ss	4	0	0	0
Sogard 2b	4	2	2	3	Dyson cf	4	0	1	0
Totals	**40**	**10**	**11**	**10**	**Totals**	**38**	**4**	**10**	**4**
Oakland					....052 001 200 — 10				
Kansas City					....010 012 000 — 4				

E—Sogard (4). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Oakland 7, Kansas City 10. 2B—Donaldson (23), Reddick (12), Sogard (13), Moustakas (12). HR—Lowrie (6), Reddick (4), Sogard (1), A.Gordon (9), Kottaras (4). SB—Cespedes (3), Jaso (2). CS—Moss (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Griffin W,7-6	5	5	2	2	1	4
Blevins	0	2	2	2	1	0
J.Chavez S,1-1	4	3	0	0	1	4
Kansas City						
Mendoza L,2-5	1 2-3	5	5	5	2	1
B.Chen	3 1-3	5	2	2	2	2
W.Smith	3	5	3	3	0	2
J.Gutierrez	1	0	0	0	0	0

Blevins pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
WP—Mendoza. PB—Kottaras.
T—3:16. A—17,804 (37,903).

ANGELS 3, RED SOX 0

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsbry cf	4	0	1	0	Shuck lf	3	0	1	0
Nava rf	4	0	1	0	Trumo 1b	0	0	0	1
Pedroia 2b	4	0	0	0	Trout cf	3	1	1	1
D.Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	Pujols dh	4	0	1	0
Napoli 1b	3	0	1	0	Hamlin rf	3	0	1	0
Carp lf	4	0	0	0	HKndrc 2b	4	0	0	0
Lvrnwy c	4	0	1	0	Callasp 3b	3	0	1	0
Holt 3b	2	0	1	0	Hawpe 1b	4	0	0	0
Iglesias ss	3	0	0	0	Cowgill lf	1	0	0	0
					Conger c	3	1	1	1
					Aybar ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	**32**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**Totals**	**29**	**3**	**7**	**3**
Boston					....000 000 000 — 0				
Los Angeles					....100 010 01x — 3				

E—Trumbo (5). DP—Boston 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Boston 7, Los Angeles 5. 2B—Ellsbury (20), Hamilton (17). 3B—Aybar (2). HR—Trout (15). Conger (6). SB—Shuck (3), Hamilton (3). CS—Callaspo (2). SF—Trumbo.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Lackey L,6-6	7	5	2	2	1	9
Tazawa	1-3	1	1	1	1	0
Aceves	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles						
Weaver W,3-4	6 2-3	5	0	0	2	6
D.De La Rosa	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
S.Downs	1	0	0	0	0	1
Frieri S,22-24	1	0	0	0	0	3

T—2:57. A—39,018 (45,483).

SUNDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ORIOLES 2, YANKEES 1

Baltimore .....000 000 002 —2 6 0
New York .....010 000 000 —1 6 0

Hammel, McFarland (6), Patton (8), O'Day (8), J.Johnson (9) and Wieters; Kuroda, D.Robertson (8), M.Rivera (9) and C.Stewart. W—O'Day 5-0. L—M.Rivera 1-2. Sv—J.Johnson (30). HRs—Baltimore, A.Jones (16).

INDIANS 9, TIGERS 6

Detroit .....100 000 230 —6 13 0
Cleveland .....410 001 03x —9 8 0

Fister, E.Reed (7), Alburquerque (8), Putkonen (8) and Avila; Kluber, J.Smith (7), Pestano (8), Allen (8), C.Perez (9) and C.Santana. W—Allen 4-1. L—Alburquerque 1-2. Sv—C.Perez (9). HRs—Detroit, Mi.Cabrera (28), Tor.Hunter (6). Cleveland, C.Santana (11), Chisenhall (5), Brantley 2 (7).

BLUE JAYS 11, TWINS 5

Minnesota .....000 021 020 —5 5 0
Toronto .....000 241 40x —11 13 2

Diamond, Swarzak (5), Roenicke (6), Duensing (7), Fien (8) and Doumit; Redmond, Loup (6), McGowan (7), Cecil (8), Wagner (8), Janssen (9) and Arencibia. W—Redmond 1-1. L—Diamond 5-8. HRs—Minnesota, Hicks (7), Plouffe (9). Toronto, Col.Rasmus (16), Reyes (4), R.Davis (2).

TRAVELERS 10, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Grichuk cf	5	3	3	1	Crumbliss rf	4	0	1	0
Lindsey 2b	5	2	2	0	Myers lf	1	0	0	0
Montanez rf	5	1	3	2	Coleman 2b	2	0	1	1
Cron 1b	5	1	2	5	Aliotti 1b	4	0	1	0
Cowart 3b	5	0	0	0	Goebbert dh	4	0	0	0
Withrspoon lf	4	0	0	0	Oberacker cf	3	0	1	0
Widlansky dh	4	1	1	1	Ladendorf 2b-lf	3	0	1	0
Ramirez c	3	1	1	0	Martir 3b	4	0	0	0
Gomez ss	3	1	0	0	Taylor c	4	0	0	0
					Perez ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**39**	**10**	**12**	**9**	**Totals**	**32**	**0**	**5**	**0**
Arkansas					....002 140 003 —10				
Midland					....000 000 000 —0				

E — Crumbliss 2 (5), Gomez (12). 2B — Coleman (19), Aliotti (27). HR — Widlansky (5), Cron (8). SB — Ramirez (1), Crumbliss (7).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	12	5	.706	—
Northwest Arkansas	9	8	.529	3
Springfield	8	9	.471	4
x-Tulsa	7	10	.412	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	10	7	.588	—
x-Corpus Christi	8	9	.471	2
Frisco	7	10	.412	3
Midland	7	10	.412	3

x-clinched first half

Sunday's Scores

Arkansas 10, Midland 0
Northwest Arkansas 7, Frisco 5
San Antonio 9, Springfield 7
Corpus Christi 5, Tulsa 0

Today's Games

Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Springfield, 7:00 p.m.

Arkansas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cisco	2.0	3	0	0	0	2
Maronde W, 2-2	3.0	1	0	0	0	5
Ramirez	2.0	1	0	0	2	0
Giardina	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
Graham	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Midland						
Neal L, 5-8	5.0	7	7	5	2	5
Vidal	3.0	0	0	0	0	3
Brown	1.0	5	3	3	0	0

WP — Ramirez.
T — 2:48. A — 3,358.

TRAVS

From 1C

the RockHounds left eight runners on base and were 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position.

After winning two straight, Midland has now lost two straight and will look to avoid a series sweep in the finale at 6:30 p.m. today at Citibank Ballpark.

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HAMPTON

From 1C

years and $121 million with the Colorado Rockies.

The Rockies were hoping for Hampton to lead the pitching staff in the notoriously unfriendly pitchers' confines at Coors Field.

Instead, Hampton went 21-28 in two years in Denver, begetting even louder criticism for his historic contract.

But Hampton doesn't shy from it.

"I was disappointed with my production there, and I'd always owned up to it, and I pretty much told them I didn't hold up my end of the bargain," he said. "I was signed there to anchor a staff and pitch well, and I really didn't do that.

"I never really looked too much into criticism — hell, I criticize myself. It was warranted."

Yet after being traded to the Florida Marlins and then, two days later, the Atlanta Braves in 2002, Hampton returned to his winning ways before he was met with a new wave of criticism — one of which he isn't very fond.

Hampton had Tommy John surgery in 2005, which caused him to miss the entire 2006 season.

It was the start of an injury-riddled end to his career, which, when it happened in 2011 was met with sarcastic headlines like "Lefthander Mike Hampton retires -- finally" in USA Today.

"That criticism probably was the most hurtful," Hampton said, "just from the fact that people didn't see how I prepared and the things I did behind the scenes to be healthy, be successful. There's nothing worse for an athlete than not being on the field, doing what he loves to do."

But for Hampton, the opinions of outsiders were never the most important to him anyway.

"I know every teammate that I've ever had, they know what I'm all about, and that's what's most important to me," Hampton said, "knowing I was a good teammate, knowing I was a guy that worked hard, knowing that every time I took the ball and every time I was on the mound, I was a guy that was going to give everything I had."

Hampton may have a point, as his oft-ridiculed time in Colorado actually led to his position today.

In Colorado, Hampton, now 40 years old, played with current Los Angeles Angels general manager Jerry Dipoto, who he remains friends with today and called up when he wanted to get back in the game.

Hampton was plugged right into the pitching coach opening at Double-A Arkansas in 2012, and is already enjoying the position, teaching pitchers to have confidence in their stuff and bonding with players by harkening back to his days as one of the best hitting pitchers in baseball.

"We take BP and stuff, they'll make sure I hit in the groups and stuff like that, so I can relive my glory days," Hampton said with a laugh. "That's fun, I like to stay active, I like to be a part of these guys, I like to get out and throw with them and run around with them and do some stuff, and obviously, I want to be a guy that they can come to when something's wrong not only on the field but off the field as well."

And so now, Hampton begins his coaching career with the same aspirations he had in his playing career — to one day reach the majors.

And there, he hopes to have the opportunity he was infamously granted in Colorado. Only this time, Hampton is looking to head a pitching staff from the dugout rather than the mound.

"That's the ultimate goal," Hampton said, "help these guys get there, and hopefully open some eyes around the game and then they'll trust me to lead a pitching staff somewhere."

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

NATIONALS 11, PADRES 7

San Diego .....001 201 210 —7 12 2
Washington .....106 040 00x—11 11 1

Erlin, T.Ross (5), Thayer (7), Vincent (8) and Hundley; Strasburg, Stammen (7), Storen (8), Clippard (9) and W.Ramos. W—Strasburg 5-6. L—Erlin 1-2. HRs—San Diego, Amarista (5). Washington, Zimmerman (10), Rendon (3).

PHILLIES 7, BRAVES 3

Atlanta .....000 010 200 —3 10 1
Philadelphia .....200 212 00x —7 10 0

Medlen, A.Wood (6), Ayala (7), D.Carpenter (8) and McCann; Pettibone, Diekman (6), De Fratus (6), J.Ramirez (7), Bastardo (7), Papelbon (9) and Ruiz. W—Pettibone 5-3. L—Medlen 6-8. HRs—Atlanta, C.Johnson (6). Philadelphia, D.Brown (23).

LOCAL NOTE: Laynce Nix entered as a pinch hitter in the 8th inning and was 0 for 1.

METS 2, BREWERS 1

New York .....000 101 000 —2 11 0
Milwaukee .....000 000 100 —1 3 2

Hefner, Edgin (8), Parnell (8) and Recker; Gorzelanny, Mic.Gonzalez (7), Kintzler (7), Axford (9) and Lucroy. W—Hefner 4-6. L—Gorzelanny 1-2. Sv—Parnell (15). HRs—Milwaukee, Lucroy (10).

CARDINALS 3, MARLINS 2

Miami .....010 100 000 —2 9 0
St. Louis .....102 000 00x —3 6 0

Fernandez, Da.Jennings (7), Webb (8) and Mathis; Lynn, Rosenthal (8), Mujica (9) and T.Cruz. W—Lynn 11-3. L—Fernandez 5-5. Sv—Mujica (23). HRs—St. Louis, Holliday (12).

CUBS 4, PIRATES 3, 11 INNINGS

Pittsburgh .....000 110 00100 —3 9 2
Chicago .....002 000 10001 —4 8 1

A.J.Burnett, Watson (6), Mazzaro (8), Melancon (9), Morris (10) and R.Martin; Villanueva, H.Rondon (5), Strop (6), Russell (8), B.Parker (8), Gregg (9), Guerrier (10) and Castillo. W—Guerrier 3-4. L—Morris 4-3. HRs—Pittsburgh, S.Marte (9). Chicago, Hairston (8).

DODGERS 4, GIANTS 1

Los Angeles .....010 000 003 —4 7 0
San Francisco .....001 000 000 —1 4 1

Kershaw, Jansen (9) and A.Ellis; Gaudin, S.Rosario (8), J.Lopez (8), Romo (9), Dunning (9) and Quiroz. W—Kershaw 8-5. L—Romo 3-4. Sv—Jansen (9).

DIAMONDBACKS 6, ROCKIES 1

Colorado .....000 000 010 —1 3 0
Arizona .....013 011 00x —6 11 0

Oswalt, Escalona (2), Outman (5), Belisle (7), Brothers (8) and W.Rosario; Corbin, Collmenter (9) and M.Montero. W—Corbin 10-1. L—Oswalt 0-4. HRs—Colorado, J.Herrera (1).

SATURDAY'S LATE LINESCORES

ANGELS 3, RED SOX 2, 11 INNINGS

Boston .....110 301 01000 —7 12 2
Los Angeles .....021 000 00402 —8 17 3

Dempster, A.Miller (7), A.Bailey (7), A.Wilson (9), Uehara (9), Breslow (10) and Saltalamacchia; Williams, Richards (4), Kohn (6), Roth (7), Jepsen (8), Frieri (9), D.De La Rosa (11) and Iannetta. W—D. De La Rosa 4-1. L—Breslow 2-2. HRs—Los Angeles, H.Kendrick (11), Trout (14), Hamilton (12).

DIAMONDBACKS 11, ROCKIES 1

Colorado .....000 000 100 —1 6 0
Arizona .....032 010 23x —11 12 0

Pomeranz, Corpas (5), Outman (7), W.Lopez (8) and Torrealba; Pacheco; Miley, Brewer (9) and M.Montero. W—Miley 5-7. L—Pomeranz 0-2. HRs—Colorado, C.Gonzalez (24). Arizona, Goldschmidt (21), Prado (8), M.Montero (6).

RANGERS

From 1C

Pierzynski gave the Rangers a 3-0 lead in the first inning with his 8th homer, a shot into the Texas bullpen in right field after consecutive walks to Elvis Andrus and Cruz by Erik Bedard (3-5).

Krauss answered with his first career homer in the second, a two-run shot off Grimm.

Cruz's single scored Ian Kinsler for a 5-4 lead after Houston had pulled even in a fifth inning that included three errors, two unearned runs and two unusual double plays.

"I felt like we had some chances offensively," Houston manager Bo Porter said. "We just weren't able to come up with the big hit."

Grimm allowed singles to Brandon Barnes and Matt Dominguez to start the fifth, and both moved up when Grimm's throw on a pickoff attempt at second went into center field.

The Rangers had Barnes picked off at third, but Jurickson Profar — filling in for Gold Glove third baseman Adrian Beltre — let Pierzynski's throw from behind the plate sail past his glove into left field. Profar got the error, and Barnes scored for a 4-all tie.

Grimm was replaced after a walk to No. 9 hitter Jake Elmore, and Cory Burns retired Jose Altuve on a pop out. Burns escaped the inning when Brett Wallace struck out and Elmore was tagged out by shortstop Elvis Andrus on a steal attempt after sliding past the bag at second.

Burns was called up from Triple-A Round Rock and made the 2 1/2-hour drive to the Dallas area Sunday morning. Then he found himself in a sticky situation.

"But that's what the bullpen is for," said Burns, who had an 0-1 career record with 17 appearances in San Diego and three in an earlier Texas stint. "That's what we trained for all through the minor leagues is to come into those type of situations."

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	9	4	4	31	31	25
Sporting Kansas City	8	5	6	30	26	19
New York	8	7	4	28	25	24
Philadelphia	7	6	6	27	29	29
Houston	7	6	5	26	20	18
New England	6	5	6	24	21	14
Columbus	6	8	5	23	23	23
Chicago	6	8	3	21	19	25
Toronto FC	2	8	7	13	17	24
D.C.	2	13	4	10	8	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	10	5	4	34	29	18
FC Dallas	8	3	7	31	27	22
Portland	7	2	9	30	28	17
Vancouver	8	5	5	29	29	25
Los Angeles	8	7	3	27	27	22
Colorado	7	7	6	27	23	22
Seattle	7	6	3	24	21	19
San Jose	5	9	6	21	20	32
Chivas USA	3	10	5	14	16	32

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

Sunday's Scores
Sporting Kansas City 2, Chicago 1
Columbus 1, Portland 0
Montreal 1, Chivas USA 1, tie
Colorado 0, D.C. United 0, tie
FC Dallas at Los Angeles, late

Friday's Game
Chivas USA at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Montreal at New York, 6 p.m.
Houston at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle FC at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Portland, 10 p.m.

CONCACAF GOLD CUP
FIRST ROUND
Top two in each group and two best third-place teams advance to quarterfinals

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Martinique	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Panama	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
Mexico	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Canada	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Sunday, July 7
At Pasadena, Calif.
Martinique 1, Canada 0
Panama 2, Mexico 1

Thursday, July 11
At Seattle
Panama vs. Martinique, 7:30 p.m.
Mexico vs. Canada, 10 p.m.

Sunday, July 14
At Denver
Martinique vs. Mexico, 3 p.m.
Panama vs. Canada, 5:30 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
El Salvador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Honduras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinidad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Monday, July 8
At Harrison, N.J.
El Salvador vs. Trinidad and Tobago, 6 p.m.
Haiti vs. Honduras, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, July 12
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Trinidad and Tobago vs. Haiti, 6 p.m.
Honduras vs. El Salvador, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, July 15
At Houston
El Salvador vs. Haiti, 6 p.m.
Honduras vs. Trinidad and Tobago, 8:30 p.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belize	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cuba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
United States	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Tuesday, July 9
At Portland, Ore.
Costa Rica vs. Cuba, 7:30 p.m.
Belize vs. United States, 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 13
At Sandy, Utah
United States vs. Cuba, 2:30 p.m.
Costa Rica vs. Belize, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16
At East Hartford, Conn.
Cuba vs. Belize, 4:30 p.m.
United States vs. Costa Rica, 7 p.m.

UNDER-20 WORLD CUP
MIDCOURT STAGE
QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 6
Riga
France 4, Uzbekistan 0
Bursa
Spain 0, Uruguay 1, AET
Sunday
Kayseri
Iraq 3, South Korea 3, AET (Iraq wins penalty shootout 5-4)
Istanbul
Ghana 4, Chile 3, AET
SEMIFINALS
Wednesday
Bursa
France vs. Ghana
Trabzon
Iraq vs. Uruguay
FINAL
Saturday
Istanbul
Semifinal winners

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	1	.909	—
Chicago	8	4	.667	2 1/2
Washington	6	5	.500	4 1/2
New York	5	7	.417	5 1/2
Indiana	4	7	.364	6
Connecticut	3	8	.273	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	8	3	.727	—
Los Angeles	8	4	.667	1/2
Phoenix	8	5	.615	1
Seattle	5	7	.417	3 1/2
San Antonio	3	8	.273	5
Tulsa	3	11	.214	6 1/2

Sunday's Scores
Chicago 93, New York 64
Minnesota 91, Phoenix 59

Tuesday's Games
Seattle at New York, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Tour de France

Results
Sunday
At Bagneres-de-Bigorre, France
Ninth Stage
A 104.7-mile ride in the Pyrenees from Saint-Girons to Bagneres-de-Bigorre, with four Category-1 climbs

1. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Garmin-Sharp, 4 hours, 43 minutes, 3 seconds.
2. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana, same time.
3. Michal Kwiatkowski, Poland, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, 20 seconds behind.
4. Daniel Moreno, Spain, Katusha, same time.
5. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, same time.
6. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, same time.
7. Wouter Poels, Netherlands, Vacansoleil-DCM, same time.
8. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Belkin Pro Cycling, same time.
9. Daniel Navarro, Spain, Cofidis, same time.
10. Maxime Monfort, Belgium, RadioShack Leopard, same time.
11. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, same time.
12. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, RadioShack Leopard, same time.
13. Alberto Contador, Spain, Team Saxo-Tinkoff, same time.
14. Chris Froome, England, Sky Procycling, same time.
15. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Team Saxo-Tinkoff, same time.

Overall Standings
(After nine stages)

1. Chris Froome, England, Sky Procycling, 36 hours, 59 minutes, 18 seconds.
2. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, 1:25.
3. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Belkin Pro Cycling, 1:44.
4. Laurens ten Dam, Netherlands, Belkin Pro Cycling, 1:50.
5. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Team Saxo-Tinkoff, 1:51.
6. Alberto Contador, Spain, Team Saxo-Tinkoff, same time.
7. Nairo Alexander Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 2:02.
8. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Garmin-Sharp, 2:28.
9. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 2:31.
10. Rui Costa, Portugal, Movistar, 2:45.

NFL

Calendar

Aug. 3 — Pro Football Hall of Fame inductions, Canton, Ohio.
Aug. 4 — Hall of Fame Game: Dallas vs. Miami.
Aug. 8 — First weekend of preseason games.
Aug. 27 — Roster cutdown to 75 players.
Aug. 31 — Roster cutdown to 53 players.
Aug. 29 — Preseason schedule ends.
Sept. 5 — 2013 season begins, Baltimore at Denver.
Sept. 8-9 — First weekend of regular-season games.

IndyCar

Pocono IndyCar 400 Results
Sunday
At Pocono (Pa.) Raceway
Long Pond, Pa.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (17) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 160, Running.
2. (12) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Honda, 160, Running.
3. (20) Dario Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 160, Running.
4. (4) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 160, Running.
5. (15) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Honda, 160, Running.
6. (8) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Honda, 160, Running.
7. (22) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda, 160, Running.
8. (6) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 160, Running.
9. (14) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 160, Running.
10. (1) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Chevrolet, 160, Running.
11. (9) Simona de Silvestro, Dallara-Chevrolet, 160, Running.
12. (13) James Jakes, Dallara-Honda, 160, Running.
13. (5) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 160, Running.
14. (19) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Chevrolet, 159, Running.
15. (21) Pippa Mann, Dallara-Honda, 159, Running.
16. (11) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 159, Running.
17. (24) Alex Tagliani, Dallara-Honda, 158, Running.
18. (16) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 158, Running.
19. (10) Tristan Vautier, Dallara-Honda, 158, Running.
20. (2) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Chevrolet, 121, Laps.
21. (23) E.J. Viso, Dallara-Chevrolet, 104, Laps.
22. (7) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 61, Contact.
23. (18) Sebastian Saavedra, Dallara-Chevrolet, 2, Mechanical.
24. (3) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Chevrolet, 0, Contact.

Race Statistics
Winners average speed: 192.864
Time of Race: 2:04:26.478
Margin of Victory: 0.4572 seconds.
Cautions: 2 for 12 laps.
Lead Changes: 16 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Andretti 1-29, Kanaan 30-31, Power 32-33, Kimball 34, Andretti 35-60, Kanaan 61-82, Power 83-65, Kanaan 66-71, Andretti 72-84, Kanaan 95-98, Dixon 97-106, Kanaan 107-109, Power 110-111, Andretti 112-121, Power 122-129, Kimball 130-132, Dixon 133-160.
Points: Castroneves 356, Hunter-Reay 333, Andretti 301, Dixon 291, Hinchcliffe 272, Kanaan 271, Pagenaud 269, Wilson 253, Power 242, Sato 241.

Formula One

German Grand Prix Results
Sunday
At Nuerburgring circuit
Nuerburg, Germany
Lap length: 3.20 miles

1. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 60 laps, 1:41:14.113, 148.646 mph.
2. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Lotus, 60, 1:41:15.719.
3. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 60, 1:41:20.541.
4. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 60, 1:41:22.432.
5. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 60, 1:41:41.638.
6. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 60, 1:41:42.797.
7. Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 60, 1:41:52.273.
8. Sergio Perez, Mexico, McLaren, 60, 1:41:53.017.
9. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 60, 1:42:01.532.
10. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Sauber, 60, 1:42:04.603.
11. Paul di Resta, Scotland, Force India, 60, 1:42:08.462.
12. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Toro Rosso, 60, 1:42:11.686.
13. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Force India, 60, 1:42:12.449.
14. Esteban Gutierrez, Mexico, Sauber, 60, 1:42:14.871.
15. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Williams, 60, 1:42:16.840.
16. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 59, +1 lap.
17. Charles Pic, France, Caterham, 59, +1 lap.
18. Giedo van der Garde, Netherlands, Caterham, 59, +1 lap.
19. Max Chilton, England, Marussia, 59, +1 lap.

Not Classified
20. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 22. Retired.
21. Jules Bianchi, France, Marussia, 21, Retired.
22. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Ferrari, 3, Retired.

Drivers Standings
(After 9 of 19 races)

1. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 157 points.
2. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 123.
3. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Lotus, 116.
4. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 99.
5. Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 93.
6. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 84.
7. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Ferrari, 57.
8. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 41.
9. Paul di Resta, Scotland, Force India, 36.
10. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 33.
11. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Force India, 23.
12. Sergio Perez, Mexico, McLaren, 16.
13. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 13.
14. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Toro Rosso, 11.
15. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Sauber, 7.

NHRA

Sunday
At Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park
Norwalk, Ohio
Final round-by-round results
TOP FUEL
ROUND ONE — Spencer Massey, 3.789, 324.51 def. David Grubnic, 3.920, 274.39; Shawn Langdon, 3.752, 326.08 def. J.R. Todd, 3.835, 321.56; Leah Vandergriff, 3.789, 322.04 def. Larry Dixon, 3.851, 319.75; Chris Karamesines, 3.949, 305.91 def. Tony Schumacher, 5.677, 121.69; Doug Kalitta, 3.828, 323.74 def. Troy Buff, 3.959, 294.63; Clay Millican, 3.791, 323.97 def. Morgan Lucas, 5.777, 124.57; Steve Torrence, 3.794, 327.35 def. Terry McMillen, 3.873, 323.81; Khalid alBalooshi, 4.150, 257.53 def. Antron Brown, 4.610, 194.24.
QUARTERFINALS — alBalooshi, 3.811, 320.89 def. Karamesines, 3.963, 276.97; Millican, 3.802, 324.90 def. Torrence, 4.146, 270.32; Kalitta, 3.807, 326.40 def. Massey, 6.357, 96.18; Langdon, 4.467, 228.00 def. Vandergriff, 5.564, 105.54.
SEMIFINALS — Kalitta, 3.808, 323.12 def. Langdon, 3.805, 323.58; alBalooshi, 3.842, 320.97 def. Millican, 4.196, 232.79.
FINAL — alBalooshi, 3.935, 271.30 def. Kalitta, 4.215, 288.54.

FUNNY CAR
ROUND ONE — John Force, Ford Mustang, 4.025, 158.62 def. Blake Alexander, Dodge Charger, 4.192, 294.43; Johnny Gray, Charger, 4.047, 314.97 def. Alexis DeJoria, Toyota Camry, 4.131, 313.29; Bob Tasca, Charger, 4.072, 308.13 def. Jeff Arend, Charger, 4.229, 298.40; Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 4.075, 317.72 def. Robert Hight, Mustang, 4.865, 249.16; Chad Head, Camry, 4.093, 309.20 def. Del Worsham, Camry, 4.955, 190.57; Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.051, 315.42 def. Tony Pedregon, Camry, 4.117, 293.15; Courtney Force, Mustang, 4.071, 319.67 def. Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 4.127, 297.35; Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.079, 318.09 def. Cruz Pedregon, Camry, 4.642, 188.83.
QUARTERFINALS — C. Force, 4.089, 317.94 def. Tasca III, 4.111, 313.44; Beckman, 4.082, 317.27 def. J. Force, 8.768, 73.98; Gray, 4.191, 254.22 def. Head, 4.199, 139.00; Capps, 4.072, 314.90 def. Hagan, 4.122, 311.05.
SEMIFINALS — Gray, 4.121, 310.34 def. Beckman, 8.309, 85.57; Capps, 4.093, 311.56 def. C. Force, 5.397, 134.62.
FINAL — Gray, 4.103, 314.02 def. Capps, 4.103, 314.09.

PRO STOCK
ROUND ONE — Jason Line, Chevy Camaro, 6.661, 208.39 def. Greg Anderson, Camaro, foul; Rickie Jones, Camaro, 6.633, 208.84 def. Rodger Brogdon, Camaro, 6.663, 207.98; Vincent Nobile, Dodge Avenger, 6.654, 208.04 def. Steve Kent, Camaro, 6.837, 204.23; Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.610, 209.65 def. Larry Morgan, Ford Mustang, 6.677, 206.83; V. Gaines, Avenger, 6.630, 209.36 def. Kenny Delco, Chevy Cobalt, 7.133, 146.45; Mike Edwards, Camaro, 6.609, 209.52 def. Mark Hogan, Pontiac GTO, 8.925, 106.51; Allen Johnson, Avenger, 6.603, 209.20 was unopposed; Jeg Coughlin, Avenger, 6.611, 209.39 def. Steve Spiess, Cobalt, 6.742, 205.76.
QUARTERFINALS — Nobile, 6.652, 208.26 def. Coughlin, 6.661, 209.59; Gray, 6.668, 209.26 def. Gaines, 16.884, 23.43; Edwards, 6.638, 209.04 def. Jones, 6.648, 207.75; Johnson, 6.620, 209.17 def. Line, 6.668, 208.26.
SEMIFINALS — Edwards, 6.635, 208.94 def. Nobile, 6.663, 208.49; Johnson, 6.647, 209.14 def. Gray, 6.686, 208.88.
FINAL — Edwards, 6.616, 209.56 def. Johnson, 15.969, 52.46.

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE
ROUND ONE — Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.955, 191.73 def. Angie Smith, Buell, 7.023, 189.36; Matt Smith, Buell, 6.984, 191.54 def. Hector Arana, Buell, 6.960, 193.05; Scotty Pollacheck, Buell, 6.941, 192.77 def. Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.995, 190.30; Michael Ray, Buell, 6.941, 194.18 def. Shawn Gann, Buell, 7.010, 190.78; John Hall, Buell, 6.924, 190.86 def. Mike Berry, Buell, 7.119, 187.00; Michael Phillips, Suzuki, 17.392, 37.89 def. Hector Arana Jr, Buell, foul; Steve Johnson, Suzuki, 7.004, 190.54 def. Jim Underdahl, Suzuki, foul; Adam Arana, Buell, 6.930, 193.65 def. LE Tonglet, Suzuki, 9.479, 89.25.
QUARTERFINALS — Krawiec, 6.950, 191.95 def. Johnson, 6.986, 191.51; Pollacheck, 7.006, 190.89 def. Phillips, broke; M. Smith, 6.955, 192.08 def. Ray, 6.934, 193.54; Hall, 6.959, 191.32 def. A. Arana, foul.
SEMIFINALS — M. Smith, 6.985, 192.44 def. Hall, 7.066, 189.84; Pollacheck, 6.947, 192.14 def. Krawiec, 6.999, 189.34.
FINAL — M. Smith, 6.954, 192.44 def. Pollacheck, 7.008, 191.16.

AUTO RACING

GOLF

PGA Tour

Greenbrier Classic Scores
Sunday
At The Greenbrier Resort, The Old White TPC
Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
Purse: $6.3 million
Yardage: 7,287; par 70
Final

Jonas Blixt, $1,134,000	66-67-67-67 — 267
Steven Bowditch, $415,800	65-67-69-68 — 269
Matt Jones, $415,800	69-66-66-68 — 269
Johnson Wagner, $415,800	62-70-64-73 — 269
Jerry Walker, $415,800	69-65-64-71 — 269
Pat Perez, $211,050	71-65-66-69 — 271
Ted Potter, Jr., $211,050	69-66-69-67 — 271
Brian Stuard, $211,050	71-66-67-67 — 271
Bill Haas, $140,963	68-67-67-70 — 272
D.H. Lee, $140,963	66-68-68-70 — 272
David Lingmerth, $140,963	71-66-67-68 — 272
Davis Love III, $140,963	67-70-68-67 — 272
Tim Petrovic, $140,963	69-68-67-68 — 272
Tag Ridings, $140,963	65-69-68-70 — 272
Rory Sabbatini, $140,963	70-65-67-70 — 272
D. Summerhays, $140,963	65-67-73-67 — 272
Ben Curtis, $85,260	67-66-71-69 — 273
Brendon de Jonge, $85,260	66-68-73-66 — 273
Bill Lunde, $85,260	66-66-71-70 — 273
George McNeill, $85,260	66-71-68-68 — 273
Bryce Molder, $85,260	67-68-68-70 — 273
Louis Oosthuizen, $85,260	67-68-69-69 — 273
K.J. Choi, $53,100	71-67-68-68 — 274
Morgan Hoffmann, $53,100	69-67-67-71 — 274
Greg Owen, $53,100	67-65-72-69 — 274
Jordan Spieth, $53,100	67-67-67-73 — 274
Scott Stallings, $53,100	70-67-67-70 — 274
Cameron Tringale, $53,100	73-66-67-68 — 274
Nick Watney, $53,100	72-67-65-70 — 274
Brian Davis, $36,619	67-68-70-70 — 275
Graham DeLaet, $36,619	69-70-68-70 — 275
Russell Henley, $36,619	67-65-72-71 — 275
Jim Herman, $36,619	72-67-71-65 — 275
Billy Horschel, $36,619	69-70-67-69 — 275
Cameron Percy, $36,619	71-68-65-71 — 275
John Senden, $36,619	70-68-69-68 — 275
Bubba Watson, $36,619	68-69-69-69 — 275
Matt Every, $28,980	69-62-74-71 — 276
Tom Watson, $28,980	68-69-72-67 — 276
Michael Kim, $0	70-69-67-70 — 276
Robert Streb, $20,121	69-70-70-68 — 277
Chad Campbell, $20,121	**69-66-73-70 — 277**
Kevin Chappell, $20,121	67-68-71-71 — 277
Brad Fritsch, $20,121	68-71-66-72 — 277
Tommy Gainey, $20,121	62-71-69-75 — 277
James Hahn, $20,121	72-67-68-70 — 277
Jason Kokrak, $20,121	66-71-68-72 — 277
Richard H. Lee, $20,121	68-70-70-69 — 277
Troy Matteson, $20,121	69-70-66-72 — 277
Kenny Perry, $20,121	68-67-73-69 — 277
Andres Romero, $20,121	68-71-69-69 — 277
Webb Simpson, $20,121	64-73-70-70 — 277
Brendan Steele, $20,121	66-70-72-69 — 277
James Driscoll, $14,515	66-68-71-73 — 278
Martin Flores, $14,515	71-65-74-68 — 278
Andres Gonzales, $14,515	71-68-70-69 — 278
D.A. Points, $14,515	70-65-73-70 — 278
Charlie Wi, $14,515	73-65-67-73 — 278
Luke List, $13,986	71-67-69-72 — 279
Jeff Overton, $13,986	68-68-72-71 — 279
Shawn Stefani, $13,986	70-69-70-70 — 279
Ryan Palmer, $13,608	68-71-70-71 — 280
Chez Reavie, $13,608	70-69-68-73 — 280
Gary Woodland, $13,608	69-70-64-77 — 280
Tom Gillis, $13,230	67-71-71-72 — 281
Brian Harman, $13,230	68-70-70-73 — 281
Jin Park, $13,230	64-73-71-73 — 281
Carl Pettersson, $12,978	69-70-70-73 — 282
William McGirt, $12,852	69-70-71-73 — 283
Justin Leonard, $12,726	68-70-67-82 — 287

Made the cut, did not finish

Scott Brown, $12,285	66-72-73 — 211
Alistair Presnell, $12,285	68-69-74 — 211
Dicky Pride, $12,285	72-66-73 — 211
D.J. Trahan, $12,285	70-69-72 — 211
Neal Lancaster, $11,970	65-71-76 — 212
Gary Christian, $11,718	71-67-75 — 213
Ben Crane, $11,718	66-70-77 — 213
Fabian Gomez, $11,718	70-69-74 — 213
Erik Compton, $11,466	69-67-79 — 215
Brad Adamonis, $11,340	68-71-77 — 216

PGA European

Alstom Open de France Leading Scores
By The Associated Press
Sunday
At La Golf National (Albatross)
Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France
Purse: $3.91 million
Yardage: 7,331; Par: 71
Final

Graeme McDowell, N Ireland	69-69-70-67 — 275
Richard Sterne, South Africa	68-69-71-71 — 279
Eduardo De La Riva, Spain	72-67-72-68 — 280
Graeme Storm, England	70-68-73-69 — 280
Simon Dyson, England	70-68-72-71 — 281
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	70-70-71-71 — 282
Richard Green, Australia	69-70-70-73 — 282
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	68-69-74-72 — 283
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	68-70-75-70 — 283
David Howell, England	69-71-69-74 — 283
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	69-68-73-73 — 283
Gareth Maybin, N Ireland	71-73-71-68 — 283
Martin Kaymer, Germany	68-76-69-71 — 284
Hennie Otto, South Africa	71-71-69-73 — 284
Marc Warren, Scotland	69-72-70-73 — 284
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	70-71-68-75 — 284
Felipe Aguilar, Chile	68-72-74-71 — 285
Jorge Campillo, Spain	74-69-68-74 — 285
Francesco Molinari, Italy	71-74-67-73 — 285
Kristoffer Broberg, Sweden	72-69-73-72 — 286
Matteo Manassero, Italy	73-69-73-71 — 286
Ian Poulter, England	73-71-69-73 — 286
Lee Slattery, England	71-70-70-75 — 286
Rafa Cabrera-Bello, Spain	70-72-72-73 — 287
G Fernandez-Castano, Spain	74-71-72-72 — 289
Anders Hansen, Denmark	66-78-75-70 — 289
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	71-69-80-70 — 290
Luke Donald, England	71-73-71-75 — 290
Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay	68-68-78-76 — 290
Soren Hansen, Denmark	75-67-74-75 — 291
Matt Kuchar, United States	70-75-73-73 — 291
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	71-71-73-76 — 291
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	69-76-68-80 — 293
Thomas Aiken, South Africa	71-74-74-75 — 294
Scott Jamieson, Scotland	69-70-80-75 — 294
Riche Ramsay, Scotland	69-71-73-82 — 295

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Triple–A

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
American North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Iowa (Cubs)	46	45	.505	—
Memphis (Cardinals)	44	47	.484	2
Omaha (Royals)	40	50	.444	5 1/2
Nashville (Brewers)	32	59	.352	14

American South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Round Rock (Rangers)	51	40	.560	—
Albuquerque (Dodgers)	50	41	.549	1
Oklahoma City (Astros)	48	41	.539	2
New Orleans (Marlins)	43	47	.478	7 1/2

Pacific North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tacoma (Mariners)	53	38	.582	—
Colorado Springs (Rockies)	48	41	.539	4
Salt Lake (Angels)	49	42	.538	4
Reno (Diamondbacks)	35	56	.385	18

Pacific South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tucson (Padres)	49	41	.544	—
Las Vegas (Mets)	46	41	.529	1 1/2
Sacramento (Athletics)	46	43	.517	2 1/2
Fresno (Giants)	41	49	.456	8

Sunday's Scores
Tacoma 6, Salt Lake 4
Colorado Springs 7, Reno 6
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, ppd., rain
Memphis 13, Nashville 3
Round Rock 4, Omaha 0
Iowa 8, Albuquerque 5
Sacramento at Fresno, late
Las Vegas at Tucson, late

Today's Games
Iowa at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Omaha at Memphis, 7:05 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Round Rock, 7:05 p.m.
Sacramento at Colorado Springs, 8:05 p.m.
Nashville at Albuquerque, 8:05 p.m.
Las Vegas at Salt Lake, 8:05 p.m.
Tacoma at Tucson, 9:05 p.m.
Reno at Fresno, 9:05 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pawtucket (Red Sox)	52	37	.584	—
Rochester (Twins)	47	45	.511	6 1/2
Lehigh Valley (Phillies)	46	45	.505	7
Buffalo (Blue Jays)	45	45	.500	7 1/2
Scranton/W-B (Yankees)	44	46	.489	8 1/2
Syracuse (Nationals)	38	53	.418	15

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Durham (Rays)	58	35	.815	—
Norfolk (Orioles)	48	42	.533	7 1/2
Charlotte (White Sox)	41	50	.451	15
Gwinnett (Braves)	38	53	.418	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indianapolis (Pirates)	58	34	.630	—
Louisville (Reds)	45	47	.489	13
Columbus (Indians)	41	51	.446	17
Toledo (Tigers)	38	54	.413	20

Sunday's Scores
Buffalo 6, Syracuse 2, 1st game
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 8, Lehigh Valley 2
Rochester 12, Pawtucket 7
Charlotte 5, Norfolk 2
Buffalo 4, Syracuse 1, 2nd game
Durham 1, Gwinnett 0
Toledo 9, Indianapolis 7
Louisville 4, Columbus 0

Today's Games
Norfolk at Gwinnett, 5:05 p.m.
Louisville at Toledo, 6 p.m.
Indianapolis at Columbus, 6:05 p.m.
Lehigh Valley 0, Pawtucket 0, tie, 3 innings, comp. of susp. game
Rochester at Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, 6:05 p.m.
Durham at Charlotte, 6:15 p.m.
Pawtucket at Lehigh Valley, 6:35 p.m.

Double–A

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tennessee (Cubs)	10	6	.625	—
Chattanooga (Dodgers)	9	8	.529	1 1/2
Jackson (Mariners)	9	8	.529	1 1/2
Birmingham (White Sox)	9	10	.474	2 1/2
Huntsville (Brewers)	6	12	.333	5

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Mobile (Diamondbacks)	12	6	.667	—
Jacksonville (Marlins)	9	8	.529	2 1/2
Pensacola (Reds)	9	10	.474	3 1/2
Montgomery (Rays)	8	10	.444	4
Mississippi (Braves)	8	11	.421	4 1/2

x-clinched first half

Sunday's Scores
Chattanooga 0, Jacksonville 0, tie, 4 innings, susp., rain
Chattanooga 2, Jacksonville 1, comp. of susp. game
Mississippi 5, Birmingham 4
Jackson 5, Pensacola 4
Huntsville at Tennessee, ppd., rain
Montgomery at Mobile, ppd., rain

Today's Games
Jacksonville at Chattanooga, TBA
Montgomery at Mobile, 3:05 p.m., 1st game
Chattanooga 0, Jacksonville 0, tie, 4 innings, comp. of susp. game
Montgomery at Mobile, 5:35 p.m., 2nd game
Huntsville at Tennessee, 6:15 p.m.
Jackson at Pensacola, 7 p.m.
Mississippi at Birmingham, 7:05 p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE
Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Binghamton (Mets)	53	32	.624	—
Portland (Red Sox)	45	41	.523	8 1/2
Trenton (Yankees)	44	44	.500	10 1/2
New Britain (Twins)	43	45	.489	11 1/2
Hartlepool (Blue Jays)	42	46	.477	12 1/2
Reading (Phillies)	38	50	.432	16 1/2

Western Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Harrisburg (Nationals)	49	41	.544	—
Erie (Tigers)	45	42	.517	2 1/2
Bowie (Orioles)	43	44	.494	4 1/2
Akron (Indians)	43	46	.483	5 1/2
Richmond (Giants)	42	46	.477	6
Altoona (Pirates)	39	49	.443	9

Sunday's Scores
Harrisburg 1, Bowie 0, 1st game
Portland 4, New Britain 3
Trenton 3, Reading 2
Richmond 15, Akron 7
Harrisburg 6, Bowie 2, 5 innings, 2nd game
New Hampshire 16, Binghamton 5
Erie 3, Altoona 1

Today's Games

Plate racing yields another frantic finish

By Mark Long
Associated Press

David Yeazell/AP

Denny Hamlin (11) hits the wall as he wrecks with A.J. Allmendinger, back, and Dave Blaney (7) as Greg Biffle (16) drives past in Saturday night's Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — There's one certainty about racing at NASCAR's most unpredictable tracks: a chaotic ending.

Jimmie Johnson dominated the latest restrictor-plate race Saturday night, winning at Daytona International Speedway for the second time this year and joining another exclusive list at the famed venue.

The five-time Sprint Cup champion became the first driver since Hall of Famer Bobby Allison in 1982 to sweep both points races at Daytona in the same season. Fireball Roberts (1962), Cale Yarborough (1968) and LeeRoy Yarbrough (1969) also accomplished the feat.

Johnson joined them after leading 94 of 161 laps, including 55 of the final 57.

But like so many other races at Daytona and Talladega, where horsepower-sapping plates generally keep speeds below 200 mph, it came with a frantic finish.

There were two multi-car wrecks on the final lap, the second one just a few feet shy of the finish line.

"Be glad you were sitting in the stands and not in the cars," runner-up Tony Stewart said.

Scott Speed and Carl Edwards got together in turn 2, starting a six-car pileup. Instead of ending the race under caution, NASCAR decided to let the cars race to the line.

With drivers maneuvering for position through the final turns, David Gilliland and Danica Patrick got tangled, turning Patrick's car into several others. Kyle Busch, Ryan Newman, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Jeff Burton and other were involved.

"I asked my crew when the checkered fell to remind me why I do this," driver/owner Michael Waltrip said. "What's fun about it? ... I just know that 200 miles an hour pushing and shoving — this is fun for the fans and it's going to be fun to watch back on TV. I wasn't having any fun doing it.

"I was too nervous. I'd much rather watch. Why don't I just watch all the time? I've got that option. I don't know what's wrong with me."

There's little drivers can do to avoid all the turmoil that comes with plate racing. It happens at just about every race at Daytona and Talladega, where drivers, fans and everyone watching are always waiting for "the big one."

It usually happens late, too.

Two months ago at Talladega, Stenhouse Jr. and J.J. Yeley triggered a frightening crash in the final few laps that sent Kurt Busch's car airborne and on top of Newman's car.

On Saturday night, the race was fairly clean until a six-car accident with 11 laps remaining prompted a red flag. That wreck included another vicious hit for Denny Hamlin. Hamlin's car inexplicably turned right and spun hard into the frontstretch wall. It then turned back into traffic and was tagged hard by AJ Allmendinger in a hit that caused his car to lift off the ground.

"We knew it was coming," Johnson said. "Getting down to the end of these things, we knew it was going to get exciting."

That excitement can be painful, too.

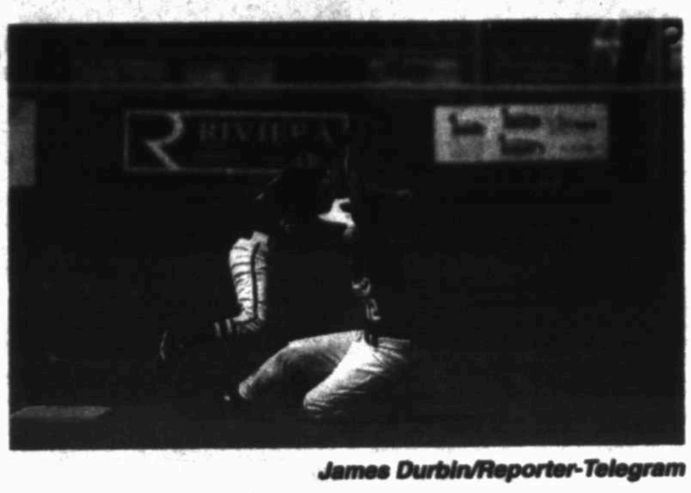
Hamlin and Allmendinger had to collect themselves after climbing from their wrecked cars. Hamlin missed four races earlier this season with a compression fracture in a vertebra in his lower back, and took a hard hit last Sunday at Kentucky.

"There's a 50-percent chance you're going to wreck," said Kevin Harvick, who finished third. "The odds are 50/50, and we've had a lot of good luck on them and we've had some bad luck lately on them."

Several drivers, included Stewart and his teammates, have opted to move to the back of the field early in the restrictor-plate races, hoping to avoid any early wrecks and then make a move toward the front late.

"You go back there to try to give yourself a little bit of a buffer," Stewart said, acknowledging that some spectators would rather not see the tactical move. "If you're up there in the mix, if something happens, it's hard to get away from it when you're crammed in there. This is a 195-mile-an-hour chess match, and the lap that pays is lap 160.

"A lot is said about guys that lag back like that, but we're in the most competitive series in the country, and when you're running in the most competitive series in the country, you have to do what you think is in the best interest of you, your car, your team and your situation to get to the end. And part of winning races is knowing to be where at what times."



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Mid City's Sam Beckett makes a double play throw to first base over Monahans' Braden Kesey during Satureday's Little League action at Butler Park.

LITTLELEAGUE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

2013 Little League Sectional Tournaments
9-10 year olds
Butler Park
Saturday, July 6
Game 1: Mid City 8, Monahans 5
Game 2: Lubbock Southwest 10, Wellington 0
Sunday, July 7
Winner's Bracket
Game 3: Lubbock Southwest 12, Slaton 2
Loser's Bracket
Game 4: Monahans 7, Wellington 0
Today
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 5: Mid City vs. Lubbock Southwest, 6 p.m., Field 3
Elimination Game
Game 6: Slaton vs. Monahans, 8 p.m., Field 3
Tuesday, July 9
Elimination Game
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m., Field 3
Wednesday, July 10
Final
Game 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 7 p.m., Field 3
Thursday, July 11
Game 9 (if necessary): If Game 7 winner beats Game 8 winner, TBA, Field 3

10-11 year olds
Butler Park
Saturday, July 6
Game 1: Lubbock Southwest 10, Pecos 0
Sunday, July 7
Game 2: Northern 22, Lubbock Southwest 2
Today
Elimination Game
Game 3: Lubbock Southwest vs. Pecos, 6 p.m., Field 4
Tuesday, July 9
Final
Game 4: Northern vs. Game 3 winner, 7 p.m., Field 4
Wednesday, July 10
Game 5 (if necessary): If Game 3 winner beats Game 2 winner, 7 p.m., Field 4
11-12 year olds
Butler Park
Saturday, July 6
Game 1: Northern 13, Alpine Big Bend 2
Game 2: Lubbock Southwest 10, Childress 0
Sunday, July 7
Game 3: Lubbock Southwest 10, Abernathy 0
Elimination Game
Game 4: Alpine Big Bend 18, Childress 1
Monday, July 8
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 5: Northern vs. Lubbock Southwest, 6 p.m., Field 1
Elimination Game
Game 6: Abernathy vs. Alpine Big Bend, 8 p.m., Field 1
Tuesday, July 9
Elimination Game
Game 7: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1
Wednesday, July 10
Final
Game 8: Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 7 p.m., Field 1
Thursday, July 11
Game 9 (if necessary): If Game 7 winner beats Game 5 winner, TBA, Field 1

Blixt wins rain-delayed Greenbrier Classic by two strokes

By John Raby
Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Jonas Blixt shot a 3-under 67 Sunday to win the rain-delayed Greenbrier Classic by two strokes.

Blixt

The Swede emerged from a five-player chase over the final five holes to pick up the $1.1 million winner's check. Among the perks for his victory are trips to this month's British Open and next year's Masters.

Blixt overcame a four-shot deficit at the start of the final round and finished at 13-under 267. Third-round leader Johnson Wagner (73), Australians Steven Bowditch (68) and Matt Jones (68), and Jimmy Walker (71) tied for second at 11 under.

Blixt went from a tie to a two-shot lead when he made a 9-foot birdie putt on No. 16 to move to 13 under. No other player made a birdie after that. Wagner bogeyed the par-3 15th moments later to fall to 11 under alongside Bowditch and Walker.

Blixt also won the Frys.com Open last year as a tour rookie. But entering the Greenbrier Classic, he hadn't had a top-10 finish yet this season, missing as many cuts as he made.

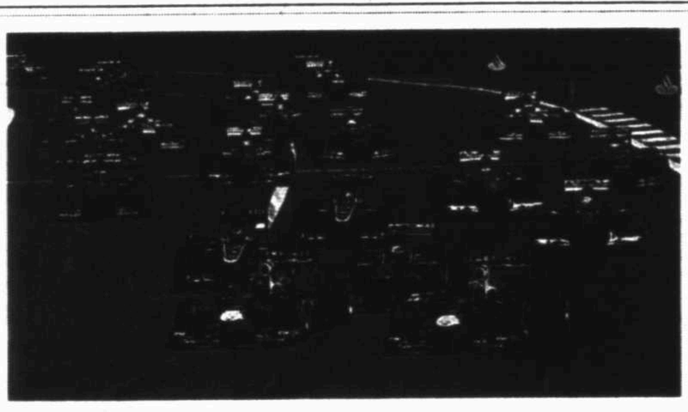
Blixt was overcome with emotion after watching Wagner and Walker, needing holes-in-one at No. 18, reach the green but well away from the hole.

Defending champion Ted Potter Jr. (67), Pat Perez (69) and Brian Stuard (67) tied for sixth at 9 under.

Wagner couldn't match the seven birdies he had in the third round on his way to a 64. He bogeyed three holes in a five-hole stretch on the back nine and never recovered.

AUTORACINGROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS



Martin Meissner/AP

Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel, left, leads at the start in front of Red Bull driver Mark Webber, right, and Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, center, during the German Grand Prix Formula One race at the Nuerburgring track in Nuerburg Germany on Sunday.

Formula One

SEBASTIAN VETTEL WINS 1ST GRAND PRIX AT HOME

NUERBURGRING, Germany — Three-time defending Formula One champion Sebastian Vettel surged ahead in his Red Bull at the start of the German Grand Prix on Sunday and held off a strong challenge from the two Lotus cars to win his first race on home soil.

There were no tire blowouts but the race had its share of bizarre incidents, with a loose wheel flying through the air in the pit lane and an abandoned car drifting on its own down the track.

Vettel started second behind pole sitter Lewis Hamilton and powered past the Mercedes driver into the first bend.

The German then held off the Lotus pair of Kimi Raikkonen and Romain Grosjean for his fourth win of the season. Raikkonen was second, only a second behind, and Grosjean third, 5.8 seconds off. Ferrari's Fernando Alonso took fourth, 7.7 seconds behind.

"I am happy the race was 60 laps and not 61 or 62, the Lotus were incredibly fast and pushing very hard and Kimi was putting a lot of pressure on me at the end," Vettel said.

"It's incredible to win at home, a great relief. It's sweet to win here but at the end it's just another race. I'm happy to take (the) win and score some points," Vettel said.

Vettel had been without a win in Europe for 22 months and — more obscurely — had never won a race in July.

IndyCar

DIXON WINS IN SERIES RETURN TO POCONO

LONG POND, Pa. — Scott Dixon led a big day for Chip Ganassi Racing, leading a podium sweep for the team with a win Sunday at the IndyCar Series event at Pocono Raceway.

Dixon was followed by Ganassi teammates Charlie Kimball and Dario Franchitti in IndyCar's first race at Pocono since 1989.

Dixon won for the first time this season and it was his 30th career IndyCar victory. He struggled all season and had led only one lap, at the Indianapolis 500.

He caught a big break when Tony Kanaan clipped Dixon's car on a pass for the lead and was forced to pit road. Dixon dominated down the stretch of the 400-mile race and became IndyCar's eighth different winner this season.

Andretti Autosport qualified three drivers on the front row. But James Hinchcliffe and Ryan Hunter-Reay were involved in accidents and Marco Andretti faded over the final laps.

NHRA

GRAY EDGES CAPPS FOR FUNNY CAR TITLE

NORWALK, Ohio — Johnny Gray won his fourth Funny Car title of the year on Sunday at the Summit Racing Equipment NHRA Nationals.

Gray and Ron Capps drove their Dodge Chargers to identical times of 4.103 seconds in the championship round. But Gray posted the quicker reaction time to get the victory. Gray's Charger went 314.02 mph in the final round, compared to 314.09 for Capps in his 400th career start.

Khalid alBalooshi (Top Fuel), Mike Edwards (Pro Stock) and Matt Smith (Pro Stock Motorcycle) also won.

It was the seventh career victory for Gray, who has won each of his four finals this year. He beat Alexis DeJoria, Chad Head and defending Funny Car world champion Jack Beckman to reach the final round.

AlBalooshi claimed his first victory of the season and second of his career, knocking off top qualifier Doug Kalitta in the final round. He covered the distance in 3.935 seconds at 271.30 mph while Kalitta's numbers were 4.215 seconds and 268.54 mph.

Edwards, the current points leader in Pro Stock, grabbed his fourth win of the year by knocking off defending world champion Allen Johnson.

In Pro Stock Motorcycle, Smith claimed his first win since 2011, a span of 34 races. Smith went 6.594 at 192.44 on his Buell en route to the victory against Scotty Pollacheck, who had a final round time of 7.008 at 191.16.

Celtics, Rockets have high expectations next year

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Houston Rockets and Boston Celtics tipped off Orlando Summer League play concerned about how major additions will fit into their success next year.

Prized free-agent Dwight Howard is heading to Houston and the Celtics hired former Butler coach Brad Stevens to replace Doc Rivers.

Rockets coach Kevin McHale said Sunday morning that the 27-year-old Howard should be a "seamless fit" with Houston.

"He can run the floor, block shots, he can finish and that's all the stuff we want in our system," McHale said after watching his summer league team defeat the Philadelphia 76ers 88-80. "We're looking forward to developing something special."

The 6-foot-11 Howard played his first eight NBA seasons with Orlando and last season with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Meanwhile, Stevens has noticed one immediate difference between the college game and the NBA.

"Summers are different," he said. "I'm here watching these games, hiring a staff, watching a lot of film. There's a lot to do."

Stevens

It's been a whirlwind few days for Stevens since he was hired by the Celtics on July 4.

Boston President Danny Ainge, also at the Celtics-Orlando Magic game on Sunday morning, said the expectations for Stevens are realistic.

"First of all, all coaching openings except for Jason Kidd, are for teams not having success," Ainge said. "Organizations are impatient, fans are impatient, sports talk media is impatient. We live in a world of here and now and expectations are so high. We have fair and realistic expectations and we will manage them.

"Brad is humble, hard-working and about the process," Ainge said. "We're not sitting over his shoulder. We know he's going to make some mistakes. ... He'll get better and better, learn the NBA game and be able to lead."

On the court, several highly touted rookies made their NBA debuts.

Utah's Trey Burke struggled with a bad shooting day, but Philadelphia's Michael Carter-Williams, Orlando Victor Oladipo and Boston's Kelly Olynyk posted impressive stat lines.

Carter-Williams, the former Syracuse guard, had 26 points, eight assists and seven rebounds in the 76ers' 88-80 loss to the Houston Rockets. Oladipo, the second overall pick from Indiana, scored 14 of his 18 points in the first half in a 95-88 win over the Boston Celtics, who had a game-high 25 points from Olynyk, the former Gonzaga standout.

Burke, the 2013 AP player of the year from Michigan, was 1 for 12 from the field, but had five assists and seven boards as he ran the point for the Jazz as they outlasted the Miami Heat 69-59 in a defensive struggled.

"I wasn't excited about the Sixers trading Jrue Holiday, but now that I saw the flashes (from Carter-Williams) I can understand why they did," said NBA-TV analyst Dennis Scott. "Oladipo's a stud; I think he's going to be phenomenal. And you have to give credit to Burke for grinding it out."

MURRAY

From 1C

"The atmosphere was incredible for him. For me, not so much, but this is what I expected," Djokovic said.

Since falling to Roger Federer in the final last year, Murray had shed some baggage by winning the Olympic gold medal on Centre Court, then followed that with his first Grand Slam title at the U.S. Open.

The U.S. Open win ended a 76-year drought for the British in the Grand Slams.

This one? Even sweeter.

"The pinnacle of tennis," Murray called the Wimbledon win. "I worked so hard in that last game, the hardest few points I ever played in my life."

When he finally wrapped it up, he let his racket fall to the turf, took his hat off and pumped his fist toward the crowd. Later, he climbed to the guest box where his girlfriend, Kim Sears, and his coach, Ivan Lendl, were among those sweating this one out.

Born a week apart in May 1987 — Djokovic in Belgrade when it was part of Yugoslavia, and Murray in Glasgow, Scotland — these top two players came up together through the elite junior-tennis ranks and are now building the best tennis rivalry of the 2010s. This was their third meeting in the last four Grand Slam finals and all have been riveting affairs. Murray won a five-setter at the U.S. Open; Djokovic won in four at Australia; and this time, a three-setter at Wimbledon that felt like something more.

Djokovic went up a break in both the second and third sets and, both times, appeared to have wrested at least a bit of control and quieted a crowd that included Prime Minister David Cameron.

But Murray dug his way out both times. In the second set, he set up break point with a sharply angled forehand that Djokovic couldn't handle, and the Serb responded with a double-fault, one of four on the day.

Anja Niedringhaus/AP

Novak Djokavic reacts to a call by the umpire during Sunday's men's final at Wimbledon on London.

In the third set, Murray lost four straight games to fall behind 4-2, but got the break back and — eventually — closed it out by winning the last four games as the roars from every corner of Centre Court grew louder.

"The atmosphere today was different to what I've experienced in the past," Murray said. "It was different to last year's final, for sure. And then, the end of the match, that was incredibly loud, very noisy. I've been saying it all week, but it does make a difference. Especially in a match as tough as that one, where it's extremely hot, brutal, long rallies, tough games. They help you get through it."

Trailing 5-4 in the third, Djokovic rushed out to the court after the break — a man who seemingly wanted to get it over with. Murray quickly went ahead 40-0 and it looked like it was time to cue the Duke of Kent for the trophy presentation.

But the next few minutes felt like forever. Djokovic saved the first three championship points, then had three break opportunities of his own. Couldn't convert any. Then, finally, Murray put it away when Djokovic rifled a backhand into the net. A few minutes later, the 26-year-old Murray, was kissing the trophy.

How might things have progressed if Djokovic had pulled out that game?

"I don't know," was all he offered.

Djokovic came into the match on the heels of a 4-hour, 43-minute semifinal victory over Juan Martin del Potro in similarly parched conditions on Friday. He conceded that match took a lot out of him but "I've been in these situations before. I felt OK."

Indeed, he rarely wears out, but Murray and the linesmen combined for a one-two punch, and punctured the 2011 Wimbledon champion's typically calm, almost robotic, demeanor.

Murray's withering groundstrokes and his patience from behind the line helped him take the first set. Then slowly, Djokovic shifted his strategy, mixing in drop shots with frequent trips to the net — neither of which are considered his specialty. He won 30 of 52 trips to the net, compared to 26 for 37 for his opponent.

"I wasn't patient enough in the moments when I should have been," Djokovic said.

The impatience resulted in 40 unforced errors against 31 winners — an uncommonly average ratio for the world's top-ranked player — compared to 36 winners and 21 unforced errors by Murray.

In addition to the trophy, Murray earned 1.6 million pounds ($2.4 million) and got that long-awaited invitation to the black-tie champion's dinner, set for later Sunday night.

Indeed, on this day, the hoorahs were coming from every corner of the kingdom.

"I can confirm," a Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said, "that the Queen has sent a private message to Andy Murray following his Wimbledon victory."

Sunday at Wimbledon

Results

Wimbledon Results
Sunday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $34.9 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Championship
Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

Doubles
Mixed
Championship
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Kristina Mladenovic (8), France, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Lisa Raymond (1), United States, 5-7, 6-2, 9-6.

2013 Champions

Men's Singles — Andy Murray (2), Britain
Women's Singles — Marion Bartoli (15), France
Men's Doubles — Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States
Women's Doubles — Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Peng Shuai (9), China
Mixed Doubles — Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Kristina Mladenovic (8), France
Gentlemen's Invitation Doubles — Lindsay Davenport, United States, and Martina Hingis, Switzerland
Senior Gentlemen's Invitation Doubles — Pat Cash and Mark Woodforde (1), Australia
Ladies' Invitation Doubles — Lindsay Davenport, United States, and Martina Hingis, Switzerland
Boys' Singles — Gianluigi Quinzi (6), Italy
Girls' Singles — Belinda Bencic (1), Switzerland
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Froome shows he can take Tour punches

By John Leicester
Associated Press

BAGNERES-DE-BIGORRE, France — The mighty mountains of the Pyrenees offered at least two important insights about Tour de France leader Chris Froome: He can land terrible blows to his rivals with his grinding uphill speed and can take their punches, too. In short, if the Briton in the yellow jersey perhaps isn't unbeatable, he seems very close to it.

After nine hectic days of racing over 1,513 kilometers (940 miles), the Tour luxuriates in its first rest day on Monday. The pause allows the contenders for victory in Paris on July 21 to lick their wounds and regroup after Froome knocked them dizzy and grabbed the race lead with a triumphant first day of climbing in the Pyrenees on Saturday. But they'll also be ruing the opportunity they collectively wasted the very next day on Sunday to hurt Froome right back.

On what may well prove to have been one of the toughest and decisive days of this 100th Tour, and certainly one of the most tactical and interesting, Froome's rivals isolated him from his Sky teammates and forced him to ride alone — one man against many — up four consecutive climbs as jagged as sharks' teeth. But they could not make Froome crack.

"That was one of the hardest days that I've ever had on a bike," the 2012 Tour runner-up said after defending his yellow jersey.

The rival who harassed Froome most, with successive squirts of acceleration on the last climb, was Nairo Quintana. The lesson the Colombian drew from this drama amid pine forests and peaks with stubborn patches of snow was: "That we can break down his team a little, but that he can defend himself and is very strong."

Sky's impressive climbing on Saturday was in some respects reminiscent of the way Lance Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team would exhaust his rivals. But the way Sky wilted on Sunday definitely was not. Doped up on hormones, blood transfusions and other performance-enhancers, Armstrong's teammates rarely looked human like this. This Tour is the first since Armstrong was stripped last year of his seven titles for serial doping.

Seemingly drained by their monster efforts a day earlier, Froome's support riders quickly burned out. The day started badly for Sky when Peter Kennaugh crashed. He was treated for grazes and continued. It also ended less than ideally when Vasili Kiryienka rode in too slowly and missed the time cut, depriving Froome of his services for the Tour's last two weeks.

"It's quite nice to see that they're human," Froome said of his teammates. "I think it's quite understandable considering the amount of work they did."

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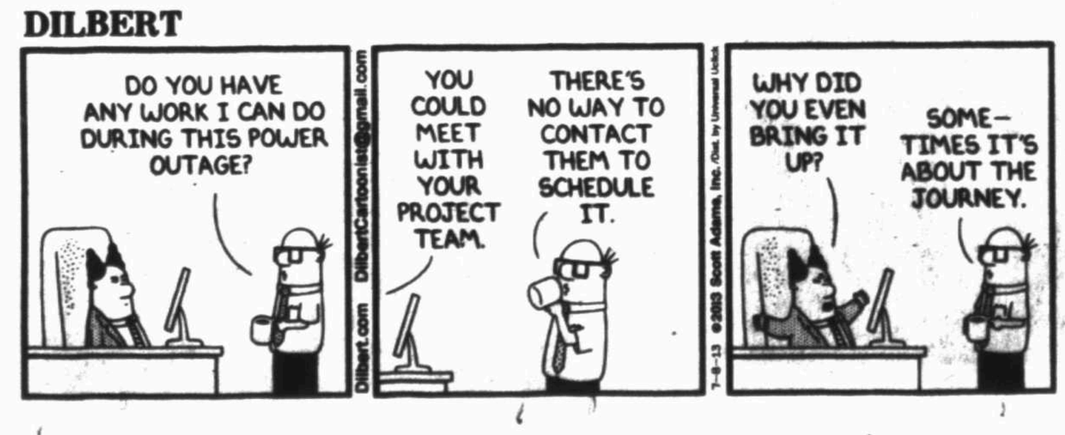

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TUESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 92 Low: 70

WEDNESDAY: Sunny — High: 97 Low: 77

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 94 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 70 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

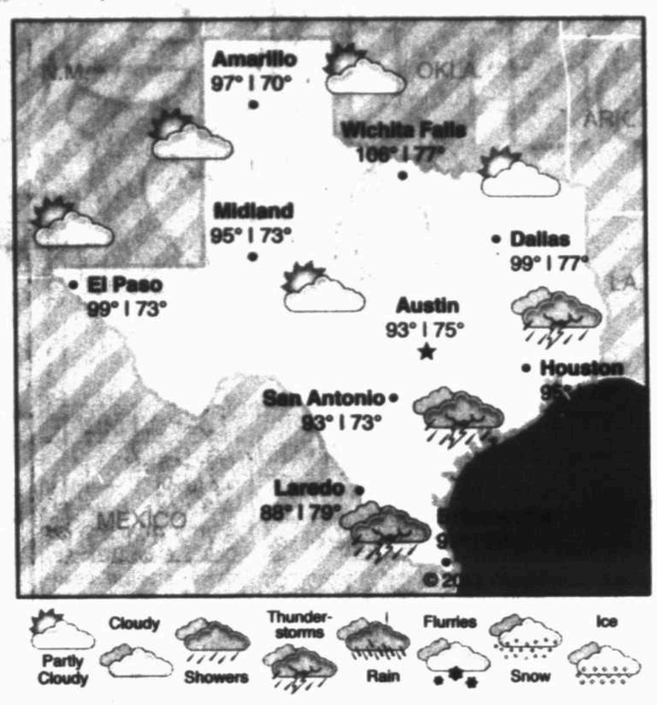
Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 92 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 70 and southeast winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 97 and a low around 77.

The high on Sunday reached 93, while the low dropped to 71. The record high for July 7 is 108 set in 1994. The record low is 62 set in 1946, 1952 and 1958.

National forecast

Spotty thunderstorms will dot the Midwest, while another round of severe weather erupts across the northern Plains in the afternoon. The strongest thunderstorms will be capable of producing damaging winds, hail and isolated tornadoes. A dry and hot day is unfolding across the central Plains with temperatures set to crack the 100-degree mark.



Precipitation

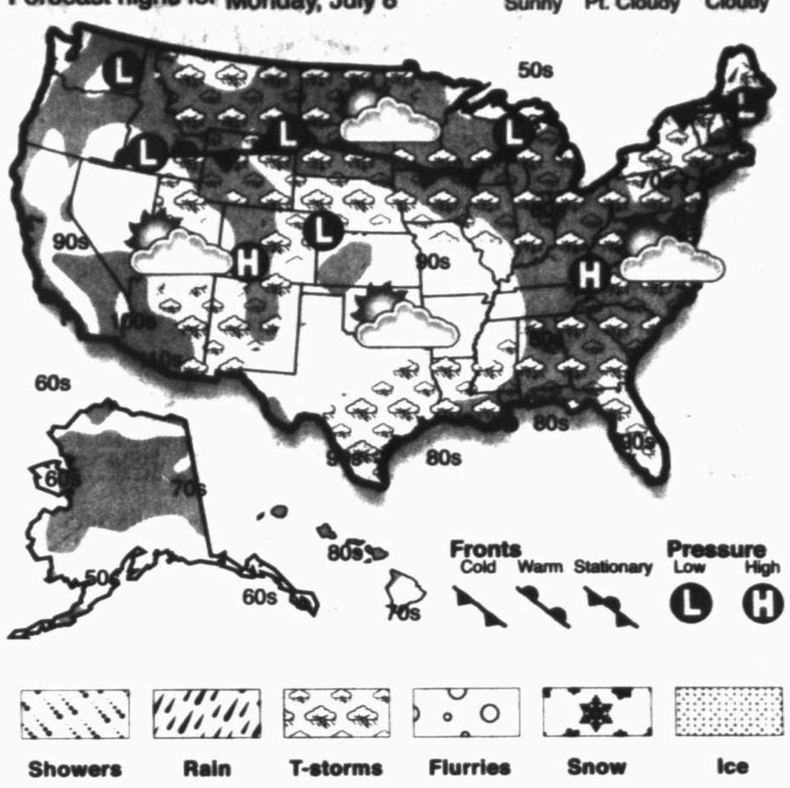
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.12 in.
Year total	2.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.48 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	93
Low	71
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:50 a.m.
Sunset	8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, July 8



Husband, wife don't agree on what cheating means

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: At what point is a relationship with a member of the opposite sex considered "cheating"? I have recently discovered that my husband was having a more-than-friendly relationship with a co-worker. He set up a post office box for her so she could write to him while she was away for an extended period.

I found her letters and read them. They described how she missed my husband and "couldn't wait to feel" his arms around her and his lips on hers again. She said he had shown her what real true love can be. She is 12 years younger than he is.

My husband says they never had sex, but did kiss on several occasions, and he enjoyed their deep, open conversations. Because my husband is not a big conversationalist, that has been very hard for me. The idea that he had meaningful conversations with this woman hurts me more than the physical things they admit to.

He says it's not actually cheating if they never slept together. I say, with everything he has admitted to and the fact he has opened up to her in ways I have begged him to with me, he has DEFINITELY cheated!

This is the second time in our 16-year marriage this kind of thing has happened. Obviously, his definition of cheating is not the same as mine. I say an emotional affair is almost worse than a physical one. He sees cheating as sex only. -- HURT AND LONELY IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR HURT AND LONELY: When someone gets a post office box so that he or she can carry on a furtive romantic correspondence, it is cheating. When he kisses and embraces someone in a romantic fashion, that's cheating too. When he confides his deepest feelings to a woman other than his wife, what he does is widen the gulf between them.

On the deepest levels, your husband has been unfaithful to you. It appears he has perfected the "art" of lying to himself in order to justify his behavior. My heart goes out to you.

DEAR ABBY: I was seeing a therapist for several years. I began going because of abandonment and trust issues. Over time we became friends outside of therapy, talking to each other several times a week. I trusted her completely. During our therapy sessions she shared her life and problems with me to the point that I feel I know as much about her as she knows about me.

A couple of months ago, she suddenly decided that ethics had been breached and she was setting new boundaries. She said there would be no contact outside our sessions, but during the sessions she would say how much she missed me and thought of me as a daughter, and she would cry.

Now she has decided that she can no longer be my therapist. She has blocked my number and expects me to respect her demands. I know you can't speak for her, but is this normal behavior for a mental health therapist? I no longer trust therapists. -- CONFUSED IN TEXAS

DEAR CONFUSED: No, it is not normal behavior; it is highly inappropriate. Your therapist appears to have had as many or more unresolved emotional issues than you did. By ending your sessions together, she has done you an enormous favor.

While you may not trust "therapists," it may require the efforts of another one to help you work through this. When you go for your initial interview, be sure to tell the therapist what was done to you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ Q 10 2 ♡ A 10 9 7 6 ◇ A K 7 6 2 ♣ Void

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	1♠	2♡	3♣
?			

What do you bid now?

A — Don't tell the opponents more than they need to know. You have found a fit in your major and don't need much from partner to score 10 tricks. Suppress the diamond suit. Jump to four hearts.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A 9 7 6 5 ♡ Q 9 ◇ 8 6 5 ♣ K 10 5

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A — If you play limit raises, this is a borderline hand. However, with the value of the queen of hearts unknown, we prefer the slightly conservative single raise to two spades over the jump to three spades. If you cannot make a limit raise there is no problem — raise to two spades.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K J 7 6 5 ♡ A K 6 ◇ A 6 5 ♣ Q 7

Partner opens the bidding with two hearts (weak). What do you respond?

A — Chances of slam are remote. Since partner is unlikely to hold more than one ace, you start off with a black-suit loser There is no reason to expect partner to have enough for slam. Bid four hearts, and let the opponents guess whether you are making a power raise or an advance sacrifice.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A K 8 2 ♡ A ◇ J 8 7 6 4 3 2 ♣ 6

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Dbl	?	

What action do you take?

A — This is your hand and you are going to play in spades no matter what. Tell partner about your strength by first redoubling and then jump in spades at your next turn. North doesn't need all that much to give you excellent play for slam.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 8, 2013:

This year your determination couples with luck, which takes you to a high point that you will remember for years to come. You also will be unusually creative and dynamic. If you are single, you attract quite a few potential suitors. One of them could be significant to your life history. If you are attached, avoid being too me-oriented. Remember that a partnership is a duo. If you stay aware of your sweetie, this year could be significant for both of you. CANCER can close down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You'll be unusually feisty or touchy. Someone comes out of the doldrums and expresses his or her interest in a key project. Greet the change positively, and let this person take the lead — you might be amazed at how helpful this adjustment could be. Tonight: Homeward bound.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone. Answers might be hard to get if you don't have a chat with this person. You could be wondering about a forthcoming choice, as you do not have a sense of what you are facing. A loved one becomes far more easy-going. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your finances could be changing considerably, and for the better, especially if you nix any wild risk-taking. You have been rather down in the dumps lately, and you will be wondering why. Go with the flow. Tonight: Pay bills.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your creativity emerges, and in some way, it will cause you to approach an issue in a more positive way. A new friend who has been giving you the cold shoulder for the past few weeks finally might lighten up. What has been difficult becomes easy. Tonight: Be spontaneous!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Know when saying little is the best course of action. Sometimes you push very hard to get your way. Lighten up, and do what you want. At other times, you hold yourself back. Stop interfering with your success. Enjoy the laughter around you. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. A situation or relationship might be shaky. You know when you need to head in a new direction. You could be surprised by the other party's agreement. Finally, you'll be able to see eye to eye with this person! Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Dealing with a boss will give you new insights, regardless of whether or not that was your goal or intention. You have felt stressed out when interacting with this person in the past, mainly because you couldn't ask for what you wanted. Be open to change. Tonight: Do what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Detach in order to see the big picture. Be willing to let go of a need to have certain matters go a particular way. Once you lose this attachment for situations to conform to your goals, you will be able to see where others are coming from. Tonight: Hop on the Internet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You will feel less of a need to hold back, once a partner decides to reveal more of what is going on with him or her. This person might realize that there is no reason to sit on his or her feelings. Both of you will gain a new insight as a result. Tonight: Discussion over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ What seemed impossible now seems very possible. Doors will open up because of a partner's willingness to walk through them. You might not know what direction to head. Open up to a positive change, and you'll see the path to a particular goal. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You finally make a decision, but the question remains: Will it hold? Whether you opt for a more organized approach to work or a new exercise program, it is likely that it will require some self-discipline. You have the energy to get through a big project. Tonight: Put your feet up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ A key relationship, perhaps one with a child or new friend, will lighten up. You might be wondering what sparked this change. Attempt to move through a problem, but only when the other party seems more willing. Know when to say "no." Tonight: Be more childlike.

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Actor Kevin Bacon (1958), former vice president Nelson Rockefeller (1908), celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck (1949)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 __ acid: antiseptic cleaner
6 Raindrop sound
10 Hunter's quarry
14 Texas shrine
15 Civil rights icon Parks
16 Mortgage adjustment, briefly
17 Figure of speech
18 Waikiki's whereabouts
19 Aunt Bee's grandnephew
20 Countdown kickoff
21 Wild West showman
24 Makes small talk
26 Did some pressing work?
27 South Pacific island
29 Spotless
31 Sent packing
32 Egyptian portrayed by Liz
34 Prize with six categories
38 Dwarf wearing specs
39 Sack on a red-white-and-blue truck, which can hold the ends of 21- and 54-Across and 3- and 35-Down
41 Savings option, briefly
42 A parolee may wear a monitor on it
44 Vehicle on runners
45 Door opener
46 Muse who inspires poets
48 Barcelona buddies
50 Phase
53 NFL replay aid
54 Character written in kindergarten
57 Foldable sleeper
60 Criticize severely
61 Good-sized home site
62 Arcade pioneer
64 Dust Bowl refugee
65 Send, as packages
66 Enticed
67 Asian holidays
68 Does better than
69 Grasslike marsh plant

DOWN

1 Angler's bucketful
2 Shoppe adjective
3 Ticket from a postponed ball game
4 "If you ask me," in texts
5 Battle
6 Univ. employees
7 Waste time
8 Dept. of Labor protection arm
9 Talking parrot of film
10 Free, as legal work
11 Fasten anew
12 Use TurboTax, say
13 Triangular traffic sign
22 New York city
23 Malaysian ape
25 Stayed out of sight
27 "I did it!"
28 Neural transmitter
29 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
30 Ear part
33 Marketgoer's memo
35 Game accessory with 24 numbered squares
36 Suffix with switch
37 "CSI" facilities
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47 "It's about time!"
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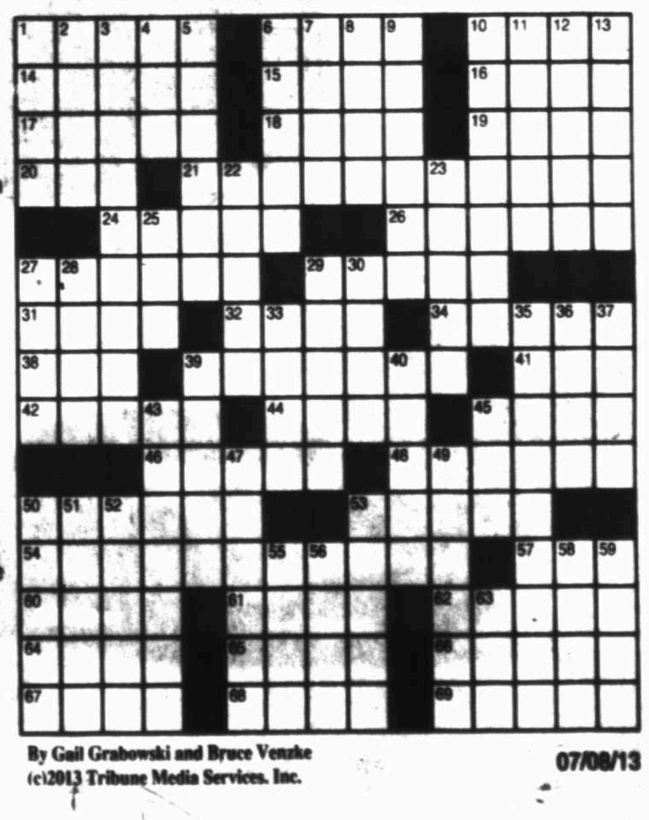

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Legal & Public Notices

Public Meeting Notice
Development of the 2014 Unified Transportation Program

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting via WebEx to solicit public comments and input for development of the 2014 UTP, which covers FY 2014 through 2023.

The statewide public meeting will be held at **4:00 PM (CST) on Thursday July 18, 2013,** at the following locations:

Abilene District
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79601

Amarillo District
5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79114

Childress District
7599 US 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705

El Paso District
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, Texas 79928-54101

Lubbock District
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock, Texas 79404-5201

Odessa District
3901 East US Highway 80
Odessa, Texas 79761

San Angelo District
4502 Knickerbocker Road
San Angelo, Texas 76904

Unified Transportation Program

The UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

Beginning promptly at 4:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation via WebEx, on the development of the 2014 UTP. Additional information will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Comments can be made in person by attending a designated meeting location, by phone, or by typing in your question during the WebEx.

For information to join the online WebEx meeting or to view a recorded copy of this WebEx after the scheduled meeting date, please go to https://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm. If the meeting time is not convenient or you would like to arrange for an alternative time to receive information on the 2014 UTP, please contact your local district office or you can call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108 to leave a request or any comments.

Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: http://www.txdot.gov, using search engine keyword: UTP; by email at: TPP_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: TxDOT TPP Division UTP, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until 4 PM on August 19, 2013.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services are requested to contact the district at, Abilene 325-676-6800, Amarillo 806-356-3200, Childress 940-937-2571, El Paso 915-790-4200, Lubbock 806-745-4411, Odessa 432-498-4711, San Angelo 325-944-1501 three days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Aviso de Reunión Pública
Departamento de Transporte de Texas
Desarrollo del Programa de Transporte Unificado 2014

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en ingles) llevará a cabo una reunión pública vía WebEx para solicitar comentarios públicos y aportaciones para el desarrollo del Programa de Transporte Unificado 2014 (UTP, por sus siglas en inglés)

Las reuniones publicas se celebrará el **jueves, 18 de julio de 2013 4:00 p.m. (CST)** en el siguiendo siguientes lugares:

Distrito de Abilene
4250 Clack N.
Abilene Texas 79601

Distrito de Amarillo
5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo Texas 79114

Distrito de Childress
7599 US 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705

Distrito de El Paso
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, Texas 79928-5410

Distrito de Lubbock
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock Texas 79404-5201

Distrito de Odessa
3901 East US Highway 80
Odessa, Texas 79761

Distrito de San Angelo
4502 Knickerbocker Road
San Angelo Texas 76904

Programa de Transporte Unificado

El UTP es un plan comprensivo de diez años para el desarrollo y construcción de proyectos de transporte del estado de Texas que incluye carreteras, aviación, transporte público, vías fluviales y aguas costeras, proyectos ferroviarios, e incluye niveles de financiamiento específicos para cada año fiscal.

Empezando a las 4:00 p.m. en punto. Representantes de TxDOT harán una presentación via WebEx, breve sobre el propósito y desarrollo del UTP. Información adicional estará disponible y representantes de TxDOT estarán presentes para discutir el proceso del desarrollo y para contestar preguntas. Comerítarios podrán hacerse en persona atendiendo una reunión pública en un lugar designado, por teléfono, o puede mandar sus preguntas/comentarios por escrito, se pueden ser sometidos por correo electrónico en el sitio de WebEx.

Para atender la reunión en linea y para mirar una copia de este WebEx, por favor vaya al https://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm. Si el tiempo de esta reunión no es conveniente o necesitan otro tiempo para recibir información de este desarrollo, por favor llame gratis a la linea de información (800) 687-8108 para dejar requisito o un comentario.

Comentarios por escrito pueden ser sometidos en el sitio de Web del UTP: http://www.txdot.gov, por correo electrónico a: TPP_UTP@txdot.gov; o por correo a: TxDOT TPP División UTP, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Comentarios públicos serán aceptados hasta el 19 de augusto del 2013.

Las personas con necesidades especiales de comunicación o alojamiento pueden llamar al distrito contactó en Abilene 325-676-6800, Amarillo 806-356-3200, Childress 940-937-2571, El Paso 915-790-4200, Lubbock 806-745-4411, Odessa 432-498-4711, San Angelo 325-944-1501 de asistencia. Las solicitudes deben realizarse a más tardar tres dias antes de la reunión. Se harán todos los esfuerzos razonables para dar cabida a las necesidades.

Meetings

Masonic Lodges

Communications
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432-853-1273
Stated Meetings
Acacia Lodge #1414
1st & 3rd Tues.
@ 7:30pm.
Midland Lodge #623
2nd & 4th Thurs.
7:30pm
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1st & 3rd Sat.
8:30am
Did you know Samuel Colt was a Master Mason?

General Announcements

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FOUND MALE Lhasa Apso in the Midland College vicinity. No tags. Please call 432-528-3817. He wants to go home.

FOUND MALE puppy at Resthaven Cemetery. Brown, no collar. 432-631-2102.

FOUND MALE white Chihuahua in the area of Louisiana and D St. Call 432-889-1030.

Lost & Found

LOST FROM Tall City Veterinary Hospital 4606 W. Wall St. 6/29/13 10 month old Calico cat "Gerdie" needs medical attention. If found call 432-230-1982 Reward!

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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 8, 2013
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 12, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0283418
Status/Permit No. 765598

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Blk. , THROCKMORTON CSL Survey, A-544, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 16 miles NW direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED, DELIVERED, FAXED OR E-MAILED ON THE SAME DATE TO THE APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE SERVICE LIST. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON:
Aug 12, 2013

IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2098H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	17433.41	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	857.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	360.0	
Lease Lines :	8840.0 F South L,	527.0 F West L
Survey Lines :	5047.0 F North L,	527.0 F West L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 8839.0 F SOUTH L
857.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County : UPTON
Section : 2 Block : Abstract : 543
Survey : THROCKMORTON CSL
Lease Lines : 9392.0 F NORTH L
857.0 F WEST L
4500.0 F SOUTH L
857.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9935 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

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2011 Toyota Tundra
Limited Platinum, Silver/Black, LOADED, 20" wheels 4x2, 34k Miles

2011 F150 Limited
King Ranch dual, Blue Pearl Metallic/Tan, Heat & Cool seats, Nav, Back up camera, Tow pkg, Bed cover w/lock, 23k Miles

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Comptroller

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Financial Accountant

West Texas Gas FT

The West Texas Gas Companies have a staff opening for an entry level FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT. Degree required. Recent graduate preferred. Salary DOE. Benefits include 401K and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to: Accountant 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or e-mail to employment@westtexasgas.com.

BANKING & MORTGAGE

Collections Manager

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Local financial Institution seeking Collections Manager who will be overseeing a staff of 5. Candidate would need to have 5 + years of experience in management and/or collections. Experience in repo collections, foreclosures & bankruptcies will be helpful. Please mail resumes to: Blind Box P-125, C/O Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

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West Texas Gas FT

Help Wanted - PLANT OPERATOR NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experience preferred but not required. Location near Rankin, TX. Fax resume to: (432) 693-2132 or mail to: Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, TX 79755.

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The Garlic Press is hiring for Dishwashers. Apply in person at: Oakridge Square, Wadley and Garfield, between 11am and 2pm or 5:30pm and 7pm.

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!

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Midland Country Club FT

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Cattle Baron FT

Cattle Baron Restaurant now hiring experienced servers and cooks. Starting wage $11.00 - $15.00 per hour depending on experience. Please apply daily 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm 418 Wadley Ave., Midland, TX No phone calls please!! EOE

SALES JOBS

Apprentice

Peerless Tyre Company FT

Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Apply within at our Midland or Odessa locations.

FULL - TIME PAY FOR PART - TIME WORK FLEXIBLE HOURS (MORNINGS OR EVENINGS)

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
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Natural Gas Service Group FT
NGSG is seeking a Warehouse Coordinator. Duties include ordering, buying and selling of parts. Tracking of Inventory and inputting time entries into our accounting system. This person must have 2 years + experience in related field and be computer knowledgeable. Excellent Salary and Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

TECHNOLOGY

IT Assistant
Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd. FT
Local oil and gas company seeking part-time or full-time job candidate to work under the direction of IT Specialist on routine user problems and assist with moderately complex applications. Duties include assisting with desktop support, troubleshooting desktop hardware/software problems and carrying out projects as assigned. Entry level IT skills required with general knowledge in network and hardware (server and workstations). Experience with different versions of Microsoft OS and Microsoft Office applications useful. Strong written and oral communication, interpersonal and custom service skills necessary. Send resume to: lyndsj@forl.com.

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CDL Drivers and Non CDL Drivers
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Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.silverlinetx.com

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Midland, TX
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Performance Chemical Company FT
Performance Chemical Company currently has a career opportunity available at our Odessa, Tx location. Applicants must have a current CDL license with hazard endorsement. Applicants must possess an oil & gas industry back ground with 1 year experience at field level. Please Contact Trent Brownlee: **Trent.Brownlee@perf-chem** - Ph: (432) 230-0675.

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Help Wanted: Seeking dependable detail oriented and creative person to join our team. Must have knowledge of Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign. Marketing, advertising and website building preferred. Hours M-F, 8-5. Send resumes to luzi@centurygs.com.

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Midland, TX 79701 **3 Years Exp.**
Hiring A/C Technician. Must have 3 years experience. EPA Certified, Great benefits. Apply at Murphys Restaurant Repair. 2707 W. Industrial. Midland. Email resume to customersupport@murphysrr.com

Electrician Apprentice
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MWD Shop Technician
Intrepid Services FT
Intrepid Services is currently seeking a MWD Shop Technician. Computer/electronic/mechanical experience is a plus. Please email resumes to: employment@intrepid-dds.com

Nueva Vista Golf Club
Do you enjoy golf? Nueva Vista Golf Club is always looking for full-time and part-time help at the clubhouse area, and full-time help in golf course maintenance. Experienced mechanic needed. We believe active retirees make great full-time and part-time employees! Come by 6101 West Wadley for applications and more info.

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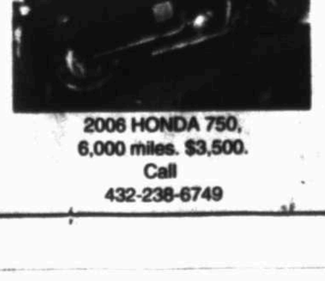

2006 HONDA 750, 6,000 miles. $3,500. Call 432-238-6749

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1999 DUTCH STAR Gas Motor Home - 36 ft. long, 63k miles, large slide-out, automatic awning, almost new tires, stored inside. $28,000. Call for info: 806-293-2121 or 806-291-0075.

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RVs

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Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

HeLMS Oil & Gas, LLC, P.O. Box 52808, Midland, Texas, 79710 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Fusselman, Ellenburger, Glasscock Deep SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 9 miles SW of Garden City, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Glasscock County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,700 to 13,000 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.

Requests 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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Miscellaneous for Sale

2 Dallas Cowboys PSL section C112, row 11, seat numbers 1 & 2. Parkling lot 11 (blue) 1 spot, aisle seats. $50,000 for both (no financing). Ticket space value $340 each. Email: holly@flyingfrogsinvestments.com

Miscellaneous for Sale

3 PC. Solid Oak Entertainment Center, $500; 3 drawer oak chest, $45; Glider rocker w/ottoman, $75; 2 Bakers Racks, $40 each; Folding Teak table with 4 chairs, $50; Bombay & Co. whitewash entry table w/ matching mirror, $150. Also, 1966 Mustang Convertible, needs brake work, $17,500. Call 432-413-1753.

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Pets

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2+ ACRE Residential Lot. Entrada Estates Midland WCR 77 (Off Hwy 191 by MidCities Church) Build now Incl. 25GPM water well, $77,000. Call 432-638-0138.

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FOR SALE 50 acres or less. Adjoins 2 hwy's on 2 sides. Call 325-721-2879.

FOR SALE by owner. 365 Acres in SE. Nolan County. Lots of deer, turkey, hogs and Oak trees, 2 windmill with concrete resiviors and spring fed creek, 2 fields in CRP. Hilton area with paved county road access. 325-650-0302

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