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Conaway: New farm bill unlikely this week

Texas Republican said he'll support one-year extension if it includes drought relief

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The U.S. House could consider this week an extension of the farm bill at a time when many farmers are suffering in a record drought occurring in more than a dozen states.

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, of Midland, said he would prefer lawmakers approve a five-year farm bill to replace the legislation that will expire by October of this year.

But with that outcome now highly unlikely during the four days remaining before Congress breaks for summer, Conaway said he also will support a one-year extension to the current bill, provided it includes drought-relief provisions.

"I prefer the farm bill in its entirety for a five-year extension," he said, speaking Monday before he returned to Washington.

The Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act, or the farm bill, is considered every five years and sets policy for agriculture and nutrition, including what was formerly known as the food stamp program, as well as conservation and forestry policy, according to the U.S. Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry.

In a bill approved earlier this month by the House Agricultural Committee, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps), was cut by 2 percent and the risk management approach taken with farmers was revised, according to a summary of the bill.

Conaway, who serves as chairman of the House Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, praised that version of the bill when it was passed. He said it would save taxpayers more than $35 billion.

"Not only does the House bill spend less than the Senate's bill, but according to an independent study released just this week by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center, farms producing every kind of row crop in every part of the country would be better off under the House farm bill," he said, in a

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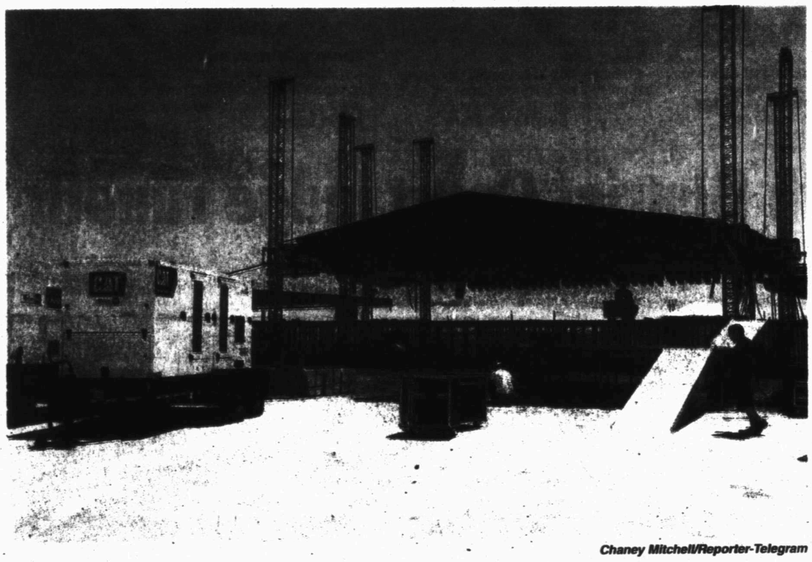

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In preparation for the Rock the Desert concert this weekend, production groups Miller Prod Audio and Toucan Productions prepare the sound, light and structure pieces for the stage at the festival field. See Thursday's edition of **PULSE** for the concert schedule and interviews with **P.O.D.** and **For King & Country.**

Officials urge voters to cast ballots today

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Congressman Mike Conaway said he remembers well the images of voters lining up to cast ballots during the first post-war elections in Iraq in 2004.

Al-Qaida had threatened Iraqis who planned to go to the polls and responded with violence in many places where people showed up en masse. In one location, Conaway said a blast went off and after the dust cleared, voters still in line stood up and continued to wait for their turn to cast a ballot.

Without any such threats in the U.S., it's vital Americans take their responsibility seriously and not only show up to the polls today, but also cast an informed vote, Conaway said during a "Get Out the Vote" rally on Monday.

"There's no excuse not to get that done," Conaway said. "It's just a big election for Midlanders."

Voter turnout already has been higher than is typical during a runoff, with 5,716 individuals — or about 8.16 percent of eligeble voters — casting a ballot during early voting last week, said James Beauchamp, Midland County Republican Party chairman. Of votes cast, 5,639 were in the Republican primary runoff.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today.

Conaway is the epitome of why coming out to the polls matters, Beauchamp said. In 2003, Conaway lost the congressional race by a little more than 500 votes.

He won Midland-Odessa by 85 percent, but voter turnout in Lubbock was higher and its votes overshadowed those cast in Midland-Odessa, Beauchamp said.

"Mike Conaway didn't lose that election," he said. "We did because we failed to vote."

This year, Beauchamp said Midland needs to make its voice heard.

"There's two Railroad Commission races. For a place like ours, that's important," Beauchamp said.

In addition to the races being vital to the Permian Basin's main industry, Beauchamp said "one of our own," Christi Craddick, is running for one of the open Railroad Commission seats.

Conaway said the Senate race between Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and former solicitor general Ted Cruz also is important, as are the state Supreme Court and the local district court races.

Cruz and Dewhurst both are conservative, so voters will have to determine which conservative they prefer, he said.

Conaway said he expects both men would vote similarly in the Senate and both likely would be slightly further to the right than Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

"Texas is in a wonderful place for Tuesday's Senate race," he said.

The winner of the Dewhurst-Cruz race will face the winner of Tuesday's Democratic primary Senate runoff race between Grady Yarbrough and Paul Sadler.

Tisha Crow, chairwoman of the Ector County Republican Party, said while turnout in early voting was lower in Odessa than in Midland, the numbers are great for a runoff. A total of 2,379 — or about 3.69 percent — voters cast ballots during early voting in Odessa.

"Please come out (today)," Crow said. "Anyone who hasn't cast their vote yet, please come out."

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Kathleen Petty/Reporter-Telegram

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, of Midland, speaks about the importance of voting at a press conference on Monday.

Senate runoff turns on style, experience, not policy differences

By Kate Alexander
Cox Newspapers

When the dust clears after today's U.S. Senate runoff, voters in the Republican primary probably will have chosen Texas' next senator.

Their decision is expected to shape Texas politics for years to come.

It has been a bitter, bruising and expensive battle between Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Ted Cruz, a former state solicitor general.

Little divides the two on core policy matters. They are both conservatives who oppose President Barack Obama's health care reform, have called for significant cuts to the federal budget and support stronger measures to secure the border with Mexico.

But they differ greatly in terms of style and experience. Cruz, who has never held elected office, touts himself as a "conservative fighter" and an outsider, while a more subdued Dewhurst points to the lengthy list of conservative legislation that has passed during his tenure presiding over the Texas Senate.

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The contest highlights a shift within the Republican Party.

"The whole message of the success of Cruz's candidacy, whether he goes all the way or not, is that there is substantial dissent within the Republican Party ... that is going to have to be confronted in some way by elites in the party," said Jim Henson, who directs the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas.

Cruz effectively has exploited that dissent, in part out of necessity to break through the juggernaut at the top of the GOP, Henson said. But Republicans have cultivated a healthy skepticism of government that has made incumbents vulnerable, he said.

With the help of tea party and anti-tax groups from Washington, D.C., Cruz has hammered Dewhurst over state spending and taxes (saying he hasn't cut enough of either). He also has targeted Dewhurst's failure to pass legislation that was important to many conservatives but opposed by Texas business leaders, including the so-called sanctuary city bill, which would have prohibited local law enforcement agencies from adopting policies against enforcing federal immigration laws.

Most of the state's political leaders, including Gov. Rick Perry and Comptroller Susan Combs, have thrown their weight behind Dewhurst and say he will carry Texas' conservative ethos to Washington.

Ray Sullivan, a political consultant

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ENERGY PRICES MONDAY

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WTI Posted	$86.50	— $0.00
WTS Posted	$79.85	— $0.00
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

■ The Petroleum Museum: Movie Camp presents "Happy Feet 2," 9:30 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3:30 p.m. For Children age 5 and up. Cost: $3. For more information, call 683-4403

Meetings schedule

Hospital District
Noon today
Boardroom of administration office

Water worries

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

Friday: 16,784,000 gallons
Saturday: 12,939,000 gallons
Sunday: 16,185,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 83,454 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 142,626 acre-feet.

The 2012 maximum delivery from CRMWD is 13,900,000 gallons per day. The average usage since July 1 from CRMWD is 11,566,483.

Club meetings, support groups today

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

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

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

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble; Paula Millholton, 520-3250.

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

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

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

National Night Out 2012

National Night Out 2012 is planned for Aug. 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

National Night Out is a series of citywide, police-sanctioned, "neighborhood gatherings" that invite citizen and police cooperation while sending a message to would-be criminals that Midland works together to fight crime.

Citizens are encouraged to host their neighbors at barbecues or lawn parties. Police officers will be making the rounds between homes to meet, greet and answer questions. It's an opportunity to meet neighbors and police officers.

To participate, individuals can fill out a block party request form by contacting: Jessica Rodriguez at 685-7582 or jrodriquez@midlandtexas.gov. The deadline for entry is 5 p.m. Friday.

Lee band fundraiser

Today is the deadline to register for a golf tournament that is a fundraiser for the Lee High School band. The tournament is Aug. 4 at Nueva Vista Golf Course. The four-man scramble begins at 8 a.m.; entry fee is $100 per player. There will be prizes for best scores, closest to the pin and longest drive.

Player information — names, handicap and phone number and email address — may be emailed to barb.peacock@yahoo.com. Entry forms are available at www.mightyrebelband.com. The completed form may be dropped off at Nueva Vista.

For more information, call Steve Morales at 413-7125.

$30 keeps pet population down

Midland Animal Services recommends that owners have their pets spayed or neutered and have a microchip inserted as ways to help reduce the number of animals that are brought to the animal shelter each year.

In the last month, according to a city report, two lost pets were reunited with their owners after several months, because of microchips. One canine had been missing since Christmas Eve and was presumed dead, while the other was living in Fort Worth and wound up in Midland's animal shelter.

Midland Animal Services charges $15 dollars for a microchip; the process takes about 10 minutes.

Midland Animal Services also has $70 spay/neuter vouchers that any city of Midland resident can use to help offset the cost of the surgery for their dog or cat. The vouchers are honored by all of the veterinarians in Midland and Midland County.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 7-5-0
Pick 3 night: 0-2-9
Daily 4 day: 2-0-8-7
Daily 4 night: 8-2-5-8
Cash Five: 5-6-16-32-37
Texas Two Step: 19-20-21-33
BB: 7

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, July 31, the 213th day of 2012. There are 153 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 reached the moon, transmitting pictures back to Earth before crashing onto the lunar surface.

In 1971, Apollo 15 crew members David Scott and James Irwin became the first astronauts to use a lunar rover on the surface of the moon.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty in Moscow.

5 things to watch for in the Texas runoffs

Associated Press

Texas voters will select party nominees in 37 primary runoff elections today, with races ranging from the U.S. Senate down to district judge.

Compared to past runoff elections, early voting has been high but still represents only 3.3 percent of registered voters. Because ideologically motivated voters are more likely to vote, low turnout gives them a disproportionate influence on the outcome of elections such as this one. Here are five things to watch for in today's runoff elections.

■ Who controls the Republican Party of Texas?

For more than a decade, Gov. Rick Perry and veteran politicians such as Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst have maintained authority and unity over the Republican Party of Texas. Their endorsements and support were critical to a new candidate's chance for success.

Ted Cruz's performance in the May 29 U.S. Senate vote shocked many Republican operatives in Austin, who until then never had taken his candidacy seriously. Now the rookie politician is giving Dewhurst a literal run for his money, forcing the oil and gas man to spend $24.5 million his own election.

If Cruz wins, he will have slain a giant using millions of dollars from tea party members and conservative groups from outside of Texas. The message then will be clear: Perry no longer controls Republican politics in Texas; the tea party does.

■ Are Democrats paying attention?

Former state Rep. Paul Sadler faced three challengers in the May 29 primary and ended up in a runoff against one who made no effort to mount a statewide campaign.

The number of ballots cast in Sadler's race, against Grady Yarbrough will give a good indication of whether Democrats are paying attention in a state where Republicans hold every statewide office.

Texas Democrats have the longest losing streak in the nation in statewide elections, and this race will give some indication if they have any hopes of changing that record in November.

■ How conservative will the Republicans be next year?

Conservative activists have invested heavily in 10 Texas House runoff races and one Texas Senate runoff in hopes of pushing the already conservative Legislature further to the right. Meanwhile, mainstream Republican groups are supporting non-tea party candidates.

The starkest contest is in the Texas Senate race between long-serving Sen. Jeff Wentworth and tea party insurgent Donna Campbell, where both sides have spent tens of thousands of dollars for control of the conservative San Antonio district.

Other races include Sid Miller versus J.D. Sheffield in District 59, Bill Keffer against Jason Villalba in District 114, Jeff Leach versus Jon Cole in District 67 and Drew Springer against Trent McKnight in District 68. Unlike in 2011, Republicans will not have another 101-49 supermajority in 2013. That means Republicans will either have to compromise with Democrats or be prepared to do nothing at all. The latter is the preferred stance of many tea party members and could be the outcome if the tea party gains greater control of the Republican caucus in the Legislature.

■ How welcoming are Republican voters to newcomers and Hispanics?

When state Rep. J.M. Lozano announced his defection from the Democratic Party earlier this year, Gov. Rick Perry and other top Republicans warmly embraced him as part of the future of the party in Texas. Republican primary voters, however, have not always been as welcoming, particularly to those with Spanish surnames.

Lozano is in a runoff in South Texas against Bill Wilson, and Rep. Chuck Hopson, who defected in 2009, faces Travis Clardy in East Texas. Incumbent Texas Supreme Court Judge David Medina faces a challenger in John Devine. These races will reveal a lot about where Republicans stand on diversifying their party.

■ Is a new guard emerging in the Democratic Party?

The biggest races for Democrats in the runoffs are for three U.S. House nominations in Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and South Texas.

In all three races, candidates with ties to the past are running against people with less experience in the Democratic Party establishment. In San Antonio, former U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez is running for a chance to retake his old seat against state Rep. Pete Gallego, an emerging figure in the party.

In Dallas-Fort Worth, state Rep. Marc Veasey, a young African American from Fort Worth, is running against former state Rep. Domingo Garcia, a long-time Hispanic activist from Dallas. And a 20-year aid to former U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz is running against Filemon Vela, who is running his first campaign.

The Democratic Party is undergoing tremendous changes at the moment, and these races could give an indication of how quickly.

Polling places for July 31 election

VOTING HOURS: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Republicans:

Precincts 101-110: Manor Park, 5212 Sinclair Ave.

Precincts 201, 203-212: Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Precinct 202: Greenwood Baptist Church, 10908 Farm-to-Market Road 307

Precincts 302-310: Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.

Precincts 401, 408-411: Santa Rita Elementary, 5306 Whitman Drive

Precincts 402-405, 407: Lee High School, 3500 Neely Ave.

Precinct 406: Odessa Country Club, No. 1 Fairway Drive

Democrats:

Precincts 101-110: Alamo Jr. High, 3800 W Storey

Precincts 201-212: Midland County Annex, 2110 North "A" St.

Precincts 302-310: Martin Luther King Jr. Center, 2300 Butternut Lane

Precincts 401-411: Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N. Midland Dr.

What to bring

What you'll need to vote:

Residents will be asked to present either their voter registration certificate or a valid form of ID.

Not sure if you're registered?

Visit http://www.votetexas.gov/faq and click on the "Am I Registered?" link.

Have you moved?

If you've moved within Midland County and not re-registered to vote you'll have to vote in the precinct that coincides with your former address.

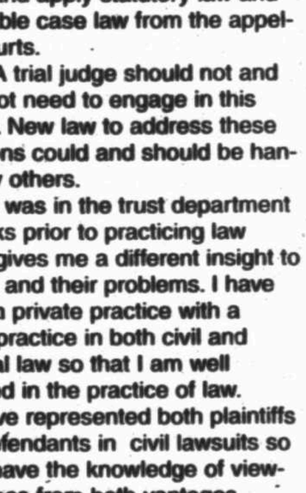
238th District Court judge runoff:

Primary votes in Midland:
David Lindemood:
33.12 percent
Elizabeth Leonard:
33.98 percent

Questions posed to each candidate by the Reporter-Telegram before the May 29 primary:

1. Full name.
2. Age.
3. Are you married or divorced? If so, how many times have you been married?
4. State educational degrees which you have obtained and from where?
5. State where you are licensed as an attorney?
6. Years lived in Midland County after becoming a licensed attorney?
7. What areas of law have typically been the concentrations of your law practice/experience?
8. Have you ever been subjected to discipline by the State Bar of Texas? If so, what was the discipline and why?
9. Have you ever been accused of, indicted for or convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude? If so, what was the offense and how was it disposed of?
10. Have you ever had a lien filed against you and why? If so, has it been fully paid?
11. State how many jury trials you have tried to a verdict.
12. What do regard to be your duties as a district judge?
13. What do think the temperament of a judge should be? What in your personality, if anything, do think you would have to aware of?
14. What is the most important aspect of handling a docket of criminal and civil cases for a judge?
15. What is your philosophy regarding interpretation of the law?
16. Is there ever a situation when a judge should create new law to address a social injustice or inequity?
17. What special skills or talents do you possess that you believe would be helpful as a district judge?

David Lindemood



An attorney with Brockett & McNeel LLP., Lindemood has practiced for more than 25 years with a concentration in civil law, specifically in the areas of will contests, fiduciary litigation, business litigation and family law.

He also has been a certified mediator for 10 years and maintains an office practice in estate planning and business transactions. He and his wife, Becky, have four grown children between them.

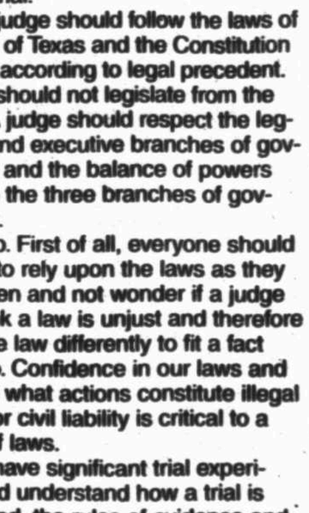
1. David W. Lindemood
2. 59
3. I am married to Becky, and we have been married for 20 years. I was previously married to the mother of my children and briefly married at the end of college.
4. My undergraduate degree is from Oklahoma State University with a major in finance and a minor in accounting. My law degree is from University of Tulsa. I also have a degree from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University with a trust major.
5. I am licensed in the states of Texas and Oklahoma, the United States District Court Western District of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.
6. 33
7. Civil litigation with concentrations in family law, will contests, fiduciary litigation and business litigation. I have also maintained an office practice in estate planning and business transactions.
8. No
9. No
10. No
11. I truthfully do not know in that I have never kept count. I would estimate in my 25 years of practice I have tried approximately 50 to 75 jury trials to verdict.
12. To preside over the court in a fair and impartial manner and to apply the law correctly in every case that appears before the court.
13. A judge should be willing to work the number of hours it takes to move the cases and docket along, be even handed in the cases that are presided over and patient to ensure each litigant has an adequate opportunity to present credible and relevant evidence in support of their case. I have all of those attributes.
14. A judge needs to possess organizational and time management skills so that cases can proceed in an orderly and timely basis to resolution so that justice will not be denied through delay.
15. I do not believe a trial judge needs to interpret the law. Rather, I believe a trial judge in any case that appears before him or her should follow and apply statutory law and applicable case law from the appellate courts.
16. A trial judge should not and does not need to engage in this activity. New law to address these situations could and should be handled by others.
17. I was in the trust department of banks prior to practicing law which gives me a different insight to people and their problems. I have been in private practice with a broad practice in both civil and criminal law so that I am well rounded in the practice of law.

I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in civil lawsuits so that I have the knowledge of viewing cases from both vantages.

I have tried cases throughout West Texas and some of the metropolitan areas of Texas. I have represented clients in appeals from trial courts.

Lastly, I have been a certified mediator for the last 10 years in which I have helped litigants and their lawyers resolve a great number of cases. As a mediator, I have developed the skills to listen to people about their problems and ask the right questions to help them come to a conclusion that makes sense to them.

Elizabeth Leonard



An attorney/landman with JTD Resources LLC., Leonard has six years of experience in oil and gas law. She has 10 and 1/2 years of experience as a prosecutor between her roles with Midland and Ector counties. She's practiced civil and criminal law, with an emphasis in felony crimes, and oil and gas. She taught courses at Midland and Odessa colleges. Leonard is married to Dan Leonard, who has three grown children.

1. Elizabeth Byer Leonard
2. 46
3. Only married once to Dan Leonard, and we are still married.
4. Doctor of jurisprudence — South Texas College of Law
Bachelor of business administration — finance — Baylor University
5. Licensed in the state of Texas
6. I have lived in Midland, Texas for 17.5 years since becoming a licensed attorney.
7. My legal experience has been practicing both criminal law and civil law with an emphasis in felony crimes and oil and gas law.
8. No, I have not been subjected to discipline by the State Bar of Texas
9. No, I have not been accused of, indicted for or convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude or any other crime.
10. No, I have never had a lien filed against me.
11. During my 10.5 years as a prosecutor, I have tried approximately 100 jury trials to a verdict and handled hundreds of felony cases.
12. I regard the duties of a district judge to be:
1) To fairly apply the law to all who come before the court
2) To respect the time of the parties, the attorneys and the jurors
3) To work hard to give parties timely hearings, rulings and trials
13. I believe a judge should have an even temperament that encourages all parties to have an equal opportunity to be heard. Additionally, I believe judges have a responsibility to be courteous to all who come before the court. I don't have any personality traits that would adversely affect my temperament as a judge.
14. A judge needs to timely set trials, giving priority to defendants who are incarcerated. The county spends approximately $61 per day for each person incarcerated in the Midland County Detention Center, so these cases need to be at the top of the criminal docket.

The guilty pleas need to be heard as quickly as the Probation Department can get the pre-trial sentencing reports completed and the judge can approve the plea bargain. Efficiently handling the plea docket helps identify which criminal cases need either a jury trial or a bench trial. As for the civil docket, all hearings and motions need to be timely heard and ruled upon so the litigants can best conduct discovery, reach settlement agreements or proceed to trial.
15. A judge should follow the laws of the state of Texas and the Constitution and rule according to legal precedent. A judge should not legislate from the bench. A judge should respect the legislative and executive branches of government and the balance of powers between the three branches of government.
16. No. First of all, everyone should be able to rely upon the laws as they are written and not wonder if a judge may think a law is unjust and therefore apply the law differently to fit a fact scenario. Confidence in our laws and knowing what actions constitute illegal activity or civil liability is critical to a nation of laws.
17. I have significant trial experience and understand how a trial is conducted, the rules of evidence and the importance of timely rulings.

I know the special rules of evidence as they apply to criminal cases. I am also familiar with the programs offered by the county and the state to address addiction and violence issues of defendants and the services offered to victims of crime to better their lives.

This knowledge is especially important when sentencing a defendant to probation and ordering special terms and conditions of probation. I also understand oil and gas law and the contracts and agreements that pertain to oil and gas exploration.

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From 1A

who previously served as Perry's chief of staff, said those top Republicans are backing Dewhurst because they have seen him operate in the legislative arena and defend conservative principles.

"There is a strain of the electorate that is anxious for people who have not been in elected office. The risk there, however, is the unproven candidate is simply paying lip service to the philosophy but has never had to prove it up," said Sullivan, who is not working with either candidate. But Henson said the Cruz campaign has demonstrated that "voters are very skeptical of elected officials and the way that government is working, even government run by elected officials of their own party."

Katrina Pierson, a founder of the Grassroots Texans Network and a Cruz supporter, said there is a difference between being a Republican and being a conservative.

Candidate views

Health care
Both candidates have called for the repeal of the health care reform law. Ted Cruz has said he does not believe government has a responsibility to provide health care. David Dewhurst supports free-market reforms to make programs such as Medicaid more efficient and effective.

Border security
Cruz has endorsed building a fence along the entire Texas-Mexico border.

Dewhurst said a fence is necessary in some places but not others. Both support tripling the size of the U.S. Border Patrol.

Immigration
Dewhurst and Cruz have each accused the other of supporting some form of amnesty for illegal workers; both have denied the charge and say they oppose amnesty, including President Barack Obama's decision to extend protections to the children of illegal immigrants.

Federal budget
Cruz and Dewhurst support a balanced budget amendment that constrains spending and requires a supermajority to raise taxes.

Term limits
Dewhurst has committed to serve only two terms in the U.S. Senate.
Cruz has said he would sponsor a constitutional amendment to institute term limits but would not self-impose a limit.

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statement.
"This is certainly the case with cotton producers who saw their good-faith effort at compromise unacceptably hollowed out by the U.S. Senate," Conaway said.

The Senate version includes lesser cuts to SNAP, as well as revisions to the risk management program. It would cut spending by $23 billion.

The president of the American Farm Bureau Federation released a statement Monday saying the organization will not support the one-year extension that has since been proposed in the House.

"A one-year extension offers our farm and ranch families nothing in the way of long-term policy certainty," said Bob Stallman. "Farmers and ranchers always face decisions that carry very serious financial ramifications, such as planting a crop, buying land or building a herd, and we need clear and confident signals from our lawmakers."

The National Corn Growers Association released a similar statement, and said while something needs to be passed before the start of October, they prefer a new farm bill rather than an extension.

Conaway said while that's his preference, as well, it's not probable at this point.

The issue has become particularly poignant this summer as drought conditions nationwide will mean many farmers need assistance from disaster relief or insurance programs.

For consumers, the drought likely will mean higher food prices as farmers are expected to produce smaller crops.

Conaway said passing legislation, whether an extension or a new bill, won't have an immediate impact on food prices, but the bill is one that needs to be addressed.

"Less food supply will cause prices to go up," he said.

Conaway said he's hopeful that a full extension of the Bush-era tax cuts can be approved in the next four days. With the economic growth rate having slowed to 1.5 percent in the second quarter, Conaway said now is not the time to consider restructuring the Bush-era tax cuts.

"We have not recovered," he said, of the national economy.

Democrats have proposed maintaining the tax cuts only for those who make $250,000 or less.

Conaway, though, said raising rates on anyone at this point only will stunt future growth, which is exactly the opposite of what needs to occur.

"We want to extend the tax rates for everyone," Conaway said.

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	$29,324,018
Last year's debt taxes	$3,650,348
Last year's total taxes	$32,974,366
Last year's tax base	$7,091,088,720
Last year's total tax rate	$0.47054/$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	$32,974,366
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	$7,369,518,911
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)	$0.44744/$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function) tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures.	$29,280,618
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	$7,369,518,9111
= This year's effective operating rate	$0.397321/$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	$0.429106/$100
+ This year's debt rate	$0.057039/$100
= This year's total rollback rate	$0.486145/$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	$0.00000/$100
= Rollback tax rate	$0.00000/$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	$0/$100
= Rollback tax rate	$0/$100

CITY OF MIDLAND 2012

Statement of Increase / Decrease
If the CITY OF MIDLAND adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of ... $0.44744
per $100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by ... $343,710

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND - EST	$43,828,448
INTEREST AND SINKING FUND-EST	$357,324

Schedule B - 2012 Debt Service
2012 DEBT SERVICE
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues.

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Certificates of Obligation 2003	$360,000	$83,740	$215	$443,955
Certificates of Obligation 2005	$330,000	$107,285	$215	$437,500
Certificates of Obligation 2007	$280,000	$262,705	$215	$542,920
Certificates of Obligation 2009	$400,000	$316,163	$215	$716,378
Gnrl Obligation Refund 2009	$1,118,125	$80,604	$215	$1,198,944
Certificates of Obligation 2012	$240,000	$732,063	$210	$972,273
Total Expenditures	**$2,728,125**	**$1,582,560**	**$1,285**	**$4,311,970**

Total required for 2012 debt service	$4,311,970
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	$97,186
- Amount (if any) paid from other sources	$0
- Excess collections last year	$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012	$4,214,784
+ Amount added in anticipation that unit will collect only 98.000/0 of its taxes in 2012.	$86,016
= Total Debt Levy	**$4,300,800**

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 4631 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice:	**Jerry M. Bundick**
Title:	**Chief Appraiser**
Date Prepared:	**July 26, 2012**

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	$17,805,681
Last year's debt taxes	$2,983,384
Last year's total taxes	$20,789,065
Last year's tax base	$12,482,337,912
Last year's total tax rate	$0.16786/$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	$20,789,065
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	$15,175,793,231
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)	$0.13699/$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function) tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures.	$17,786,078
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	$15,175,793,231
= This year's effective operating rate	$0.117200/$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	$0.126576/$100
+ This year's debt rate	$0.017789/$100
= This year's total rollback rate	$0.144365/$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	$0.00000/$100
= Rollback tax rate	$0.00000/$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	$0/$100
= Rollback tax rate	$0/$100

CITY OF MIDLAND 2012

Statement of Increase / Decrease
If the CITY OF MIDLAND adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of ... $0.13699
per $100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by ... $210,143

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FUND - EST	$10,900,780
INTEREST AND SINKING FUND-EST	$215,000

Schedule B - 2012 Debt Service
2012 DEBT SERVICE
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Description of Debt	Principal or Contract to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005	$360,000	$83,740	$215	$443,955
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012	$330,000	$107,285	$215	$437,500
Total Expenditures	**$1,765,000**	**$1,135,175**	**$8,000**	**$2,908,175**

Total required for 2012 debt service	$2,908,175
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	$215,000
- Amount (if any) paid from other sources	$0
- Excess collections last year	$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012	$2,693,175
+ Amount added in anticipation that unit will collect only 98.000/0 of its taxes in 2012.	$54,963
= Total Debt Levy	**$2,748,138**

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Poll: Cruz leading Dewhurst by 10 points

By Aman Batheja
Texas Tribune

Former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz has a 10-point lead over Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in the GOP race to replace U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, according to the latest poll from Public Policy Polling.

The North Carolina-based firm, which surveys races nationally using automated telephone polls, found Cruz leading Dewhurst 52 percent to 42 percent among likely voters in today's Republican primary runoff. Among voters who identify with the tea party, Cruz's lead grows dramatically to 75 percent to 22 percent.

Among those who said they already had voted, Cruz was ahead of Dewhurst 55 percent to 40 percent, according to the poll, suggesting Dewhurst needs a large majority of voters to favor him on today.

Another finding suggests former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin has more clout among Texas Republicans than the state's own governor. Likely runoff voters said they were were 31 percent more likely to vote for someone endorsed by Palin, while only 16 percent were more likely to cast a ballot for a candidate endorsed by Gov. Rick Perry, according to the poll. Another 35 percent said they were less likely to vote for a candidate endorsed by Perry.

"Cruz's victory is driven by 4 things: the tea party, the enthusiasm of his supporters, a generational divide within the Texas Republican ranks and the lack of regard the party base currently holds for Rick Perry," Tom Jensen, the firm's polling director, wrote in a blog post. He noted that a victory for Cruz raises questions of whether Perry could survive a primary challenge in 2014 if he decided to run for re-election.

The poll was conducted Saturday and Sunday. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.8 percentage points.

Support reveals sharp differences in high court hopefuls

By Chuck Lindell
Cox Newspapers

In today's GOP runoff for a seat on the Texas Supreme Court, each candidate's list of endorsements highlights the differences between them.

Incumbent David Medina, on the state's highest civil court since 2004, boasts support from Gov. Rick Perry, six retired Republican Supreme Court justices, 22 members of the Texas Legislature or U.S. Congress and several politically influential groups, including Texans for Lawsuit Reform and the Texas Medical Association.

Challenger John Devine, a former district judge, boasts support from members of prominent religious and conservative groups, including Eagle Forum, Concerned Women of Texas and Liberty Institute, which fights legal battles on behalf of Christian priorities and issues.

"You can tell a lot about a candidate by the endorsements they get," Donna Garner, a conservative activist, wrote on Devine's campaign website. "John P. Devine is endorsed by true patriots while his opponent is endorsed by politicians."

Medina supporters tend to focus on his eight years as an appellate judge, but they also are quick to trumpet his conservative credentials.

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It wasn't always that way, and you'll see that clearly when you step into The Cedar Chest, the cutest, newest little antique shop in Midland. Owner Teresa Newman and manager Dee Head have scoured the countryside to find an eclectic assortment of bright, cute and nostalgic items that will bring a smile to the faces of even the younger generation.

There is a lot of warm and welcoming kitchenware, including brightly colored dishes and wooden flour/sugar/coffee bins, silverware, serving trays and more. Signed artwork is on display on almost every wall, and you'll find a delightful collection of turquois costume jewelry and Native American carvings.

Do you enjoy the history of recorded music? Ask Dee to demonstrate the Edison phonograph that uses cylinders, which predate records. It's amazing to hear what that music sounded like!

You'll also see a later model, a Victrola, which plays 78-RPM records—and you can find some of the old 78's to play on it back toward the back of the store. Yes, it's true, most kids today don't remember any kind of records, let alone the old 78s, but wouldn't that be a great conversation/instruction piece in your home?

While the Cedar Chest concentrates on smaller collectibles, they do have some furniture, including a barbershop mirror and a bedroom suit, including headboard, footboard and dresser. That bedroom suit is 30 percent off right now, so be sure and take a look at it.

Furniture also includes a classic pump organ which, with a little repair, could bring music into your home.

Stop in at the Bargain Room, which has a great selection of small cups and dishes and some cute artwork and wood carvings.

Teresa points out that the Cedar Chest is within easy walking distance of Midland Memorial's main campus. That makes it a great place to pass some time while waiting on someone who is having day surgery etc. It is also right across the street from the Friends of the Library building on Michigan, so it's a natural stop on Wednesday or Saturday mornings when you're browsing for a book bargain.

At the Cedar Chest you can not only step back in time, you can bring some of that nostalgic beauty and elegance into your home. Go by the Cedar Chest today and see for yourself!

The Cedar Chest, at 2306 West Michigan, owned by Teresa Newman, is open Tues-Sat,10-6. The phone number is 685-0019. Their email address is TheCedarChestMidland@gmail.com.



The Cedar Chest manager Dee Head welcomes everyone to see the store's selection of elegant and beautiful antiques—including this Edison phonograph. The sstore is at 2306 West Michigan.



Midland Gymnastics owner Blake Hughes is offering $15 off for anyone signing up for his back-to-school and Olympics specials in August and September. Call 682-4113 for more information.

Midland Gymnastics offers back-to-school/Olympics special

While not everyone can be Carly Patterson or Shawn Johnson, two recent American Olympic gymnasts, kids of all ages can enjoy learning gymnastics. That is especially true in the fun-and-challenging atmosphere at Midland Gymnastics, where owner Blake Hughes is offering a back-to-school and Olympic special.

Anyone signing up for the month of August or the month of September will receive 15 percent off of that month's cost. Blake says you can sign up for either month or both and still get the discount.

Oh, and are you looking for something fun and worthwhile on Friday nights? If so, go by Midland Gymnastics and pay just $5 per child for two hours of gymnastics, from 6-8 p.m. This program is for all ages, and friends are welcome.

"We teach a complete, all-around gymnastics program according to USA Gymnastics guidelines," Blake explains. "Kids from age 2 on up have a great time learning these skills."

Blake and his staff teach all four girls events and all six boys events. Learning these skills early can help those who play other sports later, such as football, basketball, baseball, diving and others. Plus, mastering the gymnastics events build confidence that can carry over into many other aspects of life.

"Our students progress through the levels prescribed by USA Gymnastics," Blake explains. That assures everyone that students build their skills in appropriate increments as designated by experts in the field. Blake is fully USA Gymnastics-certified for both coaching and safety procedures. He stresses that this is all done in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Student-teacher ratios are kept small so everyone can get the personal attention they need to advance. In younger ages the ratio is 5-1 and in older ages, where basic skills have already been learned, the ratio is still just 8-1.

He has owned and operated Midland Gymnastics Center since 1999, and has been coaching the sport since high school days in 1980. He has been coaching professionally since 1984, working with a variety of athletes in Houston before coming to Midland in 1999.

Midland Gymnastics holds classes Monday through Thursday. Ages 2-5 meet at 4:30 and 5:30. Ages 6 and up meet at 6:30 and 7:30. There is also a cheerleader tumbling class open to anyone from any school. Ask for details.

This is a family-friendly atmosphere, offering your kids the perfect opportunity to stretch those muscles, learn some great athletic skills and to get away from the TV and the video games for awhile.

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Midland Gymnastics Center, owned by Blake Hughes, is located at 3501 North Lamesa Road. The phone number is 682-4113.

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Quality's Darren Webb answers window questions

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Another very good question is whether the installers take out all windows before replacing any, or if they do them one at a time. "We do only one window at a time," Darren explains.

And that leads to the next question, "How long will it take?" Windows can be replaced in a typical home in one to two days, Darren says. If you have budget constraints, you can do some windows now and the rest later.

Homeowners who have had bids from national companies often ask Darren about those bids. Many say the salesman was pushy, window prices were given at around $1,000 per window, the salesman had only a couple of color samples and the crew might come from who knows where.

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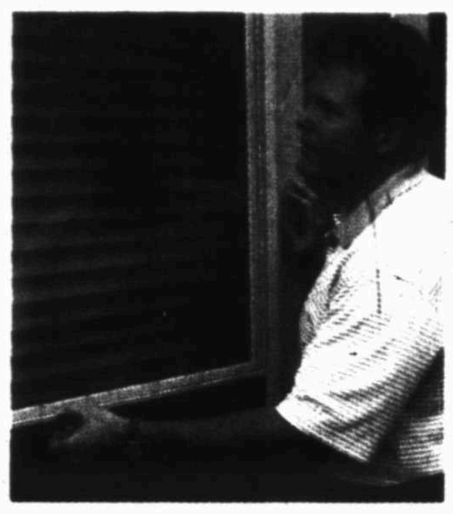

Having Quality replace those leaky old windows with attractive, efficient new ones is one way to cut energy costs. Call Darren Webb at 580-5001 for a free estimate.

Quality offers a variety of styles and colors. Darren carries several window samples because he likes to show you good, better, and best then let you make the decision you are comfortable with.

He also points out that Quality's prices are neither the cheapest in town, nor the most expensive. The cheapest price will usually bring you inferior quality and the highest price may be inflated or may give you features you neither want nor need.

With Quality you get much more than windows—you get personalized service from a local company with years of experience. The owner, Steve Kallestad, lives in Odessa, and Darren lives in Midland.

Don't wait any longer, start saving money on electricity now. Quality's windows are all super-efficient and they will help you reduce your energy costs.

Quality also installs tubular skylights, solar powered attic fans, siding and other products to help you beat the heat!

Quality is owned by Steve Kallestad, who has been providing professional workmanship and service since 1979. Call Steve or Darren Webb for a free estimate at 580-5001. The address is 416 South Meadow.

Summer Sale continues at A-1 Office Furniture

One thing that's NOT cooling down this summer is the long list of great deals on office furniture and accessories at A-1 Office Furniture. A-1 general manager Steve Ausmus says he's being merciful to everyone who is outfitting a new office!

"So many new companies are moving to town, and existing ones are expanding, we need to give them some discounts to help them get everything they need," Steve says. And boy, are there some great discounts!

As part of their Super Summer Sale, Steve's offering 25 percent off any new office furniture when you buy three items or more, in almost any combination—desks, chairs, tables, file cabinets, massage tables, drafting tables, fireproof vertical files, returns or any other furniture.



Prepare to save up to 25 percent on orders of three new items of furniture or more during A-1 Office Furniture's Super Summer Sale.

If you're looking for even more bargains, A-1 is taking 10 percent off any used furniture, as long as you buy three desks or more in the deal.

During this sale you can save on desks, chairs, credenzas, file cabinets, returns, break room tables and even reception area furniture like lamps, couches, coffee tables and stuffed chairs. You'll also find accessories like decorative pictures, lamps, artificial plants and much more. When it comes to office furniture and furnishings, A-1 is your one-stop!

This is all top quality furniture, too. This will last you for years and years.

If you need help deciding what you need or how to arrange everything, call A-1 and Steve or one of his staff will come to your office armed with catalogues and experience, and help you decide. Once your purchases are made, they will deliver and install the furniture for you, and move your existing furniture if needed.

Because they have the trucks and expertise in moving furniture, A-1 also does office moves. If your expansion includes moving to a new floor or a bigger building, talk to A-1 about doing the move for you. Then you can cross that off your "to worry about" list and get on to getting the phone lines moved and the rest of the process.

For years now, some of the largest companies in town have relied on A-1 because A-1 offers the quality products and services that are needed. No job it too big—Steve says big orders usually arrive in just a few days—and no job is too small, even if you just need a chair pad or a single desk. It's this kind of service that has generated great loyalty among business all through the Permian Basin.

So call or go by A-1 Office Furniture today and get the office furniture you and your staff need. Steve says, "When you come to the best, forget the rest!"

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Time has come to eat more Chick-fil-A

■ Battle against conservative Christians continues, and this time it appears free speech really isn't as it seems.



CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

Chick-fil-A President Dan Cathy is in hot water with the LGBT community because he committed the cardinal sin in an age of political correctness: Thou must not speak ill of anything gays, lesbians, bisexuals or transgenders wish to do.

In an interview with the Baptist Press and later on a Christian radio program, Cathy, whose father, the philanthropist Truett Cathy, founded the company, defended marriage between a man and a woman and when asked about the company's support of traditional marriage said, "Guilty as charged. We are very much supportive of the family — the biblical definition of the family unit." Cathy believes American society is rotting (and where is evidence to the contrary?) because the country has turned away from God.

That was it. Cathy did not say he would deny someone with a different view than his the right to eat in or work at any of his fast-food restaurants, which would violate the law. He did not say anything hateful about them. He simply expressed a deeply held conviction rooted in his Christian faith.

The reaction tells you everything you need to know about certain liberals who believe every sort of speech, activity and expression should be protected, except the speech, activity and expression of evangelical Christians.

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino said he would try to deny Chick-fil-A's application for permits to open restaurants in that city. Now that's discrimination. Menino wants to ban Chick-fil-A in Boston, not for discriminating against customers or employees, but because of its owner's beliefs, a threat he has since backed away from. Does Boston have "thought police" who might be ordered to investigate whether other business owners already operating in the city hold similar views? I'll bet there's someone at Durgin-Park who holds similar views. What about a player for the Boston Red Sox? Better follow them to see if any of them go to church.

Maybe Mayor Menino would like to force business owners in the city to testify before an official panel of grand inquisitors and then deny operating licenses to anyone who believes traditional marriage should be the norm?

In Chicago, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has said, "Chick-fil-A's values are not Chicago values." Are Chicago values represented by the anti-Semitic firebrand Louis Farrakhan with whom Emanuel is going to partner in hopes of reducing the number of homicides in his city? Are Farrakhan's anti-Semitic and anti-gay sentiments somehow more palatable, more of value, than Dan Cathy's support of marriage and family?

The Weekly Standard found a video posted on the Nation of Islam's website of a Farrakhan speech two months ago in which he blasted President Obama for endorsing same-sex marriage. Farrakhan said Obama is "the first president that sanctioned what the scriptures forbid." He added, "...sin is sin according to the standard of God" and "the Bible forbids it."

That goes a lot further than Dan Cathy.

The Jim Henson Company has decided to pull its Creature Shop toys from Chick-fil-A and donate profits already made to GLAAD, the media-monitoring group that promotes the image of LGBT people. I knew Jim Henson when we both worked at the NBC-TV station in Washington in the mid-1960s. While we never discussed politics, I don't think at the time, at least, he would have wanted his characters, which appeal to everyone, involved in a cultural and political battle.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Sen. Rick Santorum, both also former presidential candidates, have called for a show of support for Cathy. They want people to eat at Chick-fil-A restaurants on Wednesday.

This is more than an economic battle. It is a First Amendment issue. Freedom of speech is guaranteed by the Constitution. Dan Cathy has a right to his opinion, so does Farrakhan, so do we all.

The real "war" in this country is not only against the supposed civil right of nontraditional marriage. It is a war against conservative Christians and a denial of the same rights the LGBT community claims for itself. Free speech is an American value. We shouldn't settle for anything less.

OUR VIEWS

Runoff process deserves high turnout

Today's a primary runoff gives residents their last opportunity to make their voices heard. We urge you to vote. As elections go, runoffs probably are the most disappointing in the American voting system. Runoffs most often are decided by a much smaller percentage of voters than in primary or general elections. We think the American public is best served when large numbers of people vote.

Several races potentially will be decided today by fewer voters because winners in the Republican primary in Texas most often don't have opponents in the general election, or if they do have opponents the Republicans would be heavily favored to win the general election.

We would like to see Texans turn out in huge numbers today to ensure the best result and we would like to see Midlanders turn out to ensure the interests of the Permian Basin are protected.

We are excited to see how Midlander Christi Craddick fares in her race versus state Rep. Warren Chisum for the Railroad Commission seat vacated by Elizabeth Ames Jones. It would be nice to see Craddick join former Midlander David Porter on the Railroad Commission. This is an important race for Midland because the Railroad Commission handles the state's oil and gas regulation.

The runoff for Judge John Hyde's replacement on the 238th District Court features David Lindemood and Elizabeth Leonard. These are two qualified candidates and we would like to see a good turnout for this race.

We were expecting a low voter turnout based on previous runoff elections, but the 2012 runoff races have generated above average turnouts with more than 5,700 ballots cast last week during early voting. We hope this trend continues today because a heavy turnout really could have a big impact on the statewide races and give us the best judge for the 238th District Court.

Dewhurst, Cruz provide example of today's politics

The day for the primary runoff between Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz for U.S. Senate is here, and all we can say is thank goodness.

We haven't been thrilled with the tone of the race between Dewhurst and Cruz, the highest profile of all the statewide races this year. Their race has shown us what we dislike about today's politics.

During Dewhurst's visit to Midland on Saturday he compared the conservative Cruz to another "Washington-trained lawyer promising hope and change" — an obvious attempt to connect Cruz with President Obama. Smart voters will see through this type of false advertising.

Cruz burst onto the scene trying to paint Dewhurst as some kind of tax-and-spend "moderate," the kind that our citizens don't need to send to Washington. Again, we the smarter voter shouldn't pay attention to this type of name-calling.

In the end, Texas Republicans are blessed to have two talented candidates who bring different strengths to the table.

Dewhurst is an experienced legislator, an effective leader, a representative of the oil and gas community and someone who's been there for Midland and the Permian Basin.

Cruz is a dynamic conservative, ready to join a growing segment in Washington wanting to make fiscal responsibility the No. 1 issue of the day. Midlanders can connect with the need for government to live within its means.

The fact is, neither Cruz nor Dewhurst invented the type of politicking where the goal is to smear the opponent and not articulate their own strengths. Unfortunately, that is how it appears elections are won these days. We have seen it at the state level and in our presidential politics.

We hope that during this process Midlanders have heard enough about a candidate who makes them feel comfortable about voting. And in the future, we need to send a loud and clear message to those running for office: the days of winning by tearing down your opponent are over.



Outsiders: Texas race is important

■ Texas' Gov. Rick Perry ready to show those national leaders the door.



PEGGY FIKAC
San Antonio Express-News

Gov. Rick Perry jerked away the welcome mat for out-of-staters seeking to influence the U.S. Senate race, but as they descended on Texas anyway, they said they've got every right to support Ted Cruz over Perry's pick for the GOP nomination, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

"Every Senate race is a national race. The votes that Ted Cruz casts will have just as much effect on South Carolina as the votes I cast," said U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina, who would like to add the tea party-backed Cruz to a cadre of senators trying to push the GOP agenda further right.

We wrote about it in June when Perry pointedly said it's fine for people to "come to Texas and learn how to do it right," but warned, "don't come down here and tell us who needs to be our next United States senator, thank you very much. We'll decide that without your outside, Washington, D.C.-oriented help."

DeMint said he and other senators aren't representing Washington interests but are driven by the grassroots. Other conservative U.S. senators here to back Cruz in Tuesday's runoff emphasized their Texas roots as they talked to reporters last week after a Dallas tea party rally.

Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky pointed out that he grew up in Texas, the son of U.S. Rep. Ron Paul. Sen. Mike Lee of Utah said he lived in Texas for two years and that his mom grew up here.

"Regardless, one has to ask the question: Why does he (Perry) care if outside interests speak in favor of Ted Cruz?" Lee said.

Perry said last week it's because he wants a senator who cares about what's best for Texas rather than Washington politics, but Lee had a different theory.

"He cares because he can see what a groundswell of support this man (Cruz) has and that there are really good reasons for that ... this man's a genius, and this man belongs in the United States Senate," Lee said.

Despite his support for Cruz, DeMint couldn't let that one slide, deadpanning, "Wait a minute. If he's a genius, he does not belong in the United States Senate. He won't fit in at all."

Running incognito

In the midst of his final push for votes, Dewhurst made a quick stop in Fort Worth to recognize some firefighters for their bravery. There was no campaign crowd since it wasn't a campaign event. Dewhurst wouldn't even answer political questions until he stepped around the back of the building because he didn't want to look like he was campaigning at the fire station.

So in search of a voter with an opinion, I stopped in at the nearby Mama E's Bar B Que and Home Cooking just off the highway. It made me wish candidates had more time to talk to people besides the likely supporters they identify with such precision.

Ernestine Edmond — "Mama E" herself, owner of the establishment — hadn't yet voted. She said she was still looking into the candidates' records. She cares more about a candidate's integrity and approach to the job than any particular issue.

She wants to know that when she calls an elected official's office, someone will get back to her. She wants someone who will try to keep his promises, although she said, "I know everybody can't keep every promise they make."

Partisan affiliation doesn't matter, she said: "They're both the same to me. They're men trying to get a job done."

Edmond would like the chance to meet with officeholders and candidates when they come through: "You sent me a flyer to tell me you are running. Why didn't you send me one saying you are going to be in my neighborhood today?"

If they did — and this isn't just about Dewhurst — maybe they'd be able to better answer this question she posed: "You say you represent Texas, but do you represent all of Texas?" Maybe meeting more people would be a start.

Beating Democrats by beating ...

FreePAC, the Dallas tea party rally where Cruz and conservative U.S. senators spoke last week, was organized by the limited-government group FreedomWorks. Like similar national groups, it isn't just looking to elect Republicans but to elect the ones who will support its views. That attitude was exemplified by T-shirts that some wore with a quote from the group's president, Matt Kibbe: "Sometimes you have to beat the Republicans before you beat the Democrats."

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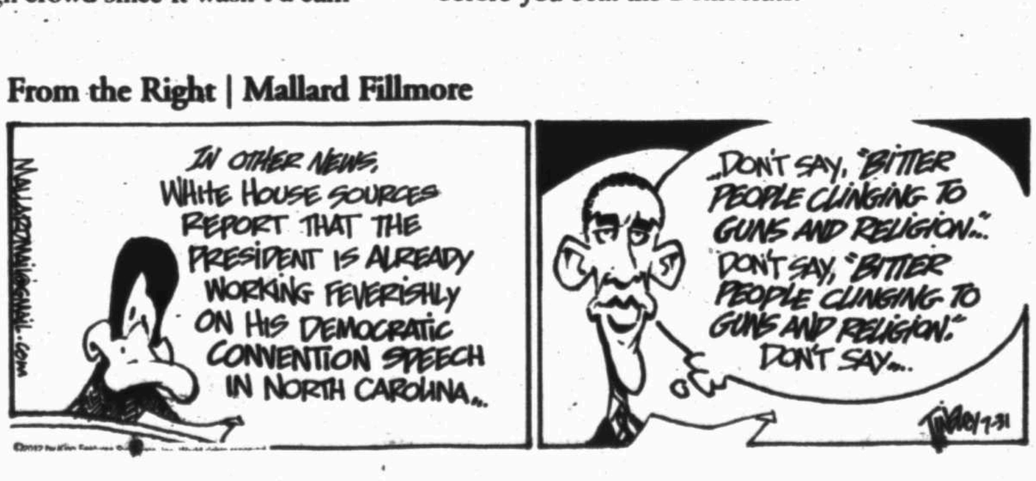

Another hiccup? Romney outrages Palestinians during foreign trip

Associated Press

GDANSK, Poland — It wasn't supposed to be this way.

Mitt Romney outraged Palestinians on Monday, telling Jewish donors that their culture is part of what has allowed them to be more economically successful than the Palestinians. That fresh controversy on his visit to Israel came just days after insulting the British on what was intended as a feel-good visit to the Olympics in London.



Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and wife Ann wave to the crowd at The Gdansk Old Town Hall, in Gdansk, Poland, on Monday.

Whether or not the trip changes votes back home, the effect hasn't seemed to be what Romney's presidential campaign had in mind.

His first steps onto the world stage as President Barack Obama's Republican challenger were carefully crafted to avoid political risk. He visited countries that are staunch U.S. allies, limited questions from the media and arranged made-for-TV appearances at symbolic venues in London and Jerusalem. It was all intended to demonstrate he was ready to handle foreign affairs smoothly and lead during dangerous times.

Instead, as he made his final stop of a three-nation tour in Poland late Monday, Republicans and Democrats alike were shaking their heads in the U.S. Though Republicans said they saw no lasting harm, Democrats raised questions about Romney's ability to handle delicate topics with sensitivity on foreign soil, even under the friendliest conditions.

Romney's latest trouble stemmed from a speech he gave to Jewish donors in which he suggested that their culture was part of what has allowed them to be more economically successful than the Palestinians.

Kind words for Israel are standard for many American politicians, but Palestinian leaders suggested his specific comments were racist and out of touch with the realities of the Middle East.

"Because it's billed as a layup — it's billed as something that should be simple — perhaps he let his guard down," said Hogan Gidley, a senior aide under former Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum. "You say, 'Gosh, this guy is so scripted, the campaign is so disciplined, so smart, how could this happen?'" Still, he doubted that Romney would suffer any long-term effects among voters who still are undecided three months before the election.

Predictably, Obama's campaign was more critical, with senior strategist David Axelrod saying on Twitter: "Is there anything about Romney's Rolling Ruckus that would inspire confidence in his ability to lead US foreign policy?"

It's unclear whether voters in the U.S. are paying attention to Romney's stumbles, especially as concerns about the nation's economy dominate most Americans' concerns.

"I'd say it has the same impact as a stubbed toe," said Iowa Republican John Stineman, a marketing consultant in Des Moines. "People are still focused on the economy."

And Debra Hayes, a Republican-leaning independent from Denver, said Romney's overseas comments have no impact on how she'll vote.

Polish leader endorses Romney

GDANSK, Poland — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is spending the night in Poland, the final stop on a three-nation tour designed to boost his foreign policy resume with U.S. voters.

In Gdansk, Romney was endorsed by former Polish President Lech Walesa, who led the Solidarity anti-government movement in the 1980s. Walesa suggested the U.S. needs Romney's leadership to restore its standing in the world. He told Romney: "Be successful."

Walesa's backing was meant to influence Catholics and union members in the U.S. But Solidarity's current leadership distanced itself from the event and criticized Romney as hostile to unions and labor rights.

Associated Press

AP source: Dems move to formally back gay marriage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic Party is moving to include support for gay marriage in the official party platform for the first time, a Democratic official said Monday, marking a key milestone for advocates of same-sex unions.

The party's platform drafting committee voted to include language backing gay marriage during a weekend meeting in Minneapolis, the official said. Democratic delegates formally will approve the platform during the party convention in Charlotte, N.C., in early September.

President Barack Obama officially will accept his party's nomination at the convention. Republican rival Mitt Romney will get the GOP nomination during his party's convention in Tampa, Fla.

Seeking to ramp-up enthusiasm among Democrats, party officials said Sunday that former President Bill Clinton will deliver the nominating speech on Wednesday night of the convention. Obama and Biden are to speak on Thursday, the convention's final night.

The Obama campaign and convention organizers on Monday announced that Elizabeth Warren, the Democratic Senate candidate in Massachusetts and a popular figure among liberals, will get a featured speaking role. Warren headed the Congressional Oversight Panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, the committee that examined the bank bailout. She also was the leading advocate for a consumer financial protection agency, created under the 2010 overhaul of financial regulations. Warren's convention address will precede Clinton's.

Several prominent Democrats began pushing earlier this year for support of same-sex marriage to be included in the convention platform, which lists principles the party supports. The effort got a boost in May when Obama voiced his personal support for same-sex unions.

The Democratic official would not comment on the exact language of the pro-gay marriage plank approved by the drafting committee. It was unclear if the party would call for any national action to legalize gay marriage. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publically about the platform committee's decision.

Obama has said he considers gay marriage to be a state issue, not a federal matter. Gay rights advocates hailed the decision as a significant step forward.

"I believe that one day very soon the platforms of both major parties will include similar language," said Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "There is no more American value than honoring and protecting one's family."

The National Organization for Marriage, which opposes same-sex unions, said the decision sets up marriage as a defining issue in the presidential election.

"We will rally supporters of traditional marriage to make sure they realize that the outcome of the presidential election may determine the future of marriage in our country," said Brian Brown, the organization's president.

NY, NJ lawmakers aim to restrict ammunition sales after massacre

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ten days after the Colorado movie theater massacre, federal lawmakers introduced a bill that would effectively ban people like suspect James Holmes from buying thousands of rounds of ammunition by mail or online.

"It's time to close the loophole that's allowing killers — deranged, insane — and even terrorists to buy ammunition online," said U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey.

He was joined Monday at City Hall in Manhattan by U.S. Rep. Carolyn McCarthy of New York to announce the Stop Online Ammunition Sales Act.

McCarthy's husband was killed and their son paralyzed in 1993 after a gunman opened fire on a Long Island Rail Road train. Five others also died.

Lautenberg said he and McCarthy, both Democrats, were "on a mission": to ensure the safety of all Americans by passing legislation that would close loopholes in gun laws allowing people like the suspect in the Aurora, Colo., shootings "to anonymously stockpile for mass murder."

Under the bill, only licensed dealers would be allowed to sell ammunition. They would have to notify a law enforcement official within five business days about any sale of more than 1,000 rounds to an unlicensed person.

The bill also would require buyers who aren't licensed dealers to show a photo ID. And that would mean eye contact with someone purchasing ammunition.

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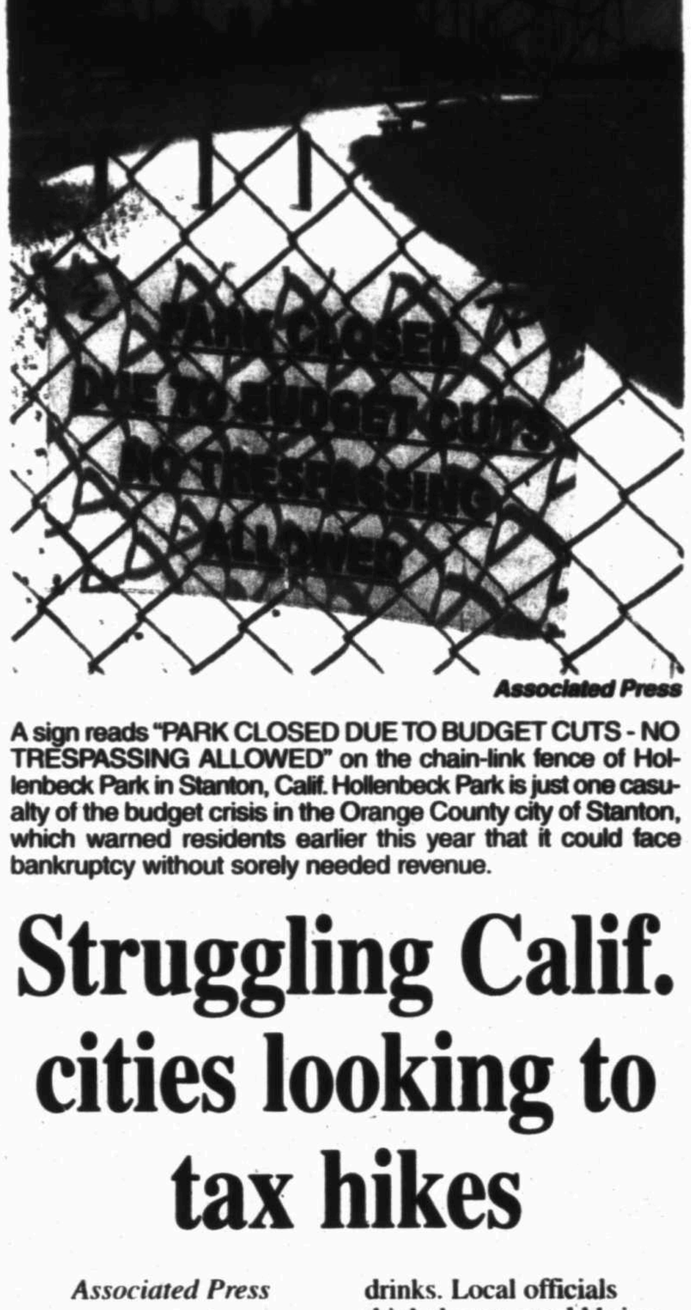

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A sign reads "PARK CLOSED DUE TO BUDGET CUTS - NO TRESPASSING ALLOWED" on the chain-link fence of Hollenbeck Park in Stanton, Calif. Hollenbeck Park is just one casualty of the budget crisis in the Orange County city of Stanton, which warned residents earlier this year that it could face bankruptcy without sorely needed revenue.

Struggling Calif. cities looking to tax hikes

Associated Press

STANTON, Calif. — There's a new twist emerging as some of California's most financially troubled cities look for ways out of their predicaments: They're declaring fiscal emergencies so they quickly can get tax hike initiatives on local November ballots.

Leaders are turning most often to an increase in the local sales tax. But there also are proposals for hikes on utility taxes, parcel taxes and, in the Los Angeles-area city of El Monte, a proposal to tax sugary drinks.

Last month's bankruptcy filing by Stockton, quickly followed by one in Mammoth Lakes and then San Bernardino's sudden declaration of a fiscal emergency and plan to file for bankruptcy drew attention to an increasingly common theme — some communities battered by the economy and unable to control costs now are heading toward insolvency.

El Monte finance director Julio Morales said San Bernardino was a wakeup call. Local officials declared a fiscal emergency last week, clearing the way for a ballot question asking residents to approve a 1 cent-per-ounce tax on sugar-sweetened drinks. Local officials think the tax would bring in up to $7 million per year.

"We don't want to wait like San Bernardino and say, 'We can't make payroll,'" Morales said.

La Mirada, Fairfield and Culver City are among other communities that declared fiscal emergencies this year and placed sales tax increases on their ballots. The Orange County community of Stanton declared a fiscal emergency, got a utility tax question on the June ballot and voters rejected it. Now the city may try again in November.

It's unusual and perhaps unprecedented for so many cities to declare fiscal crises in such a short period.

"It is relatively new — and a sign of desperation," said David Brunori, professor of public policy at George Washington University who specializes in tax policy and has studied finance in California.

A "fiscal emergency" requires a unanimous vote by a community's governing body, usually a city council. Such a declaration allows cities to more quickly place a tax question before voters, rather than waiting up to two years for the next scheduled local election.

NASA to rover: 'Stick the landing'

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — It's NASA's most ambitious and expensive Mars mission yet — and it begins with the red planet arrival late Sunday of the smartest interplanetary rover ever built. It's also the most athletic.

Like an Olympic gymnast, it needs to "stick the landing."

It won't be easy. The complicated touchdown NASA designed for the rover, named Curiosity, is so risky it's been described as "seven minutes of terror" — the time it takes to go from 13,000 mph to a complete stop.

Scientists and engineers will be waiting anxiously 154 million miles away as the spacecraft plunges through Mars' thin atmosphere, and in a new twist, attempts to slowly lower the rover to the bottom of a crater with cables.

By the time earthlings receive first word of its fate, it will have planted six wheels on the ground — or tumbled itself into a metal graveyard.

If it succeeds, a video camera aboard the rover will have captured the most dramatic minutes for the first filming of a landing on another planet.

"It would be a major technological step forward if it works. It's a big gamble," said American University space policy analyst Howard McCurdy.

The future direction of Mars exploration is hanging on the outcome of this $2.5 billion science project to determine whether the environment was once suitable for microbes to live.

Previous missions have found ice and signs that water once flowed. Curiosity will drill into rocks and soil in search of carbon and other elements.

Named for the Roman god of war, Mars is unforgiving with a hostile history of swallowing man-made spacecraft. It's tough to fly there and even tougher to touch down.





ABOVE: This artist's rendering provided by NASA shows the Mars Rover, Curiosity. After traveling 8 1/2 months and 352 million miles, Curiosity will attempt a landing on Mars on Sunday.

LEFT: Another rendering provided by NASA shows a "sky crane" lowering the Mars Science Laboratory Curiosity rover onto the surface of Mars.

AP file photos

More than half of humanity's attempts to land on Mars have ended in disaster. Only the U.S. has tasted success, but there's no guarantee this time.

"You've done everything that you can think of to ensure mission success, but Mars can still throw you a curve," said former NASA Mars czar Scott Hubbard who now teaches at Stanford University.

The Mini Cooper-sized spacecraft traveled 8½ months to reach Mars. In a sort of celestial acrobatics, Curiosity will twist, turn and perform other maneuvers throughout the seven-minute thrill ride to the surface.

Why is NASA attempting such a daredevil move? It had little choice. Earlier spacecraft dropped to the Martian surface like a rock, swaddled in airbags, and bounced to a stop. Such was the case with the much smaller and lighter rovers Spirit and Opportunity in 2004.

At nearly 2,000 pounds, Curiosity is too heavy, so engineers had to come up with a new way to land. Friction from the thin atmosphere isn't enough to slow down the spacecraft without some help.

The space agency is in the midst of revamping its Mars exploration program that will hinge heavily on whether Curiosity succeeds.

The extra time allowed engineers to test and re-test the rover and all its parts, taking a spacecraft stunt double to the Mojave Desert as if it were Mars. For the past several months, engineers held dress rehearsals at the sprawling Jet Propulsion Laboratory PL campus near downtown Los Angeles.

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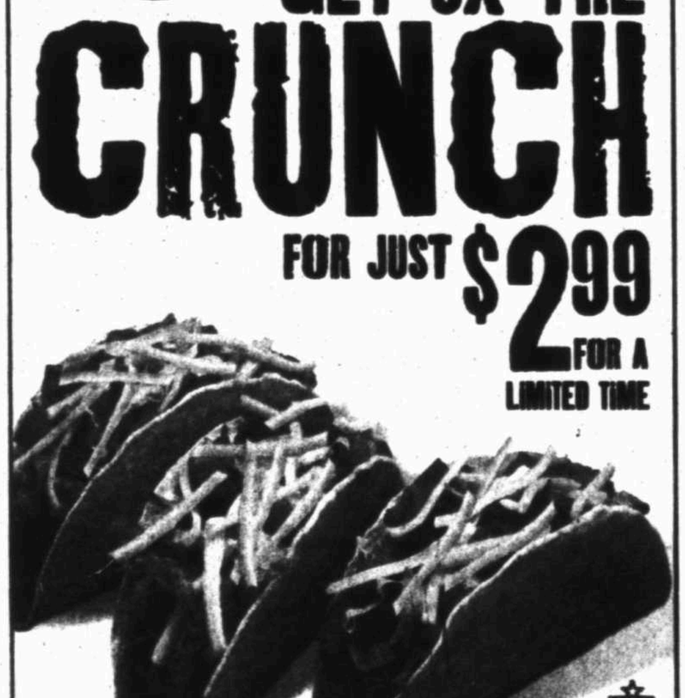

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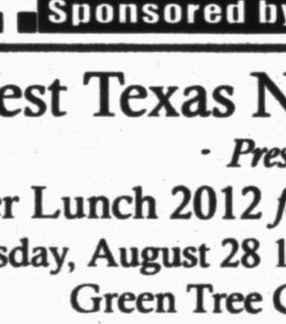

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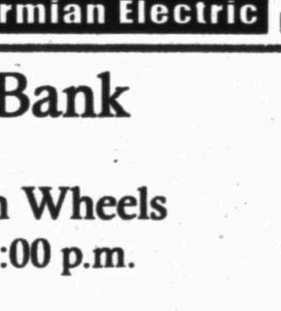

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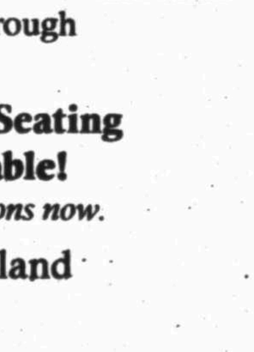

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Local & State

New 4-H agent starts career in Midland County

Kayla Schwertner first raised and showed animals in third grade

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Sitting in her new office with only a few unpacked boxes remaining, Kayla Schwertner is starting to settle into a role she's wanted all her life.

The Waco-area native began her career July 16 as the extension agent over the 4-H and youth development programs for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Midland County.

Schwertner graduated from Tarleton State University in December with a bachelor of science in agriculture and consumer sciences; she has a minor in agriculture communications.

After graduation she was an intern in Upton County and moved to Midland when her husband, Grant, took a job with Atlas Pipeline in Midkiff.

She said last week she was surprised to be able to find a position in her field of study so soon after graduation.

"It's hard to find a job you actually went to school for," she said.

When she was in elementary and high school, Schwertner participated in 4-H and FFA. She said she first raised and showed animals in third grade, starting with hogs and pigs, then goats, steers and heifers.

But there are more 4-H programs than those related to animals, she said. Other areas are photography, fashion and robotics, all of which help to teach students responsibility, she said.

"To me, it's just more than what people typically think about 4-H," Schwertner said.

In her position as county extension agent over the 4-H programs, Schwertner will oversee the programs and work with adult volunteers.

She said when she was in school she often consulted the 4-H agent who oversaw the program and went to him for advice on problems she encountered. Schwertner said she hopes the Midland County 4-H participants do the same with her.

Schwertner said she doesn't plan to make any changes

Please see **AGENT**/3B

MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ABILENE — Five Midlanders graduated in May from Hardin-Simmons University.

Wesley Dearen received a bachelor of arts degree in political science and history. He graduated cum laude.

Kristin Gengler received a bachelor of music in music performance. She graduated magna cum laude.

Aaron Hill received a bachelor of music in church music.

Marcus Thomas received a bachelor of behavioral science in communication. He graduated cum laude.

Christian Revell received a bachelor of arts in English. She graduated summa cum laude.

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DENTON — Midlanders **Christian Meek** and **Whitney Williamson** were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Texas Woman's University

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — **Erin Savas** was named to the honor roll for the spring semester at the University of Kansas.

The criteria for being honored depends on which school a student attends, according to a press release from the university.

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STEPHENVILLE — Midlander **Callie Fender** recently graduated from Tarleton State University.

She received a bachelor of science in communication studies.

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BROWNWOOD — **Alyshia Harter, Cassandra Jolly** and **Alexis Wilburn** were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Howard Payne University.

To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.65 GPA.

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LEVELLAND — Midlander **Robert G. Worsham** recently graduated from the Evening Police Academy at South Plains College.

The 16-week class included coursework in law, driving and shooting. Graduates are eligible to take the state license exam to become a peace officer in Texas, according to a press release from the college.

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DENTON — Four Midlanders graduated from Texas Woman's University in May.

Katie Benton received a doctor of physical therapy in physical therapy; **Davlin Morris** received a bachelor of science in nursing; **Valerie Munoz** received a bachelor of general studies in general studies; and **Rachel Ponder** received a BS in nutrition.

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CLARION, Pa. — Midlander **Kory Kusick** graduated in May from Clarion University.

Kusick received a bachelor of secondary education in English.

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Midlander **Jennifer McCabe** has been named to the Dean's List for the spring quarter at Rochester Institute of Technology.

SHARING A PASSION



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Michelle Moses teaches children at Casa de Amigos about the properties of quicksand with a mixture of corn starch and water Monday afternoon during her science course at Casa de Amigos. Moses, a Southwestern University student and 2010 Lee graduate, volunteered to teach a three-week science course at Casa.

College junior volunteers to teach science class at Casa

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Knowing she couldn't sit at home in front of the TV all summer break, Midlander Michelle Moses started looking for somewhere to volunteer and spend quality time.

After just a week of volunteering with Casa de Amigos' summer literacy program, Moses knew she'd found a place where she could share her passion for science.

For three weeks, the Southwestern University junior is teaching five science classes a day to the kids enrolled in the summer program.

"I just want to get them interested in science now so they'll pursue it on their own and enjoy it in school," said Moses, a 2010 Lee High School graduate.

Each day Moses presents the kids with a new experiment that leads to a discussion about the scientific process and why each scientific phenomenon happened, she said.

"They get excited about all the experiments, which means I'm succeeding, which is a good thing," said Moses. "Some of them are actually learning a few vocabulary terms, so that's good."

The first week's classes focused on the human body. The kids completed balancing activities that helped them find the dominant side of their body, played mystery games that allowed Moses to discuss psychology and made fake snot.

"It was very difficult to explain psychology to a first-grader," Moses said. "Next time, I'd probably change that lesson a little bit."

Please see **VOLUNTEER**/3B



Photo courtesy of Lynn Rogers/Casa de Amigos

Moses uses a hose to make dry ice bubbles for Marshayla Lewins and Kiara Ortega during a science demonstration.

Texas Water Smart initiative draws attention

By Asher Price
Austin American-Statesman

On a hot day in mid-July, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples visited a steamy chamber of a North Austin Home Depot teeming with plants to promote a new initiative, Texas Water Smart, which encourages homeowners to conserve water.

Not a cent of tax money is being spent on the campaign, and in a budget crunch, no tax dollars spent seems like something to cheer about.

Meanwhile, the chief state-sponsored water conservation strategy is practically dormant, with a modest budget that leaves no room for advertising or outreach.

That dynamic has left water conservation messaging to companies that favor a mild conservation strategy.

The situation speaks to a larger issue — of officials seeing political benefit in talking about water conservation and water supply, but still far away from spending the needed money — estimated at $53 billion in coming decades — or political capital to seriously address the state's water problem.

In short, just as water has become important to politicians, water conservation itself has become political. In the drought of 2011, as watering restrictions grew more draconian, landscaping companies faced a grim future. Lawn watering became not only unfashionable but downright illicit.

Landscapers "were really afraid of being run out of business if outdoor watering were completely shut off," said C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District and member of the state Water Conservation Advisory Council. "That was their fear that got them started down this road."

That fall, companies — led by Scotts Miracle-Gro and joined by Home Depot, WalMart and the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, among others — landed on the Water Smart campaign as a middle-road approach to conservation as the state grapples with long-term lawn watering.

After considering a host of spokespeople, they picked Staples as a trusted voice on water issues.

In September, Scotts Miracle-Gro contributed $1,250 to Texans for Todd Staples.

At the Home Depot press conference, Scotts Miracle-Gro's southwest region president, Jim Tates, who gave $200 to the commissioner in December, stood next to Staples.

The Water Smart initiative currently has a budget of $500,000. No state dollars are used, said Bryan Black, a spokesman for Staples.

Texas already happens to have at least one water conservation program.

But by comparison, the Water IQ program has an annual budget of only about $100,000, and no funding for media outreach, advertising or program promotion, said Merry Klownower, a spokeswoman for Texas Water Development Board.

Water IQ's progress has been piecemeal. The Lower Colorado River Authority and the city of Austin are among the few major entities to have promoted the plan.

At a March meeting, many Texas Water Conservation Advisory Council members said they were concerned about duplicative efforts of Texas Water Smart and about possibly confusing audiences with multiple messages, according to meeting minutes.

Please see **WATER**/2B

Obituaries



Donna St. Clair Moore

Donna St. Clair Moore, 72, of Flagstaff, died Saturday, July 28th, surrounded by family and friends. A resident of this city since 2000, Donna was the mother of Andrew T. Moore, a local attorney.

Donna was the owner and proprietor of Selections, a specialty store specializing in unique gift and interior design items. Her skills in design and decorating promoted a truly innovative environment. She broadened the effect of her talents by providing her neighbors a landmark garden and outdoor area that was enjoyed by young and old alike. Her generosity to her community has been seen in many ways as her home became the site of celebrations and kid-friendly activities.

Prior to relocating to Flagstaff, Donna made her home in Los Alamos, New Mexico. There she founded the Selections brand and developed her unique approach to home and garden enrichment.

Donna was born in Hiawatha, Kansas. She was the eldest daughter, of Donald Wilson St. Clair and Louise Crocker St. Clair. She attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, earning a Bachelor's degree with a double major in elementary education and interior design. An avid student of design, she continually studied that discipline, incorporating classic design with modern elements and whimsy. Her environment was a true work in progress.

Donna is survived by her son, Andrew Trousdale Moore and granddaughter, Teah Sinclair Moore of Flagstaff; brother, Robert Allen St. Clair and wife, Sarah St. Clair, of Arnold, Maryland; brother, William Crocker St. Clair and wife, Sara St. Clair, of Midland, Texas; sister, Jean Cameron St. Clair of Austin, Texas; sister, Ann Elizabeth St. Clair and husband, Walter F. Holland, of Austin, Texas; and brother, John Baldwin St. Clair, of Dallas, Texas. Other survivors are Donna's nieces and nephews: Will and Amanda St. Clair of Downers Grove, Illinois; Kathryn St. Clair and Beau Bouverat of Petaluma, California; Pat St. Clair of San Francisco, California; George St. Clair of London, England; Joanne St. Clair of Garner, North Carolina; Ross St. Clair of Gainesville, Virginia; and Cameron Holland of Austin, Texas. Her extended family includes her Flagstaff community and her beloved dog Preston.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Donna's close family of neighbors for their care and help during her illness. In addition, the family thanks the staff of the Flagstaff Medical Center ICU for their skill, empathy, and professionalism.

Visitation for friends will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at the Norvel Owens Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Northern Arizona Second Chance Center for Animals or the Assistance League of Flagstaff.

Condolences and memories can be shared with the family at: norvelowensmortuary.com.



Edward Lee Harris

Edward Lee Harris, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and respected businessman went to be with God the Father, on July 29, 2012, at the age of 91, after a life well lived with grace and dignity. Ed was born in Tulia, Texas on December 2, 1920. He was the third son born to A.J. and Maude Harris. His two older brothers were C.L. Harris and James T. Harris. He had two younger sisters, Ruth Harris Mills and Mary Harris Burgess. He graduated from Tulia High School in 1939. After graduation he attended Texas Tech University. Ed was a loyal Red Raider sports fan. He loved Texas Tech football and held season tickets for many years. He joined the Army in 1942. His battalion landed at Omaha Beach in Normandy on June 6, 1944, while serving with the 90th Infantry Division. Although so many of his comrades' life-journeys ended there, Ed's was blessed to continue another 68 years, and he made the most of those years. He loved his country and considered his time served in the Army as one of the largest honors and highlights of his life. He received the Bronze Star and other meritorious medals while serving his country. He was honorably discharged as Captain on March 11, 1946.

Ed came home from the Army and worked for several retail lumber yards in Amarillo, Dumas, and Kress. He also worked with his Dad and brothers in the Tulia lumber business. There was a nearby town that didn't have a lumber yard, so he moved to Hart and established a very successful business. In 1963, after the death of his brother, Jim, Ed purchased the Tulia lumber yard from Jim's wife, Marie. The Harris family has been in the lumber business for over 90 years. He was honored to serve as a director of the Texas Lumberman's Association for several years.

Ed was an exceptional leader in church, civic, and industrial endeavors in Hart and Tulia. He was mayor of Hart, school board member, and helped establish Farmer's State Bank. He was a 55 year member of the Hart Lion's Club. He served several terms as president of the Greater Swisher County Industrial Foundation, Inc. A former Chamber of Commerce director, he has been a member of the board of First United Methodist Church, was chosen as Tulia's Man of the Year in 1975, and received the Tulia Pioneer Sprit award in 2003. He was a proud member of the Tulia Rotary Club, where he served as President in 1988 and 1989. Ed was also a Master Mason with Tulia's Masonic Lodge 733 for more than 60 years.

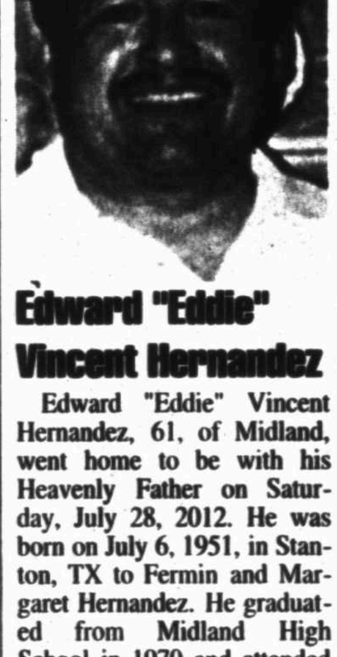
Ed met Melba Appling in 1947, after Melba had been drafted as a sales person for Lubbock Sash & Door during the war. She called on Harris Lumber, and a romance developed. They were married on October 4, 1947. The marriage was blessed with two children and continued for 56 years, until Melba's death in 2004.

Ed is preceded in death by his wife, parents, brothers, and sister, Mary. He is survived by his two children, David Harris of Midland and Jan Wilson and her husband, Scott Wilson, of Houston; his two grandchildren, Caroline Wilson and Lauren Wilson; his sister, Ruth; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family was blessed with wonderful caretakers: Michelle Drake, Pat Hernandez, Whitney George, Ramona Moncado, and Vivian Boston.

Services for Ed will be at the First United Methodist Church in Tulia, at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 1, 2012. Visitation will be held at Kornerstone Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 31.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Tulia, 119 N. Briscoe; Tulia, 79088; the Tulia Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 116, Tulia, 79088; or the charity of your choice.



Edward "Eddie" Vincent Hernandez

Edward "Eddie" Vincent Hernandez, 61, of Midland, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday, July 28, 2012. He was born on July 6, 1951, in Stanton, TX to Fermin and Margaret Hernandez. He graduated from Midland High School in 1970 and attended Texas Tech University. He had many hobbies that included river rafting, traveling, golfing, camping, and cook-outs. Eddie worked for the Midland school district for 35 years as MISD Transportation. He will be greatly missed and always be in our Hearts.

Eddie is survived by his loving parents; two brothers, Sam L. Hernandez and John Phillip Hernandez, both of Midland; two sisters, Paula Torres of Odessa and Mary Hernandez Olgin of Midland; four nephews; four nieces; five great nephews; four great nieces; and several uncles and aunts. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Genaro and Marta Hernandez and Rosendo and Maria Larez.

A rosary will be held Tuesday, July 31st at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A funeral mass will take place on Wednesday, August 1st, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Ann's Catholic Church, with Father Ricardo Lopez officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be directed to Permian Basin Neuropathy and Hospice of Midland.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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Joshua Ramon Urias

Joshua Ramon Urias, 21, was a loving son, husband, and devoted father. He was received into heaven on July 27, 2012. He was born on November 1, 1990, in Odessa, Texas, to Ramon and Norma Urias. He was raised and educated in Midland, graduating from Midland High School in 2009. Joshua married his only love, Michol Moreno Urias; together they shared a son, Nathanael Cole Urias, "Chamaco", as Daddy would call him. Josh was an avid horse lover and team roper, skilled at heading and healing horses. He was a dedicated Catholic member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. At the time of his death, he was working for ACS Pump & Supply.

Josh was preceded in death by his aunt, Diana Day. He leaves behind to prepare a place in heaven for his wife, Michol and his son, Nathanael; his parents, Norma and Ramon Urias; his sister, Carissa Urias, all of Midland; his mother and father-in-law, Carolyn and Marcos Moreno; his sisters-in-law, Raquel Aguirre and Julia Moreno and their families all of Midland; paternal grandparents, Rosa and Alfredo Urias of Midland; and maternal grandparents, Dolores and Dimas Contreras of Fort Stockton; 3 uncles; 1 aunt; 3 nephews; 1 niece; 8 cousins.

Viewing will be held today, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel, 405 N. Terrell St. A rosary will also take place tonight at 7:00 p.m., at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass is set for Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1401 Garden Lane, Midland, TX 79701, with Father Edward de Leon, OMI, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven North. A reception will be held after the service at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish hall.

Funeral services are under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: heavenly gate@suddenlinkmail.com.

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Death Notices

Aristeo Hernandez

Aristeo Hernandez, 81, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, July 30, 2012, at his residence.

Vigil services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by one son, Raul Hernandez (Ruth); three daughters, Anita Ybarra, Nora Torres (Joe), and Christina Lopez (Ramon); thirteen grandchildren; twenty-nine great grandchildren; two brothers; and three sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Doris McWilliams

Doris McWilliams, 82, of Andrews, passed away Sunday, July 29, 2012, at her home in Andrews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Andrews. Rev. James Griffin will officiate. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Marilyn K. McWilliams; sons, Ronald McWilliams and Bobby McWilliams; six grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Eugene "Gene" H. Hanks, Sr.

Eugene "Gene" H. Hanks, Sr., passed away on Friday, July 27, 2012.

Gene is survived by his wife of 57 years, Miriam; and children, Catherine L. Hanks; Shelby M. Hanks; Gregory H. Hanks; and Eugene H. Hanks, Jr.; four granddaughters and one great granddaughter. Gene is also survived by one brother, Roy B. Hanks.

The funeral mass for Mr. Hanks has been moved to St. Stephen's Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31. Interment will be held at the Mount Olive Cemetery, Mount Olive, Arkansas.

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

Ronald Louis Jones

Ronald Louis Jones, 57, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2012, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

A private family viewing will be Tuesday, July 31, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Public viewing will be from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. No other services have been planned.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Jones; two stepchildren: Dawn Michelle Tucker and Christa Tucker; four grandchildren; three sisters; one brother; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tannya "Nanny" Helms

Tannya "Nanny" Helms, 59, of Hobbs, NM, passed away Saturday July 28, 2012, at her home in Hobbs.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at Andrews West Cemetery, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

She is survived by her husband, Brent Riordan; sons, Dwayne "Bubba" Norvell and Eddie Helms; daughters, Debbie Hestand and Gina Gilmore; brother, Reggie Cunningham; sister, Janie Phillips; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Water

From 1B

"We're not trying to change messages local municipalities are using," said Brian Mayes, a spokesman for the Water Smart initiative.

The employees of the companies sponsoring the Water Smart initiative, which has a wide membership that includes some cities, "work and live here in Texas and in a crisis want to rally together," said Mayes.

Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club, who said he welcomes any water-saving promotion, had a different take: "They want to try to be seen and be out there promoting water-use techniques so their business can continue existence and not be seen as water hogs."

At the Home Depot event, Bryan Shaw, the chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, who has acted as Staples' wingman on the water initiative, delivered the middle-ground message of the Water Smart campaign:

"The common-sense oriented (watering tips do not mean) your yard should look like the Sahara desert," he said. "Most (water-saving) programs tell you what you can't do. This one tells you what you can do.

"You can still enjoy a lush, beautiful landscape and use less water," Shaw said.

The Water Smart campaign, which amounts to a website and radio and television public service advertisements, promotes basic, sensible watering tips: Homeowners ought to water early in the morning to reduce evaporation; adjust sprinklers so that they water lawns, not sidewalks or driveways; and use plenty of mulch to keep gardens and flower beds moist.

"Making water conservation a part of your daily life is something every Texan can do to ensure we have water tomorrow and into the future," Staples told a group of reporters at the press conference.

For Staples, who plans to run for lieutenant governor in 2014, it was a successful day as he introduced himself to urban voters — he also appeared in San Antonio — and associated himself with a seemingly winning issue in drought-minded Texas.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Manuel Cuellar, 40, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

David Ray Ortega, 37, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of theft less than $1,500 with two or more convictions.

Joe Henry Robles, 39, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of stalking.

Dan D. Thomas, 36, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault of a date, family and/or house member.

Oliver Valdez, 34, of Bloomfield, N.M., was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Tony Martin, debonair pop music troubadour, dies at 98

By Frank J. Prial
N.Y. Times News Service

Tony Martin, the debonair baritone whose career spanned some 80 years in films and nightclubs and on radio and television, died Friday at his home in West Los Angeles. He was 98.

His death was confirmed by business manager, Stan Schneider.

Martin's long life in show business began in the late 1920s, when he formed his first band at Oakland Technical High School in California. He was still performing in nightclubs around the country well into the 21st century.

"Tony Martin may be his generation's Last Man Standing," Stephen Holden wrote in The New York Times in January 2008. The occasion was a five-night engagement at Feinstein's at Loews Regency in New York, where



Martin

Martin sang his hits from half a century earlier while dropping names of colleagues he had outlived, like Bing Crosby and Perry Como.

After a chorus or two of, say, "The Very Thought of You," Martin would interject: "Ray Noble, lovely guy. I met him when I did the Palladium in London, and he asked me to sing that song."

A few lines of "I Don't Know Why" would recall Russ Columbo, who popularized it. "I was working with Woody Herman in Tom Gerun's band in Oakland," Martin would tell his audience, "when we heard that both Columbo and Bing Crosby were singing with Gus Arnheim's band down in L.A. So we drove down to hear them."

Martin spoke familiarly of Crosby and later singers. Crosby, who was almost 10 years older than he was, was the first of the popular male singers to develop the laid-back persona that Frank Sinatra would make his own. But Martin rarely appeared out of black tie. Young swains of the 1950s preparing for their first prom could avail themselves of a popular tuxedo model called the Tony Martin.

In a sense Martin represented an earlier fantasy, stemming from the 19th-century European operettas and musicals, that of the impossibly elegant troubadour warbling to equally elegant (and mythical) audiences at nightclubs and balls. In the 1940s Martin was to popular song what Fred Astaire was to dance.

His popularity later helped propel a successful performing partnership with his wife, the dancer and actress Cyd Charisse, in nightclubs and on television. Their marriage lasted 60 years, ending with Charisse's death at 86 in June 2008.

Tony Martin was born Alvin Morris in San Francisco on Dec. 25, 1913; his family moved across the bay to Oakland soon after. His parents were well-off Jewish immigrants from Poland who wanted him to be a lawyer. He attended St. Mary's, a Christian Brothers college in nearby Moraga, where he was in the class of 1934, for a time. "I left in 1932," he once said, "after one of the brothers told me I was flunking everything and should stick to music."

He headed for Hollywood, where a new name, his good looks and his voice soon had him working steadily, mostly in small parts, starting with that of a sailor in "Follow the Fleet" (1936), a song-and-dance feature starring Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Later that year he appeared in "Sing, Baby, Sing," starring Alice Faye, whom he married in 1937. That marriage ended in divorce in 1940.

In 1941, in one of the high points of his screen career, he serenaded Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr and Lana Turner as they floated down a staircase in a number staged by Busby Berkeley in MGM's "Ziegfeld Girl."

VOLUNTEER

From 1B

Chemistry-based experiments occupied the second week, and Earth science will be the focus for the final week.

On Thursday, Moses taught the students about exothermic reactions by making "elephant toothpaste" with hydrogen peroxide, water, dish soap and yeast.

Her students giggled as the toothpaste foamed out over the cylinder it occupied.

Though she was nervous to start teaching classes, Moses said it's been a very good experience.

"I'm an only child and don't really have experience with kids, so I was nervous to teach classes," said Moses, who started at Casa after studying abroad in Denmark for four weeks. "However, I've learned that I didn't have that much to be afraid of and the kids are great."

Working with kids all summer left the pre-med major with a new appreciation for teachers.

"I have an appreciation for teachers now. I don't know how we learned anything in elementary school, but they kept us on task and made it happen. We learned so much in elementary school," she said.

Volunteers like Moses are vital to Casa's success, said Chris Stonedale, Youth Education Program director.

"She's been great with the kids and taught them stuff she's passionate about," Stonedale said. "That's what we're looking for. ... People to come share what they're passionate about."

From the beginning, Moses said she wanted the kids to be curious about science and had them write down their questions, which included some like "How did the cow jump over the moon?"

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> — MICHELLE MOSES

Moses said it's been a learning curve having to adapt her explanations to children, but she's enjoyed getting to know the kids.

"I think Casa's program is great," Moses said. "They want more people from the community to be involved and share their talents."

A self-proclaimed perfectionist, Moses said she tried every experiment before doing it with the kids and wrote everything out in a notebook so she'd know what to ask the kids during the daily lessons.

"I'm really glad I did this," Moses said. "It was a good decision on my part. I've got them interested and now it's up to them if they're going to be a scientist or not."

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Kayla Schwertner is the new Midland County 4H agent.

AGENT

From 1B

during her first year because she wouldn't feel right coming in and changing programs that "have been really strong."

Being an extension agent is something she wanted to do ever since she was a young girl and is excited to get to live out her dream.

"The first time I stepped in a show ring, I knew this was for me," she said.

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

Want to be involved?

Enrollment for the 4-H programs begins Wednesday for adult volunteers and students.

The fees are $20 a year for students and $10 a year for adult volunteers until Oct. 31.

For more information, call Kayla Schwertner at 686-4700 or visit http://midland.agrilife.org.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Last Man Standing	Trust Us With	Trust Us With (N)	NY Med (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "A Desperate Man"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Cyber Threat"		Person of Interest "Number Crunch"		CBS 7 News	(:35) LateS Jimmie Walker, Emma Stone		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Statue"	Seinf. "The Cadillac"	Hart of Dixie "Faith and Infidelity"		Complex "Choose Your Battles" (N)		Cops	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	SouthPk "Towelie"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Masterchef "Top 8 Compete/ Top 7 Compete" (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Ray "The Canister"	Law & Order: C.I. "D.A.W."	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Diana Dye	Yohanan Salamanca	Update News	Dr. Alewine	Light of the Southwest				Shepherd's Heart		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	London 2012 Summer Olympics								News-West 9	Summer Olympics
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		History Detectives (N)		The War Two Americans battle the Japanese in the Philippines; Japanese-Americans are interned.					House-boat	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Un Refugio Para El Amor		Por ella soy eva		Abismo De Pasion		La Que No Podia Amar		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Hasta que el dinero nos separe	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	Case "Boy Crazy"		Cold Case "Justice"		My News	Earl	30-Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(4:30) The Mask of Zorro		★ Xanadu Olivia Newton-John.			(:40) ★★★ Cinema Paradiso				(:45) ★★ eXistenZ		
HBO	300	68	14	14		Game Change ('11, Dra) Woody Harrelson.				★★ What's Your Number? Anna Faris.				Newsroom "Bullies"		True Blood	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:05) Speed 2: Cruise C...		(:15) ★★★ Unstoppable				True Blood		★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love. Steve Carell.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:10) ★★★ Contagion Matt Damon.				The Newsroom		Boardwalk Empire		The Tree of Life ('11, Dra) Brad Pitt.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) Fast Five Vin Diesel.			★★★ Dream House			★★ Galaxy Quest Tim Allen.			(:45) Femme	(:15) Strike Back	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Horrible Bosses Jason Bateman.				Recoil ('11, Act) Steve Austin.			(:35) Emmanuelle Time			Horrible Bosses	
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★ The Toy ('82, Com) Richard Pryor.				★★ Multiplicity Michael Keaton.				The Truth About Cats & Dogs...			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Another Happy Day		Weeds	Therapy	★★★ Primary Colors ('98, Dra) John Travolta.					Episodes	Weeds	Real L W
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) Ceremony		Hellraiser VIII: Hellworld			(:35) ★★ Hellraiser V: Inferno			(:15) ★★★ The Game Michael Douglas.			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(3:00) The Godfather...		★★★ The Godfather II A Mafia chief's life is contrasted with flashbacks of his father's early days.									Movie
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106&	★★ Meet the Browns ('08, Com/Dra) D. Mann.					Steve Harvey: Don't Trip...He Ain't Through...				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Wives "Dirty Ol' Dad"		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Love Broker (N)		Watch (N)	Love Broker		Wives
CNBC	46	45		39	72	(4:00) Olympics		Mob Money		60 Minutes		American Greed		Mad Money		60 Minutes	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch "Revelations"			PropWars	Deadliest Catch "Revelations"			PropWars
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Jessie	Austin	Jessie	Babysit.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight (L)		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Soccer (L)				Fire in Babylon Richie Benaud.			NFL (N)	NFL Live (N)		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Liars "Crazy"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Jane by Design (N)		Liar "Stolen Kisses"		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Cupcake Wars	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Golden Age	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Cowboys (L)/Sports	OSSAA Spotlight "Soccer"	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★★ Step Brothers ('08, Com) Will Ferrell.				★★ Step Brothers ('08, Com) Will Ferrell.				The Bounty Hunter	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	L. House "The Award"		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property Brothers		Des. Star (N)		HouseH	House	Rooms	Rooms	HGTV Design Star	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Reba	Reba "Core Focus"	★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Tom Hanks. A simple man finds himself in extraordinary situations throughout the course of his life.						B. Palin "The Bet"	Bristol Palin	★★★ Forrest Gump Tom Hanks.	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				(9:00) Olympics (L)		Red Bull Signature		Red Bull Signature		Red Bull Signature		Red Bull Signature		Poker After Dark	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Figure	Figure Out	All That	K & Kel	Hollywood Heights		Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	RepoG	RepoGame	RepoG	RepoG	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Rat	RepoG	RepoG	RepoG	RepoG
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Anaconda ('97, Act) Jon Voight.				Destination Truth (N)		Haunted HWay (N)		Destination Truth		Haunted Highway	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Outing"	Seinf. "The Scofflaw"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		The Office	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) No Holds Barred		The Scarlet Pimpernel			(:45) ★★★ British Agent			(:15) ★★★ 49th Parallel Leslie Howard.			
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Rosa Diamante (N)		Corazon valiente		Pablo Escobar: El (N)		Al rojo	Decision	Juegos Olímpicos	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Craft "A Christmas Craft-tastrophe"		Craft "Bed Knobs and Gluesticks" (N)		What Not to Wear "Dolly"		What Not to Wear "Vanessa"		Craft Wars "Bed Knobs and Gluesticks"		What Not to Wear "Dolly"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Rizzoli "Seventeen Ain't So Sweet"		Rizzoli & Isles "Cuts Like a Knife"		Rizzoli & Isles "Hometown Glory" (N)		F.&Bash "Waiting on a Friend" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Hometown Glory"		Franklin & Bash "Waiting on a Friend"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Retired	Hot In	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Conned"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Branded"		White Collar "Parting Shots" (N)		Covert Affairs "Speed of Life" (N)		Political Animals "The Woman Problem"		(:05) White Collar "Parting Shots"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Chicago Cubs Site: Wrigley Field -- Chicago, Ill. (L)						WGN News	Home Videos	Old Christine	Old Christine



A one vehicle rollover on Business 20 near Farm-to-market Road 1788 slowed traffic in the westbound lane Monday afternoon. The driver was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

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H _ _ _ _ _

A C D ? I N
C _ _ _ _ _

A B P ? S U
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B ? F I O R
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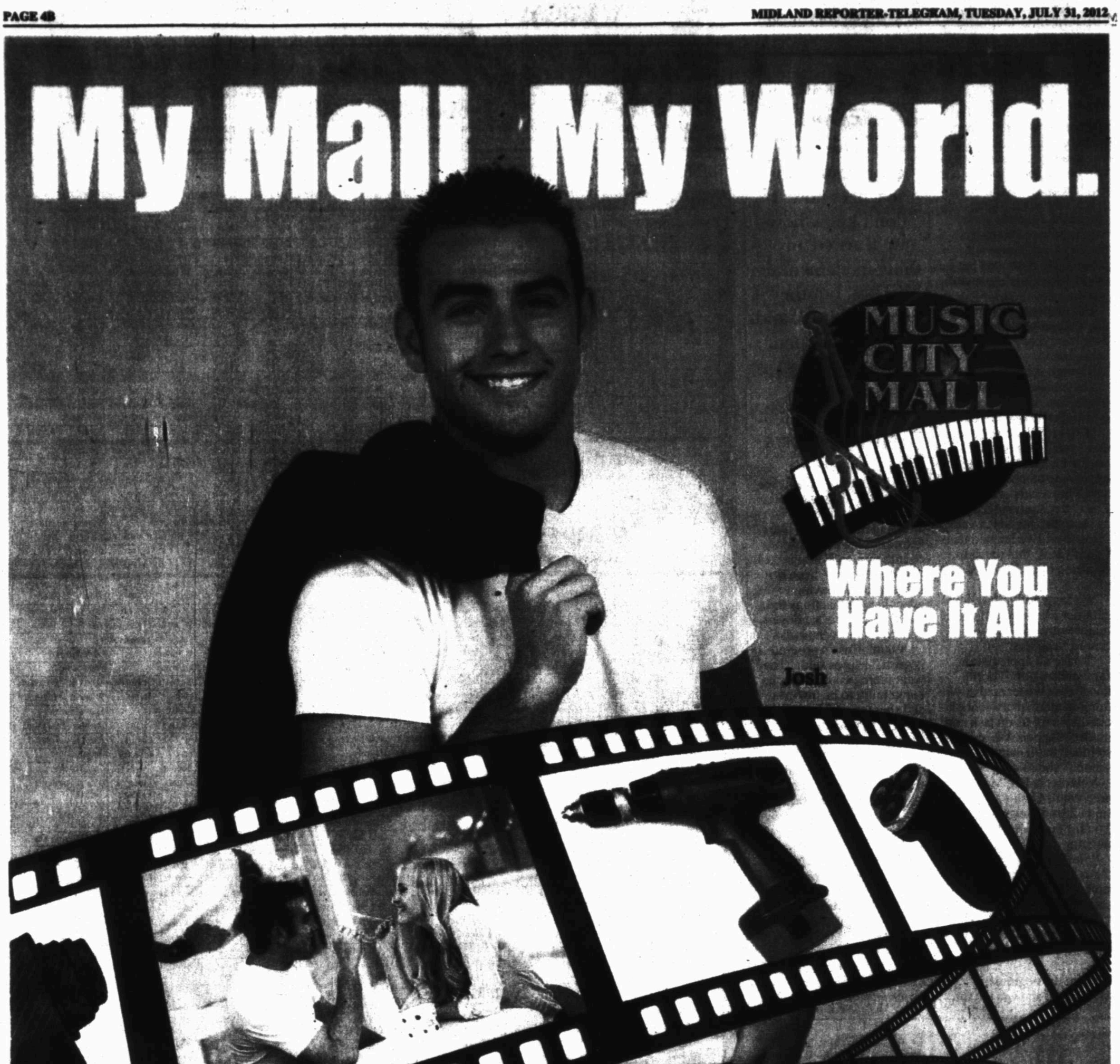

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WEDNESDAY Sunny high 102 low 75

THURSDAY Sunny high 102 low 75

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 101 and southwest winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 73 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 102, a low around 75 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday, the forecast calls for sunny skies with a high around 102 and a low around 75. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Monday reached 97 while the low dropped to 73. The record high for July 30 is 106 set in 1937. The record low is 59 set in 1971.

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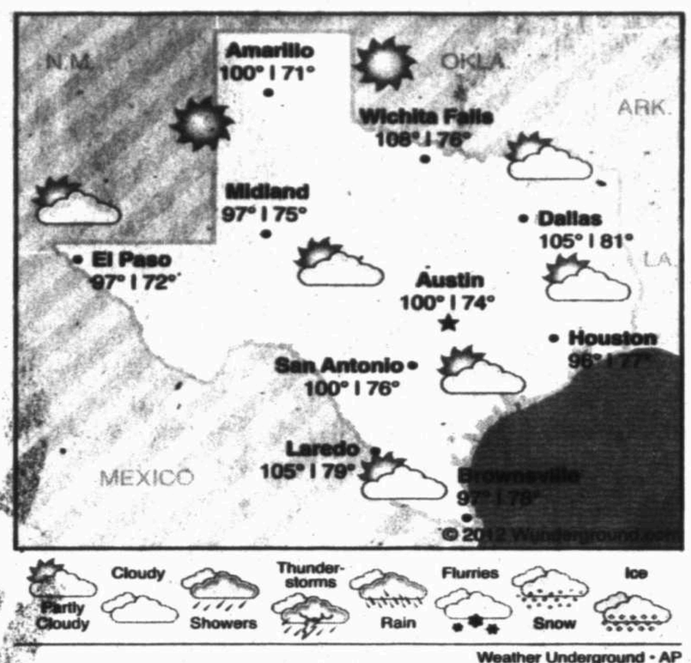
Unsettled weather will tend to congregate in the eastern third of the nation today. Drenching showers and strong thunderstorms will occur in areas from the Great Lakes to the Deep South. A dip in steering winds high in the atmosphere, known as the jet stream, will create a cool pocket of air aloft. At the same time, pockets of moisture in low levels of the atmosphere will remain.

In the West, a flow of tropical moisture across Mexico, known as the monsoon, will reach into the Four Corners.



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Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	1.30 in.
Total for year	5.96 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.82 in.

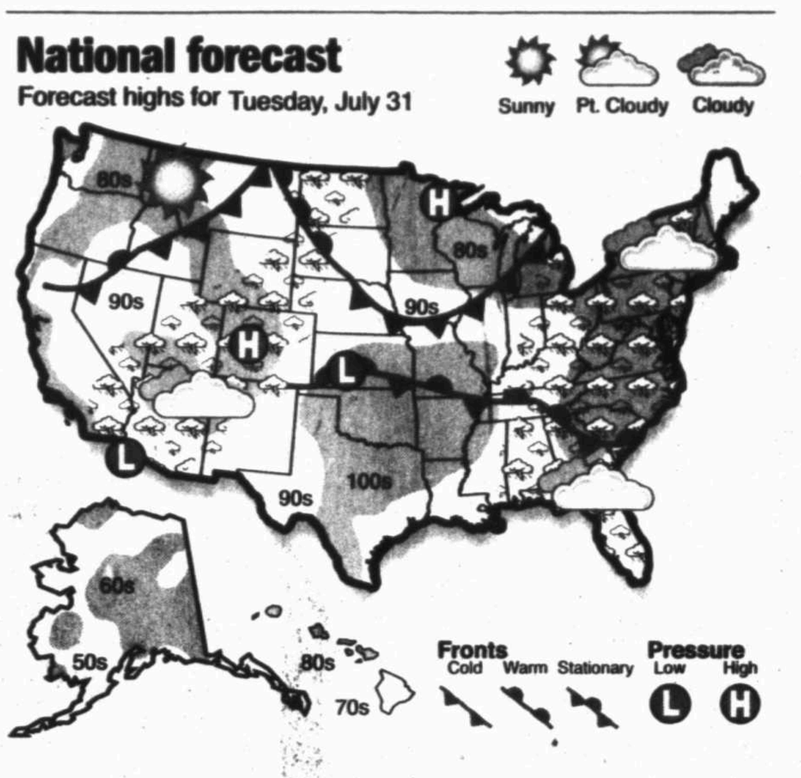
Monday's temperatures

High	97
Low	73
Normal high	95
Normal low	70

Sunrise ... 7:04 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:46 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 31



Ashes in whiskey bottle don't belong in mom's grave

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: My nephew "George" — who dumped his wife and children for a barmaid — died recently. He was dead broke, so my sister paid for his funeral. I didn't attend, but I was told that George's cremated remains were put in a whiskey bottle by the barmaid, and the bottle was going to be buried in my mother's grave.

Why my sister, his siblings and his kids went along with this idea, I'll never know. None of us were raised that way. I found out about it only after the service and put a stop to it. As far as I'm concerned, they could have buried him in a condom, but NOT in my mother's grave! Was I wrong to put a stop to this travesty? — DISGUSTED UNCLE

DEAR DISGUSTED UNCLE: No, you weren't. Your sister, nieces and nephews may have agreed because it seemed like a low-cost way to dispose of George's remains. But I'll bet they didn't know the cemetery would charge a hefty fee for a second interment.

Because your nephew spent his life with a woman who worked in a bar, there's a certain symmetry to the idea of a whiskey bottle being used as his urn. I was told of a widow who did the same thing with her husband's ashes — and then she had the bottle made into a lamp because her husband "lit up her life." Someone should mention it to George's grieving lady friend as a way to keep him with her until they can be buried (or scattered) somewhere together.

DEAR ABBY: I exercise in the pool at a women's health club. Several women there share personal information with each other in loud voices. One of them talks nonstop with anyone she can get to engage with her.

By the way, these women are not exercising. They just stand in the pool socializing. Abby, I'm a captive audience! I can't escape from their chatter. I don't want to hear about their divorce, colonoscopy or aches and pains. I have mentioned this to the staff with no success.

Could you please address voice volume and appropriate sharing in confined spaces? — FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: The staff at the gym may be reluctant to speak to the women because they're afraid it will cause them to cancel their memberships. That's why the person who should address the voice volume issue is YOU. The women may be unaware that you can hear every word they say. If asking the magpies to pipe down doesn't work, then you'll have to swim at a time when they are not around.

DEAR ABBY: I was cleaning out my closets and I'm wondering if there is any advice you can give on donating household items to charity. Is there a right way or wrong way to pack them up? — GAIL IN OSHKOSH, WIS.

DEAR GAIL: Any items you decide to donate should be clean and in good working order. If you are getting rid of china or glassware, toss anything that is chipped and wrap the rest individually in newspaper so it arrives at its destination without breaking. Clothing should be clean, neatly folded and free of stains. Before giving your things away, ask yourself if you were on the receiving end, would you want it?

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The loser vanishes

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A K J
♡ 7 6 4 3
♢ A 10 4
♣ A Q 7

WEST
♠ 9 8 3
♡ Q 10
♢ K Q J 9
♣ K J 9 3

EAST
♠ 2
♡ A K J 9 8 5 2
♢ 8 3
♣ 10 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 7 6 5 4
♡ Void
♢ 7 6 5 2
♣ 8 6 5

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
3♡	Pass	4♡	Dbl
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Three of ♠

When playing a hand, most have a tendency to view the contract only from declarer's viewpoint. But sometimes dummy is the key hand, and that is often when the high trumps are on the table.

In these days of liberal pre-empts at favorable vulnerability, most would open the East hand with four hearts. However, that is unlikely to have changed the final contract, since North should still double and South would remove to four spades.

West found the excellent opening lead of a trump, giving declarer no help at all. The hand would be simple if trumps were 2-2, but that is against the odds. However, since the king of clubs rates to be with West, it might seem that declarer cannot lose more than two diamonds and one club, but that fourth diamond is an annoyance.

Declarer found an elegant solution to the problem. The first trick was taken in dummy and a heart was ruffed in hand. Declarer returned to the table with a trump, confirming the 3-1 split, and ruffed another heart.

When a club to the queen held, declarer used the two club entries to dummy to ruff two more hearts with the queen and 10 of spades. He led back to the ace of diamonds, drew the last trump and conceded the last three tricks!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 31, 2012:

This year you often make extraordinary efforts to reach out to others who are withdrawn. Someone could open up at the most unexpected time, and you might wish he or she never had. Remember this possibility is always a fiability. If you are single, finding the right match can happen, but you often end up in fights with those who are not right for you. If you are attached, the two of you need to learn to express your needs and desires with less judgment. Your relationship will become more loving as a result. CAPRICORN can trigger anger in many of your friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You continue with the best of intentions. For the most part, others receive your messages loud and clear. Your softer side emerges when you see how distraught someone is. You, too, could lose your temper. Tonight: To the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Push to get past an argument, and understand where someone else is coming from. You often are very serious. Perhaps in that mood you close down a lot. Tap into your strong energy, and you'll find the drive to make it through this tough spot. Tonight: Find someone to brainstorm with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Success comes through dealing with others on a one-on-one level. You can turn a problem around if you stay open. You have a great deal of passion about a creative endeavor, yet you hesitate to take a risk. Tonight: Go off and do something you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Defer to others, yet be responsive to a superior who seems to have a very different but positive way of handling important matters. Family and your personal life are always high priorities, but today they are even more so. Tonight: Close to home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Push yourself, and focus on what must be done. In fact, getting more done than anticipated will free you up when people in your life need to air out their opinions and/or need your time. You might be amazed by how quickly that could happen. Tonight: Head home. Do only what you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You have a lot to reflect on, especially a situation involving a partner or loved one. Check out the possibility that money might be a part of the problem. You also could feel pressured, but count on your creativity to find solutions. Tonight: Lighten up the mood. Join friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might want to stop and think about what is going on. Your home life takes priority at the moment, which makes it difficult to focus on anything else. Deal with the situation before it deals with you. Tonight: Why resist coming to an agreement? Is it worth the stress?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to open up a conversation and get to the root of the problem. Could you be swallowing anger or doing something else that does not serve you well? You have an opportunity to look this demon in the eye. Tonight: A conversation gives you insight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ A meeting could shed some light on an issue. You go out of your way more often than not to help friends. Suddenly, you could find that the cost is too high. You might need a little more space, time and perspective. Tonight: Treat yourself to a favorite dessert on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You can handle a difficult situation with someone you cannot avoid. Your instincts might be to ignore this person. Unfortunately, you'll need to take this situation on to resolve the problem. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You need to see what is not being said. Someone seems to be direct, but this person is skipping over an important point. A discussion could be difficult as a result. Say little, judge less and stay open. Tonight: Do something just for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Zero in on what is important, not only to you, but to those in your immediate personal and/or professional circle. A partner or loved one takes a stand. He or she simply is not on the same page as you. Tonight: Where the fun is.

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BORN TODAY

Novelist J.K. Rowling (1965), actor Wesley Snipes (1962), actress Geraldine Chaplin (1944)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Set in motion
8 Letters for an open schedule slot
11 LAX calculation
14 Soho "So long!"
15 "Still and all ..."
16 Fish-fowl connector
17 One may spoil the whole bunch
19 No. that's zero at the equator
20 Golfer Palmer
21 Store, as a hose
22 Get wise with
23 Plaintive sound
24 State capital near the Comstock Lode
26 Economist Smith
28 Old draft classification
29 Gaza Strip gp.
32 "__ Sleep, for Every Favor": old hymn
34 1950s WMD
38 Handy guy to have around, or a hint to this puzzle's theme found in 17-, 24-, 50- and 62-Across
42 Margaret Mead subject
43 Besmirch
44 Drag behind
45 A or Jay, e.g.
48 "Jesus __": shortest Bible verse
50 Monetary assets
54 Dost own
58 Weight on one's shoulders
59 Carries out
60 19th-century German poet Heinrich
61 Geriatric letters
62 Substitute player
64 Soho air
65 Philanderer
66 Syrian's neighbor
67 Suffix with infant
68 Pitcher's stat
69 Beats, and how

DOWN

1 "Get outta here!"
2 Exhaustive, informally
3 Humana rival
4 Light-sensing eye part
5 Mimosa, for one
6 A, in Augsburg
7 Appear on screen like Hitchcock
8 Data entry pro
9 Deep roar
10 Gobbled down
11 China's Zhou __
12 Salute with a raised glass
13 La-di-da
18 "Un momento, __ favor"
22 Signs of healing
24 Grant with an Honorary Award statuette
25 Caution to a game show audience
27 Mount McKinley's national park
29 Jammies
30 Mauna __
31 Resistance unit
33 Shoo-__: easy winners
35 Make up one's mind
36 __ goo gai pan
37 Incidentally, in IMs
39 Whose ark it was
40 County subdivision
41 Zipped along
46 Make beloved
47 Beach Boys title girl
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50 Welsh dog
51 Invalidate
52 Smoothly polite
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55 Pop singer Mann
56 Fishhook connector
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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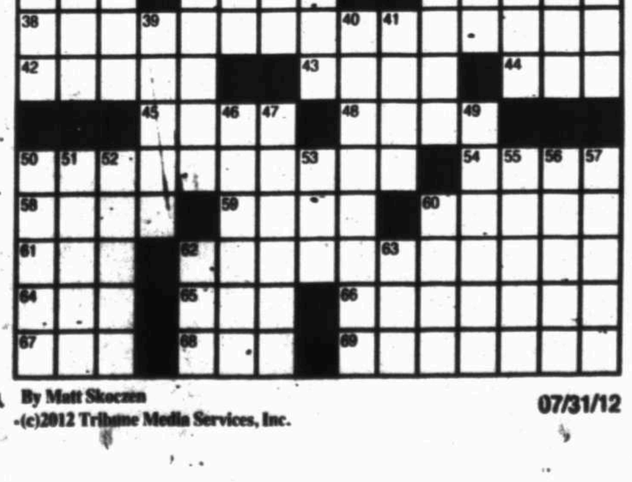

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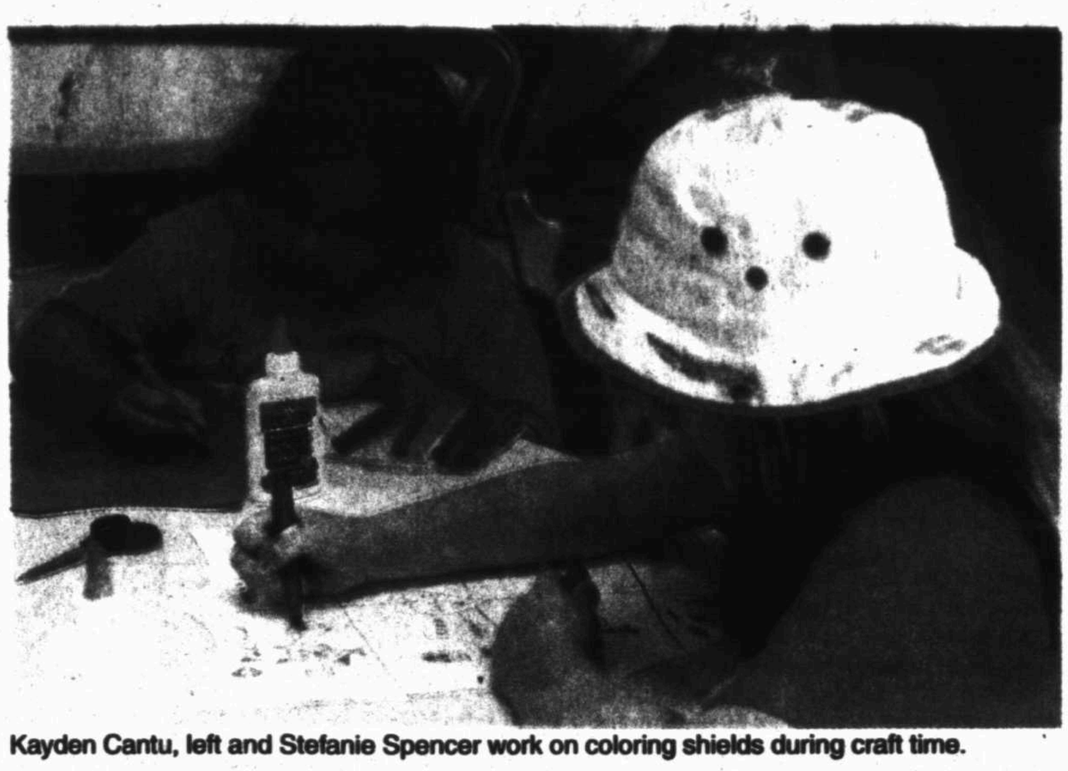
Camp Time



Kennedy Brack takes aim during archery time at Girl Scouts Day Camp on June 27.



Kayden Cantu, left and Stefanie Spencer work on coloring shields during craft time.



Aubrie Presley-Cyr colors a shield.



Older Girl Scouts, in red shirts, act as program aides and lead groups in song.

GIRL SCOUTS DAY CAMP

Photos by Tim Fischer • Reporter-Telegram





LEFT: Ainsley Smith tries out her paper flower as a hair decoration Wednesday as she and other Girl Scouts make paper flowers. **ABOVE:** McKinsey Stuteville makes a paper flower during craft time.

Sports

Morales hits 2 HRs in inning, Angels rout Texas

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Kendrys Morales broke out of a slump in a big way.

He homered from both sides of the plate during a nine-run sixth inning, capping the burst with a grand slam that sent the Los Angeles Angels romping past the Texas Rangers 15-8 Monday night.

Angels	15
Rangers	8

"I'm very excited since it's not an easy thing to do," said Morales, a Cuban native who spoke through an interpreter. "They were good pitches, perhaps mistakes they made. I felt comfortable, and I was able to connect."

Morales became the third switch-hitter in major league history to homer as a lefty and righty in the same inning. Carlos Baerga did it for Cleveland in 1993 and Mark Bellhorn of the Chicago Cubs duplicated the feat in 2002.

The Angels won the opener of the four-game series and closed within four games of AL West-leading Texas.

Morales connected for a two-run shot in the sixth as a lefty off Texas starter Roy Oswalt that put the Angels ahead 5-3. Morales then hit a grand slam off Robbie Ross from the right side.

Morales became the 25th player in AL history to hit two home runs in the same inning.

"We need Kendrys and his last 100 at-bats he hasn't been driving the ball or swinging like he can, so it's good to see," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Mike Trout homered, drove in four runs and scored three times for the Angels. Maicer Izturis also homered and Albert Pujols doubled twice and singled.

Josh Hamilton hit his 29th homer, doubled and singled for Texas. Nelson Cruz and Mike Napoli also homered for the Rangers.

Ervin Santana (5-10) gave up three runs and four hits over five innings. Oswalt (3-2) was chased in the sixth, and allowed eight runs and 11 hits.

The Angels ended a 24-inning scoreless drought when Izturis hit a solo homer in the second. Trout added a two-run shot in the third.

"We struggled over the weekend for sure," Scioscia said. "You're not

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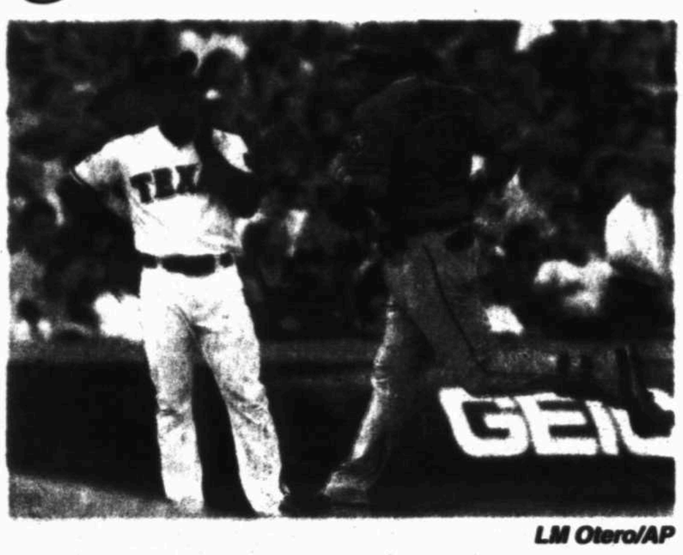

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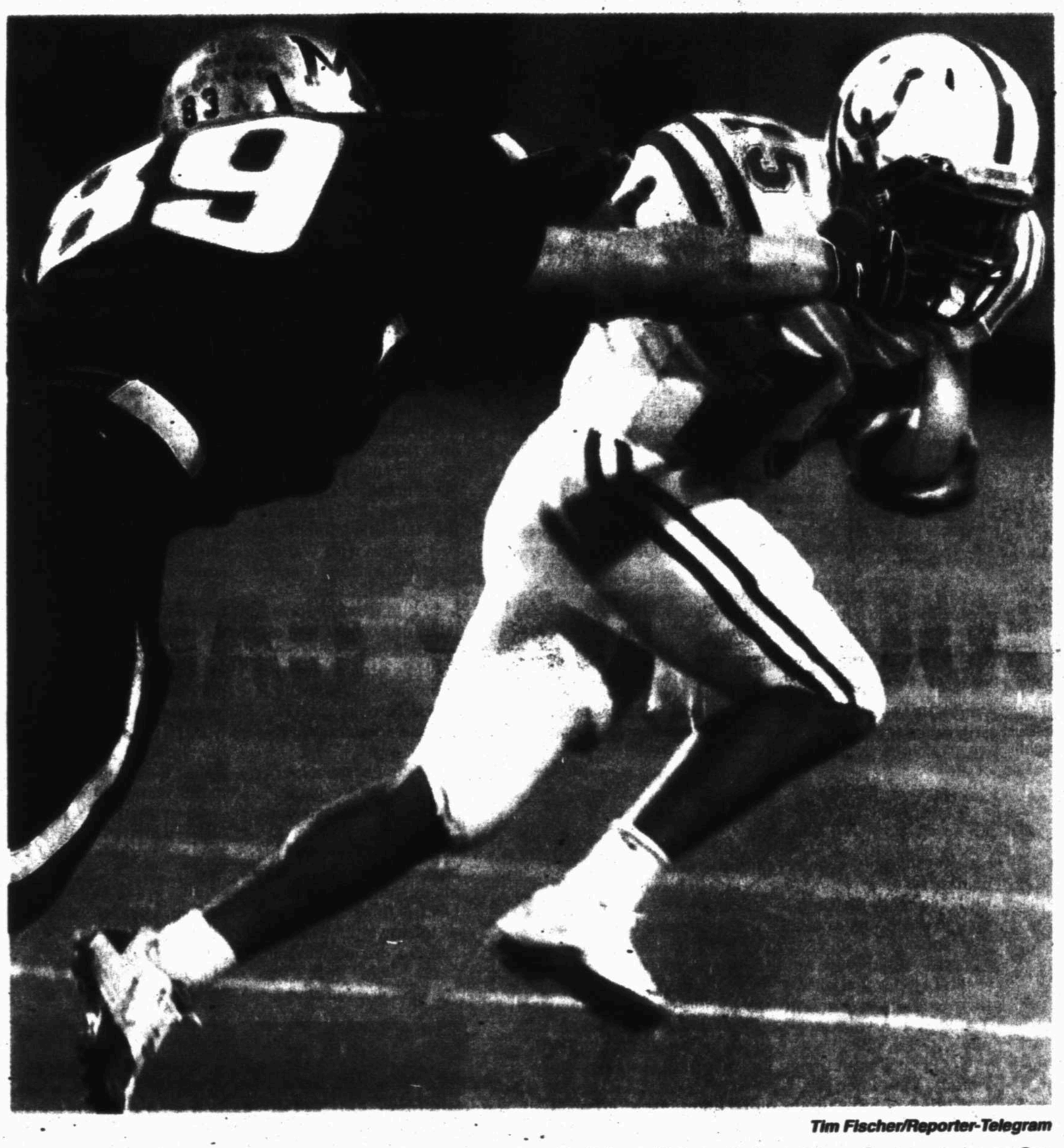
Los Angeles' Kendrys Morales (8) rounds the bases after his grand slam as Texas' Adrian Beltre (29) looking on Monday in Arlington.

Proving grounds



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Dutton Watson, left, reaches out in an attempt to tackle Odessa High quarterback Johnny Campos during an Oct. 13, 2011 game at Grande Communications Stadium. Watson plays in the THSCA All-Star game today.

MHS grad Watson set to play in THSCA All-Star game

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Dutton Watson still has something left to prove on the gridiron, and he can't think of a better stage to do it on than against some of the state's top players.

Watson, who graduated from Midland High in May, is playing his final game as a high school player, when he suits up for the North in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Game at the Alamodome in San Antonio today.

For Watson, it's a chance to prove he belongs in the conversation with some of the state's elite players.

"I feel like I still have something to prove in this game," said Watson, who is listed as both a defensive end and tight end on the North roster. "I feel like I was overlooked by Division I colleges. I should have gotten more offers."

That's not to say Watson isn't thrilled with landing at the University of North Texas, though. He's been in Denton for a few weeks working out with other players from the Mean Green, and has already added 20 pounds to his 6 feet, 3-inch frame since the end of football season, weighing in at 265 pounds.

He feels like he's already turning the heads of the Mean Green coaches.

"I've been here for three weeks just working out with the head trainer," Watson said. "He's been kind of surprised by me. The first couple of days, I was completing all the tests while a lot of the other guys couldn't get them done. I was keeping up with some of the running backs and linebackers in speed drills. It's been a good few weeks."

Watson, who was a first-team all-district selection last season and receiving honorable mention for the Class 5A All-

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Ryan promises to 'keep mouth shut' and make defense better

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

OXNARD, Calif. — From defensive coordinator Rob Ryan's perspective, pinpointing why the Dallas Cowboys missed the playoffs last season is a snap.

"We were the reason," Ryan said Monday of his defense. "That is fine. We are looking forward to changing that."

With two new cornerbacks to work with and a full offseason to implement his system, Ryan vowed on the opening day of training camp to field a better unit in 2012 than the shaky one that had so many problems protecting leads last season.

Naturally, a reporter familiar with Ryan's outspokenness followed the promise with a quick follow up: How much better?

"Well, I guess we're going to have to wait and see," Ryan said. "Day One, I'm not calling anybody out. I've learned. This is a bigger media than some of the other spots I've been, so I'm going to keep my mouth shut and work."

Inside

The Texans seek depth at wide receiver. See that story on Page 4C.

That wasn't the case last season when Ryan boasted at the Alamodome he possessed the most talented defense in the NFL. Before leaving San Antonio, Ryan also promised Dallas would "beat the ass" of the "all-hype team," a not-so-veiled reference to the Philadelphia Eagles.

But by the end of his first season with the Cowboys, Ryan's face dripped with a massive amount of egg after Dallas finished 14th in total defense, 16th in scoring defense and 23rd in pass defense. The defense also played a part in the Cowboys blowing fourth-quarter leads in five of their eight losses last season.

And while the Eagles finished a disappointing 8-8 just like Dallas, Michael Vick and Co. could brag they swept their NFC East rivals.

But after cutting ties with over-the-hill Terence Newman and bringing in two new corners - free agent signee Brandon Carr and first-round pick Morris Claiborne - and a few other additions, Ryan has told his troops "it's put up or shut up time."

"It's: 'Are we going to do it or not?' " Pro Bowl linebacker DeMarcus Ware said. "It's: 'Are we going to step up to the plate?' "

Ware is confident the answer will be a resounding yes.

"We are going to be a defense to be reckoned with," Ware said.

One thing working in Ryan's favor

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Bud Kraft/AP

Dale Earnhardt, Jr., left, shares a laugh with fellow driver Jimmie Johnson, right, on June 29 in the garage before a practice session at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky. Earnhardt Jr. left the Brickyard 400 with the Sprint Cup Series points lead.

Earnhardt takes Cup points lead after Brickyard

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jimmie Johnson won his fourth Brickyard 400 and solidified his status as a title favorite in NASCAR.

Impressive? You bet.

Surprising? Not really.

But how about this: Dale Earnhardt Jr. left the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with the Sprint Cup Series points lead.

Earnhardt finished fourth on Sunday, his best career finish at a track where he often struggles. Earnhardt took a 14-point lead over previous points leader Matt Kenseth, who got caught in a crash. It was another sign of Earnhardt's new consistency, the kind of development that could turn the streaky driver with a famous last name into a real championship contender.

"That is symbolic of how well we've done," Earnhardt said. "I'm proud of that. I have felt that way about our position in points all season long. We need to win more races. If we want to win the championship, we have to. I imagine we can win a couple races in Chase. I don't know if finishing fourth or fifth is going to do it. We'll just have to see. We'd like to step it up just a little bit more."

And if it comes down to Hendrick Motorsports teammates Johnson and Earnhardt duking it out for the title at the end of the season, both drivers say bring it on.

"We would actually rather us two to fight for the championship at the end knowing one of us is going to get it for the company," Earnhardt said. "If I could line that up right now, I would. That is how I'd have it."

Johnson said team owner Rick Hendrick has formed such a strong organization that having multiple teams racing for the championship doesn't cause any drama between the drivers or crews.

"It's great," Johnson said. "What it does especially for our company, it far exceeds any type of competitive spirit that exists. And from a technical standpoint, we all go to the race-

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RockHounds drop 3 of 4 to Hooks

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — A three-run third inning and a quality start from Rob Rasmussen helped the Corpus Christ Hooks edge the Midland RockHounds, 3-2, Monday night at Whataburger Field.

With the victory, the Hooks took three out of four games from the RockHounds in the series and Midland (16-20) fell to 8 1/2 games back of the first-place Hooks in the Texas League South Division second half standings.

The Hooks got all of their runs in the third inning behind a Bobby Borchering RBI single and a two-run double by Ben Heath against Midland starter Fabio Castro (1-3).

That was all the Hooks would need as Rasmussen (2-2) pitched 7 2/3 quality innings and allowed two runs on five hits with seven strikeouts and one walk.

Midland got a solo home run by Jeremy Barfield (2-for-4) in the fourth, and then Tyler Ladendorf added an RBI single in the eighth.

Josh Zeid and Jason Stoffel — who picked up his 20th save — combined to throw 1 2/3 shutout innings to close out the victory for the Hooks.

The RockHounds head to Frisco to play a three-game series with the RoughRiders beginning at 7 p.m. today.

HOOKS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss lf	3	0	1	0	Grossman cf	3	0	0	0
Mesa lf	1	0	0	0	Goebbert lf	3	1	0	0
Ladendorf cf	4	0	1	1	Martinez lf	4	0	1	0
Aliotti 1b	4	0	0	0	Singleton 1b	4	1	3	0
Rizzotti dh	4	0	1	0	Locke rf	3	1	0	0
Barfield rf	4	1	2	1	Borchering dh	3	0	1	1
Horton 2b	4	0	2	0	Heath c	4	0	1	2
Coleman ss	3	0	0	0	Orloff ss	3	0	0	0
Gil 3b	2	1	0	0	Kreke 3b	3	0	1	0
Lipkin c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	32	2	7	2	Totals	30	3	7	3

Midland	000	100	010—2
Corpus Christi	003	000	000—3

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Castro L, 1-3	4.2	7	3	3	3	5
Hunter	2.1	0	0	0	0	3
Jones	1	0	0	0	0	1
Corpus Christi						
Rasmussen W, 2-2	7.1	5	2	2	1	7
Zeid	0.2	1	0	0	0	0
Stoffel	1.0	1	0	0	0	1

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Hooks	3
RockHounds	2

TL Standings

Second Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	24	12	.667	—
Arkansas	20	17	.541	4 1/2
Tulsa	16	21	.432	8 1/2
NW Arkansas	9	28	.243	15 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	25	12	.676	—
San Antonio	20	17	.541	5
Frisco	17	20	.459	8
Midland	16	20	.444	8 1/2

Monday's Scores

San Antonio 4, Frisco 2
Springfield 9, Northwest Arkansas 5
Corpus Christi 3, Midland 2
Tulsa 9, Arkansas 3

Today's Games

Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

West Texas' Jimenez earns PDL honor

From staff reports

Goalkeeper Alonso Jimenez was the lone member from the West Texas Sockers to be named to the 2012 Premier Development All-Conference Teams.

Jimenez, who is from Odessa, was named as the All-Conference goalkeeper out of the Southern Conference.

Jimenez recorded 76 saves and two shutouts in 13 games and 1,080 minutes of action. He allowed 18 goals and was 2-5-4 on the season for the Sockers.

The teams were selected through a vote of team management.

The finalists for Coach of the Year, Defender of the Year, Goalkeeper of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player will be announced on Wednesday with the awards presented at Saturday's PDL Awards Ceremony in Greensboro, N.C.



Jimenez

2012 PDL All-Conference Teams

Eastern Conference

Goalkeeper — John McCarthy, Ocean City Nor'easters

Defenders — Patrick Boucher, CFC Azul; Marcello Castro, Ottawa Fury; Greg Cochrane, Reading United AC; Sebastian Ibeagha, Carolina Dynamo;

Midfielders — Christian Barreiro, Baltimore Bohemians; Jason Massie, GPS Portland; Stephen Okai, Reading United AC; Deshorn Brown, Reading United AC; Alencar Junior, Worcester Hydra; David Neuberth, Real Maryland Monarchs

Central Conference

Goalkeeper — Adam Grinwis, Michigan Bucks

Defenders — Sicelo Buthelezi, Thunder Bay Chill; Kevin Cope, Michigan Bucks; Lorne Donaldson, Real Colorado Foxes; Peter Nechvatal, Kansas City Brass

Midfielders — Tom Catalano, Michigan Bucks; Bryan Ciesiulka, Chicago Fire; Jordan Green, Kansas City Brass

Forwards — Jordan Ayris, Forest City London; Sullivan Oliveira Silva, Thunder Bay Chill; Branden Stelmak, Cincinnati Kings

Western Conference

Goalkeeper — Elliott Mitrou, Victoria Highlanders FC

Defenders — James Farenhorst, Van. Whitecaps FC U-23; Stephen Mohn, Kitsap Pumas; Conor Spence, FC Tucson; DeAndre Yedlin, Sounders FC U23

Midfielders — Ben Fisk, Vancouver Whitecaps FC U-23; Matt Friesen, Kitsap Pumas; Francisco Lopez, Ventura County Fusion

Forwards — Jaime Chavez, L.A. Misioneros FC; Mark Sherrod, Portland Timbers U-23s; Gyasi Zardes, Ventura County Fusion

Southern Conference

Goalkeeper — Alonso Jimenez, West Texas Sockers

Defenders — Taian de Souza, Panama City Beach Pirates; Oumar Diakhite, Orlando City U23; Max Gunderson, Laredo Heat; Zack Pope, Austin Aztex

Midfielders — Juan de Dios Ibarra-Trevino, Laredo Heat; Douglas Dos Santos, Ocala Stampede; Kekuta Manneh, Austin Aztex

Forwards — Karamba Janneh, Ocala Stampede; Chrispin Ochieng, Mississippi Brilla; Kristopher Tyrpak, Austin Aztex

MONDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RED SOX 7, TIGERS 3

BOSTON — Dustin Pedroia hit a tiebreaking homer and drove in three runs to support Clay Buchholz's eight solid innings in leading Boston to its third straight win.

The Red Sox opened a 10-game homestand — their longest of the season — after taking two of three at Yankee Stadium over the weekend.

Will Middlebrooks had a two-run homer and Carl Crawford added an RBI triple for Boston.

Austin Jackson began the game with a homer and Miguel Cabrera had an RBI single for the Tigers, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

Buchholz (9-3) allowed two earned runs and five hits, improving to 5-1 with a 2.43 ERA in his last eight starts.

ORIOLES 5, YANKEES 4

NEW YORK — Nick Markakis drove in two runs, backing a solid outing by rookie Miguel Gonzalez, and Baltimore held on to beat struggling New York.

Gonzalez (3-2) cruised through 6 2-3 innings, giving up just four hits and two runs before he was chased by consecutive homers from Eric Chavez and Ichiro Suzuki that made it 5-4.

Suzuki had a chance to tie it with two runners on in the ninth against Orioles closer Jim Johnson, but grounded into a fielder's choice. Johnson earned his 31st save of the season.

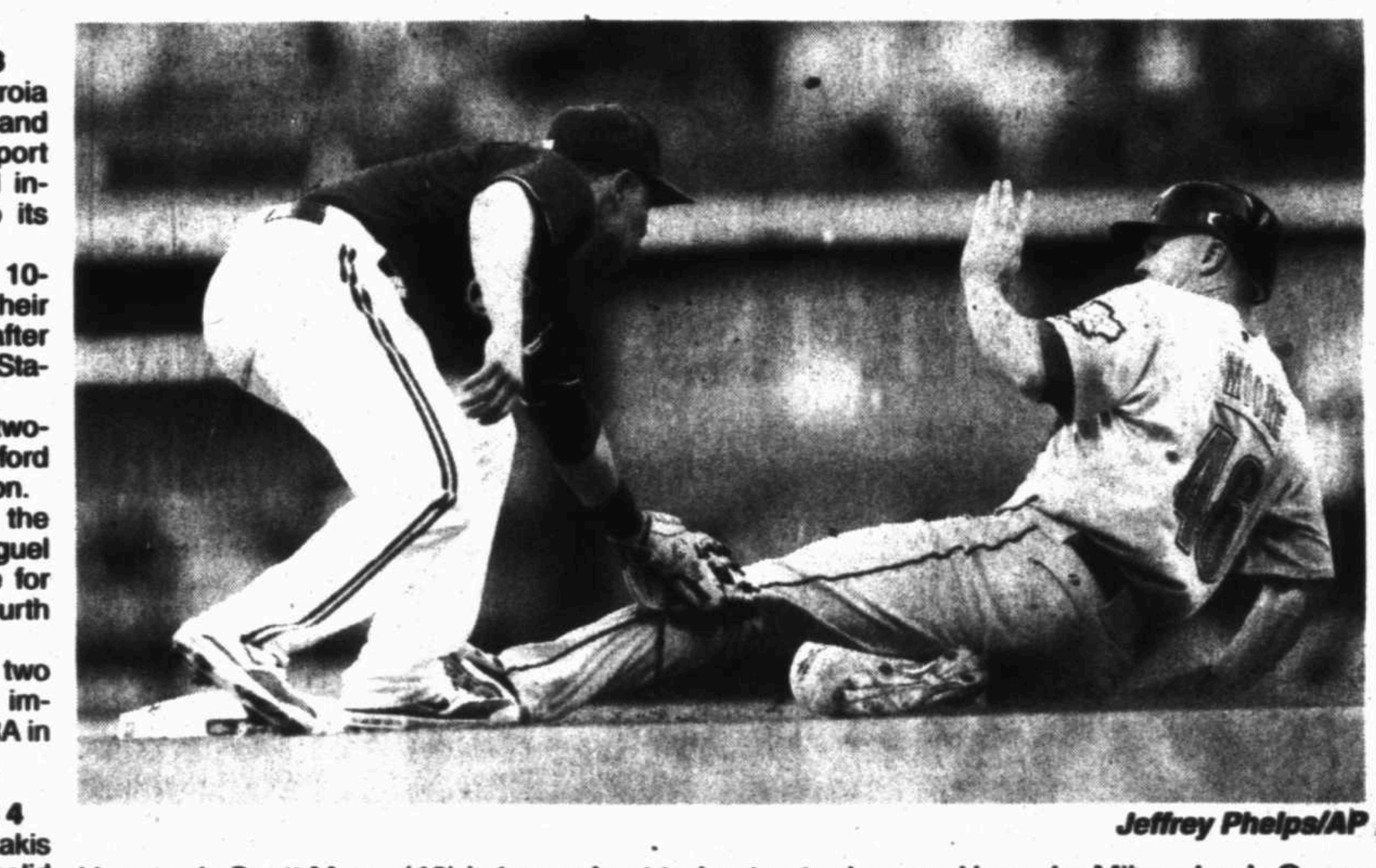
TWINS 7, WHITE SOX 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Jamey Caroll's sacrifice fly in the ninth inning scored Alexi Casilla and the Minnesota Twins won their fourth straight, beating the Chicago White Sox 7-6 Monday night.

Denard Span had two hits and two spectacular catches in center field for the Twins, and Danny Valencia added three hits and two RBI.

A.J. Pierzynski homered in his first game after missing five with a strained oblique, and Alejandro De Aza returned from a wrist injury and matched a career high with four hits for the White Sox.

After Valencia led off the ninth with a single off reliever Brett Myers (0-1), Pierzynski's throw to first after fielding Brian Dozier's bunt sailed into right field, allowing each runner to move up.



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Houston's Scott Moore(46) is tagged out trying to steal second base by Milwaukee's Cesar Izturis, left, on Monday during the second inning of a game in Milwaukee.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BREWERS 8, ASTROS 7

MILWAUKEE — Cody Ransom's homer capped a four-run burst in the eighth inning and Milwaukee held off Houston after firing bullpen coach Stan Kyles.

The Brewers dismissed Kyles before the game, then watched their shaky relievers barely preserve this victory.

Milwaukee scored four times in the seventh for a 4-3 edge, but the Astros tied it in the eighth against Livan Hernandez (4-1). Ransom's three-run shot gave the Brewers an 8-4 lead in the bottom half before Houston rallied for three runs in the ninth against Kameron Loe and John Axford.

BRAVES 8, MARLINS 2

ATLANTA — Jason Heyward homered and scored three runs and the Atlanta Braves snapped a string of 16 straight losses on Mondays, including 12 this season, by beating the Miami Marlins 8-2 Monday night.

Starting pitcher Tommy Hanson was the only Atlanta player or coach who did not wear high socks in an apparent attempt to end the Monday curse.

Hanson (12-5) had his pants low to his shoes as he gave up one run on six hits in five innings. The Braves, coming off a three-game sweep of the Phillies, have won six straight.

The Braves won on a Monday for the first time since Aug. 22, 2011, a 3-0 win at the Cubs.

PADRES 11, REDS 5

CINCINNATI — Will Venable drove in four runs and former Reds Edinson Volquez and Yonder Alonso had a role in ending Cincinnati's 10-game winning streak with an 11-5 victory.

Volquez (7-7) got the win and Alonso tied a Padres record with three doubles.

CUBS 14, PIRATES 4

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo and Darwin Barney hit three-run homers to power Chicago to its highest-scoring game of the season.

Starlin Castro added a two-run shot and reached base four times as the Cubs won for the 11th time in their last 13 games at Wrigley Field.

WATSON

From 1C

State team, said he's already running significantly faster and lifting more weight than he ever did during his high school career.

Watson said he spent much of the summer working with former Bulldog running back T.J. Barber, who graduated from Midland High in 2003 and was the starting tailback for the 2002 team that played in the state title game. Barber worked with Watson on getting stronger and faster, but also tried to help him mentally prepare for his next step at North Texas.

"He's been trying to show me what it really is like to be a part of a Division I football program," Watson said. "He's taught me a lot of things about the game."

Watson, who is being asked to move inside to defensive tackle, said his biggest goal heading into his freshman season at UNT is to be a member of the traveling team, and to step onto the field in the Mean Green's season opener against highly-ranked LSU in Baton Rouge, La.

"I want to experience that LSU game, that atmosphere," Watson said. "I've been told if I'm capable of benefiting the team's chance to win then I'm going to play. I feel like I can earn some playing time."

Proving he belongs on the field has practically been a theme for Watson since his senior season at Midland High ended. Today is about earning respect as well as following in the footsteps of some great Midland High players who played in this all-star game before him.

"It's a big accomplishment being invited to play here," Watson said. "I'm really looking forward to it. I know guys like Tyler Yenzer and Baron Batch both played in this game. It feels good to be in the same class as them. I'm really anxious to show what I have."

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TEXAS

From 1C

going to have it clicking every night . but it's good when it happens."

It was 3-all when the Angels broke loose in the sixth. Pujols led off with a double, Morales homered and Los Angeles hit five straight singles with one out.

After Trout's two-run single, Torii Hunter struck out and Pujols was intentionally walked to again load the bases. Morales followed with his 11th home run of the season for a 12-3 lead.

The last big leaguer with six RBI in an inning was Juan Uribe of the San Francisco Giants in 2010 at Wrigley Field against Chicago.

The Rangers were in the midst of an 0-for-29 slump with runners in scoring position before converting on their first two opportunities of the game.

"The offense woke up a little bit tonight," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Up until the sixth inning it was a very competitive game."

Texas scored twice in the second on the first of two sacrifice flies by Michael Young and David Murphy's RBI double.

NOTES: The slumping Hamilton got three hits from the No. 5 spot in the lineup. ... Ross, who had given only six earned runs in 50 innings this season, gave up four while getting two outs. ... Six of Izturis' last 10 hits have gone for extra bases, including four doubles and two home runs. He had six extra-base hits — all doubles — in his first 55 games. ... Angels OF Mark Trumbo was not in the lineup because of back spasms, team officials said. He is day-to-day. ... Angels RHP Dan Haren is expected to miss his scheduled start Wednesday against the Rangers because of back stiffness.

Trees planted at former Paterno statue site

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The spot where Joe Paterno's bronze likeness once stood is now occupied by freshly planted trees.

The Centre Daily Times (http://bit.ly/OcF6sm) reports the trees were planted outside Penn State's Beaver Stadium over the weekend. The weekend before, workers removed the 7-foot statue of the late coach in the wake of a child-sex abuse scandal that has engulfed the university.

Earlier in the month, an internal investigation found Paterno colluded with other high-ranking officials to cover up abuse allegations against his former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

Sandusky is awaiting sentencing on charges he sexually abused 10 boys, some at Penn State football team facilities.

The university hasn't said what it plans to do with the statue.

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Games Begin September 17th and run through October 27th.
Eastern Little League will host the games, but depending on number of teams, games maybe played at various parks as needed.
Complete teams are allowed to sign up, no League boundaries.
Any select team wanting to play will have to designate on their form, team name (Basin Bandits, Odessa gators, etc), Age group (8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U), Level A, AA, AAA or major and coaches name. If enough Select teams and league teams sign up, we will create two separate leagues.
Every fall we run short of coaches, if you sign up your son or daughter to play we ask that you volunteer to coach, lack of coaches causes us to turn away players or have to put too many kids on a team each year. Volunteer to Coach.
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Tennis

Citi Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Monday
At William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center
Washington
Purse: $Men, $1,39 million (WT500); Women, $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (8).
Flavio Cipolla, France, def. Brian Baker, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Women
First Round

Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 6-1, 6-3.
Olga Govortsova (9), Belarus, def. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (5), Czech Republic, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
CoCo Vandeweghe (7), United States, def. Erika Sema, Japan, 6-4, 6-1.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Chanelle Scheepers (2), South Africa, 6-2, 6-1.
Melinda Czink, Hungary, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles
Women
First Round

Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, def. Simone Kalkhoven and Alexandra Panova, United States, 6-0, 6-2.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Alla Kudryavtseva (1), Russia, def. Jennifer Elie, United States, and Gabriela Paz, Venezuela, 2-6, 6-2, 10-8.

ATP World Tour
Money Leaders
Through July 29

1. Roger Federer	$5,488,141
2. Novak Djokovic	$5,237,265
3. Rafael Nadal	$4,997,448
4. Andy Murray	$2,326,160
5. David Ferrer	$2,018,711
6. Juan Martin del Potro	$1,403,203
7. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	$1,386,299
8. Tomas Berdych	$1,335,095
9. Janko Tipsarevic	$1,078,913
10. Nicolas Almagro	$1,074,378
11. John Isner	$971,419
12. Juan Monaco	$908,744
13. Radek Stepanek	$842,850
14. Philipp Kohlschreiber	$823,071
15. Fernando Verdasco	$785,380
16. Gilles Simon	$755,467
17. Richard Gasquet	$696,961
18. Milos Raonic	$691,500
19. Mikhail Youzhny	$651,101
20. Marcel Granollers	$629,899

WTA Money Leaders
Through July 29

1. Victoria Azarenka	$5,084,143
2. Maria Sharapova	$4,485,533
3. Serena Williams	$3,379,458
4. Agnieszka Radwanska	$2,989,241
5. Sara Errani	$2,025,974
6. Angelique Kerber	$1,340,048
7. Petra Kvitova	$1,284,309
8. Roberta Vinci	$1,051,800
9. Sam Stosur	$988,742
10. Maria Kirilenko	$864,569
11. Li Na	$806,791
12. Caroline Wozniacki	$772,868
13. Marion Bartoli	$724,133
14. Julia Goerges	$711,875
15. Nadia Petrova	$674,910

AFL Playoffs

Conference Championships
Friday, Aug. 3 or Saturday, Aug. 4
National
Utah vs. Arizona, TBA Arkansas
Jacksonville vs. Philadelphia, TBA
Arena/Bowl
At New Orleans
Friday, Aug. 10
American champion vs. National champion, 9:30 p.m.

Auto Racing

NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders
Through July 29
Points

1. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	731
2. Matt Kenseth	717
3. Greg Biffle	709
4. Jimmie Johnson	704
5. Denny Hamlin	667
6. Kevin Harvick	653
7. Martin Truex Jr.	653
8. Tony Stewart	652
9. Brad Keselowski	649
10. Clint Bowyer	643
11. Kyle Busch	588
12. Carl Edwards	582
13. Kasey Kahne	579
14. Ryan Newman	573
15. Jeff Gordon	564
16. Paul Menard	564
17. Joey Logano	544
18. Marcos Ambrose	531
19. Jamie McMurray	508
20. Jeff Burton	505

Money

1. Jimmie Johnson, $5,176,013. 2. Matt Kenseth, $4,887,271. 3. Tony Stewart, $4,229,595. 4. Denny Hamlin, $4,157,735. 5. Kyle Busch, $3,944,968. 6. Greg Biffle, $3,795,588. 7. Dale Earnhardt Jr., $3,769,910. 8. Kevin Harvick, $3,480,350. 9. Brad Keselowski, $3,478,135. 10. Jeff Gordon, $3,267,403.

11. Carl Edwards, $3,235,454. 12. Ryan Newman, $3,201,983. 13. Jeff Burton, $3,191,130. 14. Martin Truex Jr., $3,181,995. 15. Clint Bowyer, $3,119,133. 16. Kasey Kahne, $2,889,051. 17. Aric Almirola, $2,834,215. 18. Marcos Ambrose, $2,792,805. 19. Jamie McMurray, $2,749,560. 20. Juan Pablo Montoya, $2,680,910.

NASCAR Nationwide
Points Leaders
Through July 28

1. Elliott Sadler, 708. 2. Austin Dillon, 703. 3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 691. 4. Sam Hornish Jr., 676. 5. Justin Allgaier, 629. 6. Michael Annett, 607. 7. Cole Whitt, 577. 8. Mike Bliss, 524. 9. Brian Scott, 460. 10. Danica Patrick, 452.

11. Joe Nemechek, 447. 12. Taylor Malsam, 427. 13. Jason Bowles, 419. 14. Jeremy Clements, 418. 15. Mike Harmon, 410. 16. Erik Darnell, 314. 17. Timmy Hill, 293. 18. Johanna Long, 284. 19. Eric McClure, 271. 20. T.J. Bell, 246.

Money Leaders
Through July 28

* 1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $883,232. 2. Elliott Sadler, $723,302. 3. Austin Dillon, $649,088. 4. Sam Hornish Jr., $512,872. 5. Justin Allgaier, $502,692. 6. Michael Annett, $498,982. 7. Cole Whitt, $491,687. 8. Brad Keselowski, $466,960. 9. Brian Scott, $463,717. 10. James Buescher, $447,635.

11. Danica Patrick, $439,016. 12. Taylor Malsam, $434,602. 13. Joey Logano, $428,575. 14. Mike Wallace, $427,027. 15. Jeremy Clements, $425,654. 16. Jason Bowles, $424,912. 17. Mike Bliss, $414,772. 18. Joe Nemechek, $410,354. 19. Kurt Busch, $378,910. 20. Timmy Hill, $335,442

NHRA Leaders
Through July 29

TOP FUEL: 1 (tie). Antron Brown and Spencer Massey, 1,174. 3. Tony Schumacher, 1,098. 4. Steve Torrence, 984. 5. Doug Kalitta, 928. 6. Morgan Lucas, 796. 7. Shawn Langdon, 741. 8. Brandon Bernstein, 734. 9. David Grubnic, 684. 10. Bob Vandergriff, 601.

FUNNY CAR: 1. Robert Hight, 1,112. 2. Ron Capps, 1,031. 3. Jack Beckman, 943. 4. Mike Neff, 899. 5. Johnny Gray, 881. 6. Cruz Pedregon, 761. 7. Courtney Force, 740. 8. Jeff Arend, 717. 9. Bob Tasca III, 687. 10. John Force, 674.

PRO STOCK: 1. Allen Johnson, 1,234. 2. Greg Anderson, 1,180. 3. Jason Line, 1,149. 4. Mike Edwards, 974. 5. Vincent Nobile, 940. 6. Erica Enders, 827. 7. Shane Gray, 560. 8. Ronnie Humphrey, 550. 9. Ron Krisher, 527. 10. Jeg Coughlin, 518.

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE: 1. Eddie Krawiec, 842. 2. Andrew Hines, 774. 3. Hector Arana Jr., 655. 4. Hector Arana, 587. 5. Karen Stoffer, 450. 6. Michael Ray, 387. 7. Scotty Pollacheck, 381. 8. LE Tonglet, 378. 9. Matt Smith, 342. 10. Shawn Gann, 336.

Formula One Points Leaders
Through July 29

1. Fernando Alonso, 164. 2. Mark Webber, 124. 3. Sebastian Vettel, 122. 4. Lewis Hamilton, 117. 5. Kimi Raikkonen, 116. 6. Nico Rosberg, 77. 7. Jenson Button, 76. 8. Romain Grosjean, 76. 9. Sergio Perez, 47.

10. Kamui Kobayashi, 33. 11. Pastor Maldonado, 29. 12. Michael Schumacher, 29. 13. Paul di Resta, 27. 14. Felipe Massa, 25. 15. Bruno Senna, 24. 16. Nico Hulkenburg, 19. 17. Jean-Eric Vergne, 4. 18. Daniel Ricciardo, 2.

IndyCar Points Leaders
Through July 22

1. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 382. 2. Helio Castroneves, 339. 3. Will Power, 338. 4. Scott Dixon, 301. 5. James Hinchcliffe, 286. 6. Tony Kanaan, 279. 7. Simon Pagenaud, 276. 8. Dario Franchitti, 258. 9. Ryan Briscoe, 241. 10. Graham Rahal, 237.

11. Oriol Servia, 227. 12. Justin Wilson, 222. 13. Takuma Sato, 216. 14. Charlie Kimball, 216. 15. J.R. Hildebrand, 211. 16. Marco Andretti, 203. 17. Rubens Barrichello, 200. 18. Alex Tagliani, 194. 19. Mike Conway, 191. 20. E.J. Viso, 186.

NASCAR Camping World Truck
Points Leaders
Through July 21

1. Timothy Peters, 385. 2. Ty Dillon, 372. 3. Justin Lofton, 365. 4. James Buescher, 360. 5. Parker Kligerman, 348. 6. Matt Crafton, 345. 7. Ron Hornaday Jr., 334. 8. Joey Coulter, 322. 9. Nelson Piquet Jr., 302. 10. Jason White, 295. 11. Miguel Paludo, 290. 12. Todd Bodine, 286. 13. Johnny Sauter, 282. 14. Cale Gale, 278. 15. Jason Leffler, 269.

AL Boxes

ANGELS 15, RANGERS 9

Los Angeles						Texas					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi
Trout lf	5	3	2	4	Kinsler 2b		4	0	1	0
Wiehr rf	4	0	1	1	Andrus ss		4	0	0	0
Pujols 1b	4	2	3	2	AlRdrz ss		1	1	0	0
AnRen ss	0	0	0	0	Beltre 3b		4	1	2	2
Morls dh	5	2	2	5	BSnydr pr-3b		1	1	0	0
Callasp 3b	5	0	0	0	N.Cruz rf		4	2	3	3
HKndz 2b-1bS1		2	0	2	Hamltn cf		4	2	3	1
Mizturs ss-2bS-3		3	1	1	Gentry cf		1	0	0	0
Bourjos cf	5	1	1	0	MrThng dh		2	0	0	2
BoWlsn c	4	3	2	1	Dvlsbp lf		4	0	2	1
					MSndrs lf		0	0	0	0
					Mrdnd 1b		4	0	1	0
Totals	42	15	15	15	Totals		37	9	12	9

Los Angeles	002	000	304	—	9
Texas	030	101	211	—	9

LOB—Los Angeles 4, Texas 6. 2B—Pujols 2 (26), M.Cruz (27), Hamilton (17), Davis (8), Napoli (17). HR—Trout (17), K.Morales 2 (11), M.Izturis (2), N.Cruz (15), Hamilton (29), Napoli (17). SB—Tor.Hunter (5). CS—H.Kendrick (8). SF—Mi.Young 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
E.Santana W,5-10	5	4	3	3	1	3
Williams S,1-1	4	8	5	5	1	1
Texas						
Oneri L,3-2	5	1-3	11	8	8	0
R.Ross	2-3	3	4	4	1	1
Kirkman	3	2	3	3	3	4

WP—Kirkman. PB—Napoli.
T—3:08. A—36,111 (48,194).

ORIOLES 5, YANKEES 4

Baltimore						New York					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi
Markks rf	4	1	3	2	Jeter ss		4	0	2	0
Hardy ss	5	0	1	1	Gindrs cf		4	0	0	0
C.Davis dh	5	0	1	0	Teixeir 1b		3	0	0	0
AdJons cf	4	0	1	0	J.Nix 3b		1	0	0	0
Wieters c	3	0	1	0	Cano 2b		4	0	1	0
Ford lf	4	0	0	0	Swisher dh		4	0	1	0
EnChvz lf	0	0	0	0	R.Pena pr		0	0	0	0
Betemit 3b	4	2	2	1	Isanac lf		4	2	2	1
MrRynl 1b	4	1	2	0	E.Chvz 3b-1b		3	1	2	2
Quntnll 2b	2	1	1	1	ISuzuki rf		4	1	1	1
					CSbrt rf		2	0	1	0
					RMartn ph-cf		2	0	0	0
Totals	35	5	13	5	Totals		35	4	9	4

Baltimore	001	400	000	—	5
New York	010	010	200	—	4

DP—New York 3. LOB—Baltimore 7, New York 5. 2B—Markakis (19), Ad.Jones (24), Mar.Reynolds (16), Swisher (23), HR—Betemit (12), Ibanez (14), Er.Chavez (9), I.Suzuki (5). SB—I.Suzuki (16). SF—Markakis, Quintanilla.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mg.Gonzalez W,3-2	6	2-3	3	6	4	4
O'Day	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Strop	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ji.Johnson S,31-34	1	1	0	0	1	2
New York						
F.Garcia L,4-5	6	9	3	3	0	2
Logan	2-3	1	2	2	1	2
Phelps	1-2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Rapada	0	2	0	0	0	0
Qualls	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

Rapada pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.
PB—C.Stewart. Balk—Mg.Gonzalez, F.Garcia.
T—3:03. A—43,052 (50,291).

RED SOX 7, TIGERS 3

Detroit						Boston					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
AJcksn cf	3	1	1	1	Ellsury cf		3	1	1	1	
Berry lf	4	0	1	0	Crwfrd lf		3	2	1	1	
MCarr 3b	4	0	1	1	Pedroia 2b		4	1	1	1	
Fielder 1b	3	0	0	0	AdGnzl 1b		4	1	2	0	
Dthrng dh	3	0	0	0	Mdlbrks 3b		4	1	2	1	
Boesch rf	4	1	1	0	Sltlmch dh		4	1	1	0	
JhPerlt ss	4	0	0	0	Sweeny lf		4	0	0	0	
Avila c	4	0	1	0	C.Ross rf		0	0	0	0	
Infante 2b	3	1	1	0	Shppch c		4	0	1	0	
					Nava rf		4	0	1	0	
Totals	32	3	6	3	Totals		34	7	10	7	

Detroit	101	000	100	—	3
Boston	200	002	03x	—	7

E—Infante (2), Shoppach (3). DP—Detroit 2. LOB—Detroit 5, Boston 5. 2B—Berry (5), Avila (14). 3B—Infante (1). C.Crawford (1), Shoppach (2). HR—A.Jackson (11), Pedroia (9), Middlebrooks (13). SB—Ellsbury (2). CS—Salatamacchia (1).

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Scherzer L,10-6	6	1-3	7	5	5	2
Coke	1	3	2	2	0	0
Dotel	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Boston						
Buchholz W,9-3	8	5	3	2	2	4
Padilla	1	1	0	0	1	1

T—2:56. A—37,784 (37,495).

TWINS 7, WHITE SOX 6

Chicago						Minnesota					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
De Aza cf	5	1	4	2	Span cf		3	1	2	0	
Youklis 3b	3	0	0	0	Revere rf		4	1	1	0	
A Dunn dh	5	0	0	0	Mauer c		3	1	1	1	
Konerk 1b	4	1	1	1	Wngh dh		3	1	2	1	
Rios rf	5	1	2	0	Mornea 1b		4	1	2	3	
					Dozier 2b		4	0	0	0	
					Flormn ss		4	0	1	0	
					Pinto c		3	0	0	1	
Totals	42	3	6	3	Totals		34	7	10	6	

Chicago	000	100	050	—	6
Minnesota	402	000	01x	—	7

One out when winning run scored.
E—Youklis (3), De Aza (3), Al.Ramirez (9), Dozier (15). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Chicago 9, Minnesota 4. 2B—Beckham (18), Revere (11). HR—Pierzynski (17). SB—De Aza (19), Al.Ramirez (14). S—Span. Dozier. SF—Valencia, J.Carroll.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Quintana	7	10	6	4	1	0
Thornton	1	1	0	0	0	2
Myers L,0-1	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Minnesota						
De Vries	5	7	5	4	1	3
Fien	1	1	1	0	0	0
Al.Burnett	1	0	0	0	0	0
Burton	1	1	1	1	0	0
Perkins W,2-1	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Burton (Al.Ramirez), by Fien (Youklis), by De Vries (Konerko). WP—De Vries.
T—3:08. A—35,018 (39,500).

NL Boxes

BREWERS 8, ASTROS 7

Houston						Milwaukee					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Altuve 2b	3	3	2	1	Aoki rf		5	1	1	1	
MGnalz ss	3	0	1	0	CGomz cf		4	0	1	0	
Maxwll ph	1	0	1	1	ArRmr 3b		5	0	2	1	
Pearce rf	3	1	2	3	Hart 1b		4	0	0	0	
Wallac 1b	4	0	0	0	RWeks 2b		3	0	0	0	
JDMrtn lf	4	0	0	0	Hrndz p		0	0	0	0	
SMoore 3b	4	1	2	1	Loe p		0	0	0	0	
					Braun lf		4	2	2	2	
					Lucroy c		3	2	1	0	
					Segura ss		4	0	0	0	
					Gallard p		0	0	0	0	
					Kottars ph		1	0	1	0	
					Axford p		0	0	0	0	
Totals	31	8	11	7	Totals		38	8	11	8	

Houston	000	000	007	—	7
Milwaukee	000	008	00x	—	8

E—Lucroy (4). DP—Houston 1, Milwaukee 1. LOB—Houston 7, Milwaukee 7. 2B—Maxwell (8), Pearce (2), Lucroy (11). C.Izturis (4). HR—S.Moore (5), Pearce (3), Aoki (9). SB—Altuve (19), Schafer (26), C.Gomez (19), Ar.Ramirez (5). CS—S.Moore (1). S—Ma.Gonzalez, B.Norris 2. Morgan, Estrada. SF—Altuve, Pearce 2.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lyles	6	4	3	3	3	3
Cordero L,0-3	1	4	2	2	1	0
X.Cedeno	1	2	3	3	0	1
Milwaukee						
Estrada	7	6	3	2	1	6
L.Hernandez W,3-1	1 1-3	3	3	3	2	1
Loe	0	1	1	1	1	0
Axford S,17-24	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

Loe pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.
B.Norris pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.
Cordero pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by B.Norris (C.Gomez), by Axford (Wallace).
T—3:31. A—28,131 (41,900).

BRAVES 8, MARLINS 2

Miami						Atlanta					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Bonifac 2b	5	1	1	0	Dobrnz cf		5	0	1	2	
DMrph 3b	5	0	2	0	Prado lf		4	0	0	0	
Reyes ss	5	0	2	1	Heyard rf		5	3	2	1	
Ca.Lee 1b	5	0	1	0	Mcnutt 2b		4	0	1	0	
Ruggin cf	3	0	2	0	FFrmn 1b		4	1	3	1	
Petersn lf	3	0	0	0	McCnnc c		4	1	1	0	
					Uggla 2b		4	1	1	2	
					Cousins rf		4	3	0	0	
					Bushnll p		2	0	0	0	
					Zamrn p		0	0	0	0	
					DSolan ph		1	0	0	0	
					Gaudin p		0	0	0	0	
					DJrnngs ph		1	0	0	0	
					Kearns ph		1	0	0	0	
Totals	36	2	10	1	Totals		39	8	13	8	

Miami	000	010	001	—	2
Atlanta	000	141	10x	—	8

E—Reyes (12), Avilan (1). DP—Miami 1, Atlanta 1. LOB—Miami 10, Atlanta 10. 2B—Reyes 2 (23), C.Jones (15), F.Freeman (23), Uggla (17). HR—Hayward (17). SB—Reyes (25), Petersen (4). CS—Do.Murphy (1). S—Hanson.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Buehrle L,9-10	4 1-3	8	6	6	4	3
Zambrano	1 2-3	2	1	0	0	3
Gaudin	1	2	1	1	0	0
De.Jennings	1	1	0	0	1	1
Atlanta						
Hanson W,12-5	5	6	1	1	3	4
C.Martinez	2	1	0	0	0	1
Avilan	2	3	1	0	2	3

PB—McCann.
T—2:55. A—22,624 (49,586).

PADRES 11, REDS 1

San Diego						Cincinnati					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Amarst 2b-lf	4	1	0	1	Cozart ss		4	0	0	0	
Venale rf	4	2	2	4	Ondrsk p		0	0	0	0	
Headly 3b	2	0	1	0	Stubbs cf		5	2	2	1	
Quentin lf	4	2	3	3	BPhlps 2b		5	0	0	0	
Street p	0	0	0	0	Bruce rf		3	2	2	1	
Grandl c	0	1	0	0	Rolen 3b		2	1	1	1	
JoBakr ph-c	3	1	1	1	Ludwck lf		4	0	1	0	
Alonso 1b	5	1	4	1	Cairo 1b		4	0	0	0	
Maybin cf	3	2	0	0	Mesorc c		0	0	0	0	
Cashn ss	5	1	1	0	Hanign c		3	0	0	0	
Volquez p	2	1	0	0	Leake p		0	0	0	0	
Guzmn ph	1	0	0	0	Simon p		1	0	0	0	
Bourgr p	0	0	0	0	Heisey ph		1	0	0	0	
Hundlr p	0	0	0	0	Bray p		0	0	0	0	
Brach p	0	0	0	0	Paul ph		1	0	1	0	
Stults p	0	0	0	0	Arndnd p		0	0	0	0	
Kotsay ph	1	0	0	0	Valdez ph-ss		1	0	0	0	
Forsyth 2b	0	0	0	0							
Totals	36	11	11	10	Totals		34	5	7	5	

San Diego	054	100	010	—	11
Cincinnati	301	010	000	—	5

E—Stubbs (3). LOB—San Diego 11, Cincinnati 8. 2B—Alonso 3 (28), Bruce (25), Ludwick (18), Paul (2). 3B—Venable (4). HR—Quentin (10), Stubbs (13), Bruce (21). SB—Headley (12), Stubbs (22). S—Volquez. CF—Amarista.

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Volquez W,7-7	5	6	5	5	3	5
Boxberger	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Hinshaw	0	0	0	0	2	0
Brach	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Stults	1	0	0	0	0	0
Street	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
Leake L,4-7	1 2-3	5	5	5	3	1
Simon	2 1-3	4	5	5	3	1
Bray	2	2	0	0	0	2
Arredondo	2	2	1	1	0	2
Ondrusek	1	0	0	0	2	0

Hinshaw pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
WP—Volquez. Balk—Simon.
T—3:48. A—28,140 (42,319).

CUBS 14, PIRATES 4

Pittsburgh						Chicago					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
SMarte lf	4	0	3	1	Rohnsn cf		3	2	0	0	
Presley rf	4	0	0	0	DeJess ph-cf		2	1	2	1	
AMcCtr cf	3	1	1	0	SCastro ss		4	2	3	3	
SJones 1b	4	1	1	0	Rizzo 1b		4	1	1	3	
Kalish lf	3	1	1	0	ASorin lf		4	1	1	0	
JHrrsn 2b-3b	3	0	1	0	Campn lf		1	0	0	0	
PAlvrz 3b	2	0	0	0	JeBakr rf		1	0	1	0	
JHughs p	0	0	0	0	Soto c		2	2	1	0	
McKnr c	4	0	1	2	Cleuplr ph-c		2	0	1	0	
Barmes ss	3	1	1	1	Barney 2b		5	3	3	4	
Bedard p	0	0	0	0	Mather 3b		3	0	0	0	
Resop p	0	0	0	0	Germn p		2	0	0	0	
McGeh ph	1	0	0	0	Beliveau p		0	0	0	0	
Watson p	0	0	0	0	Corpas p		0	0	0	0	
Sutton 2b	1	0	0	0	Maine p		0	0	0	0	
Totals	31	4	8	4	Totals		39	14	14	14	

Pittsburgh	001	102	000	—	4
Chicago	100	390	10x	—	14

E—P.Alvarez (15). DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Pittsburgh 5, Chicago 5. 2B—S.Castro (20), Mather (8). 3B—Barney (3). HR—S.Castro (10), Rizzo (8), Barney (5). CS—Presley (5). S—Bedard, Germano.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bedard L,5-12	4 1-3	7	9	8	2	7
Resop	2-3	4	4	4	0	0
Watson	2	2	1	1	0	3
J.Hughes	1	1	0	0	1	1
Chicago						
Germano W,1-1	5	4	2	2	2	3
Beliveau	1-3	3	2	2	2	0
Corpas	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Maine	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Bedard. Beliveau.
T—3:09. A—33,337 (41,009)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	60	42	.588	—	—	3-7	L-3	31-20	29-22
Baltimore	54	48	.529	6	1/2	6-4	W-2	25-26	29-23
Tampa Bay	53	49	.520	7	2 1/2	6-4	W-2	28-25	25-24
Toronto	51	50	.505	8 1/2	4	6-4	L-1	28-23	23-27
Boston	52	51	.505	8 1/2	4	4-6	W-3	26-28	26-23
Central Division									
Chicago	55	47	.539	—	—	5-5	L-2	27-22	28-25
Detroit	54	49	.524	1 1/2	2	5-5	L-1	28-21	26-28
Cleveland	50	52	.490	5	5 1/2	3-7	L-3	27-25	23-27
Minnesota	44	58	.431	11	11 1/2	6-4	W-4	23-30	21-28
Kansas City	41	60	.406	13 1/2	14	2-8	L-9	17-30	24-30
West Division									
Oakland	55	47	.539	—	—	4-6	L-1	32-20	23-27
Texas	55	48	.534	—	—	4-6	L-1	32-20	27-22
Los Angeles

Police: Titans player dies in apparent suicide

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Hours after sending a gracious yet puzzling middle-of-the-night text message to a former college coach, police say Tennessee Titans receiver O.J. Murdock died in an apparent suicide.

Tampa police spokeswoman Andrea Davis said officers found Murdock about 8:30 a.m. inside his car with what appeared to be self-inflicted gunshot wounds.


Murdock

The car was parked in front of Middleton High School, where Murdock made a name for himself as a dynamic receiver and state champion sprinter in track and field.

Al McCray, assistant head coach/receivers at Fort Hays State, said when he woke up at his Kansas home on Monday he found a message on his cell phone from the player, thanking him for everything he had done for Murdock and his family. The athlete concluded the text with an apology that baffled McCray, who said he had known the 25-year-old since Murdock was in middle school.

"I spoke to him a week ago, and he was so excited about getting ready to go (to training camp). He was real happy about being able to help his mother out," McCray recalled. "You always like to hear kids who talk about that. It brings a smile to your face to hear a young man talk about 'Hey, I'm glad I'm able to help my mother out.'"

McCray was an assistant coach at Middleton when Murdock was there and later helped the player resume his college career after he was kicked off the team at South Carolina, where he was part of Steve Spurrier's first recruiting class.

"The hardest part about this is I got a text at 3:30 in the morning, where he said: 'Coach, I want to thank you for everything you've done for me and my family. It's greatly appreciated,'" McCray said. "At the end, he goes: 'I apologize.' And I don't know what he's talking about. I woke up, and I'm thinking he's apologizing because he texted me so early. ... I wish he had called instead."

Murdock, who signed with the Titans as an undrafted free agent in 2011 and spent all of last season on injured reserve, was taken to Tampa General, where he died.

Texans look to young WRs to step up in camp

Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have one of the best receivers in the league in Andre Johnson and also returning starter Kevin Walter.

Even so, the Texans are looking for another receiving threat, and coach Gary Kubiak is hoping one of his young receivers will use this camp to prove he can fill that role.

"I think it's huge," Kubiak said of finding a third wideout. "I think our whole team is kind of watching it too, because they know our identity is going to change at that position for the first time in a while around here. Players sense that, they really watch those battles closely. We'll let them prove to their teammates that they're the guy."

Houston cut No. 3 receiver Jacoby Jones in the offseason. But there's a bevy of new talent vying to replace him, including rookies DeVier Posey and Keshawn Martin, and second-year player Lestar Jean.

Jean is working with the first team while Johnson nurses a strained his groin that will likely keep him out about a week.

The team doesn't believe Johnson's most recent setback is serious, but the Texans know the importance of developing depth at receiver after the 31-year-old missed a career-high 11 games last season because of hamstring injuries.

"It's going to be interesting because now we're in a situation where Andre is going to miss time, so we bumped them all up," Kubiak said. "We kind of move them around each day. There's a lot of young ability and ... I think they all have the ability to make this team, so we're going to have to see how they hold up and who makes the plays."


Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston's Lestar Jean catches a pass Monday during drills at training camp in Houston.

Though Jean is in his second season in the NFL, he's never caught a pass in a regular-season game after injuring his shoulder last preseason and spending last year on the injured reserve.

"I love his size. I like big guys in the league. I think it is an advantage," Kubiak said of the 6-foot-3, 205-pound player. "He's very smart. He can play a lot of places. It's a unique situation because he hasn't played, but he's still sitting here operating as a starter."

Jean, who played at Florida Atlantic, feels "honored" to be working with the starters, but knows he has to keep improving if he wants to hold onto that spot.

"I've got to work," he said. "My chance is like everybody else. We're all going to get opportunities and I have to take advantage of mine."

The Texans also have been impressed with Posey, a third-round pick out of Ohio State. Posey had 53 receptions for 848 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior, but was suspended by the NCAA for 10 games last season for taking improper benefits.

NASCAR approves redesigned 2013 cars

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR has approved all four automakers' new Sprint Cup Series race car designs for next season.

Series officials announced Monday that the new Chevrolet SS, Dodge Charger, Ford Fusion and Toyota Camry designs have met the necessary targets for approval based on final aerodynamic tests July 18. Manufacturers can begin making parts and pieces for the new models, which will make their racing debut at Daytona International Speedway next February.

The new cars will bring a significantly different look next season as they are designed to look more like their passenger car counterparts.

"We commend the manufacturers and our team at the R&D center on all the hard work they've put into this new car," said NASCAR vice president of competition Robin Pemberton. "With all the designs and surface areas of the car now approved, manufacturers can now move forward with building the components needed to outfit their cars. The wind tunnel testing we've had with the manufacturers over the past several months has given us the timely and necessary data we needed to come to this confirmation. We believe the new car is going to be a milestone opportunity for our sport, one that our fans will embrace."

SRT engineer Howard Comstock, who manages Dodge's NASCAR program, said developing the new cars involved unprecedented collaboration.

"In the beginning, we kind of approached NASCAR and said, it will be better for the manufacturers if we race cars that look more like the products we build," Comstock said. "NASCAR listened to that, and the four manufacturers kind of got together and said we need to make the basic framework of what this car would look like."

Ford Racing director Jamie Allison called it a "monumental moment" for NASCAR.

"The fans have clamored for the return of cars that look like cars in their driveways and NASCAR, alongside us as manufacturers, have listened to that request," Allison said.

Comstock said the new cars share only 10 percent of their body panels in common, a significant change from current Cup cars.

Dodge's long-term future in NASCAR has been subject to speculation after its flagship team, Penske Racing, announced it was moving to Ford next season. But the manufacturer's efforts for 2013 are regarded as positive sign for its continued involvement in the sport.

Will having different designs revive the once-constant lobbying from manufacturers and teams for NASCAR rules tweaks to even out competition?

"I think the tools that we have today for development are so much more sophisticated than we have in the past," Comstock said. "Over this two-year process, we've tried to apply those tools to the design of the car to make sure we come out with a more equally matched car, brand for brand."

RYAN

From 1C

is that he's had plenty of time to teach his complicated 3-4 scheme. That wasn't true last summer when the lockout greatly diminished his time with the players.

Still, owner Jerry Jones said Ryan faces another "big challenge" this summer in trying to get Carr and Claiborne ready to go.

That's really one of the things we're looking to do here in camp," Jones said. "How can we get in here and really acclimate some of these new players…into Rob's system?"

One thing is certain: There will be no easing Claiborne into a starting job. In fact, the former LSU star worked with the first team Monday.

"I was kind of expecting that," said Claiborne, who missed offseason practices because of wrist surgery. "I know they didn't to get me just to have me sitting over there. I knew they were going to throw me out there and I have to do my part and handle my business."

The Cowboys traded up eight spots to select Claiborne sixth overall.

"We're coaching him hard," Ryan said. "He's a smart kid. He works hard. Is he going to have some growing pains? I'm sure he will. But we all do. Just got to get out and do it."

Ryan, the twin brother of Jets coach Rex Ryan and the son of former NFL coach Buddy Ryan, has adopted a similar philosophy in the wake of his embarrassing first year with the Cowboys.

"I'm not running scared," Ryan said. "I'm not scared of anybody. I'm ready. That's why I came to Dallas. I might not have known it was going to be this much scrutiny in the media, but believe me, I wanted to be here with the Cowboys, America's Team. It's about time America likes a Ryan."

EARNHARDT

From 1C

track with the same equipment. No one gets favorites."

Hendrick has been through it before, and doesn't expect any issues.

"And these guys are sharing so much information, and I'm beyond that nervousness trying to get the teams together and say, 'Look, what got us here is working together and sharing information,'" Hendrick said. "I think by having those two cars where they are in the points will make us, give us a better shot. ... A lot of organizations, it tears them down when they have that kind of competition. I think it makes us stronger."

All four Hendrick Motorsports teams share technical information, but Hendrick has divided them into pairs. Johnson's No. 48 team and Earnhardt's No. 88 team work together in one shop, while Jeff Gordon's No. 24 team and Kasey Kahne's No. 5 team work in another.

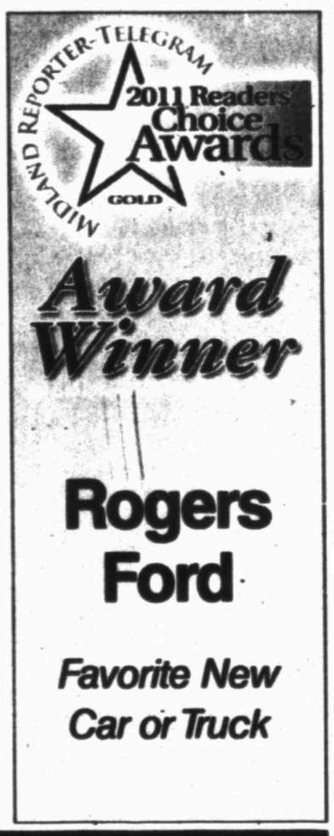
Vaughn takes over Magic

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jacque Vaughn said he's "humbled" to become the Magic's next head coach.

Vaughn was named the 10th coach in franchise history over the weekend and was officially introduced in a news conference Monday.

He takes over for Stan Van Gundy, who was fired in May. The 37-year-old Vaughn has yet to hold a head coaching post, but the former player spent the past two seasons as an assistant with San Antonio.



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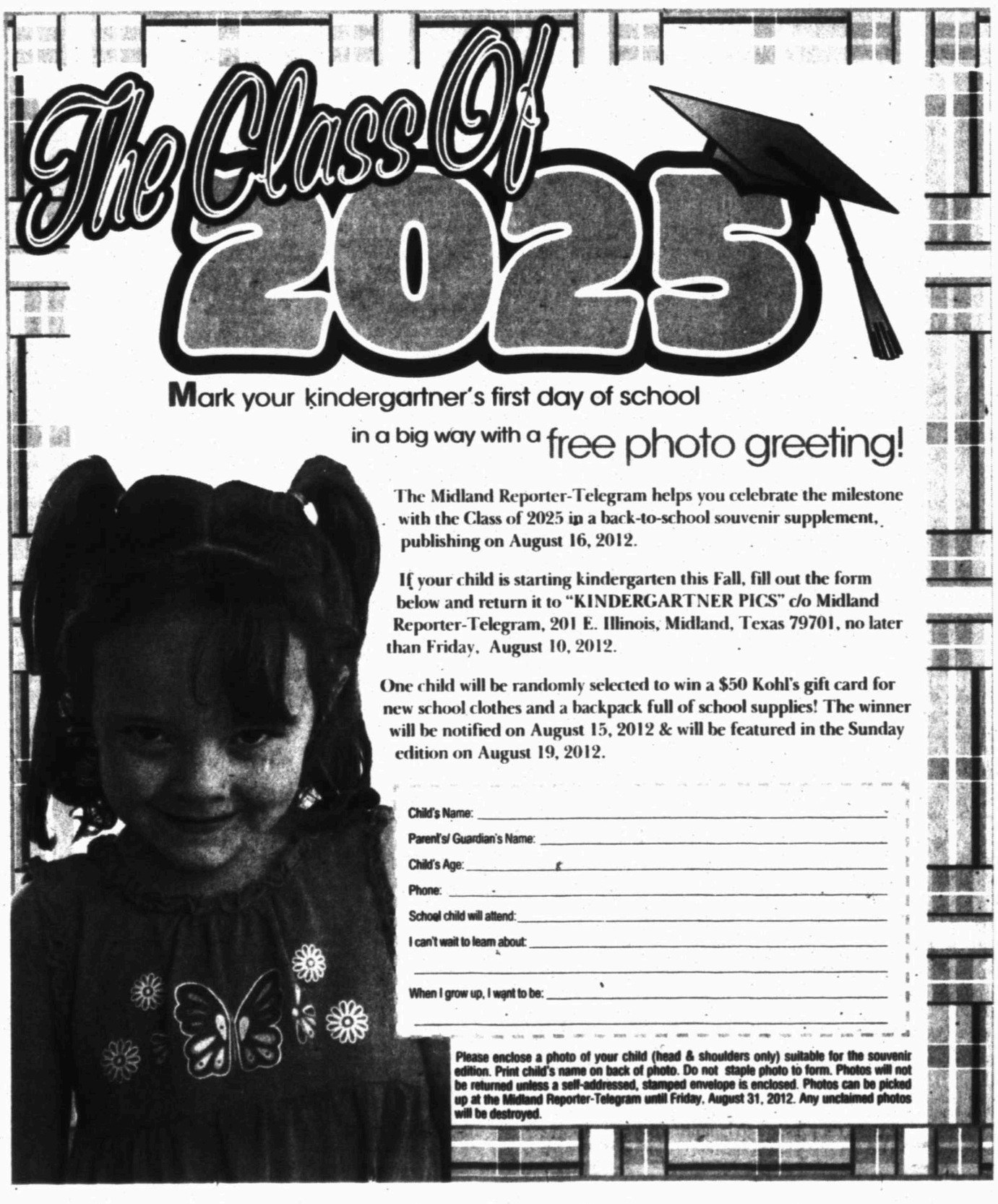


LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS

Medal count

as of July 30

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
China	9	5	3	17
United States	6	7	5	17
France	3	1	3	7
North Korea	3	0	1	4
Italy	2	4	2	8
South Korea	2	2	2	6
Russia	2	0	3	5
Kazakhstan	2	0	0	2
Japan	1	4	6	11
Australia	1	2	1	4
Romania	1	2	0	3
Brazil	1	1	1	3
Hungary	1	1	1	3
Netherlands	1	1	0	2
Ukraine	1	0	2	3
Georgia	1	0	0	1
Lithuania	1	0	0	1
South Africa	1	0	0	1
Colombia	0	2	0	2
Britain	0	1	2	3
Cuba	0	1	0	1
Germany	0	1	0	1
Mexico	0	1	0	1
Poland	0	1	0	1
Taiwan	0	1	0	1
Thailand	0	1	0	1
Azerbaijan	0	0	1	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Canada	0	0	1	1
India	0	0	1	1

AP

Lochte falters again, but Franklin, Grevers shine

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

LONDON — Missy Franklin stared out on the horde of reporters, suddenly sounding very much like a high school senior-to-be. "I don't like being up here alone," she said nervously.

Then, just like that, she turned on a big smile and worked the room like a pro.

Thanks to this Colorado teenager, America's swim hopes are back on track at the Olympics.

Michael Phelps has yet to win a gold medal, and Ryan Lochte's star has dimmed just a bit. So it was Franklin providing a much-needed boost to swimming's powerhouse nation, coming back less than 14 minutes after swimming a semifinal heat to win the first gold medal of what figures to be a dazzling career.

"Indescribable," the 17-year-old Franklin said after rallying to win the 100-meter backstroke Monday. "I still can't believe that happened. I don't even know what to think. I saw my parents' reaction on the screen and I just started bawling. I can't even think right now."

After finishing up the semis of the 200 freestyle, she hopped out of the pool and headed to the diving well for a quick warm-down. She didn't even have time to make it to the practice pool, not when her bigger event was coming right up.

Even Phelps was amazed at Franklin's stamina, saying he had never done back-to-back races that close together at such a major meet. His quickest turnaround was about a half-hour.

"She's a racer and she knows what to do," Phelps said.

Matt Grevers kept the gold medals coming for the U.S. in rat-a-tat fashion, following up Franklin's win with one of his own in the men's 100 back. For good measure, Nick Thoman made it a 1-2 finish for the red, white and blue.

Rebecca Soni nearly pulled out a third U.S. gold, rallying furiously on the return leg of the 100 breaststroke. But she couldn't quite catch blazing Lithuanian Ruta Meilutyte, a gold medalist at the tender age of 15.

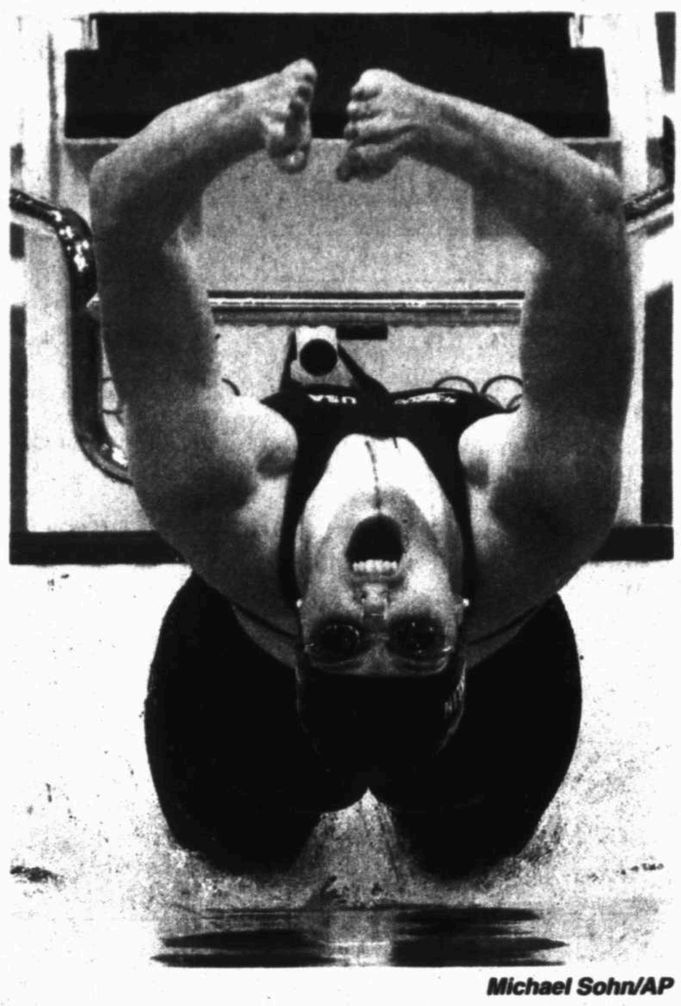
Good thing for the U.S. that Franklin and the other Americans are coming through.

Phelps missed the podium in his 2012 Olympic debut, and Lochte has turned in two straight disappointing performances after opening the games with a dominant win in the 400 individual medley. He finished fourth and off the podium Monday night in the 200 freestyle, which France's Yannick Agnel won by a full body length against a field with gold medalists galore.

On Sunday, Lochte anchored the U.S. in the 4x100 free relay, taking over with a seemingly comfortable lead. But Agnel chased him down on the final leg, giving France the gold.

Now, another defeat.

"I did my best," Lochte said. "I guess sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. I gave it 110 percent. There's probably some things I messed up on, but you live and learn. (Agnel is) a great racer. There's no doubt about it. He's quick and he showed it last night and tonight. I'm happy for him. He did good."



Michael Sohn/AP

The United States' Missy Franklin starts in the women's 100-meter backstroke swimming final Monday at the Aquatics Centre in the Olympic Park in London.

OLYMPIC ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VENUS, SERENA WILLIAMS ADVANCE AT OLYMPICS

WIMBLEDON, England — Venus Williams began her bid for a record fourth gold medal in Olympic tennis Monday by beating Sara Errani of Italy, 6-3, 6-1.

It was an impressive showing from Williams, who is unseeded and drew a tough first-round foe. Errani has won four titles this year, was the runner-up at the French Open and is ranked a career-high No. 9.

But Williams was in fine form on the Wimbledon grass, where she has won five of her seven Grand Slam titles.

Twenty minutes after Williams won on Court 2, younger sister Serena closed out a second-round victory on Court 1, beating Urszula Radwanska of Poland, 6-2, 6-3. Serena defeated Radwanska's sister, Agnieszka, in the Wimbledon final this month.

OLYMPIC GOALIE SOLO DOESN'T BACK DOWN FROM TWEETS

MANCHESTER, England — U.S. women's soccer goalkeeper Hope Solo didn't back down Monday from her Twitter outburst against NBC analyst Brandi Chastain, saying the tweets were her way of expressing her opinion about the quality of television announcers.

Solo addressed the matter briefly on her 31st birthday during the team's tour of historic Old Trafford stadium, where the Americans will play North Korea on Tuesday. She didn't apologize or express regret, and she answered only one question about the matter, declining to address, among other things, whether a social media rant in the middle of the Olympics was the proper time and means to convey her feelings about broadcasters.

SWISS OLYMPIC TEAM EXPELS PLAYER FOR RACIST TWEET

LONDON — Switzerland soccer player Michel Morganella has been expelled from the London Olympics for posting a racist message on Twitter.

Swiss Olympic team chief Gian Gilli said Morganella is being stripped of his Olympic accreditation ahead of Switzerland's final group match against Mexico on Wednesday.

He "discriminated against, insulted and violated the dignity of the South Korea football team as well as the South Korean people," Gilli said through a translator at a news conference Monday.

Morganella posted an offensive and threatening message aimed at South Korean people after the Swiss team lost 2-1 to South Korea on Sunday.



Mark Ralston/AP

United States guard Diana Taurasi, center, reaches for the ball with Angola's forward Sonia Guadalupe, right, and center Luisa Tomas, left, on Monday during their women's preliminary round Group A! match in London.

US women rout Angola in Olympic basketball

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

LONDON — Another game, another blowout for the U.S. women's basketball team — not that the score matters to them.

That sounds like the right thing to say after Candace Parker had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead the U.S. to a 90-38 rout of Angola on Monday night.

But the Americans aren't just being politically correct.

They know they are still a work in progress, having only been together training for two weeks, and are going to play some tough games during the tournament.

"The goal is to continue to get better every game and I think that was what we did" against Angola, Parker said. "I think we're continuing to work on things that no matter what the scoreboard can help us down the line."

The game against Angola was expected to be an easy romp — and it was — with the U.S. overwhelming the Olympic newcomer.

"It's definitely about ourselves," said U.S. guard Sue Bird. "That's how coach (Geno) Auriemma coaches in college. It's his philosophy. Never about how much you win by or lose by, it's how we played. Especially in a game like tonight where going in we kind of had a feeling it might be like this. Not to play to the score, not to relax.

"This is an opportunity for us to play together and we need to take advantage of every opportunity we get."

Parker finished with her second double-double of the tournament. She is averaging 12.5 points and 12.5 rebounds.

The Americans (2-0) have won their last 35 straight games in the Olympics and four consecutive gold medals while Angola is looking for its first victory. The team lost its opener to Turkey by 22 points meaning African nations have only won one of their 25 games in the Olympics since Congo — formerly known as Zaire — first qualified in the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Nigeria owns the only victory, beating Korea by four points in 2004.

United States	90
Angola	38

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Group A

Team	W	L	Pts
China	2	0	4
Turkey	>2	0	4
United States	2	0	4
Angola	0	2	0
Croatia	0	2	0
Czech Republic	0	2	0

Group B

Team	W	L	Pts
France	2	0	4
Russia	2	0	4
Australia	1	1	2
Canada	1	1	2
Britain	0	2	0
Brazil	0	2	0

At Olympic Park-Basketball Arena
Monday's Scores
China 69, Croatia 58
Turkey 61, Czech Republic 57
France 74, Australia 70
Russia 69, Brazil 59
Canada 73, Britain 65
United States 90, Angola 38
Wednesday's Games
Canada vs. France, 3 a.m.
China vs. Angola, 5:15 a.m.
Australia vs. Brazil, 8:30 a.m.
Britain vs. Russia, 10:45 a.m.
Croatia vs. Czech Republic, 2 p.m.
United States vs. Turkey, 4:15 p.m.

UNITED STATES 90, ANGOLA 38

Angola
C.Camuto 3-5 0-1 6, A.Goncalves 0-2 0-0 0, F.Jorge 2-12 3-4 8, A.Cardoso 0-2 0-0 0, F.Eusebio 1-4 0-0 2, M.Felix 0-3 1-2 1, S.Guadalupe 4-13 2-2 11, L.Tomas 0-5 2-2 2, A.Vicente 0-5 0-0 0, N.Mauricio 2-9 0-0 4, N.Manuel 1-5 2-2 4, N.Filipe 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 13-66 10-13 38

United States
L.Whalen 4-6 1-1 9, S.Augustus 6-9 0-0 13, S.Bird 2-6 0-0 4, M.Moore 5-8 1-1 11, A.McCoughtry 2-3 6-8 10, A.Jones 1-2 0-0 2, T.Catchings 3-6 0-0 7, S.Cash 2-3 4-4 8, D.Taurasi 1-7 4-4 6, T.Charles 3-6 0-0 6, C.Parker 7-10 0-0 14. Totals 36-66 16-18 90

Halftime—Angola 18, United States 41. 3-Point goals—Angola 2-18 (F.Jorge 1-4, F.Eusebio 0-2, S.Guadalupe 1-6, A.Vicente 0-3, N.Mauricio 0-1, N.Manuel 0-2) United States 2-17 (S.Augustus 1-3, S.Bird 0-4, M.Moore 0-2, T.Catchings 1-3, D.Taurasi 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Angola 35 (N.Mauricio 6, N.Manuel 6) United States 49 (C.Parker 12). Assists—Angola 3 (N.Manuel 2) United States 25 (S.Bird 5). Total Fouls—Angola 18 United States 14.

Steffens shines for US women in water polo win

By Ryan Lucas
Associated Press

United States	14
Hungary	13

LONDON — Maggie Steffens made sure her first touch of the ball at the Olympics counted. And nearly every other one after that, too.

In her Olympic debut, the 19-year-old Californian scored seven goals — six in the first half alone — and the U.S. women's water polo team survived a pesky Hungarian squad to win its opening match Monday at the London Games 14-13.

"It's awesome. My heartbeat is still pounding. I'm walking through here and just kind of taking a deep breath and letting it sink in," Steffens said. "There is so much energy running through me, I don't really remember what happened in the first few minutes."

Catching the ball on the deep on the left side with less than a minute gone in the first quarter, Steffens lobbed the ball over Hungary goalkeeper Flora Bolonyai to score her first goal of the night. She followed it up with a clinic of outside shooting, firing shots — one after another — past Hungary defenders and slotting them just inside the post.

Steffens wasn't the only one to shine in her Olympic debut though. Courtney Mathewson added four goals for the Americans, including the final one, to give the U.S. the two-goal cushion it would need to hold on.

The win puts the U.S. even with Spain, winners earlier Monday over China, atop Group A.

The U.S. has finished on the podium at every Olympics since the women's game debuted in 2000, taking home a bronze in 2004 and silver in 2000 and 2008. With seven players back from the Beijing squad, the Americans are the gold medal favorite in London along with rival Australia.

But if Monday's performance is any indication, the lack of experience on the sport's grandest stage among the team's younger players doesn't appear to be much of a problem.

Steffens' seven goals — six of which came in the first half — caused jaws to drop at the packed water polo arena at London's Olympic Park.

"She's a stud, I mean come on, seven goals?" said U.S. captain Brenda Villa, who is in her fourth Olympics and is a prolific scorer. "She's a youngster, but you could never tell in the water. She plays like she's been playing at this level for a long time."

Those who have known Steffens the longest — such as Olympic teammate, roommate and older sister Jessica Steffens — weren't taken off guard.

"Surprised? No," Jessica said. "She has so much potential in her and I think she's been waiting to bust out of her skin. Was I happy? Yes. Was I surprised that they didn't want to stop her? Yes. But if she's going to keep scoring goals, we're absolutely going to let her."

WOMEN'S WATER POLO STANDINGS

Group A

Country	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Spain	1	0	0	2	11	6
United States	1	0	0	2	14	13
Hungary	0	1	0	0	13	14
China	0	1	0	0	6	11

Group B

Country	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Australia	1	0	0	2	10	8
Russia	1	0	0	2	7	6
Britain	0	1	0	0	6	7
Italy	0	1	0	0	8	10

At Olympic Park-Water Polo Arena
Sunday's Scores
Spain 11, China 6
Australia 10, Italy 8
Russia 7, Britain 6
United States 14, Hungary 13
Wednesday's Games
Hungary vs. China, 8:10 a.m.
Italy vs. Russia, 9:30 a.m.
Spain vs. United States, 12:20 p.m.
Britain vs. Australia, 1:40 p.m.

UNITED STATES 14, HUNGARY 13

Hungary	3	4	2	4	— 13
United States	4	4	3	3	— 14

First Quarter—1, United States, M.Steffens 7:23. 2, Hungary, B.Bujka, 6:50 (PP). 3, United States, M.Steffens, 3:49. 4, United States, M.Steffens, 2:56. 5, Hungary, R.Dravucz, 2:23. 6, United States, C.Mathewson, 2:02 (PP). 7, Hungary, D.Antal, 0:08.

Second Quarter—8, United States, K.Rulon, 6:21. 9, Hungary, G.Szucs, 5:53. 10, Hungary, D.Csaba, 5:09. 11, United States, M.Steffens, 3:57 (PP). 12, United States, M.Steffens, 3:32 (PK). 13, Hungary, G.Szucs, 3:09. 14, Hungary, D.Takacs, 1:48 (PP). 15, United States, M.Steffens, 1:18 (PP).

Third Quarter—16, Hungary, D.Antal, 6:45 (PP). 17, United States, K.Craig, 6:19 (PP). 18, United States, M.Steffens, 4:48. 19, Hungary, B.Bujka, 3:41. 20, United States, B.Villa, 1:56.

Fourth Quarter—21, United States, C.Mathewson, 7:08 (PP). 22, Hungary, I.Toth, 6:39. 23, Hungary, D.Antal, 6:16. 24, United States, C.Mathewson, 4:01 (PP). 25, Hungary, B.Bujka, 2:18 (PP). 26, United States, C.Mathewson, 1:51. 27, Hungary, B.Bujka, 0:52.

Exclusions—Hungary, 12 (D.Czigany, 1, G.Szucs 2, D.Takacs 1, R.Dravucz 1, R.Keszthelyi 2, I.Toth 1, B.Bujka 1, D.Csaba 1, K.Menczinger 2). United States 11 (M.Sedemann 3, M.Steffens 1, C.Mathewson 1, J.Steffens 3, E.Windes 3).

4 Minute Exclusions—Hungary, None; United States None.

Penalty Fouls—Hungary, 1 (R.Keszthelyi 1). United States 1 (M.Steffens 1).

Ejections—Hungary, None; United States 3 (M.Sedemann, J.Steffens, E.Windes).

Referees—Brian Littlejohn, Britain; Denis Danelon, Brazil; Mohei Farid, Egypt; Evgeny Sharonov, Russia; Damien Taylor, Britain; Michael Jukes, Britain; Svetlana Dreval, Russia; Mario Brguljan, Montenegro; Kenneth Fussell, Britain; Duncan Holmes, Britain; Sharon Worthington, Britain; Elaine Hudson, Britain; Chris Charles, Britain.



Gregory Bull/AP

Coach Jenny Zhang, left, consoles U.S. gymnast Jordyn Wieber as she cries after failing to qualify for the women's all-around finals during the Artistic Gymnastics women's qualification Sunday in London.

Coach: Wieber's exclusion an 'injustice'

By Will Graves
Associated Press

LONDON — The coach of reigning world champion Jordyn Wieber says it's an "injustice" the American won't be included in Thursday's Olympic all-around finals.

Wieber finished fourth during qualifying Sunday, but will miss a shot at Olympic gold because international rules allow only two competitors per country in the finals.

Teammates Aly Raisman and Gabby Douglas finished ahead of Wieber, leaving the 17-year-old on the outside of an all-around final at a major competition for her first time as an elite gymnast.

John Geddert, who has coached Wieber her entire career, called the rule ridiculous, saying it penalizes countries that have deep rosters.

"In this system it's a shame that the all-around champion doesn't get to compete in the finals at the Olympics because of a stupid rule," Geddert said.

The two-per-country rule has been in place in each of the last two games, designed to give gymnasts from other countries a chance to make it to finals. The top 24 individual finishers in Sunday's prelims made Thursday's final.

It's never been an issue for Wieber, who'd only lost two all-around competitions in the last three years, both of them to teammates. Until Sunday, she'd never missed an all-around final during her elite career.

Now, she'll miss the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Mary Lou Retton, Carly Patterson and Nastia Liukin.

Wieber posted on her Facebook page Monday that it was "hard to explain these feelings."

Maybe, but it's hardly the first time an American has been shut out of the all-around finals despite having a score that would be more than good enough.

The U.S. placed five gymnasts in the top eight during qualifying at last fall's world championships, with only Wieber and Raisman moving on to the finals, where Wieber stunned Russia's Viktoria Komova to win the gold.

"It's the nature of the beast," said USA Gymnastics president Steve Penny. "It's an unfortunate reality."

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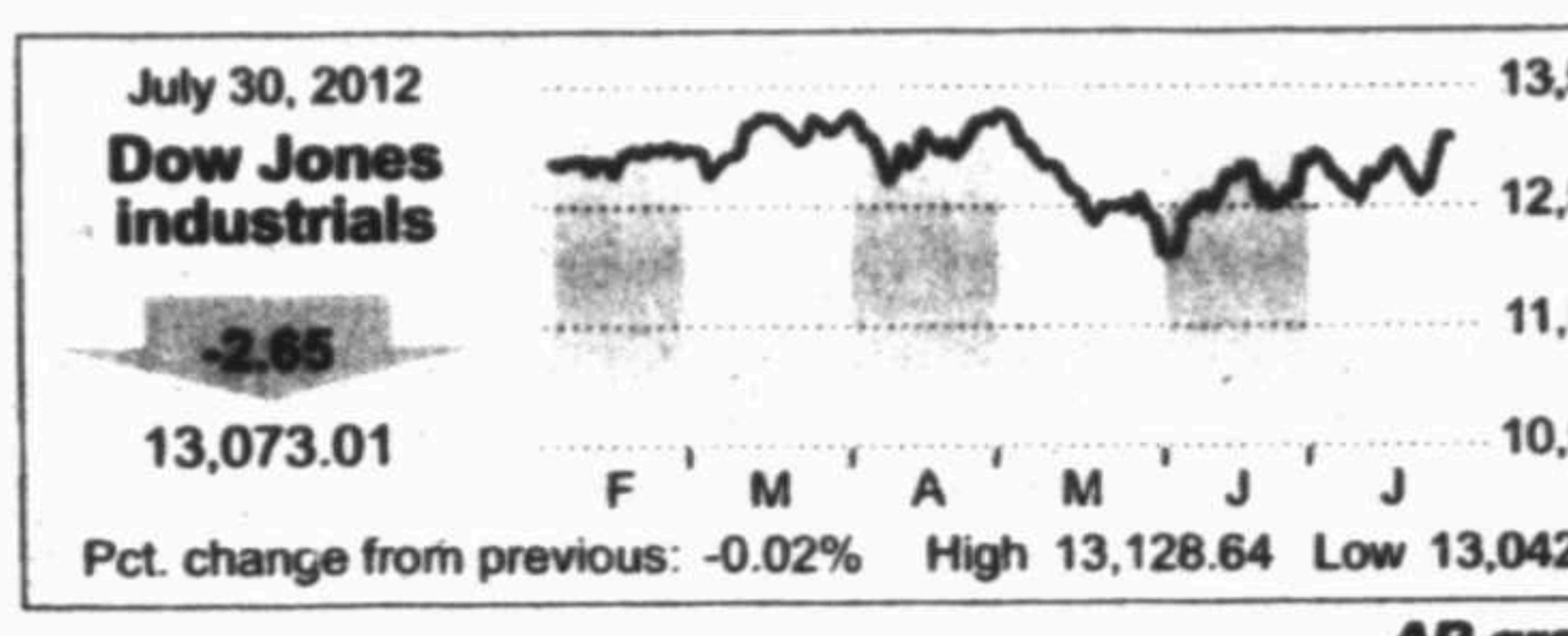
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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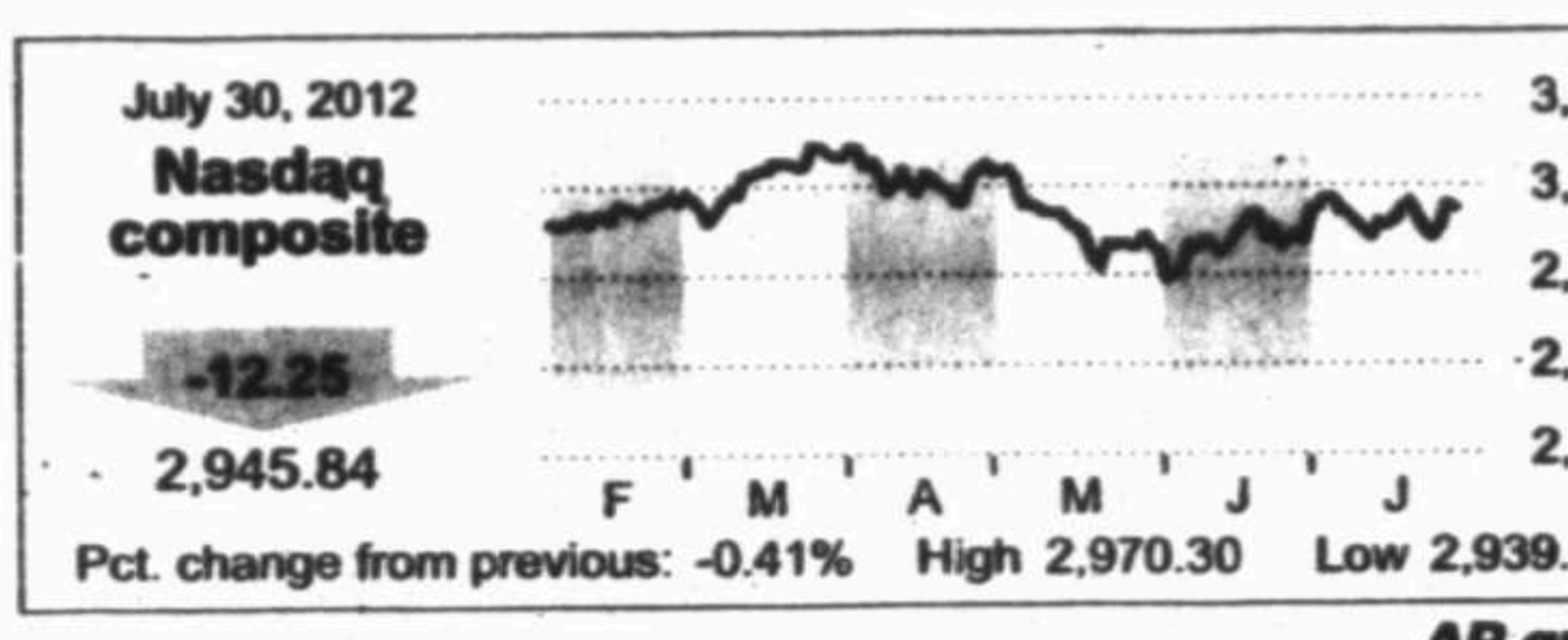

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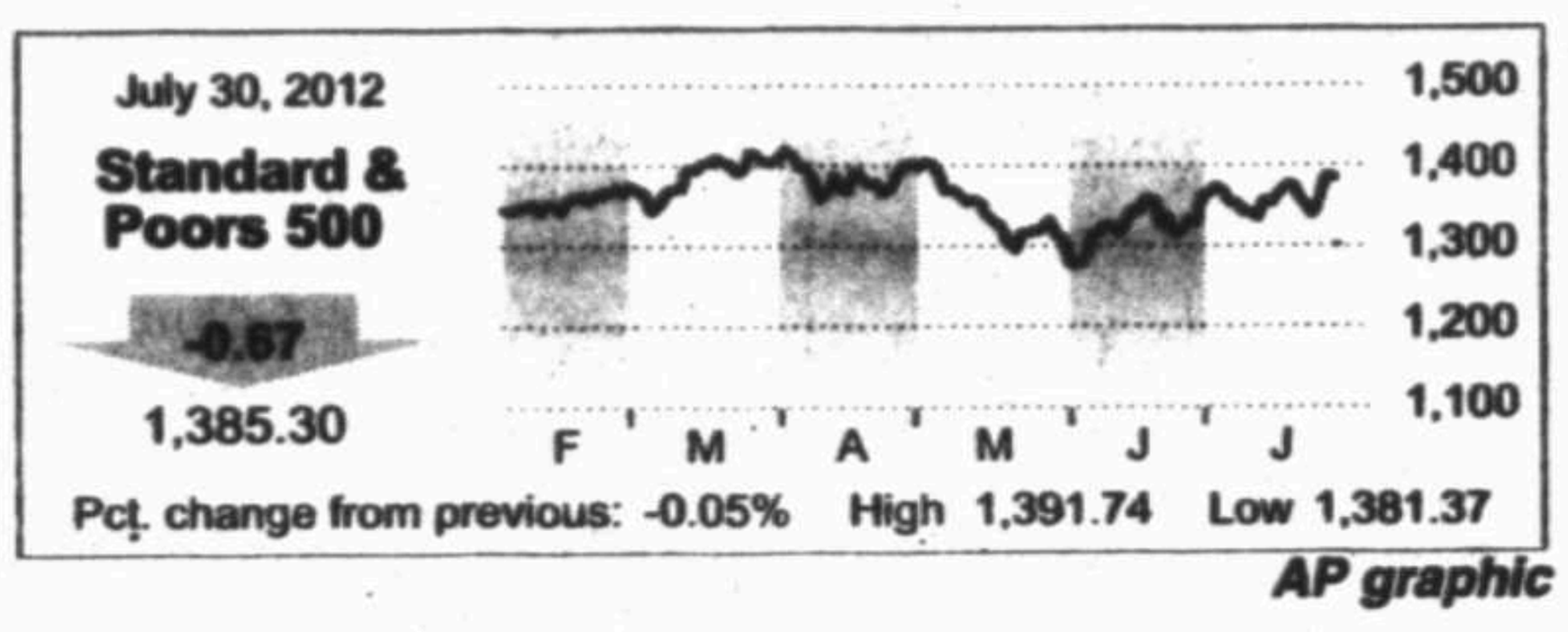

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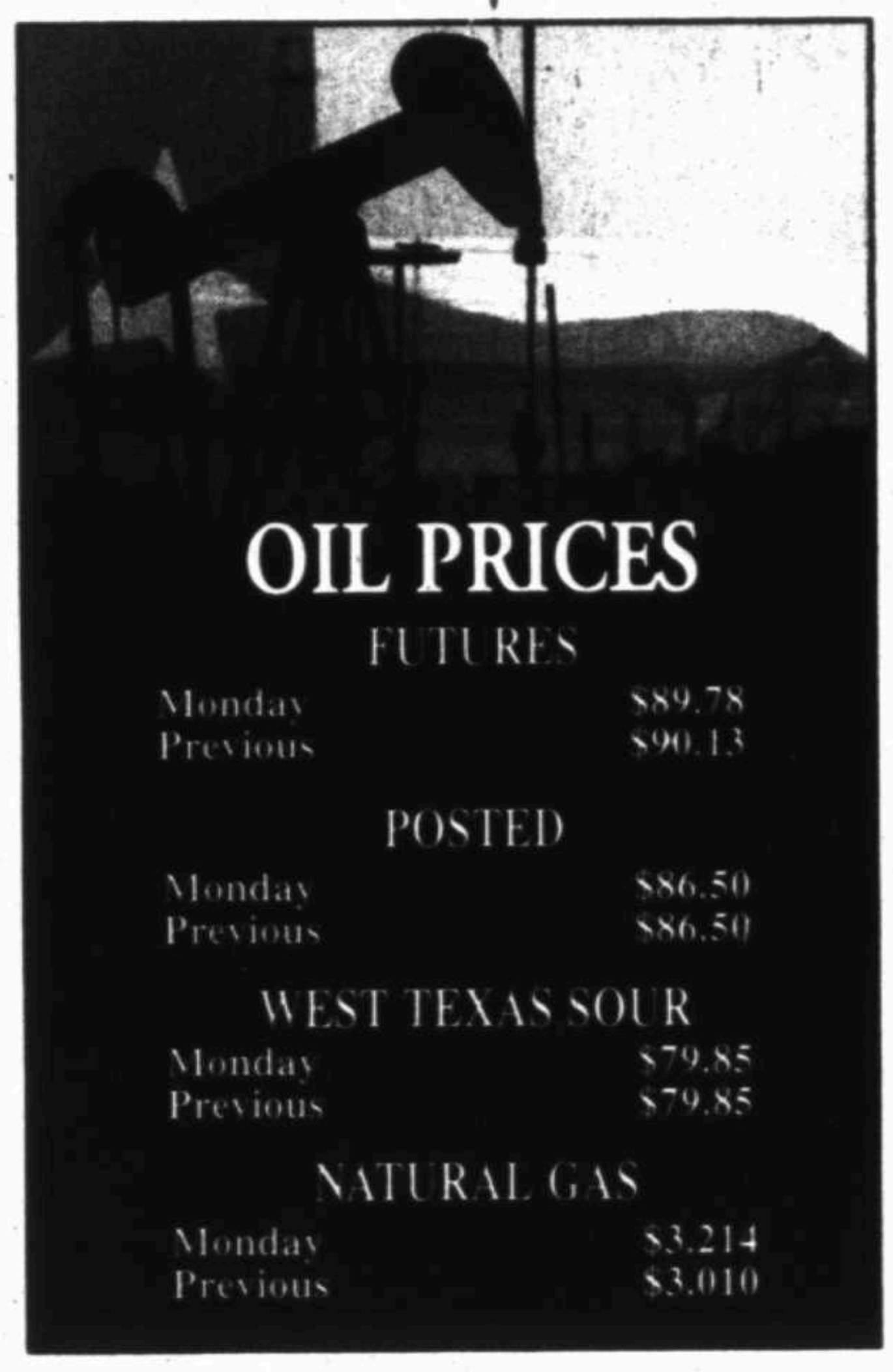

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SprintNex	1222313	4.51	+.20
S&P500ETF	956427	138.68	+.01
BkofAm	724005	7.28	-.03
GenElec	437474	20.80	-.12
iShEMkts	409469	39.30	-.23

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ShawGrp	41.49	+14.80	+55.5
CSVLgNGs	39.57	+5.51	+16.2
AmrRlty	2.24	+.29	+14.7
Supvalu	2.24	+.25	+12.6
GreenDot	10.19	+1.13	+12.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVInvNG	20.51	-4.36	-17.5
ChicB&I	34.94	-5.76	-14.2
ArmstrWld	39.35	-5.78	-12.8
PrUShNG s	22.21	-2.88	-11.5
DB AgriSh	18.79	-2.36	-11.2

Diary

Advanced	1,470
Declined	1,550
Unchanged	100
Total issues	3,120
New Highs	184
New Lows	17
Volume	3,118,806,851

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	53200	13.74	-.12
VirnetX	48887	24.29	+1.62
NovaGld g	42102	3.98	-.02
Vringo	23879	3.57	-.13
NavideaBio	20541	4.09	-.35

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Frischs	30.50	+4.65	+18.0
Bcp NJ	10.30	+.78	+8.2
CKX Lands	16.99	+1.13	+7.1
VirnetX	24.29	+1.62	+7.1
Medgen wt	6.10	+.40	+7.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NavideaBio	4.09	-.35	-7.9
WizrdSft rs	3.28	-.27	-7.6
MidsthBcp	14.53	-1.15	-7.3
AvalonHld	3.58	-.27	-7.0
BioTime	3.91	-.28	-6.7

Diary

Advanced	197
Declined	226
Unchanged	40
Total issues	463
New Highs	15
New Lows	5
Volume	61,850,251

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	360997	15.87	+.18
PwShs QQQ	344458	64.82	-.05
SiriusXM	308568	2.19	+.03
Facebook n	282489	23.15	-.56
Zynga n	281357	3.01	-.08

Gainers ($2 or more)

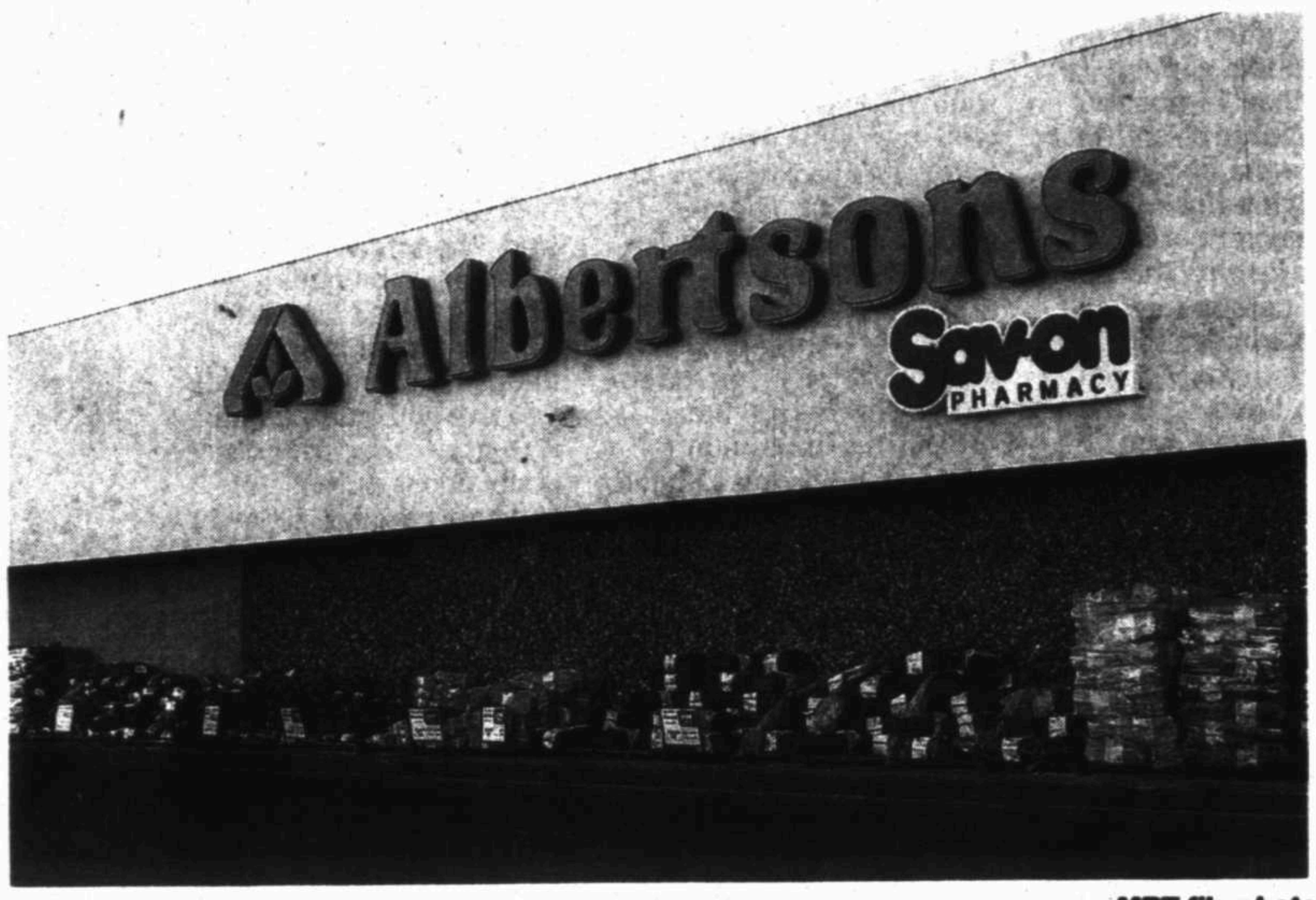
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CleanDsl	2.52	+.42	+20.0
NCI Inc	5.89	+.84	+16.6
CoffeeH	5.75	+.79	+15.8
AnchBcWA	12.47	+1.59	+14.6
BkofJames	5.95	+.70	+13.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrognicsPh	5.39	-5.41	-50.1
Lufkin	46.65	-12.68	-21.4
SumFWV	4.05	-.94	-18.8
FtSecG rsh	2.48	-.52	-17.3
TGC Inds	7.36	-1.52	-17.1

Diary

Advanced	871
Declined	1,586
Unchanged	136
Total issues	2,593
New Highs	65
New Lows	46
Volume	1,455,796,114



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The exterior of the Albertsons store on Midland Drive is shown in this 2008 file photo. Supervalu Inc. on Monday fired its CEO just weeks after the grocer reported dismal quarterly results and suggested it might put itself up for sale. The Eden Prairie, Minn.-based operator of Albertson's, Jewel-Osco and other grocery chains said Craig Herkert, who was brought in as CEO in 2009 to help shake up things, was notified of his firing Sunday.

Supervalu fires CEO, taps chairman for turnaround

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Supervalu Inc. on Monday fired its CEO and tapped Chairman Wayne Sales to lead its turnaround efforts, just weeks after the grocer reported dismal quarterly results and suggested it might put itself up for sale.

The Eden Prairie, Minn.-based operator of Albertsons, Jewel-Osco and other grocery chains said Craig Herkert, who was brought in as CEO in 2009 to help shake up things, was notified of his firing Sunday.

In a letter to employees, Sales vowed to move more quickly to cut prices and make "tough decisions" regarding cost-cutting. He said that the company's biggest enemy is time.

"I am well aware of what our critics have said about us," wrote Sales, who has served on the board since 2006. "You are all familiar with our continued decline in sales, profitability and share value."

Supervalu and other supermarket chains have struggled in recent years amid intensifying competition from big-box retailers such as Target Corp. and Wal-Mart Corp., as well as dollar stores and drugstores that are expanding their grocery sections and luring away customers with lower prices. Traditional supermarkets now account for 51 percent of grocery sales, down from 66 percent in 2000, according to UBS Investment Research.

Even among its peers, however, Supervalu has been laggard and is scrambling to adapt. Last month, the company said its first-quarter profit fell by nearly half as revenue tumbled. The company suspended its dividend and said it was reviewing its options with financial advisers. While the company did not elaborate, such reviews traditionally include the possibility of selling the company.

Supervalu also said it planned to trim its administrative and operational expenses by $250 million over the next two years.

In a note to investors, Janney analyst Jonathan Feeney noted that Herkert's firing could remove concerns buyers may have had about Supervalu's governance.

"While this move alone doesn't inspire confidence, it removes a key perceived hurdle in the company's review of strategic options," he wrote.

Since bringing in Herkert, a former Wal-Mart Stores Inc. executive, Supervalu has put a heavier emphasis on lower prices and tried to position itself as a neighborhood store to draw new shoppers and keep customers. But the efforts haven't paid off.

Sales, 62, is the retired vice chairman of Canadian Tire Corp. and was its president and CEO from 2000 to 2006. He previously served in various roles at Kmart Corp.'s U.S. division.

He said his top priorities are moving more quickly to slash prices and reduce costs.

"We will take significant cost out of the business, and move with urgency in our retail food business to lower prices and create points of sustainable differentiation for our customers," he said in a statement. He added that Supervalu is still reviewing its strategic options and that he will continue to lead that process.

The company said a bankruptcy filing is not under consideration.

In the letter to employees, Sales also said he would focus on the Save-A-Lot chain, which has been a bright spot for the company. Save-A-Lot stores are smaller at about 15,000 square feet and sell primarily private-label brands. The company's traditional supermarkets like Albertsons are about 50,000 square feet.

Weather boosts natural gas

As the temperature keeps rising, so does the price of natural gas.

Natural gas futures in New York have surged 69 percent since hitting a 10-year low this spring. Power plants are burning more natural gas for electricity as homes and businesses crank up the air conditioning. And natural gas companies finally are cutting back after a production boom that pushed supplies this winter to the highest level on record.

The price jumped another 6.6 percent Monday after forecasters predicted an especially toasty August, with unseasonably warm temperatures throughout the Midwest. Natural gas ended the day at $3.214 per 1,000 cubic feet, a high for the year.

In other futures trading, U.S. crude prices fell by 35 cents to $89.78 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which sets the price for imported oil, lost 27 cents to end at $106.20 per barrel in London. Heating oil lost 1.04 cents to end at $2.8791 per gallon while wholesale gasoline added 4.9 cents to finish at $2.9368 per gallon.

Retail gasoline prices were flat over the weekend at $3.486 per gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular unleaded is about 45 cents cheaper than its peak price in April. It's also 22.4 cents cheaper than it was a year ago.

Euro falls

The euro fell against the dollar Monday as traders waited for details of what the European Central Bank plans to do in order to ease Europe's growing debt crisis.

The euro fell to $1.2261 late Monday from $1.2312 late Friday.

The dollar was mixed against other major currencies.

The British pound fell to $1.5706 from $1.5728. The dollar rose to 0.9796 Swiss franc from 0.9757 Swiss franc.

Gold for December delivery rose $1.30 to end at $1,624 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $10.73 Up 0.67

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $42.21 Up 0.57

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $85.63 Down 0.77

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $23.75 Up 0.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.54 Down 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.39 Up 0.14

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $14.68 Down 0.40

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	50	37.43	+.29	+23.8
Abraxas	...	13	2.59	+.01	-21.5
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.80	-.05	+12.0
Alcoa	.12	31	8.45	...	-2.3
AlonUSA	.16	...	11.03	+.02	+26.6
AlphaNRs	...	...	7.15	+.14	-65.0
Amgen	1.44	18	83.46	-.46	+30.0
Anadarko	.36	...	71.75	+.34	-6.0
Apache	.68	8	87.61	+.04	-3.3
Apple Inc	10.60	14	595.03	+9.87	+46.9
ApldMatl	.36	11	10.82	-.08	+1.0
ArchCoal	.12	...	7.22	+.42	-50.2
ATMOS	1.38	18	35.90	-.12	+7.6
AutoData	1.58	21	57.34	-.26	+6.2
BP PLC	1.92	6	41.82	+.27	-2.2
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.15	-.02	-10.3
BakrHu	.60	12	47.35	...	-2.7
BkofAm	.04	8	7.28	-.03	+30.9
Bar iPVix	...	...	13.26	+.27	-62.7
BasicEnSv	...	5	10.73	+.67	-45.5
BerkHa A	...	21	127950.00	+215.00	+11.5
BerryPet	.32	...	38.87	+.20	-7.5
BlkHillsCp	1.48	30	32.31	+.34	-3.8
BostonSci	...	13	5.16	-.06	-3.4
BrMySq	1.36	17	35.63	-.42	+1.1
BrownFA	1.40	23	92.00	-.08	+16.1
BrownFB	1.40	27	94.70	-.09	+17.6
CVS Care	.65	17	45.33	+.39	+11.2
Cameron	...	21	51.58	-.24	+4.9
Caterpillar	2.08f	10	85.69	-.47	-5.4
Celestic g	...	7	7.84	-.02	+7.0
CntryLink	2.90	34	41.37	+.04	+11.2
ChesEng	.35	7	18.70	+.24	-16.1
Chevron	3.60	8	109.82	+.56	+3.2
ChicB&I	.20	14	34.94	-5.76	-7.6
Chicos	.21	18	15.43	+.22	+38.5
Chimera	.44e	4	2.19	-.09	-12.7
Cimarex	.48	10	58.41	+.20	-5.6
Cisco	.32	12	15.87	+.18	-11.9
Citigroup	.04	8	27.14	-.16	+3.2
ClayEng	...	5	42.21	+.57	-44.4
Clearwire	...	...	1.16	+.09	-40.2
CocaCola	2.04	22	81.12	+1.11	+15.9
ColgPal	2.48	21	107.47	+.30	+16.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	.96	22	24.76	+.46	-6.2
ConchoRes	...	18	85.63	-.77	-8.7
ConocPhil s	2.64	7	54.86	+.32	-1.2
CrackerB	1.60f	17	63.10	+.50	+25.2
CrosTim	2.69e	13	39.21	+.55	-19.8
DCP Mid	2.68f	23	41.12	+.02	-13.4
DTE	2.48f	17	61.66	+.51	+13.2
Dataram h	...	...	.58	-.02	-28.4
Dawson	...	16	23.75	+.18	-39.9
Dell Inc	.32	7	11.85	-.18	-19.0
DeltaAir	...	5	9.47	+.05	+17.1
DevonE	.80	5	59.21	+.33	-4.5
DirSCBear	...	...	18.18	+.20	-31.3
Disney	.60f	18	49.80	-.14	+32.8
DowChm	1.28f	18	28.84	-.24	+.3
eBay	...	16	45.60	+.39	+50.3
EMC Cp	...	22	26.31	-.24	+22.1
EOG Res	.68	21	99.56	-1.45	+1.1
EmpDist	1.00	17	21.74	+.18	+3.1
Energen	.56	14	51.74	+.16	+3.5
EngyTsfr	3.58	10	45.89	+.43	+.1
EnPro	...	15	34.49	+.34	+4.6
ENSCO	1.50	18	56.44	+1.97	+20.3
EntPrPt	2.54f	21	53.59	+.16	+15.5
Ericsson	.35e	...	9.13	-.09	-9.9
ExterranH	...	...	15.22	+.31	+67.3
ExxonMbl	2.28	11	87.56	+.11	+3.3
Facebook n	...	...	23.15	-.56	-39.4
FordM	.20	7	9.10	+.10	-15.4
ForestOil s	...	8	7.06	+.53	-47.9
FrozenFd	...	...	1.40	-.05	+8.5
GATX	1.20	17	41.78	-.43	-4.3
GabMultT	.80	...	7.17	+.02	+15.1
GAInv	.50e	...	27.71	+.08	+11.2
GenElec	.68	17	20.80	-.12	+16.1
GenOn En	...	...	2.38	-.01	-8.8
GtPlainEn	.85	19	22.48	+.31	+3.2
HalconR rs	...	...	6.85	-.07	-27.1
Hallibrtn	.36	10	33.55	-.07	-2.8
Heinz	2.06f	19	55.49	+.22	+2.7
HewlettP	.53	7	18.26	-.31	-29.1
Hitachi	...	...	63.70	...	+22.2
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.00	-.05	-1.2
iShEMkts	.82e	...	39.30	-.23	+3.6

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iS Eafe	1.72e	...	50.31	-.06	+1.6
iShR2K	1.23e	...	79.05	-.27	+7.2
IntegrysE	2.72	24	61.11	+.31	+12.8
Intel	.90f	11	25.76	-.26	+6.2
InterDig	.40	17	26.51	+.35	-39.2
ItauUnibH	.81e	...	16.28	+.28	-12.3
JPMorgCh	1.20	8	36.14	-.75	+8.7
JohnJn	2.44	22	69.45	-.07	+5.9
KimbClk	2.96	19	87.93	+.61	+19.5
KindME	4.92f	...	81.00	...	-4.6
KindMM	4.92t	...	77.86	+.23	-.8
Kraft	1.16	20	39.50	+.09	+5.7
LVSands	1.00	17	37.54	+.78	-12.1
LegacyRes	2.24f	8	26.54	-.01	-6.0
Lubys	...	26	6.54	-.11	+45.0
McDnlds	2.80	17	89.33	+.14	-11.0
Merck	1.68	20	44.48	-.62	+18.0
MeritMed	...	26	13.43	+.07	+.4
MexcoEn	...	40	6.39	+.14	-8.7
MicronT	...	...	6.11	-.17	-2.9
Microsoft	.80	15	29.64	-.12	+14.2
MorgStan	.20	11	13.51	+.02	-10.7
Nabors	...	11	14.58	+.23	-15.9
NatGrid	3.11e	...	52.52	+.29	+8.3
NOilVarco	.48	14	74.04	+.38	+8.9
NewsCpA	.17m	16	23.27	-.11	+30.4
Nexen g	.20	...	25.58	-.23	+60.8
NokiaCp	.26e	...	2.17	+.06	-55.0
NvMAd	.91a	...	15.39	+.02	+4.8
NvPMI	.88	...	15.22	-.03	+2.8
NuvPI	.92	...	15.06	+.01	+4.1
NSTFI3	.66a	...	15.39	-.01	+7.5
NTXQI	.77	...	16.75	-.08	+2.5
OCZ Tech	...	...	6.36	-.72	-3.8
OcciPet	2.16	12	89.23	+.61	-4.8
Oracle	.24	16	30.58	-.19	+19.2
ParTech	...	12	5.10	-.03	+29.4
ParkDrl	...	...	4.70	-.02	-34.4
PattUTI	.20	7	15.93	-.24	-20.3
PennaRE	.64	...	14.29	-.04	+36.9
Prmian	1.32e	13	18.37	+.04	-9.8
Petrobras	1.03e	...	20.46	-.01	-17.7
Pfizer	.88	15	23.71	-.12	+9.6
PioNtrl	.08	16	90.38	-1.98	+1.0
PlainsAA	4.26f	17	86.64	+.48	+18.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	.51e	...	64.82	-.05	+16.1
Praxair	2.20	19	105.41	-.59	-1.4
PrmEgy	...	10	26.00	-1.19	+15.1
PrUShS&P	...	...	14.96	-.01	-22.4
PrUVxST rs	...	...	7.20	+.30	-90.1
ProctGam	2.25	17	65.10	+.01	-2.4
PulteGrp	...	50	11.60	-.41	+83.8
RangeRs	.16	99	64.29	+1.60	+3.8
RegionsFn	.04	17	7.05	-.05	+64.0
RschMotn	...	3	7.23	-.14	-50.1
Rowan	...	34	36.34	+.55	+19.8
RoyDShllA	3.44	14	68.47	+.79	-6.3
SpdrDJIA	3.67e	...	130.40	-.14	+7.0
S&P500ETF	2.70e	...	138.68	+.01	+10.5
SabnR	4.02e	13	53.80	+.89	-14.7
SanderFm	.68	...	36.79	+.06	-26.6
SandRdge	...	26	7.04	+.24	-13.7
Sapient	.35e	20	10.22	+.09	-18.9
Schlmbrg	1.10	18	72.54	-.42	+6.2
SeagateT	1.00	80	30.43	+.42	+85.5
ShawGrp	...	...	41.49	+14.80	+54.2
SigmaAld	.80	19	69.59	-1.24	+11.4
SiriusXM	...	16	2.19	+.03	+20.3
Smucker	2.08f	19	77.24	+.88	-1.2
SwstAirl	.04	31	9.15	+.25	+6.9
SprintNex	...	...	4.51	+.20	+92.7

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SPDR Fncl	.23e	...	14.73	-.03	+13.3
SP Inds	.74e	...	35.91	-.10	+6.4
Staples	.44	9	12.74	+.27	-8.3
SunocoL s	1.71f	12	39.43	+.65	+.1
Supvalu	.35	...	2.24	+.25	-72.4
TelefEsp	...	...	11.36	-.10	-33.9
Tesoro	...	8	27.70	-.20	+18.6
3M Co	2.36	15	91.28	-.43	+11.7
Torchmark	.60	10	50.04	+.03	+15.3
TriContl	.41e	...	15.70	-.04	+10.3
TylerTech	...	44	39.41	-.44	+30.9
UBWV	1.24	14	23.24	-.61	-17.8
US NGs rs	...	...	21.91	+1.17	-15.2
ValeroE	.70f	7	26.08	-.02	+23.9
VangEmg	.91e	...	40.15	-.24	+5.1
VulcanM	.04	...	38.79	-1.00	-1.4
Walgrn	1.10f	13	36.27	+.55	+9.7
Weathflntl	...	37	12.62	+.01	-13.8
WellsFargo	.88	11	33.96	-.19	+23.2
WstnRefin	.32f	14	23.29	-.13	+75.2
WhitingPet	...	8	41.56	-.67	-11.0
WmsCos	1.25f	17	31.76	+.16	+17.8
XcelEngy	1.08f	18	29.58	+.13	+7.0
Xerox	.17	7	6.91	+.07	-13.2
Zynga n	...	...	3.01	-.08	-68.0

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5,450.20	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,112.37	-14.28	-.28	+1.85	-.35
495.78	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	496.56	+2.16	+.44	+6.86	+14.80
8,408.20	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,911.05	-1.12	-.01	+5.80	-1.62
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,396.88	+11.46	+.48	+5.20	+.21
3,134.17	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,945.84	-12.25	-.41	+13.08	+7.33
1,422.38	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,385.30	-.67	-.05	+10.15	+7.64
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,439.97	-17.22	-.12	+9.48	+5.81
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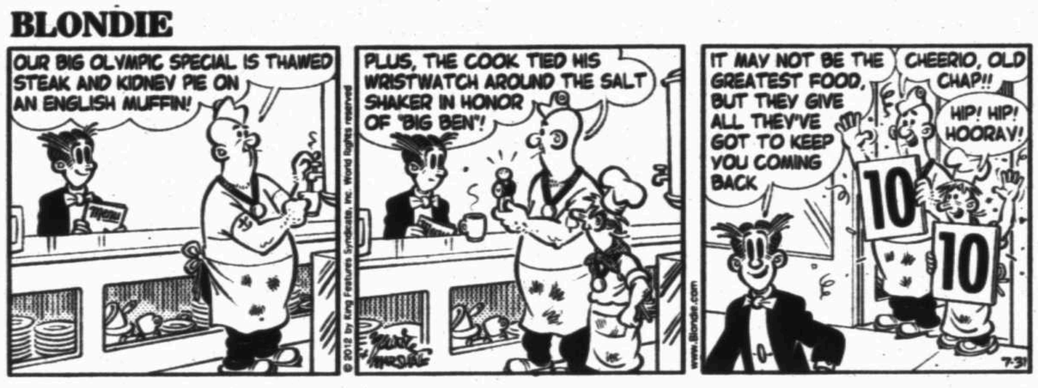

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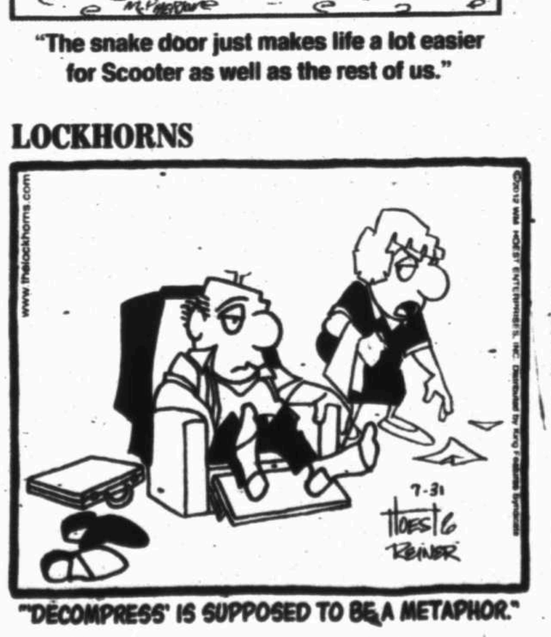

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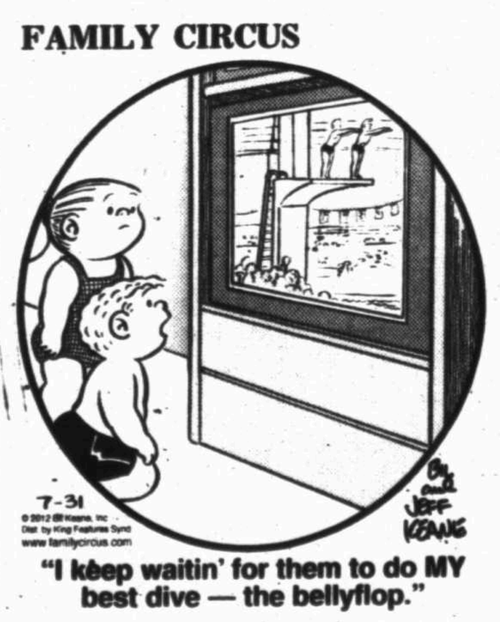

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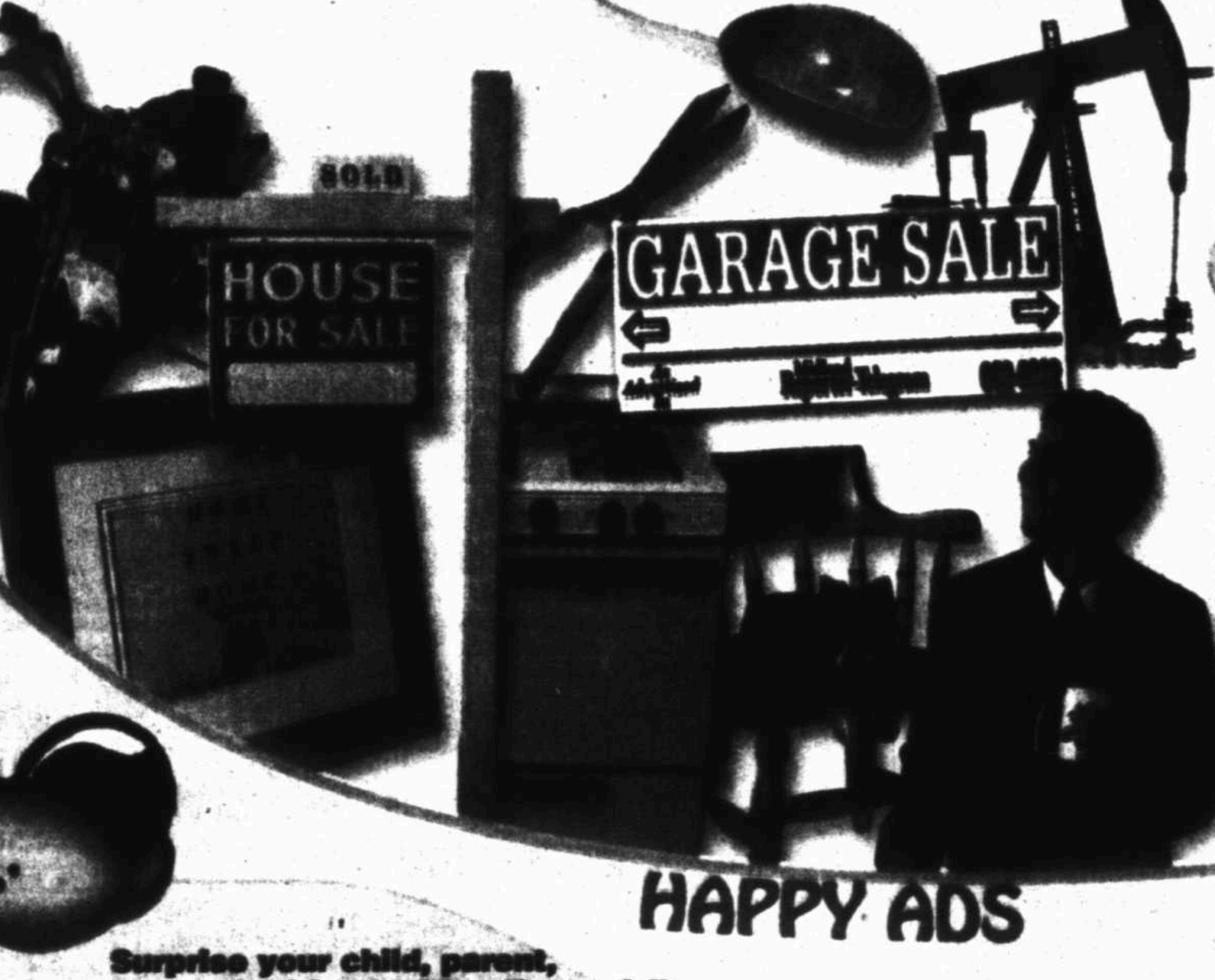

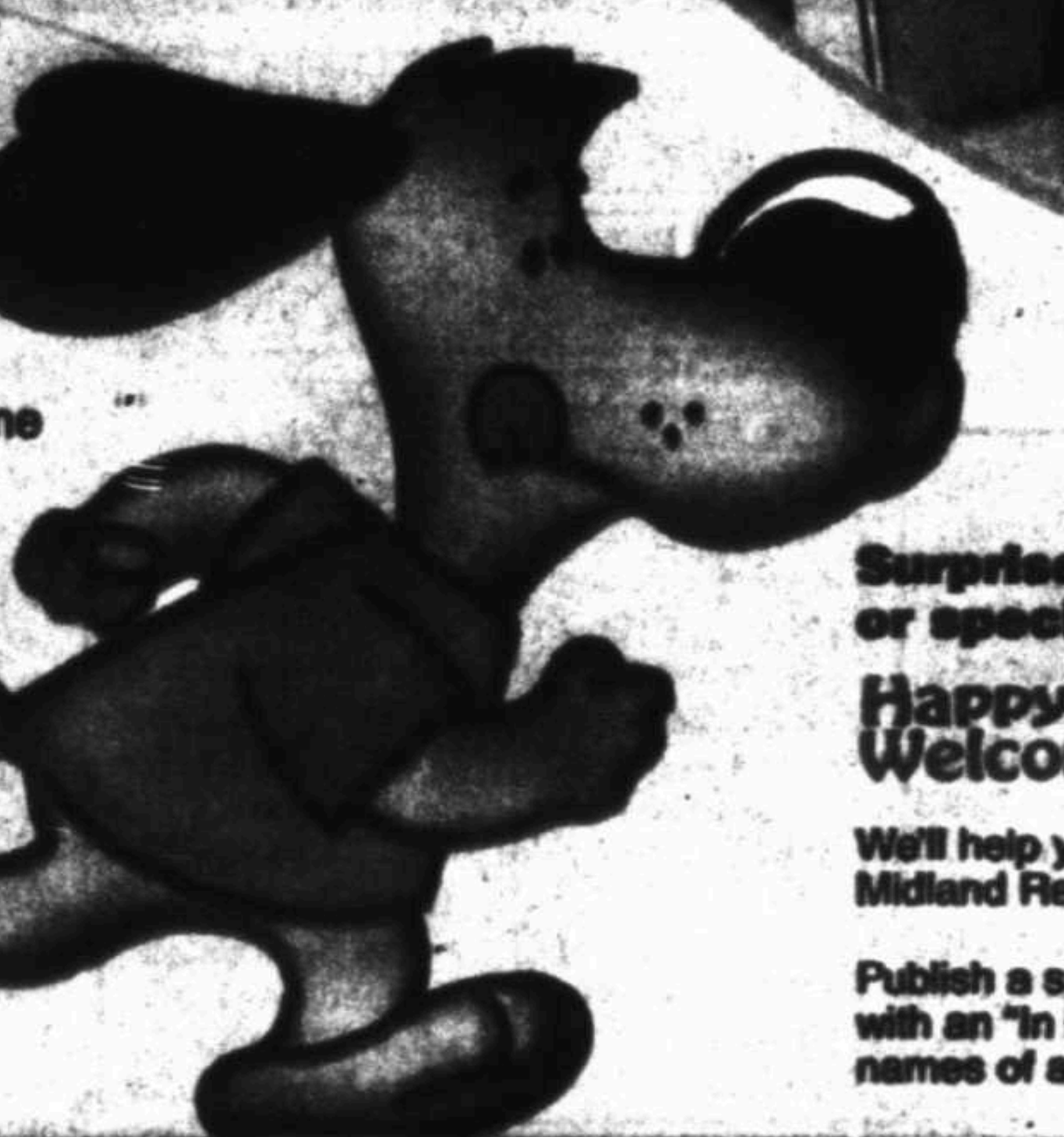

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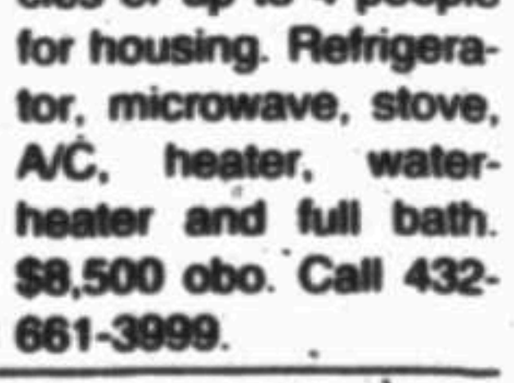

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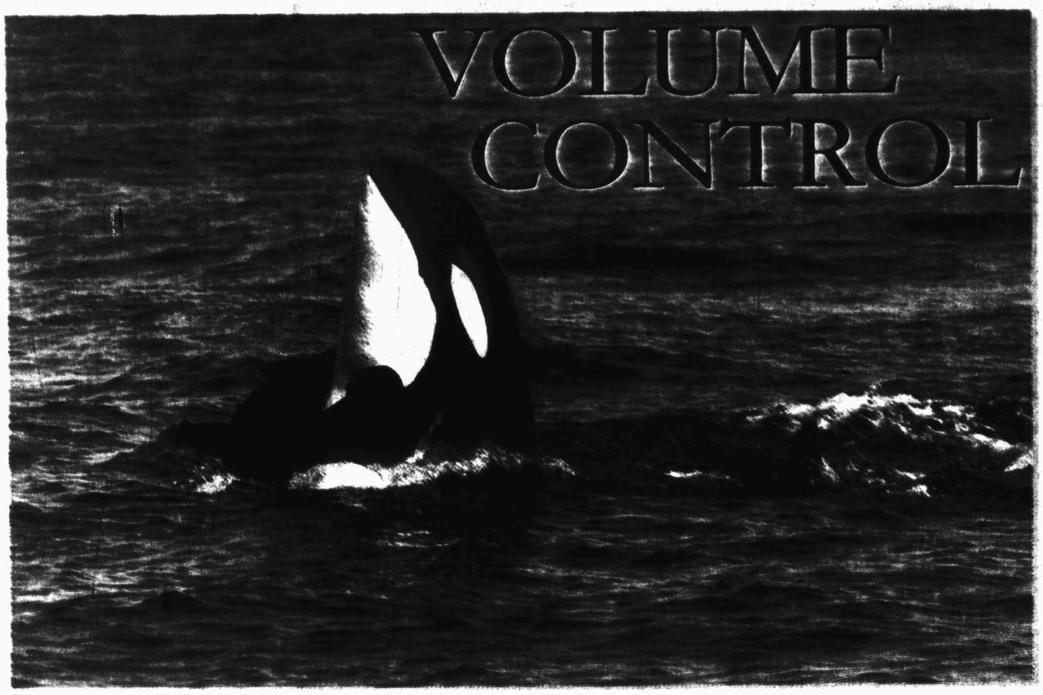

Whales show signs of coping with man-made noise

By William Broad
N.Y. Times News Service

Perhaps we can save the whales — or at least their hearing.

Scientists have long known that man-made, underwater noises — from engines, sonars, weapons testing, and such industrial tools as air guns used in oil and gas exploration — are deafening whales and other sea mammals. The Navy estimates that loud booms from just its underwater listening devices, mainly sonar, result in temporary or permanent hearing loss for more than a quarter-million sea creatures every year, a number that is rising.

Now, scientists have discovered that whales can decrease the sensitivity of their hearing to protect their ears from loud noise. Humans tend to do this with index fingers; scientists haven't pinpointed how whales do it, but they have seen the first evidence of the behavior.

"It's equivalent to plugging your ears when a jet flies over," said Paul E. Nachtigall, a marine biologist at the University of Hawaii who led the discovery team. "It's like a volume control."

The finding, while preliminary, is already raising hopes for the development of warning signals that would alert whales, dolphins and other sea mammals to auditory danger.

Peter Madsen, a professor of marine biology at Aarhus University in Denmark, said he applauded the Hawaiian team for its "elegant study" and the promise of innovative ways of "getting at some of the noise problems." But he cautioned against letting the discovery slow global efforts to reduce the oceanic roar, which would aid the beleaguered sea mammals more directly.

The noise threat arises because of the basic properties of seawater. Typically, light can travel for hundreds of feet through ocean water before diminishing to nothingness. But sound can travel for hundreds of miles.

The world's oceans have been getting noisier as companies and governments expand their undersea activities. Researchers have linked the growing racket to deafness, tissue damage, mass strandings and disorientation in creatures that rely on hearing to navigate, find food and care for their young.

The danger has long been a political football. In 2008, the Supreme Court heard a lawsuit by the National Resources Defense Council against the Navy over ocean noise; the court ruled that naval vessels had the right to test sonar systems for hunting submarines. But environmentalists saw a tacit victory in getting the nation's highest court even to consider the health of sea mammals in a debate over national security.

The latest development took place at a research facility off Oahu — at an island where the opening shots of "Gilligan's Island" were filmed.

Scientists there are studying how dolphins and toothed whales hear. In nature, the mammals emit sounds and listen for returning echoes in a sensory behavior known as echolocation. In captivity, scientists taught the creatures to wear suction-cup electrodes, which revealed the patterns of brainwaves involved in hearing.

The discovery came in steps. First, Nachtigall and his team found that the animals could adjust their hearing in response to their own loud sounds of echolocation, mainly sharp clicks. The scientists then wondered if the animals could also protect their ears from incoming blasts.

The team focused on a false killer whale named Kina and sought to teach her a conditioned behavior similar to how Pavlov taught dogs to salivate upon hearing a bell.

First, the scientists played a gentle tone repeatedly. Then they followed the gentle pulse with a loud sound. After a few trials, the warning signal alone caused Kina to decrease the sensitivity of her hearing.

"It shows promise as a way to mitigate the effects of loud sounds," said Nachtigall, founding director of the Marine Mammal Research Program at the University of Hawaii. "People are generally very excited about it."

In May, Nachtigall and his colleagues presented the findings to acoustic scientists and groups meeting in Hong Kong, including the Acoustical Society of America. The team cited the protective deafening as a potential way to help sea mammals cope with noisy blasts from naval sonars, civilian air guns and other equipment.

In the future, the team plans to expand the research to other species in captivity and ultimately to animals in the wild.

"We have a problem in the world," Nachtigall said of the oceanic roar. "And we think the animals can learn this response very rapidly."

Scientists unconnected to the mammal research called it important.

"It's a big deal," said Vincent M. Janik, a prominent marine biologist at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. In an email, he said it revealed a rare ability among the planet's creatures.

Carl Safina, president of the Blue Ocean Institute, a conservation group in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., called the discovery a potential window into what sea mammals may already do on some occasions to protect their hearing.

"I've sometimes wondered why these high intensity sounds don't cause problems all the time," he said in an interview. "Maybe it's that, once the animals hear something very loud, they can adjust their hearing — dial it down and protect themselves."

Scientists say the extraordinary hearing of sea mammals evolved to compensate for poor visibility beneath the waves and to take advantage of the unique qualities of seawater. Sound travels five times faster than in air and undergoes far less diminishment.

The heads of whales and dolphins are mazes of resonant chambers and acoustic lenses that give the animals not only extraordinary hearing but complex voices. The distinctive songs of humpback whales appear to be sung exclusively by males seeking mates.

In recent decades, scientists have linked the human cacophony to reductions in mammalian vocalization, which suggests declines in foraging and breeding. And the problem is poised to get worse: In May, the Navy disclosed draft environmental impact statements (Atlantic and Pacific operations) that said planned expansions could raise the annual hearing losses among sea mammals to more than one million.

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Employment sites serve their purpose quite well, but having control over exactly what a potential employer sees is important. Many sites lose formatting information, causing your resume masterpiece to look like your grandchild typed it. Try sending it as an attachment, or apply through a career portal site that allows customized resumes for each potential employer.

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