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Seliger cites need for statewide water plan

State senator will seek third term in Legislature

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Amid one of the worst droughts in Texas history, Sen. Kel Seliger said Wednesday formalizing a statewide water plan needs to be a priority as lawmakers look toward the next legislative session.

Speaking to about 150 people at the Midland County Republican Women's meeting, Seliger, whose district includes Midland, said creating a forward-thinking plan that includes conservation, re-use and other methods will be key in providing for residents in the decades to come.

"One of the biggest items to me is water and it is to you, too," Seliger said. "Water is absolutely essential."

Seliger — who announced this week he'll seek a third term in the state Senate — said a master statewide plan for water resources still would allow for local control by cities and groundwater districts. But, he said the state should look at where resources exist and what the best uses are for those resources to ensure each region can be provided for.

"It doesn't change that local control," he said.

If reservoirs in Central Texas became too low to provide for that area, for example, Seliger said a master plan would lay out ways to serve each region without leaving West Texas void of options. Without a plan, Seliger said it would be easy for representatives from larger regions to rely on smaller areas to draw water.

"If they don't have a water source, their power in the Legislature is such that they can go get it in West Texas," he said.

Another tool the state could provide would be a water interest fund, Seliger said. If a fund were created, cities and water districts could take out low-interest loans through the state to support the addition of reservoirs, pipelines or other projects. As those loans are paid back with interest, the fund could then generate money to provide for more infrastructure development.

Seliger said particularly in West Texas, conservation needs to be the key.

In addition, he said counties in his district also may rely more heavily on re-use projects. El Paso has a plant that creates more than 20 million gallons per day by recycling wastewater.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District also is bringing a wastewater recycling plant online in Big Spring that will add about 2 million gallons per day to the overall water supply system. That water is mixed with groundwater resources after it's cleaned through

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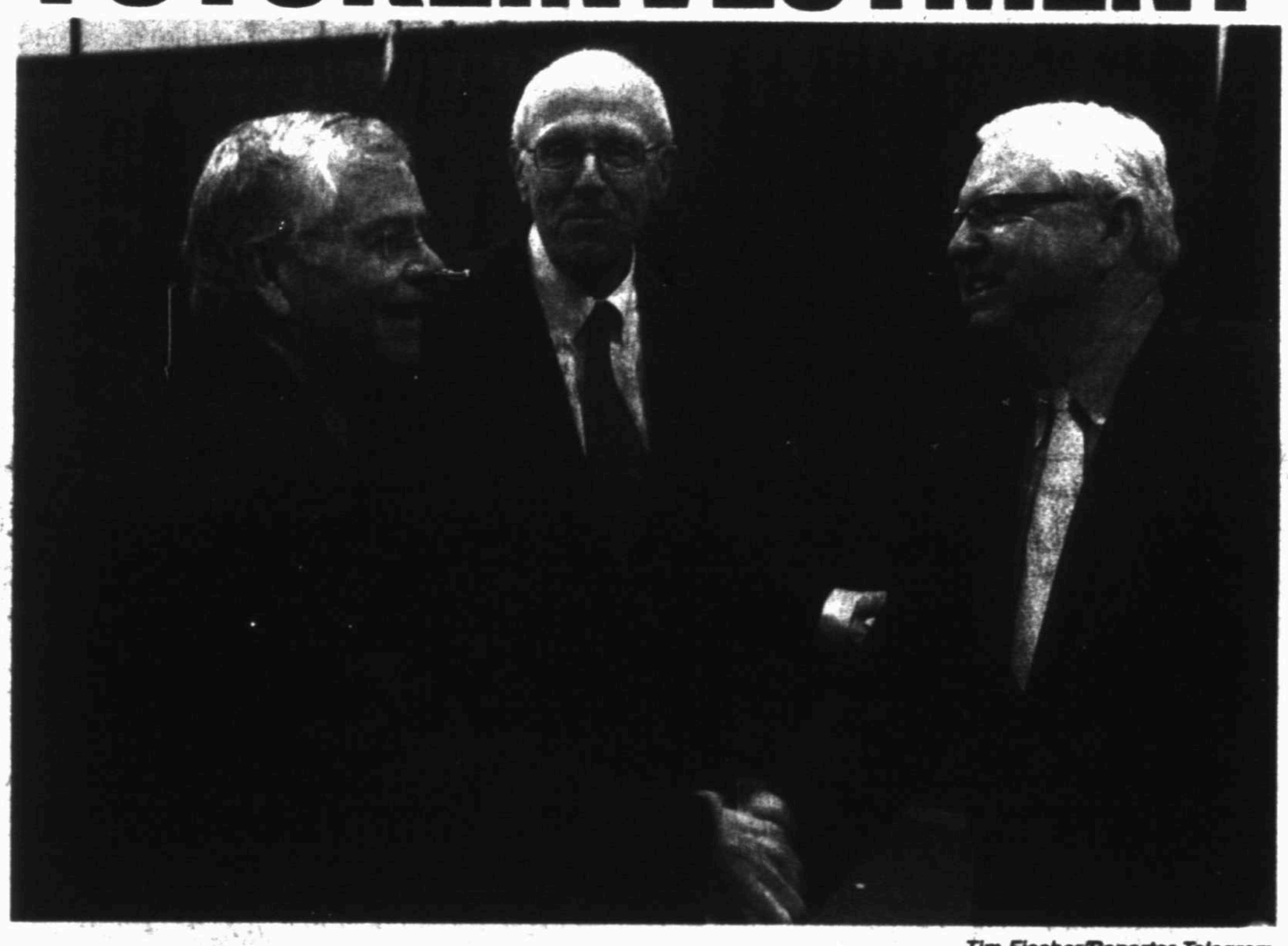

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Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance, center, talks with Rep. Tom Craddick and Chamber President Bobby Burns on Wednesday before the annual chamber meeting.

Tech chancellor stresses need for investment in higher education

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Regardless of who your favorite college football team is or what conference they're playing in, it's important to remember they're part of a larger organization with the main goal of educating minds.

That was the key message Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent R. Hance shared with more than 400 of Midland's business leaders Wednesday during the Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting.

"We are not competitors but partners," Hance said. "Regardless of who our football team is, we work together in education."

Echoing the sentiments of Chamber of Commerce Chairman Paul Cain, Hance encouraged the Midland business community to support education efforts.

"We have got to be leaders in education and have a work force that is educated," Hance said.

Schools are partners in education and it doesn't matter whether students attend Tech, Midland College or the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. It just matters that they're getting an education, Hance said.

"True, we want 99 percent of the students but they're all good schools," Hance said with a smile.

On average, those without a high school diploma are at a 14 to 15 percent risk of unemployment whereas those with a high school degree are at an 8 percent risk, he said. People with a bachelor's degree are at a 4 percent risk.

"Education gives you a thought process and a hope," Hance said.

He said one of his goals is to increase enrollment at Texas Tech and have 40,000 students on the Lubbock campus by 2020. He also wants to see health sciences enrollment climb from 3,500 to 5,000, he said.

Currently, the Texas Tech's Physicians Assistant School in Midland is one of the top 10 in the nation, and he said the Tech system has an economic impact of $2.2 billion on the Permian Basin.

Hance shared stories about Tech students who were the first in their family to attend college and have gone on to be successful leaders.

"Those are the stories young people need to hear," Hance said. "We have to give them hope to move forward and persevere."

He urged business leaders to be instrumental in encouraging students to attend college by telling local success stories.

"In education you've got two types of kids," Hance said. "Ones whose parents are flipping burgers and washing dishes and others whose grandfather knows all the world's leaders

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Blaze destroys county business office building

■ More than a dozen fire crews from the Midland Fire Department, Odessa Fire Department and Northeast Volunteer Fire Department assisted in controlling the blaze.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The corporate office of a Midland County business was considered a total loss Wednesday after a sparked powerline started a blaze that quickly engulfed and destroyed the building.

Smoke could be seen for hours near the Midland International Airport as firefighters worked to control a warehouse fire that crews were unable to quickly contain because of safety issues.

The fire started at 1:30 p.m. at Esquaredi Inc., formerly Engineered Equipment Inc., at 10825 West County Road 125 off Business 20 and just west of Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

The company, according to its website, supplies instrumentation, controls, steam specialities and fluid purification equipment to businesses in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. The corporate office is located in Midland.

Three employees inside at the time of the fire said they were on the phones when they thought they heard what sounded like a train outside the building. Minutes later, someone from another business nearby ran indoors and yelled their building was on fire and they needed to get out.

The employees managed to escape the structure without any injuries, officials said.

Witnesses told authorities that a semi flatbed truck was driving by the business when it snagged a nearby power line, causing a service line to short. MFD Assistant Fire Marshal David Hickman said investigators were unsure Wednesday afternoon if the fire started in the grass outside the building or if the sparked line came from inside.

The fire spread rapidly because of the paper and cardboard inside the warehouse, officials said. Other inventory and supplies, including a new flatbed trailer, forklift and pickup, were believed to be inside the business and also were destroyed.

Owner J. Pool Webb Sr. said there were no chemicals inside the business and he was told the jerked electrical wire set the building on fire.

"Luckily, everybody got out," he said.

More than a dozen fire crews from the Midland Fire Department, Odessa Fire Department and Northeast Volunteer Fire Department assisted in controlling the blaze.

Hickman estimated the building to be about 12,000 square feet and said the fire was difficult to contain and extin-

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Squaring off for the first time, Gov. Rick Perry and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney faced each other along with struggling contender Michele Bachmann and other presidential hopefuls at a GOP campaign debate. NATION/3A

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Odd couple chairs supercommittee

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He's a Texas conservative who chose law school over chicken farming. She's a liberal from Seattle with steel in the toes of her famous tennis shoes. They have almost nothing in common.

Republican Rep. Jeb Hensarling and Democratic Sen. Patty Murray are the Capitol's latest odd couple, two of Congress' most partisan lawmakers co-chairing the new supercommittee that begins work today on a bipartisan deal to slow the nation's mushrooming debt.

They have plenty of reasons to get to "yes." Blowing a Thanksgiving deadline for a plan to shave federal deficits by at least $1.2 trillion over the next decade would trigger automatic cuts to defense and social programs dear to their respective parties.

Failure also wouldn't do much for Congress' standing in the eyes of jittery investors or the public going into next year's elections. Already, 87 percent of those polled disapprove of the job Congress is doing.

But "no" beckons, too. Hensarling's uncompromising demands for spending cuts, now central to his party's agenda, appeal to a Republican base that party leaders are depending on to defend their House majority.

"There will be a lot of pressure on him to work with her, but there's nothing in Jeb Hensarling's history to suggest he'd be willing to do that," said Cal Jillson, professor of political science at Southern Methodist University.

Murray is Hensarling's ideological opposite, a dogged fighter on behalf of veterans, health and workplace safety programs and regulations.

"There's not a lot there that would indicate that deficit reduction would be a priority for her," said John Wilkerson, a political scientist at the University of Washington.

Neither has to vote for the committee's package in the end. Their role is to make it possible for a majority of the panel to pass it.

So far, they're together on the logistics.

"I've talked to him more than my kids in the last three weeks," Murray told reporters Wednesday. "We're doing good."

Aides say the two have agreed on the need for a serious and respectful tone. They're sharing staff, turning down most interviews and steering clear of the hard lines on taxes and spending that hobbled President Barack Obama's negotiations with House Speaker John Boehner.

Much more complex and far-reaching policy questions loom, the same ones that confounded Obama and Congress. But this time, the rules are different, designed to put the 12-member panel's fingerprints directly on any deal — or their failure to reach one.

The stakes are highest for the pair of partisan warriors directing the proceedings.

Murray, who turns 60 next month, was elected in 1992's "year of the woman" in part by turning an insult — a bureaucrat derided her as "a mom in tennis shoes" — into a rallying cry. Don't be fooled by the nurturing image. She owes her plum assignment in part to a willingness to play hardball over two decades on Capitol Hill.

She is the first woman to chair the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, a policy area with personal roots. Her father, Dave, won the Purple Heart as one of the first GIs to land on Okinawa and was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis when she was a teenager.

She also is her party's Senate campaign chief for the 2012 elections, when the seats of 21 Democrats and two independents will be on the ballot with the party's majority at stake. Murray took the post after others had turned it down, one reason Majority Leader Harry Reid elevated her to the high-profile helm of the supercommittee, Democratic officials said.

"Absolute proof that Democrats are not serious about deficit reduction," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said of Murray's appointment last month. "The select committee is no place for someone whose top priority is fundraising and politics."

Reid wanted a woman in the chairman's seat and he has long been a fan of Murray's style, according to Democrats close to his thinking. She is not of federal Washington, does not often do the talk show or party circuits and has a tendency to be unreadable when others might schmooze — a quality that might help keep supercommittee Democrats from caving on party priorities.

She can play tough in the Senate sandbox.

Murray never has apologized for advocating earmarks, money set aside for hometown projects. When other senators objected, she made clear their pet projects were in jeopardy should they vote against hers. She's made clear to donors that contributions to her opponents would be viewed as something like treason.

Hensarling, 54, is the son of a chicken farmer and a protege of former Sen. Phil Gramm. Elected to the House in 2002, he made cutting federal spending, ending earmarks and reducing the size of government his priorities before the tea party came into existence.

"One of the House GOP's most relentless foes of Washington's culture of spending," Boehner, R-Ohio, then minority leader, said of Hensarling last year.

In 2008, GOP leaders appointed him to a five-member panel overseeing the government's $700 billion bank bailout after leading the opposition to it.

Two years later, he confronted Obama at the House Republicans' annual retreat, saying the president and his fellow Democrats now owned the state of the economy. Obama said the comments were an example of why serious policy discussions are so hard to come by in polarized Washington.

Hensarling's Republican colleagues say they expect him to remain civil and polite but to stick to the party's demand to eventually balancing the budget through large cuts in benefit and other spending programs and no tax increases.

"He's obviously ready and willing to reduce the size and scope of the federal government," said freshman Republican Rep. Tim Huelskamp of Kansas. "On the other side of the table you have a gal that has shown no interest in doing that at all."

"Will he be able to step back from that set of ideological principles that have guided him and make a deal with Patty Murray?" Jillson said. "I'm not sure what the odds are."

Elizabeth Taylor's iconic jewels coming to auction

By Ula Ilnytzky
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Elizabeth Taylor dazzled the world with her luminous beauty, lavish lifestyle — and an unquenchable passion for diamonds and jewels fueled by the great loves of her life.

The late Hollywood star amassed one of the foremost jewelry collections in the world, including a 33.19-carat diamond ring and a 16th century pear-shaped pearl from one of her seven husbands, Richard Burton.

The Associated Press recently viewed about two dozen of her most iconic pieces at Christie's auction house, which is selling her complete jewelry collection, valued at $30 million, in New York on Dec. 13-14.

"These are the top jewels that Elizabeth Taylor received from the great loves of her life, Mike Todd and Richard Burton," said Christie's jewelry expert Rahul Kadakia. "They're from moments in life that were very dear to her," jewels that were purchased in Bulgari in Rome, at Cartier in New York and at auction.

The stories behind them are as priceless as the gems themselves. In a 2002 memoir, "My Love Affair with Jewelry," Taylor took readers on a personal journey of her collection, describing in her own words how she came to own each piece.

"I never, never thought of my jewelry as trophies," she wrote. "I'm here to take care of them and to love them. When I die and they go off to auction I hope whoever buys them gives them a really good home."

It's an extraordinary collection of rubies, diamonds, emeralds and sapphires in intricate and bold designs.

Among the standouts is the 16th-century La Peregrina, one of the largest and most symmetrically perfect pear-shaped pearls in the world, which Burton purchased for Taylor in 1969 as a Valentine's Day gift.

The two had met in Italy on the set of the 1963 film "Cleopatra," and married for the first time in 1964.

Once part of the Crown Jewels of Spain, the pearl later passed into the hands of Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon III and the Duke of Abercorn.

When it came up at auction in New York, Burton snapped it up for $37,000, beating out the underbidder, a member of the Spanish Royal family.

Cartier later created a ruby and diamond necklace from which the pearl was suspended, a design that was inspired by the famous Velazquez portraits of Spain's Queen Margarita and Queen Isabel wearing the pearl as a necklace.

It is estimated to fetch $2 million to $3 million.

Taylor, who was married eight times — twice to Burton — died in March at age 79. The couple appeared together in about a dozen films, including "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in which Taylor played an alcoholic shrew in an emotionally sado-masochistic marriage.

Burton was enamored of historical pieces, and in 1972 purchased the famous 17th-century Taj Mahal diamond pendant for Taylor's 40th birthday. The transaction took place at John F. Kennedy International Airport because the couple didn't have time to run into the city before catching a plane, said Kadakia.

The heart-shaped diamond is associated with one of history's greatest love stories. It belonged to Emperor Shah Jahangir, who had the diamond inscribed with his wife's name "Nur Jahan." He later passed the stone on to his son, Shah Jahan, who built the Taj Mahal in memory of his wife Mumtaz, who died in childbirth.

"I would have liked to buy her the Taj Mahal but it would cost too much to transport," Burton remarked after buying it.

Cartier later recreated the diamond's original silk cord as a gold rope-like necklace set with rubies and diamonds.

The necklace has a pre-sale estimate of $300,000 to $500,000.

"Jewelry was a way of life for Elizabeth Taylor. They were her friends. She enjoyed wearing them and it gave her a lot of pleasure because they reminded her of the great moments in her life, the great places in her life," Kadakia said.

Like the time Taylor's third husband, theater and film producer Mike Todd, presented her with a red leather Cartier box as she sat by the pool at a rented villa in the south of France.

Inside was a ruby necklace, matching earrings and bracelet.

"She was so, so happy that she jumped into the pool wearing all this jewelry and started doing laps," said Kadakia, adding the pieces will be sold separately.

One of the most extravagant gifts Taylor received from Burton was the asscher-cut 33.19-carat diamond set in a platinum ring. Known as the Elizabeth Taylor Diamond, Kadakia said its size and clarity — "as white as they can be and potentially flawless" makes it a perfect gem.

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ALABAMA

BP clearing tar balls dumped on shore by Lee

GULF SHORES — BP workers used fishing nets to scoop tar balls off Alabama's Gulf Coast beaches Wednesday after the white sands were fouled by gooey, dark gobs churned up by heavy surf from tropical system Lee.

Both the company and area officials said it would be days before tests determined whether the tar balls were from last year's massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, but BP contractors were removing the pollution anyway.

Grant Brown, a spokesman for the city of Gulf Shores, said residents have feared more oil remains on the Gulf's sandy floor despite months of cleaning, and the appearance of tar balls after Lee only reinforced those concerns.

MISSOURI

Technical college begins widespread drug tests

LINN — Textbooks? Check. School sweatshirt? Check. Urine specimen cup? Only if you want to stay in school.

A drug-free demand greeted new students Wednesday at Linn State Technical College, a two-year school in central Missouri that has enacted what may be the most far-reaching drug testing policy at a public college or university in the country.

Federal and state courts have consistently upheld more limited drug testing of public high schools students, such as those who play sports, as well as NCAA athletes and students at private colleges. But the move by Linn State to enact widespread drug tests of the general student body appears unprecedented — and no small point of pride for administrators at the state's only technical college.

WASHINGTON

Crane collapses at National Cathedral

A 500-ton crane at the Washington National Cathedral collapsed Wednesday amid thunderstorms and driving rain, damaging two nearby buildings and several vehicles as crews worked on damage from the recent earthquake.

One person, identified by a fire department spokesman as a crane operator, was taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries but no one else was hurt.

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NEW MEXICO

Cops: Woman bit off roommate's lip

LAS CRUCES — A Las Cruces woman is facing an aggravated battery charge after police said she bit off the lip of a roommate during an argument.

The Las Cruces reported Jajaira Alvarado was arrested Sunday for taking a chunk out of her roommate's lip following a Saturday afternoon drinking binge.

According to Las Cruces police detectives, the 20-year-old Alvarado took a nap and told her 21-year-old roommate to wake her up later. But police said when the roommate went to wake Alvarado, Alvarado became upset and bit off a portion of her lip.

SAN FRANCISCO

Perplexing puzzle: Can Yahoo's luster be restored?

Yahoo Inc. has gone through three different CEOs in five years. Whoever takes the helm now will face the same challenge: Solve one of the Internet's most perplexing puzzles.

Why is a company that owns some of the world's most widely used online services unable to gain traction among Web surfers, advertisers and investors? Can the company that rode the Internet boom ever again be where the cool kids go?

Unless Yahoo's next regime can figure it out, the company is in danger of becoming an Internet anachronism that might have to be broken up to be salvaged.

The challenge confounded Silicon Valley veteran Carol Bartz, who spent more than 2 1/2 years retooling Yahoo before being fired over the phone late Tuesday. It also befuddled Yahoo Chairman Roy Bostock, who embraced Bartz as the "exact combination" of experience and savvy the company needed when she was hired in January 2009.

As a stopgap measure, Yahoo appointed its chief financial officer, Tim Morse, to be interim leader until the company's board can hire a permanent replacement.

NEVADA

911 tapes from IHOP shooting reveal frantic scene

CARSON CITY — Dozens of 911 calls made from in and around a Nevada IHOP where a deadly shooting rampage took place detail a frantic scene, as witnesses described the gunman and dispatchers tried to determine if more than one person was involved.

Callers described victims gunned down inside the Carson City restaurant on tapes released Wednesday.

"There's a shooting in the IHOP! Get there right now!" yelled caller Ralph Swagler, owner of Local's BBQ next door, as shots rang out in the background.

Second later, Swagler said: "Now he's coming back out. He's shooting people in the parking lot! He's shooting at us now!"

Tuesday's attack by Eduardo Sencion, aka Eduardo Perez Gonzalez, left four dead and seven injured. Sencion, 32, also killed himself.

Romney, Perry spar over jobs, Social Security

By Kasie Hunt
Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Quick to tangle, Republican presidential rivals Rick Perry and Mitt Romney sparred vigorously over job creation and Social Security on Wednesday night in a feisty campaign debate that marked a contentious new turn in the race to pick a 2012 challenger to President Barack Obama.

Far more than in earlier GOP debates this summer, the candidates mixed it up in their first faceoff since Perry entered the race and almost instantly overtook Romney as front-runner in opinion polls. Those two — as well as other contenders on stage — sniped at one another, contradicted allegations and interrupted media questioners to demand opportunities to take each other on.

"Michael Dukakis created jobs three times faster than you did, Mitt," Perry jabbed in the debate's opening moments, referring to one of Romney's Democratic predecessors as governor of Massachusetts.

"As a matter of fact, George Bush and his predecessors created jobs at a faster rate than you did," Romney shot back at Perry, the 10-year incumbent Texas governor.

The debate was the first of three in as many weeks, at a time when the economy is struggling, unemployment is seemingly stuck at 9.1 percent and Obama's popularity is sinking in the polls — all events that could make the GOP nomination worth more than it appeared only a few months ago.

Perry and Romney stood next to each other on the debate stage at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, a setting that invoked the memory of the conservative Republican who swept to two terms as president. And for much of the evening, the two men were at the center of the action, largely reducing their rivals to the roles of spectators looking for a way into the action.

ELECTION 2012

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman sided with Perry when he turned to Romney and said, "47th just isn't going to cut it, my friend," a reference to the rank Massachusetts had among the 50 states in creating jobs during Romney's term.

But he also sought to rebut Perry's claim to be chief executive of the country's top job-producing state.

"I hate to rain on the parade of the great Lone Star State governor, but as governor of Utah, we were the No. 1 job creator during my years in service," Huntsman said.

Businessman Herman Cain, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, Rep. Ron Paul, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania shared the stage for the debate hosted by MSNBC and Politico.

Not surprisingly, the GOP contenders had little good to say about Obama, either his record on creating jobs or the health care law they have vowed to repeal if they win the White House. Perry was an exception, volunteering his praise for the presidential order that resulted in the death of Osama bin Laden in a U.S. military raid in Pakistan. He also said he was happy the U.S. prison at Guantanamo has been kept open.

On another foreign policy issue, Bachmann criticized Obama's decision to join an international military campaign in Libya.

Bachman also said she would provide the "strong, bold leader in the presidency who will lead" the effort to repeal the health care law passed at Obama's behest. "None of us should ever think that the repeal bill will just come to our desk," she said in a pledge that drew applause from the audience.

Cain said that after trying to defeat Democratic efforts to create national health care, "I'm running against Romneycare," the legislation that passed requiring residents of Massachusetts to purchase coverage.

Social Security produced more sparks, when Perry said the program was a "Ponzi scheme" and added it was a lie to tell young workers they will ever receive the benefits they have been promised.

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WATER

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recycling.

Desalinization also might be an option for creating future water sources, he said.

In the most recent legislative session, Seliger filed a bill that would have prohibited surface water and ground water from being transported more than 75 miles from the water's source. A measure with those provisions would have caused concern for the CRMWD and the city of Midland because many of its resources and potential future resources are outside the immediate area.

Seliger said the bill had more to do with eminent domain and preventing private land from being used for the transport of water than it did prohibiting the movement of water. As Midland and other cities work toward the future, he said relying on water sources from other areas should still be an option.

The answers for each community's future plan will vary as water supply is not a "one-size-fits-all" issue, he said. He applauded Mayor Wes Perry and the CRMWD for their efforts to put together a long-range plan.

"Without water you don't have a community of any kind at all," Seliger said.

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Seliger on the issues

Re-election: Having announced his candidacy for re-election to the state Senate on Tuesday, Seliger said he wants to serve a third term so he can continue focusing on issues related to water, public school funding and business. Seliger was first sworn into the Senate on March 2, 2004, after a special election. He was elected to a second four-year term in November 2008.

Education: While education accounts for the largest percentage of spending in the state budget, the Texas Legislature still cut $4 billion from school funding during the most recent session, Seliger said.

In 2013, Seliger said he expects the budget process to be similar to what it was this year and to properly fund education he will suggest lawmakers start by setting aside 40 percent of spending for education. "We need to take in enrollment growth," he said, adding they did not account for growth or inflation in this budget.

From there, Seliger said the formula used to fund public schools needs to be reworked. A joint committee is working on such a proposal during the interim and will look at how to better allocate funds between districts.

Health care: Medicaid spending and other health care programs account for the second largest percentage of spending in the state budget. Seliger said it was important to maintain as much of that funding as possible to allow Medicaid reimbursements for nursing homes to at least stay at a level that will keep facilities open.

Bills passed: A number of Gov. Rick Perry's emergency items passed, including voter ID and legislation related to sonograms before abortions. Seliger said the Senate also passed the "sanctuary cities" bill that was on Perry's list but that the measure never made it through the House. In total, he said about 7,000 bills were issued and more than 1,300 passed during the most recent session.

"It was one of the most unusual sessions and in some ways one of the most difficult we've had in a long time," Seliger said.

Border security: Texas now is spending nearly a quarter of a billion dollars on border security, Seliger said. While he said the matter is one of federal responsibility, the state has stepped up its efforts to fill in the gaps. He said managing borders is essential to keep out illegal immigrants, as well as drug cartel activity and violence. "Border security is national security," he said.

Redistricting: As chairman of the Senate Redistricting Committee, Seliger said he was proud to pass maps for the Senate, House, Congress and State Board of Education through both the Senate and House. The Congressional map already is being challenged in court. Seliger said he believes it was drawn fairly. "It was a very open process," he said.

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Esquaredi Inc. President Mike Conn is consoled by his wife Michelle as he watches fire crews work to extinguish a fire that engulfed and destroyed his business' building.

FIRE

From 1A

guish because of safety conditions and access issues. It took officials several hours to get the fire under control.

The metal-framed building was prone to the heat, Hickman said, and firefighters had to do a safety analysis before allowing crews inside the building to try to extinguish it.

Midland County Sheriff's Office investigators were looking for the driver of the semi truck late Wednesday, officials said. Anyone with information is asked to call authorities at 688-4600.

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CHAMBER

From 1A

on a first name basis. They're still getting the same education."

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Also at the annual meeting:

- David O'Neil, Wells Fargo Community Banking president, was named board chairman for 2011-12.
- 2010-11 Board Chairman Paul Cain was honored for his leadership by the Chamber and the Midland Independent School District.
- Christa Dobbs from Grande Communications was named volunteer of the year.
- Members Financial Federal Credit Union was named small business of the year.
- The Midland Association for Retarded Citizens, MARC, was named as the medium/large business of the year.
- Hance told the audience he had no idea what athletic conference Texas Tech would end up in. "I truly don't know. It's fluid. It changes every hour on the hour," Hance said.

Chamber, MISD launch Partners in Education website

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

In an effort to get more businesses involved in helping local schools, a new Partners in Education website was launched Wednesday during the Midland Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting.

The website — www.piemidland.org — is designed to cultivate financial and volunteer support from businesses in local schools.

Currently, about 100 of the 4,000 businesses in Midland are designated as Partners in Education, said Paul Cain, the outgoing chairman of the chamber's board of directors.

Cain said he hopes to increase that number exponentially and thinks having a central website where teachers and schools can communicate their needs clearly will be helpful.

"Education is the foundation of our Tall City," Cain said.

Jami Owen, director of the Midland Independent School District's Education Foundation, said the site allows businesses to make a general donation or designate funds to certain campuses, projects and classrooms.

"We have things for all size businesses," Owen said. "They can volunteer in the schools or give products or money. We're going to be very specific with what we need."

Though Partners in Education has existed for years, Owen said this is a more concerted effort between the chamber and district to recruit businesses into schools.

"I think we can really attract a lot of people to the schools who didn't know how to help," Owen said.

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Trooper shovels fish heads

Associated Press

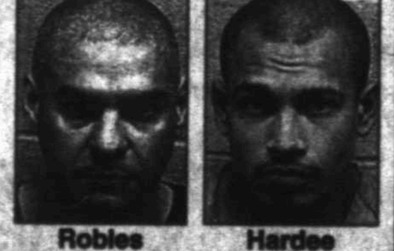
SEATTLE — A Washington State Patrol trooper dispatched to check out a report of a lost load slowing traffic on northbound Interstate 5 in north Seattle found a pile of bloody fish heads spilled across several lanes of traffic.

KOMO-TV reported Trooper Jaime Arnold grabbed a shovel and set to work Tuesday.

A state Transportation Department camera shows him scooping the fish heads and moving them off the highway, even dodging cars entering from an onramp as he makes repeated trips to the side of the road.

Correction

Two photographs accompanying a Sept. 7 story about holiday weekend arrests were misidentified.



Robles Hardee

Jose Guadalupe Robles, left, was charged with a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Samuel Gwynn Hardee, right, was charged with evading arrest in a motor vehicle.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the errors.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

■ Midland High homecoming parade, 6 p.m., Windland Park. Parade continues down "A" Street to Midland High. A community pep rally where the homecoming king will be crowned will follow the parade.

Meetings schedule

Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
3 p.m. today
Council Chambers, 300 N. Loraine St.

Permian Basin Republican Assembly
Time TBA, today
Classroom 1 at Midland Memorial Hospital's West Campus

Fundraiser for ill student

Staff members at Bonham Elementary School have gathered to support Miranda Molinar, a first-grader who recently was diagnosed with a brain stem tumor. She is receiving care at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth.

To assist her family with medical expenses, Bonham is hosting a "Hope For Miranda" cookout from 5-8 p.m. on September 8, at the school, 909 Bonham St.

Henry Resources has sponsored the purchase of food for the event. Cookout tickets are $5, and will be available the evening of the cookout. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Bonham, from the science department at MISD Central Office, or from Edible Arrangements. Donors also may give to the "Hope For Miranda" fund at Midland Teachers Credit Union, account number 82180.

Community calendar

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners are to meet 10 a.m. Saturday at George Hancock's shop, 1709 Clark St. Keith Hughes will show methods of putting the finishing touches on wood lathe-turned items and the choice of materials to use.

For more information, call 682-1700.

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group is meeting 7 p.m. Monday at Grace Presbyterian Church.

For more information, contact Kathy Hagler at Kathy@WTIE.net.

Family fitness program

Midland Memorial Hospital's Diabetes and Nutrition Learning Center and Casa de Amigos will offer a special nutrition/fitness program designed for students and their families.

Classes are planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 20 at Casa de Amigos. A parent information meeting will be held from 6-7:15 p.m. today in the senior area at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

Parents are encouraged to attend the entire session but can also choose to attend the nutrition segment at 5:15 pm. Class size is limited; parents must register before Sept. 20. To register, call 522-3045. The six-week course is $15 per family.

Blood drive

The Midland Fire and Police Departments will host the fourth annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive today and Friday. The event is a yearly competition and the department with the fewest number donations will have to host a cookout for the department with the highest number of donations.

The Police Department's blood drive will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Midland Police Department, located at 601 N. Loraine St.

The Fire Department's blood drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Central Fire Station, located at 1500 W. Wall St.

Please set up an appointment to donate by contacting the Midland Police Department at 685-7191 or the Midland Fire Department at 685-7332.

Donor requirements are simple; you must be at least 16 years of age, meet certain height and weight requirements, and be in good health. All 16-year-olds and some 17-year-olds must have a parent or guardian's permission to donate.

For more information about donating blood please visit www.united-bloodservices.org.

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Today in history

Today is Thursday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2011. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Sept 8, 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during World War II.

On this date:

In 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

In 1900, Galveston was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman, 16, of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first "Miss America" in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former President Richard Nixon.

In 1986, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" began the first of 25 seasons in national syndication.

Five years ago: A Senate report faulted intelligence gathering in the lead-up to the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, and said Saddam Hussein regarded al-Qaida as a threat rather than a possible ally, contradicting assertions President George W. Bush had used to build support for the war.

— Associated Press

Wyoming hay producers benefit from Texas drought

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wyoming ranchers said they're getting sky-high prices for hay because of drought conditions across Texas and the southern plains.

The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported demand for hay has driven prices in Wyoming from about $84 a ton last year to about $115 a ton this year. The high prices are linked to drought conditions in prominent cattle-producing states such as Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

"Our hay prices have been really high this year, and we have started to bundle it up into larger bails to send to other places because of the demand," said Monte Lerwick, a rancher and farmer in Albin.

"It doesn't even really matter if it's high quality or not. People just need it because of that drought."

Todd Ballard, with the U.S. Agricultural Department's Agricultural Statistics Field Office for Wyoming, said hay prices are up nationwide, where the average cost for non-alfalfa hay moved from $95 a ton last year to about $127 a ton now.

Steve Paisley, an associate professor at the University of Wyoming and beef cattle specialist, said the gains from the rising hay prices could last into next season.

"Hay is not only going to producers in Texas and those states, but to dairy farms in New Mexico and other locations, as well," he said. "There is going to be a high level of demand for a while.

"It may be difficult for those in the drought areas to establish crops for next year, as well, so the carry-over could go into next year."

In a related matter, the dry conditions combined with higher feed prices are forcing ranchers to the south to sell off their stock rather than watch it starve.

Lerwick said a lot of the cattle being sold off are heading north, where the feed is plentiful.

"There are a lot of cattle heading into the Montana, Dakota and Wyoming region because of these conditions," Lerwick said. "It's easier and cheaper to bring the cattle to the feed rather than the other way around."

Paisley said in the long term, the shift in cattle moving north could be good for local ranchers.

"The national herd was going down before this happened, and with more of the resources coming up to our area, our ranchers could be in a good position to sell their cattle at favorable prices down the line as demand goes up," he said.

Drought machine helps develop hardier crops

By Alan Scher Zagier
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Felix Fritschi likes to damage plants.

He's no vandal. The plant scientist and his colleagues at the University of Missouri are using a new device to deprive plants of water in an effort to better understand how they're affected by drought. The researchers hope their work will help develop drought-resistant crops for use by farmers.

The drought simulator — think motorized greenhouse on rails — allows Missouri researchers to mimic short dry spells, as well as persistent or even severe droughts. A handful of similar machines can be found elsewhere in the U.S. and overseas, particularly in China and India. They give scientists an edge by letting them control precisely how much water plants receive.

"Normally in the field, we're dependent on natural conditions," Fritschi said. "The problem with that is, the sensitivity of plants to drought stress is different depending upon their developmental stages. If we want to control that time aspect, we need something (to deliver water) whenever we want."

A $1.5 million grant from the Missouri Life Sciences Research Board enabled the university to build two adjacent shelters, each 50 feet by 100 feet with a translucent roof. Rain gauges trigger an oversized garage door that covers the corn and soybean plots at the first sign of water and lowers once the rain passes.

L.G. Patterson/AP

University of Missouri plant scientist Felix Fritschi looks over a few stalks of corn as he stands under a drought simulator Aug. 26 at the Bradford Research Farm in Columbia, Mo. Fritschi uses the simulator, a motorized greenhouse on a railway track, to move over crops to keep rain from reaching the plants to aid in the development of drought resistant varieties.

Fritschi and co-investigators Robert Sharp, Rob Kallenbach and Grover Shannon also plan to use the drought simulators, sometimes referred to as rainout shelters, as "heat tents" to measure the effect of rising temperatures on plant growth, since "drought and heat often occur together. Those are the two biggest stresses on plants."

A dozen researchers, including water quality scientists, soil biologists and physicists and plant breeders, will collaborate with Fritschi on the long-term project. They hope to build two more shelters in parts of the state with significantly different soil types — the sand loams of southeast Missouri, where cotton and rice sprout along the Mississippi River valley, and the Missouri River hills at the university's Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center in New Franklin, where Chinese chestnuts are grown about one hour west of Columbia.

Drought is a recurring problem in Missouri, even in years like this one when summer floods from the upper Missouri River overran fields and shut down an interstate highway in the state's northwest corner.

The simulators were put up this summer, so research data so far is scant. But landscape researchers at a Texas A&M University lab in San Antonio have used drought simulators for several years to help the city's water district test turf grasses' ability to withstand summer dry spells.

The often-parched city passed an ordinance in 2005 requiring new residential and commercial construction to include only approved turf grasses with "summer dormancy capabilities" — but didn't specify which ones met those requirements.

"After they passed it, they realized there was very little information about 60-day drought recovery on turf grass," said Guy Fipps, director of the Texas A&M Irrigation Technology Center in College Station.

"We know how much water turf likes," Fipps said. "But the question is, how much can you cut that water back without compromising quality?"

A two-year study found that grasses with 4-inch roots failed to survive the simulated drought, but those with roots of 18 inches or more endured. The work enabled the San Antonio water district to let homeowners and developers know which varieties could endure South Texas summer droughts.

Mike Hayes, director of the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, called the drought simulators "a fairly robust way" of advancing research on an issue critical to agriculture. The development of hybrids and other agricultural research has already helped U.S. farms cut their water use, but drought remains a problem.

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Opinion

Obama doesn't answer own call for civility

■ Lack of a response to Hoffa's comments shows the president is saying one thing and doing another.

RICH LOWRY
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President Barack Obama delivered his loviest speech as president in Tucson, Ariz., after the shooting of Rep. Gabby Giffords. It was moving, pitch perfect and — in its key passages calling for civility in our political discourse — brazenly insincere.

Obama said we should be sure "we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds." He framed his call as a way to honor the victims of the Tucson tragedy: "Only a more civil and honest public discourse can help us face up to our challenges as a nation, in a way that would make them proud."

Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa Jr. must have been too busy watching old episodes of "The Sopranos" that night. In a warm-up act for the president's rally the other day in Detroit, Hoffa unloosed a witless, stereotypically crude tirade standing at a podium about to be affixed with a presidential seal and graced by the presence of the Master of Civility himself.

Hoffa told the rally the tea party had declared "war on workers," but told his listeners that organized labor likes "a good fight." He thundered: "They got a war with us and there's only going to be one winner." He assured President Obama that "this is your army," and urged the crowd to vote: "Let's take these son of a b****** out and give America back to an America where we belong [sic]."

This passage is so hot in tone and freighted with martial imagery that had Sarah Palin uttered it, MSNBC would preempt its usual prison documentaries to do 24-hour coverage of the supposed incitement to violence. But President Obama took the stage shortly afterward with nary a word about Hoffa's rant, and the White House has refused to condemn it. Perhaps the president gave the unions a secret waiver from his injunctions to civility?

Of course, the summons to civility never was intended as a bipartisan initiative. Born of a smear of the right as somehow responsible for the crimes of the lunatic who shot Giffords, it was a handy way to try to delegitimize conservatives and mute their voices. Soon after Tucson, liberal protesters in Madison, Wis., were lambasting Republican officeholders in rancorous terms and even threatening them, without anyone standing up for civility. When Giffords returned to Washington at the end of the debt debate to cast her first vote since the shooting, it was in an atmosphere thick with liberal accusations that Republicans were "terrorists" and "hostage-takers."

When he extolled civility nine months ago, President Obama didn't count on his political base becoming more enraged than ever, or on his own desperation as president of a country with 9.1 percent unemployment. The most elemental act of civility is assuming the sincerity and patriotism of your opposition. President Obama's latest theme is that Republicans are putting party before country in opposing his program, an argument that implicitly rules out the possibility they genuinely think his policies are foolhardy and worthy of opposition. It's a kidney punch masked as high-mindedness.

Unless the economy rebounds suddenly, President Obama will be left with only one option next year — winning ugly. He will have to make his opponent even more unacceptable than he is, and if the past is any guide, he'll do it without scruple. All Obama's promises about process are highly conditional. He jettisoned his support for the public funding of campaigns in 2008 as soon as it became clear he could raise $750 million. He sloughed off "post-partisanship" when he had the congressional majorities necessary to ram through major legislation on a partisan basis. And now he's saying goodbye to civility, too.

So be it. If civility is a good in its own right, the functioning of our big, unruly democracy has never depended on it. It will survive Hoffa's ham-handed metaphors and Obama's hypocrisy. But next time, Mr. President, please spare us the pose and the lectures.

OUR VIEW

Politics ultimately prevent improvement in jobs fight

Everyone now seems to have a jobs plan in Washington and on the campaign trail. We began learning about these plans Wednesday night during the Republican presidential debate, and we will hear more tonight when President Barack Obama unleashes his new jobs plan.

As we have stated previously in this space, we are excited to hear all the jobs plans. We are thrilled it has come to a national debate. But we also fear our excitement ultimately is going to be derailed by more partisan politics.

What we really expect to see down the road is sides will once again be drawn with lines in the sand, and we will be stuck in the quagmire of nothing beneficial being accomplished.

Meanwhile, jobless Americans by the millions will be left on the sidelines still looking for jobs. We think this is unfortunate and unnecessary. We think there are things that can be done to help create jobs in this country, but we need a plan in place to get the engine turning.

What we really need is for Washington to get on the same page as the American worker. Washington needs to go to work for that guy. Instead, we fear we will get more of the same.

What actually would be interesting is for all the Republican presidential candidates to share the debate stage with President Obama. Wouldn't it make more sense for our respective leaders to be talking to each other face to face?

In fact, we would like to see more of that in Washington. It seems like we have lost the art of communication. Politicians never have gotten along very well, but this nation has a long history of those with differing opinions finding solutions to America's problems. We need that back in our politics of today. Maybe we should even televise a compromise meeting with Congress and the White House.

We shouldn't have to live with more than 9 percent unemployment. We have the tools and the business capacity to do much better. This nation needs to roll up its sleeves and go to work. We basically need Washington to get out of the way.

It's a shame Democrats and Republicans can't find it within themselves to do the right thing for America's jobless.

Instead, we expect to hear a lot of great jobs plans in the weeks to come, but we also expect the status quo in the unemployment numbers because none of those plans likely will please enough politicians to get anything going.

Perry's front-running gift to Romney

■ Former Massachusetts governor doesn't have the expectations of a front-runner and can offer practical solutions to America's problems.

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Has Rick Perry done Mitt Romney a favor? Those who make book in this town wouldn't say so. The former Massachusetts governor's status as the titular front-runner in the race for the Republican presidential nomination has been undone by the brash Texas governor.

But Perry's sudden surge to the top of polls has brought an unexpected gift to his rival: It has, by unburdening Romney of his head-of-the-pack status, released him from the tedious and timid campaign he was running. Relieved of the high expectations, Romney is free to take sides unapologetically in a battle over whether the Republican Party will reclaim its mainstream traditions or remain a protest movement.

The first signs are encouraging. As Romney rolled out his economic plan in North Las Vegas on Tuesday, he solidly rejected the slash-and-burn economics of the tea party in favor of a Chamber of Commerce wish list.

First, he named an economic team led by the very picture of the establishment: two former lawmakers who have become Washington fixtures and two former Bush administration economists, one the dean of Columbia Business School and the other a Harvard economist who praises the influence of John Maynard Keynes — the bete noire of the tea party.

Romney's programs — a 59-point plan encased in a 160-page booklet of the sort he once produced as a management consultant — are similarly old school: Cut corporate taxes, encourage energy development and free-trade agreements, and admit more skilled foreign workers. His proposed up-front spending cuts? All of $20 billion — a pittance by tea party standards. He would cap federal spending at a level well above those that conservatives demanded, and he would keep in place current taxes on interest, dividends and capital gains for the wealthy.

The usually awkward Romney seemed in his element as he delivered his speech, even if he was wearing a yacht-club blue blazer and tan gabardines on the floor of a truck repair shop. He used only a page of handwritten notes for his half-hour talk, and he eschewed anti-government rhetoric in favor of boardroom competence. "Look, this is a business plan for the American economy," he said. "If we want to create jobs, we've got to have the best business plan in the world."

This hardly makes Romney a liberal, or even the moderate he once was. As he again defended his curious formulation that "corporations are people," he sounded almost plutocratic. But it at least shows the man who had been a frightened front-runner is now willing to state more boldly what his candidacy is about: the corporate establishment's answer to Perry's angry populism. Call it the soft courage of low expectations.

Twice over the weekend, Romney took his campaign to the hostile terrain of the tea party, but, to his credit, he didn't try to flatter his audience. At Sen. Jim DeMint's gathering in South Carolina, he defended the need for new financial regulations after the economic collapse. He resisted the idea of a federal right-to-work law. He told the tea partyers he would not defy the Supreme Court on abortion, and he vigorously defended "Romneycare."

The day before, a similar performance at a gathering of the Tea Party Express in New Hampshire earned Romney a valuable headline — "Mitt Romney doesn't pander to New Hampshire tea partiers" — atop Ben Smith's Politico article.

Romney originally hoped he could tiptoe to the nomination while his rivals carved each other up. But the failure of this terminally cautious strategy could be a blessing. Until now, Romney's message was that he really, really wanted to be president. Now, his message is more compelling: Will Republicans choose the cool corporatism of Romney or a guy who talks about secession and treason? Romney's PowerPoint presentations — or a guy who likens gay people to alcoholics?

The two candidates' approaches to economics are illustrative. Perry has no plan, other than this bit of bluster he produced last week: "No. 1 is don't spend all the money — you can figure out what that means. You won't have stimulus programs under a Perry presidency."

Romney, by contrast, offers a painful level of detail, such as action item 39, "utilize long-term, apolitical funding mechanisms like ARPA-E for basic research."

"This is the result of practical work," Romney told his supporters at the truck-repair facility. "It's a practical plan."

Practical! The very word is anathema to the tea party.

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Imprisoned sect leader seeks new Texas trial

By Jennifer Dobner
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Imprisoned polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs has filed a handwritten motion seeking a new trial in Texas after he was convicted there and sentenced to life in prison on child sex assault charges.

Jeffs, who heads the Utah-based Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, claims his religious freedoms were violated by the courts — an argument he also tried to make while defending himself during his trial.

"The Constitutional protection for religious faith and freedom of practice not being of full protection in previous trial ... is legal grounds sufficient to rule in favor of defendant allowed a new trial ..," the 55-year-old church leader wrote in his motion.

Drafted on lined notebook paper in Jeffs' uneven penmanship, the one-page motion was dated Aug. 23, about two weeks after a jury found him guilty of sexual assaulting two FLDS girls aged 12 and 15, whom he married in religious ceremonies.

Schleicher County Court Clerk Peggy Williams said a Jeffs representative filed the motion Friday at the courthouse in Eldorado.

Lauren Bean, deputy communications director for Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, on Wednesday said the office expects the jury's decision to convict Jeffs would withstand any legal challenge.

"Just as every convicted criminal attempts to overturn their convictions by pursuing the appeals they are afforded under Texas law, Warren Jeffs will have the opportunity to appeal," Bean said in a statement emailed to the Associated Press. "But a new trial is simply not warranted in this case."

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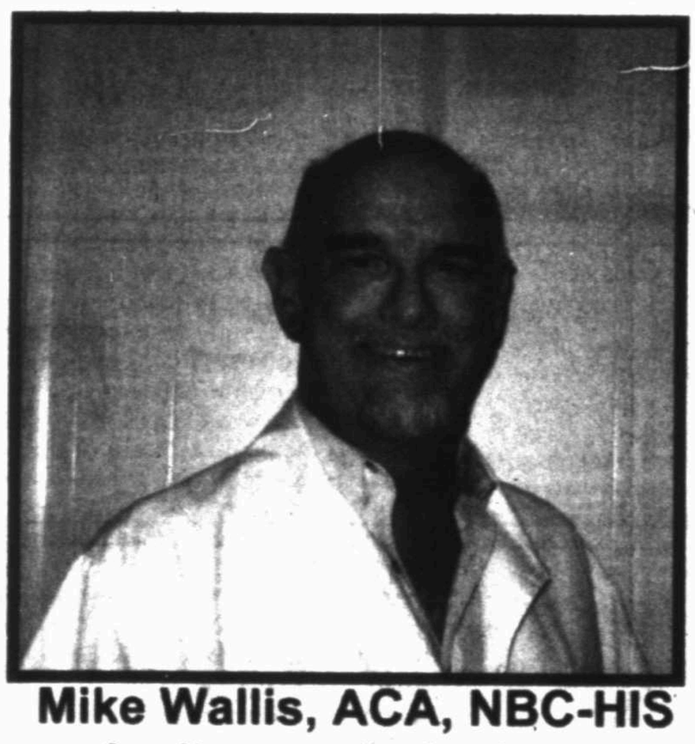

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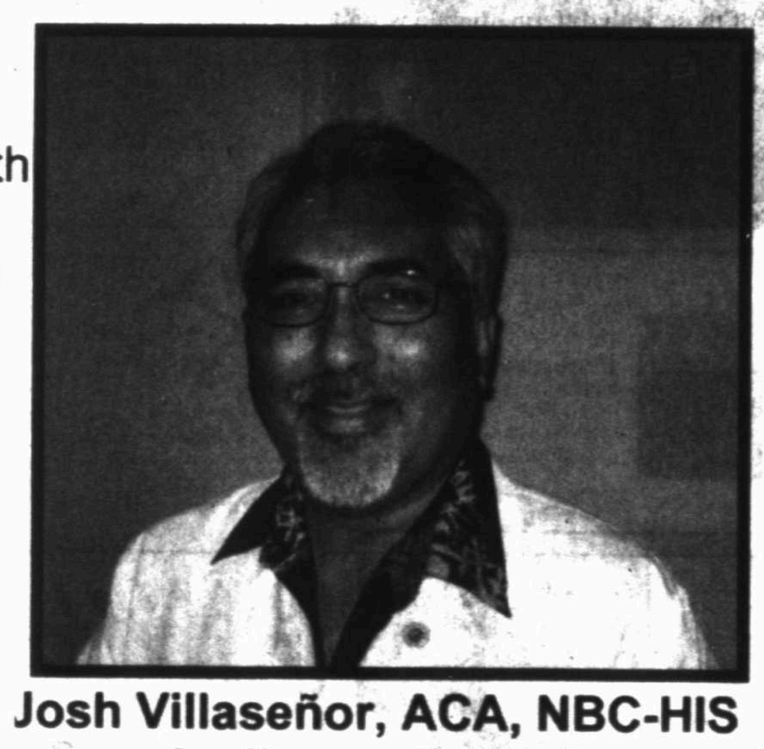

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Mexico ruling party asks mayor, governor to step down

By Olga R. Rodriguez
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's ruling party has asked the governor of Nuevo Leon state and the mayor of its capital city to step down temporarily while police investigate an arson that killed 52 people and a casino corruption scandal.

President Felipe Calderon's National Action Party, or PAN, said in letters sent Tuesday to Nuevo Leon Gov. Rodrigo Medina and Monterrey Mayor Fernando Larrazabal that they should leave their posts so the probe into last month's deadly casino arson attack doesn't become "a struggle between political forces."

Larrazabal is a member of the PAN but Medina belongs to the opposition Institutional Revolutionary Party.

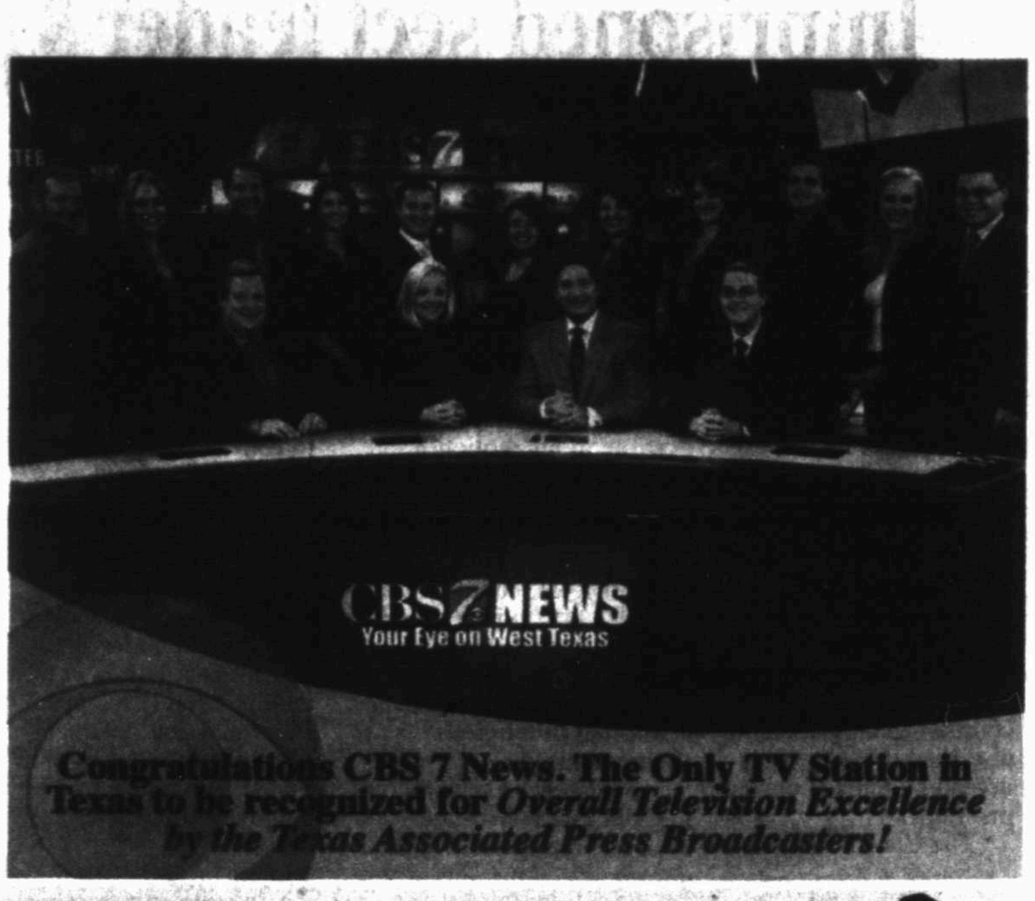
Larrazabal's brother, Jonas, has been detained for questioning in a casino-related corruption probe after videotapes became public showing him taking wads of cash inside an unidentified casino just days before the fire in the Casino Royale.

The newspaper Reforma, which published the images of Jonas Larrazabal, estimated that one wad of cash, stuffed inside a cellphone box, contained $32,000. Reforma reported Jonas had visited at least three casinos to collect money in the weeks before the August 25 fire.

Jonas Larrazabal's lawyer, Jesus Martinez, said his client goes to casinos for fun, like any customer, but also sells them cheese, mezcal and other products from the southern state of Oaxaca.

Fernando Larrazabal told Multimedios television in Monterrey he would consider his party's suggestion to step down and announce a decision Wednesday.

The party said Medina should also step down so authorities can investigate whether officials in his administration are working with organized crime.



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MPD: Man fires weapon at crowd

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

A Midland man bonded out of jail Tuesday after he was arrested for allegedly shooting at people after a fight broke out during the Labor Day weekend.

Jimmy Raylon Howell, 24, was bailed out of jail on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony of deadly conduct for discharging a firearm.

Midland County deputies were dispatched to the 4000 block of North County Road 1130 about 2:40 a.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance with weapons call. Upon arriving, deputies made contact with the victim who said a group of people were together having a good time until a fight broke out, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

A relative of Howell got into an altercation with another man at the residence. Several other people jumped between Howell's relative and the victim, trying to break up the fight, police said.

After the altercation ended, the group of people were outside the residence. Howell went to his truck and retrieved a pistol and fired one round at several people standing outside the residence before fleeing, the report states.

Jimmy Raylon Howell: Police charged him with deadly conduct for discharging a firearm. Read the arrest affidavit at www.mywesttexas.com.

Deputies found Howell after a brief manhunt at the Kent Kwik convenience store at the intersection of North Fairgrounds and East Front streets. He was arrested for discharging a weapon and transported to the Midland County Central Detention Center.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, he could receive up to 10 years in prison.

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STUDENTSIGN-UPS

ABOVE: Midland College students sign up for information Wednesday during the club fair at the school.

RIGHT: Jenny Hale, left, looks over information as Stacie Hanna, assistant education director at the Petroleum Museum, talks to her.

Photos by Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Library to host 2012 Lincoln exhibit

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The Midland County Public Library learned this week it will play host next summer to an exhibit on President Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War and the Constitution.

Library officials learned the facility was picked as an exhibit site and grant recipient in July, and they were informed this week it will host the historical display between June 20 and Aug. 3, 2012, library Director John Trischitti said.

"We think it's just a real neat way to generate foot traffic maybe from people who aren't historically library users," Trischitti said. "It's something new and fresh for habitual library users."

The display, called "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," will be shown in 200 cities nationwide between now and 2014. Trischitti said officials were grateful to have been scheduled for 2012 because it provides them enough time to organize programming and plan for the display. He added it is not so far in the future that they can't start generating excitement.

"To our knowledge, Midland County has never had anything like this," he said.

Diana Decker, who served as the library liaison until Trischitti was hired and now is working on special projects, applied for the grant in May. Trischitti said he'd thought of applying for it at his former library and asked Decker to put Midland in the running because the application was due before he arrived over Memorial Day weekend.

The American Library Association (ALA) selects host facilities and then sends the display to the public libraries, museums and college libraries it has picked. The association also provides a $750 grant to help libraries advertise or create programs to go along with the exhibition.

The exhibit itself focuses on Lincoln and his struggles to meet the political and Constitutional challenges of the Civil War, according to the ALA's website. It's

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Retired nurse finds new passion in painting, volunteering

Margaret Forster says serving others is best way to celebrate life

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At nearly 84, Margaret Forster reckons that being cheerful is "just as easy as being sad."

Indeed, the spirited retired registered nurse celebrates not just her own life but the lives of others — especially the children, the elderly, the poor and down-trodden — by serving others. In her youth, she answered a childhood calling that enriched her life and others: She became a nurse.

"My profession has served me well during my years," Forster said this week. "I have never neglected the poor and the unfortunate."

Speaking candidly from her Lincoln Tower Retirement Residence apartment, she still remains active but in a more narrow realm. She no longer is an active nurse who organizes causes or flies her single-engine Cessna 150 airplane across Texas to service her heart-healthy Diet Center franchises, but she continues to serve others.

In the late 1970s, she learned to fly to get around the state faster.

But flying isn't her only hobby.

The self-taught artist has created colorful acrylic paintings of everything from floral and landscapes pictures to a likeness of the Virgin of Guadalupe. These paintings, which she has created in the past three months, adorn the walls of her apartment. She said her son, Odessa artist Phillip Voisel-Prud'Homme, laced the virgin's image with a gold-leaf aura.

"The Lord had to paint that," said Forster, who is organizing an art show for artists at the Lincoln Tower's ballroom at 7 p.m. this Friday. "I didn't do it."

Forster said she was scared the first time she put the brush to canvas, but that fear vanished as she progressed.

"I am improving every day," she said. "I am learning every day."

Forster isn't one to sit idle, so one hobby wouldn't be enough for her. The 5-foot-8 woman also crochets caps for cancer patients, shawls for the elderly at nursing homes and pot holders for the soup kitchen.

She said her altruism stems from her upbringing. Forster's French-Italian parents, Pierre and Margaruitte Voisel, taught her the value of a work ethic and how to be kind to others.

In 1944, Forster, whose nickname then was "Deedy," caught a bus to Shreveport, La., where she enrolled in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps at Schumpert Hospital and became a registered nurse. She later settled in the Midland-Odessa area, and some say she evolved into the Florence Nightingale of West Texas.

"I am blessed because nursing has been good to me and to others throughout the years," she said.

Forster said she and her first husband, Wayne Prud'Homme, moved to West Texas after World War II. After his death, the single mom raised her three children, and they all graduated from the University of Texas. Two of her children, Lenore and Phil, are artists, and Linda is a violinist.

By the mid-1970s, she married Fred Forster, a chemical engineer functioned as a petroleum engineer in both Midland and Odessa. He established Forster Drilling. Later, Forster joined Jack Majors and Aaron Giebel to form MGF Oil Corp. and MGF Drilling.

Forster described her second husband as a "true

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Cindeka Nesly/Reporter-Telegram

Margaret Forster, a former World War II nurse and a founder the local chapter of Planned Parenthood and Odessan's Care for the Aging, spends some of her time these days working on paintings that she will exhibit in Friday's art show at the Lincoln Tower in Odessa.

Obituaries

Betty Suggett George

Betty Suggett George, 88, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Betty was born in Graham, Texas, on March 23, 1923. Her parents were Frances and Edith Suggett. She grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, and attended University of Arizona; George Washington University, Washington D.C.; and graduated from the University of Texas. She was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority.

She married Clem George, in December 1943, and is survived by Clem. She is also survived by her son, Kenn S. George, and wife, Tricia Mast George of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Meredith G. Tinsley, and husband, Ed Tinsley, III of Santa Fe, New Mexico; her grandchildren, Kenneth S. George, II, and wife, Carolyn George, Patrick Sarsfield George, Clement Roberdeau George, Elizabeth Francis George, Edward Roy Tinsley, IV, Ede Tinsley Booth, and husband, Morgan Booth; and great-grandson, Kenneth Suggett George, III.

The George family wishes to express their appreciation and thanks to many of Betty's friends who were kind and generous of their time and efforts these last few months. Many thanks to the caregivers at Hospice. Thanks to Dr. David Watkins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made at the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, Texas. Condolences can be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Dorothy Bonnell Stulberg

"I figure I'm on my third journey. I was born, then there is life, and then there is spirit which goes on through others. The jury is out - will my third journey through others help them know and be a friend to themselves and love and relate to others?".
Dorothy Stulberg 2011

Dorothy Bonnell Stulberg was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, on July 4, 1925. She died last Saturday at the end of a life well-lived, leaving her spirit in the thousands of us she touched. During her life, she was active in many organizations including serving as Chairperson for Rural Legal Services (RLST) for 25+ years, Director of Neighborhood Youth Corps; Director and Chairperson of Anderson County Community Action; and lawyer and partner of her law firm, Mostoller & Stulberg, the first female-owned (and at the time female-staffed) law firm in Tennessee. At age 84, as Dorothy was closing her law practice, she began to volunteer at the University of Tennessee's Teaching and Learning Center. As the Center's designated Community Fellow, Dorothy reviewed key literature on teaching and learning and provided valuable insights into the planning of the Center's activities. She quickly became a great source of inspiration for the Center's faculty and staff. Mom was a life-long learner, which was demonstrated by her academic accomplishments including earning a B.S. from Iowa State University, classes at Purdue University as a Curtis Wright Cadette, a M.S. from the University of Minnesota, where she also served as assistant professor, a J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law and at age 80, a doctorate in Collaborative Learning from the University of Tennessee. Mom believed in making the world a better place and when there was dialogue there was equal say.

Mom met our father, Melvin "Mel" P. Stulberg, in 1953, at the University of Minnesota. They were married on September 8, 1955, a union that will remain strong forever. If only all marriages could emulate theirs.

She lived through the Great Depression, and told her children of the "hobos" that would come to the door for food and who were never turned away. She saw social change in the South and we believe she helped initiate it. I vividly remember the day Martin Luther King was shot. Mom gathered her children and drove to the segregated part of town where we marched with the community. To quote Chief Justice E. Riley Anderson, "The county had a legal aid program before RLST arrived - it was called Dorothy Stulberg, the 1999 Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Attorney of the Year... [she] assisted many of the county's most disadvantaged families while handling landmark litigation such as convincing Tennessee high school athletics authorities to end girls half-court basketball. Through her life and practice, she has exemplified how an attorney can use personal and professional skills to the benefit of the community.".

Mom and Dad are loyal Lady Vols fans and Mom used her legal skills to aid in the creation of the Lady Vols Boost-Her club, writing the charter and incorporation papers. Mom's name is in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame for her contribution to the sport.

Although a devout Democrat, she had many friends of opposite political beliefs and political conversations could always be found at the dinner table, believing if we couldn't "talk" about our differences all was lost. We have to add that President Obama's full height cardboard statue still resides over the dinner table. She actively and tirelessly fought for all people's rights. When honored as "Woman of the Year" by EvaMag she was described as embodying "the voracious spirit it takes to make a difference in the world." Making a difference is what inspired her to go to law school. Mom said, "The reason I became a lawyer is because so many people are considered less than valuable. I believe in the value of human beings.". Mom encouraged us to love each other and to be true to ourselves; she showered those around her with the purest unconditional love. She taught her children to always see the good in people. She was a devoted wife to our dad, and supported him in a way that is unmatched in today's society. They loved each other dearly.

She had a number of life-long friends and leaves her spirit in too many to name. Dorothy Bonnell Stulberg died after her brother, Jack Bonnell, and her parents, Wayne E. Bonnell and Nell Anderson Bonnell. She is lovingly remembered by her sister, Jean Bonnell Posey; her nephews, Steve Bonnell, John Bonnell, and Steve Posey; and her nieces, Janie Brownlee, Susan Posey-Bergener, Peggy Stulberg, and Mary Beth Stulberg; her daughters, Laurie Ann Macnair, Lynn Ellen "Ki" Stulberg, and Lisa Jean Armstrong; and her sons-in-law, Mal Macnair and Gary Armstrong. She was so very proud of her children and grandchildren and always saw their gifts that sometimes others were too blind to see. She will live on in her granddaughter, Jenna Macnair and grandsons, Blake Macnair, Jack Armstrong, and Nick Armstrong, and her kitty, Sammy and her greyhound, Freddie.

In lieu of flowers, Mom asked for donations to any of the following charities; Tennessee Justice Center, 2nd Harvest Food Bank, Southern Poverty Law Center, Planned Parenthood, ACLU, or League of Women Voters.

Online condolences may be sent to: Larmstrong_2005@msn.com.

A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held at the Toyota Room, at the Baker Center on the University of Tennessee campus, this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Mom wanted her friends and family together with laughter and tears.

Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home, www.martinoakridgefuneralhome.com, in charge of arrangements.

Edward M. Gober

Edward M. Gober passed away at home on September 3, 2011, from the combined effects of anemia and leukemia, at age 88. Ed is survived by Marjorie, his beloved wife of almost 57 years; his son, Mark, daughter-in-law, Debbie, grandson, Cade; daughters, Gail Gober and Donna Prima, and son-in-law, Bryan Prima.

Ed was born in Cicero, Illinois, in 1922. Ed enlisted on December 8, 1941, and served proudly in the Army Air Corps, a veteran of WWII, in the Aleutian Island theater. Ed and Marge married in 1954 and moved from the Chicago area to their farm outside Marengo, Illinois, where they were long time residents, raised their family, and were members of the Marengo First United Methodist Church. Ed and Marge moved to Midland, Texas, in 2007 to enjoy a new lifestyle at the Manor Park retirement community, and to be closer to their children.

Ed was a family man first and foremost, totally dedicated to Marge and his family, and will be painfully missed by all who knew him.

There will be a memorial service for Ed at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2011, in the Chapel of the Barney Greathouse Activities Building on Bridgewater Circle, at the Village at Manor Park, in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Ed's memory be made to the Marengo First United Methodist Church, Washington St, Marengo Illinois, 60152.

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Gregorio "George" Samuel Valencia

Our beloved husband, father, and welo, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

Celebration of life services for George Valencia, 69, of Midland, will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 9, 2011, at First United Pentecostal Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North. A visitation will be held today from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A prayer service is also being held tonight at 8:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel.

George was born on July 29, 1942, in Knox City, Texas, to the late Jose and Glady Valencia. Preceding him in death were his son, Greg Valencia, Jr.; brothers, Paul, Lupe, Ruben, and Gilbert Valencia; sisters, Marie Gonzales and Anita Robles; and a great granddaughter.

Those left to honor and cherish his memory are his loving wife, Carmen Valencia; daughters, Norma Valencia, and Mary DeLaCruz and husband, Jose, Jr.; sons, Bobby Valencia and wife, Rose, and David Valencia and wife, Marilyn, all of Midland; brothers, Angel Valencia of Atlas, OK and Thomas Valencia of Wichita Falls, TX; sister, Lilly Rodriguez of Milwaukee, WI; twelve grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Midland and the Permian Basin Dialysis Center.

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

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Lorena Faye Brown

In the morning hours of September 6, 2011, Lorena Faye Brown sashayed her way into the arms of her maker, after a year and a half long battle with lung, brain, and spinal cancer. Lorena was greeted in heaven by her mother, father, brother-in-law, Tommy, family, friends and pets.

Lorena was born on September 9, 1957, to Margaret and John Brown in Abilene, Texas. This was the beginning of what would be a joyful and wonderful life full of love. Lorena grew up in Midland, Texas, with her parents and three siblings. In 1972, Lorena graduated from Midland High School. Lorena then went to work for Walgreens, Pactel Paging, and AT&T. Lorena was blessed with two beautiful baby girls, who she loved and cared for. Lorena had an undying love for her two girls, her family, friends, and animals. She lived a life full of joy, happiness, and love. Lorena will be greatly missed but will live on in the hearts of those who knew her forever.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Margaret Brown and brother-in-law, Tommy Whiddon.

She is survived by her daughter, Trena Richardson; fiancé, Patrick Weitzel, Jr.; and stepson, Patrick Weitzel, III; and her daughter, Cherie Richardson of Midland, Texas; her sister, Cindy Whiddon of Midland, Texas; her brother, Kenneth Brown and wife, Janet of Flower Mound, Texas; her sister, Deanna Horn and husband, Glenn of Charleston, West Virginia; her ex-husband and long time friend, Fred Richardson; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins; as well her 5 dogs Thumper, Houdini, Timothy, Slinky, and Grover, who she called her sons.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, September 8, 2011, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be at 12:00 p.m., Friday, September 9, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, with Rev. Tommy Richardson, with Greenwood Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SPCA, 2701 S County Road 1206, Midland, TX 79706 or any animal shelter.

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

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Margaret Mary Mundy

Margaret Mary Mundy, 73, of Midland, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Saturday September 3, 2011.

The family will receive friends at a visitation Friday, September 9, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland, with rosary prayers to begin at 7:00 p.m. Services will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Saturday September 10, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., with Monsignor Larry Droll, officiating.

Margaret was born on March 20, 1938, in Worcester, Mass to Thomas and Ann R. Heaney, and she was married to F.G. "Bob" Mundy for 48 years.

Margaret was a sweet, gentle, kind, and compassionate woman to everyone and to all creatures, big and small, there was no such thing as a stray animal, animals loved her and she loved them. She gave of herself and always made sure everyone was taken care of before herself. She was active with her grandchildren and was always there to cheer them on for football, baseball games, and for any school activity. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandma and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her husband, F.G. "Bob" Mundy; son, Rick Mundy and wife, Mary Kathryn Mundy; daughters, Suzanne Mundy, Lori Hamilton-Smith and husband, Frank "Bud" Smith, Patricia Mundy and husband, Minh Nguyen, all of Midland, Texas; sisters, Ann Richard of Midland, Texas, JoAnn Neil and husband, Don of RI; brothers, Thomas Heaney and wife, Marie of Connecticut and Peter Heaney and wife, Patsy of RI; along with eight grandchildren, Kristy Mundy, Harrison Mundy and wife, Christy, Justin and Michael Hamilton, Roma Bise, Clifford Smith, Seyarra and Mai Mundy-Nguyen; and three great grandchildren, Alexis and Kandise Bise and Summer Mundy; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her son, Robert "Robbie" Mundy and brother-in-law, Robert Richard.

In lieu of flowers, Margaret would be honored to have donations made in her name to the Midland SPCA or Midland Home Hospice.

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Phyllis Lanier Collyer

11/11/1939 - 9/5/2011

Phyllis Lanier Collyer, age 71, died Monday, September 5, 2011, in Midland.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 8, 2011, in Childress Cemetery, with Pastor Paul Harris officiating. Burial will be in Childress Cemetery.

Phyllis was born November 11, 1939, in Childress, TX to Elbert Lee "Luke" Lanier and Lucille "Lucy" Clark Lanier.

Fifteen survivors include, husband, Don Collyer, Midland, TX; son, Cliff Collyer and wife, Kristy, Midland, TX; daughter, Le'ann Collyer, Midland, TX; sister, Paula Caradine, Childress, TX; brother, James Lanier, Canyon, TX; grandchildren, Larissa, Talaya, Lindsay, Lauren, Russell, Leigh, and Demerie; greatgrandchild, Leisel; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and son, Scotty Collyer.

Sidney Phillip Savant

Sidney Phillip Savant was born on March 6, 1945, to Sidney Henry Savant and Ozelia Chapman in Iowa, Louisiana. Sid left this world on September 6, 2011, at his home. He was 66 years old. Sid graduated from St. Landry High School in 1963. He then went on to graduate from McNeese State College. Sid moved to Midland, Texas, and met the love of his life, Pam Hanson. They were married on January 9, 1981.

He worked at West Texas Fire Extinguisher for 14 years, as well as Summer Spray Car Wash for the past several years. Sid was a hard worker and would do anything for anyone. He loved his family and friends very much and will be greatly missed.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents, and more recently a brother-in-law, Willard Briggs. Sid leaves his wife, Pam Savant; son, Timothy Phillip Savant and his wife, Denise; grandson, Eziekel; daughter, Miranda Joy Savant; her fiancé, Michael Massey; sisters, Letha Marie Savant Briggs and Ann Margret Savant; two nieces, four nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be on Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Vascular Disease Foundation, www.vdf.org/disease info/aaa or a favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, Texas. Condolences can be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Tommy Dedrick, Sr.

Tommy Dedrick, Sr. was born Sept 23, 1925, in Ft. Worth, Texas, to Sherman and Tommie Dedrick. He graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock, and then went into the U S Marines and was honorably discharged in 1945. He worked for the Midland Airport and then started his own carpet installation company. He departed this life, September 3, 2011, in Midland.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Lou Willie Dedrick; two sisters, Elsie Marie Coleman and LaVerne Walker; four daughters, Yvonne Redic, Wanda Mc Graw, Shirley Faye Williams, and Patricia Hammon; six sons, Freddie Dedrick, Tommy Dedrick, Jr., Gearld Dedrick, Jerry Dedrick, Willie James Polk, and Ben Polk.

The family will greet friends and relatives, Thursday, September 8, 2011, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral Services will be Friday, September 9, 2011, 1:00 p.m., at Alexanders Temple COGIC, 200 N Tyler, burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Ruth Alice Jamison

Ruth Alice Jamison, 61, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 8, 2011, at East Side Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Clinton Smith; two daughters, Angie Ontiveros (Josh) and Tobi Martin (Cliff); two sisters; ten grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Energy providers want time to meet EPA rules

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas electricity providers have told the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency they need more time to comply with new pollution regulations, warning that if they are forced to meet the current January deadline, the Lone Star State could face rolling power outages during the hottest months of the year.

The new rules are designed to significantly reduce smog and soot pollution by requiring 27 states, including Texas, to decrease smokestack emissions, mostly at coal-fired power plants.

Texas, faced with a growing population, few new energy sources and hot summers, has been vocal in its opposition to the regulation since it was announced in July. Texas has 19 coal-fired power plants, more than any other state, and plans to build nine more — magnifying the difficulties associated with compliance.

For Gov. Rick Perry, a top contender for the GOP presidential nomination, the rule is fodder in his long-standing accusation that the EPA under President Barack Obama meddles in state affairs, lays down expensive regulations during tough economic times and is forcing companies to cut jobs to offset the cost of complying with environmental rules. Nearly all of Texas' Congressional representatives have signed letters expressing concern about the impact the rule will have on jobs.

Still, for the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas, which is the main operator of the state's grid; Luminant, the largest power generator in Texas, and four agencies from other parts of the country that have teamed up with Texas, the issue is not political.

They insist it is logistically impossible to comply with the new regulation by January without decreasing production. Luminant sent a letter to the EPA on Aug. 5 noting that many of the facility changes they need to make to reduce emissions take several years — often up to three. Until that work is complete, the company may have to reduce production to ensure compliance, said Luminant spokesman Allan Koenig.

If such a reduction had occurred this summer, said ERCOT CEO Trip Doggett, it would have caused rolling power outages when triple-digit temperatures statewide broke records nearly every day last month.

"Things can't happen fast enough to allow resource owners to comply with the rule without it having a negative reliability impact," Doggett said. "We really don't have any issues with the merits of the rules. It's really the timing of the rule."

The EPA has said there are cost-effective solutions that would not affect reliability. The agency said the rules are crucial to decrease pollution that crosses from state to state. The EPA said pollution from Texas harms Illinois, Michigan and Missouri, while emissions transported from Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri hurt Lone Star State residents.

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout "Boss and Employee" (N)		Rookie Blue "On the Double" (N)		Rookie Blue "God's Good Grace" (SF) (N)	KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Preview (N)	Big Brother		The Mentalist "Ball of Fire"	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	Michael J. Fox (N)	(:35) Late L
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Shoes"	Seinfeld "The Race"	The Vampire Diaries "As I Lay Dying"		Plain Jane "Do Over Jane"		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	South Park / South Park
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Bones "The Truth in the Myth"		Bones "The Pinocchio in the Planter"		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Rage"
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Denis Otero	Alan Lee	Update News	Y.Salamanca	Light of the Southwest				Newlife-ginning	Jack Van Impe	Thurman Scrivner / Y.Salamanca
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	NFL Kickoff Special		NFL Football New Orleans Saints vs. Green Bay Packers Site: Lambeau Field – Green Bay, Wis. (L)					News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show Will Arnette	(:35) LateN (N)
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	HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) ★ Just Wright ('10, Com) Queen Latifah, ...			Curb	(:05) Entour.	(:35) Entour.	(:05) Real Sex		Hard Knocks	
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	HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:00) ★ Night Falls ...		True Blood				★★ The Kids Are All Right	(:45) Making	★ Charlie St. Cloud Zac Efron,		Movie
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ Men in Black		(:15) ★★ Catwoman ('04, Act) Halle Berry,				★★ The A-Team ('10, Act) Liam Neeson,		(:15) ★ Housewive...		
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	PLEX			96			Movie	★ TekWar: TekLab Greg Evigan,			★ Revenge of the Nerds III: T...		(:35) ★ ★★ The Manhattan Project				Movie
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★ ★★ Letters To Juliet Amanda Seyfried,				Therapy	★ ★ Fireme Elisabeth Shue,		Gigolos	Gigolos	★ Tallinna Sky: Th...	
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ ★ Grace		★ Giallo ('09, Hor) Adrien Brody,		(:35) ★ Across the Line: The ...			(:15) ★ The Killer Inside Me Kate Hudson,			
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	First 48 "The Stranger/ Prince of Darkness"		The First 48 "Rules of the Game/ Outgunned"		The First 48 "Love Her Madly/ Off Track"		Scared "Oklahoma County, OK" (N)		Scared "Portsmouth County, VA"		The First 48 "Rules of the Game/ Outgunned"
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ The Italian J...		★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Michael Caine, Christian Bale.						★★★ Batman Begins Christian Bale.		
	BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (L)		★★ A Man Apart ('03, Act) Vin Diesel.				★★ A Low Down Dirty Shame			★★ Streetballers	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Millionaire		Rachel Zoe Project	Beverly Hills	
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Millions	Enron: Smartest Guys The rise and collapse of Enron.					Mad Money	American Airlines	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		Beyond Bravery (N)	Piers Morgan	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	American Chopper:		American Chopper:		Auction	Auction	Auction	Money	Money	Auction	Auction / Money / Money
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Phineas	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Wizards	A.N.T.	FishHook	SoRandom	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards / Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Audibles (L)		NCAA Football Arizona vs. Oklahoma State -- Stillwater, Okla. (L)						SportsCenter	NFL Live (L)	
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	ITF Tennis U.S. Open Site: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (L)								Poker World Series	Baseball Tonight (L)	
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Stepmom Julia Roberts.		★★★ Ever After: A Cinderella Story						The 700 Club	Line?	Line?
	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	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Iron Chef America	Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	EPL Soccer Hotspur Site: White Hart Lane -- London, England	Manchester City vs. Tottenham		MLS Soccer Kansas City Site: Livestrong Sporting Park		Los Angeles Galaxy vs. Sporting		SW Outdoors	SportsDay OnAir	Randy White
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mother	M-Mother	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	Wilfred	Louie (N)	Wilfred	Louie	Louie	Wilfred
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	My Place	House Hunters (N)	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	House Hunters	
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	UFO Hunters		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens (N)		UFO File "Real UFOs"	Ancient Aliens	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway "Off the Track"		Project Runway "The Art of the Matter"		Project Runway "Can't We Just All Get Along?"		Dance Moms		Russian Dolls	Project Runway "The Art of the Matter"	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Sponge	Brain	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Jail	Jail	Jail	Jail	Impact Wrestling (N)				MANswer	MANswer	MANswer / MANswer
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★ Wyvern ('09, Act) Nick Chinlund.				★ Ice Road Terror (2011, Sci-Fi)				★ Phantom Racer ('09, Act) Greg Evigan.		
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wait Out"	Seinf. "The Abstinence"	★ ★★ Monster-in-Law (2005, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan, Jennifer Lopez.			Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan		The Office	The Office
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	April	★ The Europeans Lee Remick.		(:45) ★ The Bostonians ('84, Rom) Christopher Reeve.					★★ Roseland	
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Mi Corazon Insiste		Flor Salvaje		La Casa de al Lado		Noticiero	Titulares	El Cartel / Decision
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Flight 175: As the World Watched		Undercover Boss "Choice Hotels"		LA Ink "Kat and Jesse in Baja"		LA Ink "While Kat's Away, Aubry Will Play"		LA Ink "Kat and Jesse in Baja"	LA Ink "While Kat's Away, Aubry Will Play"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "Player Under Pressure"		★ ★★ Double Jeopardy ('99, Susp) Ashley Judd, Bruce Greenwood, Tommy Lee Jones.			Bones "The Body and the Bounty"		CSI: NY "The Past, Present and Murder"		CSI: NY "Yahrzeit"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	All Family	All Family	MASH	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co. / 3's Co.
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "The Bone Yard"		NCIS "Chimera"		Burn Notice "Dead to Rights" (SF) (N)		Suits "Dog Fight" (SF) (N)		Suits "Play the Man"	Burn Notice "Dead to Rights"	
	VERSUS	38	39				To Be Announced		AdvSprt	AdvSprt	Mixed Martial Arts				WEC WrekCage	Mixed Martial Arts	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Chris "Oh God, Yes"	Old Christine	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park / South Park

Firefighters gain ground against wildfire

By April Castro
Associated Press

BASTROP — Firefighters gained ground Wednesday against one of the most destructive wildfires in Texas history even as the state said the number of homes lost reached almost 800, and an elite search team set out to find any victims in the smoking ruins.

Gov. Rick Perry, meanwhile, resumed his presidential campaign after rushing home over the weekend to deal with the crisis, traveling to California to meet his Republican rivals in his first nationally televised debate.

The blaze has left at least two people dead, blackened about 45 square miles around Bastrop and cast a haze over Austin, 25 miles to the west, where the air smelled strongly of pine and cedar.

Firefighters reported the flames were at least 30 percent contained after burning uncontrolled for three days. They credited an easing of the winds from Tropical Storm Lee that had caused the fire to explode over the weekend. Nevertheless, the number of homes the Texas Forest Service reported destroyed rose from about 600 the day before.

The wildfire is the most catastrophic of more than 170 blazes that have erupted in the past week across the Lone Star State, which is perilously dry because of one of the state's most severe droughts on record. In addition to the two victims in the Bastrop area fire whose bodies were found Tuesday, the outbreak is blamed for two deaths elsewhere.

One of the two people killed in the Bastrop area fire was identified Wednesday as Michael Troy Farr, 49, who died at his home in Smithville. Bastrop County officials did not immediately release details about the second victim, who they said was found at a different location.

Texas Task Force 1, a search team that was sent to New York following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, set out in the Bastrop area using dogs trained to sniff out bodies.

Mike Fisher, the Bastrop County Emergency Operations Agency's incident commander, said he didn't know if there were any more dead, but "if there are bodies out there, that team is going to find them."

Several thousand people evacuated ahead of the fire, but only about 2,500 registered with the county.

Across the state, about 1,200 firefighters battled the blazes, including crews from as far away as California and Oregon.

The outbreak has made this the state's costliest wildfire season on record, with $216 million in firefighting expenses since late 2010.

The crisis is unfolding months after Perry signed a budget that cut funding to the Texas Forest Service by one-third. Yet the agency insisted that being $35 million lighter hasn't left Texas less equipped to fight the latest fires.

Under the new budget, which went into effect last week, no firefighters in the Forest Service were laid off, and the bulk of cutbacks will be felt by volunteer fire departments that were denied money for new trucks, said Robbie Dewitt, the agency's finance officer.

Associated Press

A firefighter battles a wildfire off Foster School Road near Needville on Wednesday.

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Perry leaves state wildfires, heads to GOP debate

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry left wildfire-ravaged Texas on Wednesday and flew to California to debate his Republican presidential rivals, deciding that the chance to deliver his message to a national audience outweighed any criticism he might receive for not being at the scene of a home-state emergency.

Perry's move surprised some political experts and appeared to violate a cardinal rule of disaster politics for chief executives. Democrats immediately questioned his judgment.

"If Perry stayed at home to work on the fires, I don't think there would be any room for criticism. But this opens it up for his opponents to hit him on this issue," said Matt Angle, director of the Texas Democratic Trust, which supports Democratic candidates statewide.

But after two-plus days monitoring the firefighting effort and talking to residents evacuated from some of the hardest-hit areas, Perry said he could safely return to the campaign trail. He participated in a televised debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., Wednesday night. He will remain in the West for two days of fundraisers in San Diego, Los Angeles, Fresno and other cities.

Some Republican observers argued Perry's decision won't cost him as long as the firefighting operation is well managed. Calmer winds have helped authorities gain a measure of control of the largest blazes in Central Texas, which have scorched 33,000 acres and destroyed more than 1,000 homes in three days.

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HAIRS
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NOVEL
S _ _ _ _ _ T

Yesterday's Answer: REFUGE, WILDLY, GOTHIC, CUCKOO, DOMINO, UNDULY

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Margaret Forster, at her Cessna 150, earns her pilot's license at age 50.

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gentleman in every respect," and he died in 2008 at age 86.

To get through life's hardships, Forster said she relies on her Catholic faith.

"(It is) very strong and has opened the door for me to help others and to have this wonderful attitude, especially about growing older with chronological age and frail bodies," she said.

Throughout her career, Forster worked in doctors' offices and hospitals, taught nursing at Odessa College and joined with Odessa physicians Dr. Wheatley Stewart and Dr. William Furst in establishing the Head Start education program for children. She also worked with the Planned Parenthood education program before "this abortion business" took hold. Because she is a strict Catholic, she shuns abortion.

As a trailblazer, Forster operated an Upjohn home-nursing care agency. Her friend Patsy Gerron, who was one of the managers, later started Nurses Unlimited.

Before that, Forster established Odessans Care for the Aging, which provided nutritious meals and medical care for senior citizens. In more recent years, she organized fall-prevention programs for the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging.

As she becomes increasingly aware of her own mortality, Forster recalled her friendship with Monsignor James Bridges of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. The monsignor told her the most frequent question dying congregants asked him was this: Did I have worth when I was on Earth? Bridges told her his simple reply: "We all are seeking worth."

As she reflected on her life, Forster considered the question.

"I am getting the feeling that I have worth," she said.

Ed Todd is a writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

Forster, then known as Margaret Voisel at 18, poses while enrolled in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps training in 1945.

LIBRARY

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organized thematically and looks at the secession of the Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

It will be displayed on 7-foot panels that will be set up in a triangular fashion. If the Midland County Public Library still is in its downtown location, the exhibition will be in the open space at the top of the stairs on the second floor, Trischitti said.

Midland County Commissioner Jimmy Smith said officials still don't know if the county's bid on the former Mervyn's building has been accepted. Commissioners placed an offer on the building in hopes of creating a library there.

To receive the exhibit and grant, Decker said they had to describe the types of programs the library can put on in conjunction with the display.

Judge John Hyde agreed to give a presentation on the Constitution during the exhibit's stay, and the library is working to schedule a history professor to present material, she said. For children, Decker said she's hoping to get Civil War re-enactors who can talk about that period in history in a fun way.

Trischitti said the library also is planning to partner with other organizations to promote the exhibit. For example, he said officials may put together a passport for kids to have stamped during the summer. If completed, it will admit them to the Lincoln exhibit, the George W. Bush Childhood Home and a display at the Museum of the Southwest's children's area.

The Civil War exhibit is part of a push the county is making to develop and present more adult programming, Trischitti said. With story time and school-related events, he said there always will be children's programs. But, he said the library is creating new programs that appeal to adults to try to bring in new groups.

"We hope this is the first of many unique programs at the library," he said.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND

'Battle of the Badges' blood drive kicks off

The Midland fire and police departments will host the fourth annual "Battle of the Badges" blood drive today and Friday.

Midlanders are asked to donate to their favorite departments. The department with the fewest number of donations will have to host a cookout for the department with the highest number of donations.

The police department's blood drive will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Midland Police Department, located at 601 N. Loraine St.

The fire department's blood drive will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Central Fire Station, located at 1500 W. Wall St.

Donors should contact a department to set up an appointment. The Midland Police Department can be reached at 685-7191 or the Midland Fire Department at 685-7332.

Donor requirements are simple. Residents must be at least 16 years of age, meet certain height and weight requirements and be in good health. All 16-year-olds and some 17-year-olds, according to height and weight, must have a parent's or guardian's permission to donate.

For more information about donating blood, visit www.unitedbloodservices.org.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Samuel R. Allen Jr., 47, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Luis G. Chavez, 34, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by 238th Judicial District Court officials on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

Robert G. Estrada, 51, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of parole.

Jose R. Garcia, 31, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of injury to a child.

Roger B. Hanson, 55, of Big Spring, was arrested Tuesday by U.S. marshals on a charge of violation of parole.

Efren Marmolejo, 29, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Elston J. Montogmery, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Cynthia D. Rhodes, 34, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Kenny Tuan Dang, 40, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of assault.

Alvin J. Clark, 29, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of theft.

Elias E. Hardee, 29, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of aggravated assault.

Samuel G. Hardee, 28, of Midland, was arrested Monday by DPS troopers on a charge of evading arrest.

Danny N. Meek, 57, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Ashley N. Robles, 22, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 86 low 62

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 87 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 58 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 86, a low around 62 and east winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 87 and a low around 60.

The high on Wednesday reached 92 while the low dropped to a record 51. The record high for Sept. 7 is 101 set in 2001. The previous record low is 55 set in 2004.

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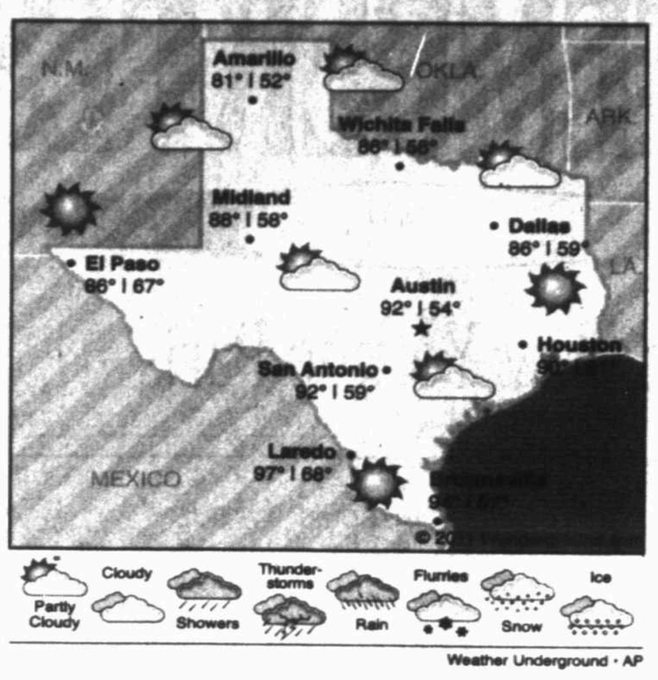
Tropical Storm Lee will continue to bring bands of heavy rain and flooding to the Northeast today. Historic flooding will expand from urban areas and small streams to some of the larger rivers. Some areas will be flooded for the second time in less than two weeks, and places that missed flooding from Hurricane Irene will continue to take on water. Scattered downpours will linger in the region into the weekend, prolonging the risk of flash and urban flooding as the circulation and moisture from Lee persists.



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Precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	Trace
Total for year	0.61 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.18 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	92
Low	51
Normal high	89
Normal low	65

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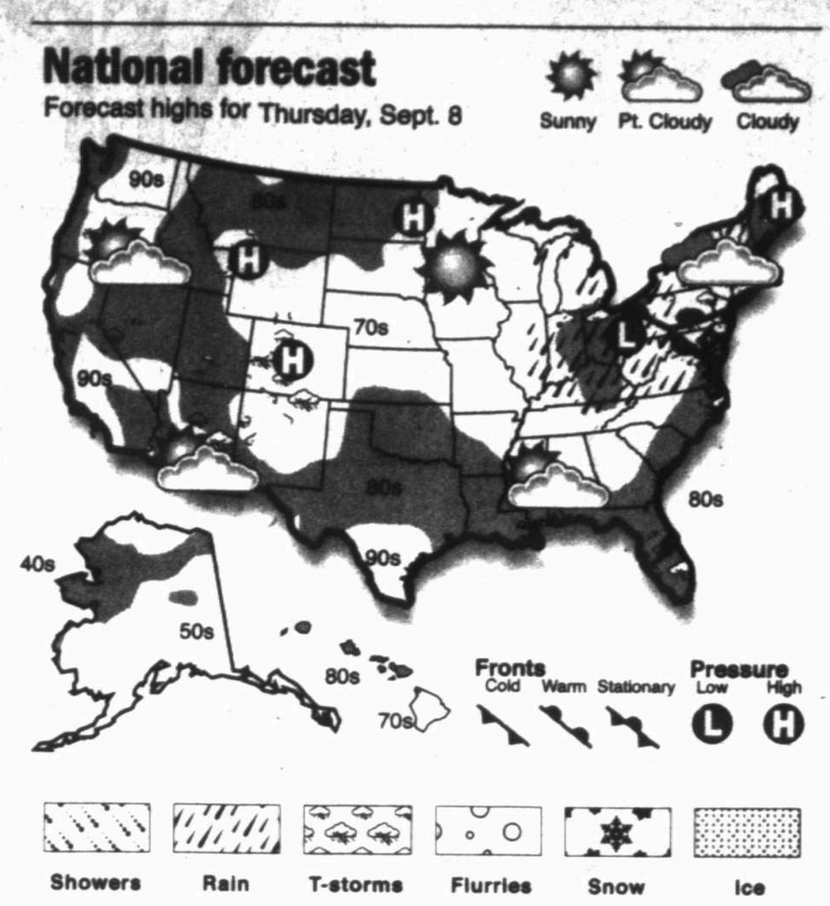

Issues of identity are serious matter for adoptees

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: May I weigh in on the letter from "Noah's Real Dad in New York" (June 27), whose adult adopted son wants to reclaim his original last name? I am an adult adoptee who searched for and found my birth family. I also joined a support group that was formed to support the adoption triad.

Research has shown that male adoptees struggle with their identity more than females do. After all, in our patriarchal society it is the male surname that most often does not get changed in marriage. Women are accustomed to the fact that they will most likely change their name.

This family needs to do some reading on the subject. There are many resources out there. A family counselor who isn't well-educated about adoption issues will not be helpful.

Unless you walk in an adoptee's shoes, you cannot judge their actions. After all, the adoption decision is made without the consent of the child. We also resent being treated like children after we are adults. Noah is a 34-year-old adult able to make his own choices and decisions.

Noah is fortunate that he knows his birth father and didn't have to search a bureaucratic maze to obtain any information. Laws have been passed in several, not all, states allowing adoptees to get important information about their birth families that is necessary for taking care of ourselves and our own children. — DEBBIE IN FLORIDA

DEAR DEBBIE: Your letter reflects the strong sentiments of many adoptees and their families who wrote to me expressing their disappointment in my reply to Noah's adoptive father. Here are some of their responses:

DEAR ABBY: I am an adoptive parent in an open adoption with our children's birth families, and I vehemently disagree with what you wrote.

My children have two mothers and two fathers. My husband and I are the parents who are raising them, but that slip of paper signed by a judge does not erase their family of origin. It shouldn't. They have an adoptive family and a biological one and should be able to have a relationship with both.

My children also have two names. The names they were given at birth and the names my husband and I gave them when we adopted them as infants. They always will know about these two sets of names. When they are older, if they wish to be called by their birth name, we will have to respect that. It does not mean they love us less or that we are not their parents.

What is DOES mean is that adoption is more complicated than most people realize, and as our children grow into adults, we need to give them the space and freedom to discover for themselves who they are. — AN ADOPTIVE MOTHER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: I agree with you 100 percent! How horrible, disrespectful and mean-spirited of that 34-year-old son. I understand why he is interested in the family history of his biological father, but he could record that history for the future without changing his current surname. Doesn't Noah realize his biological father was an adult who made up his mind to give up his rights to his son, including the rights to his last name? If Noah doesn't respect his adoptive father for giving him his last name, and if Noah is set on changing his surname, it would be more respectful to take his mother's maiden name as his surname. I hope Noah reconsiders the issue he's creating, and at 34 he makes a wiser adult decision than his biological parent did. — PHYLLIS IN OHIO

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A Touch of Deception

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8 3
♡ Q 10
◇ A Q J 9
♣ A Q 2

WEST
♠ Q 7 6 5 4 2
♡ J 4
◇ 5
♣ 10 9 6 4

EAST
♠ A J
♡ K 9 7 3
◇ 8 7 3
♣ J 8 7 5

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

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2◇	Pass	3♣	Pass
3◇	Pass	4◇	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♣	Pass
6◇	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

To fool the enemy, it pays to make your move early in the play.

The interesting move in the auction is North's bid of four diamonds. That is a slam try — with nothing bigger in mind, North would either have bid three notrump or leaped to the diamond game. Although dead minimum in terms of high cards, South decided that the distribution merited cooperating with partner, hence the four-heart cue-bid and the jump to slam after North's return cue-bid.

The slam depends on the opening lead. With any lead except a spade, the contract would have had excellent play. After a spade lead it was terrible. Besides giving the defense a trick on the fly, it also stranded declarer with a heart loser.

The only play for the slam was to hope that the king of hearts was singleton, but there was nothing in the auction or the North-South distribution to suggest that was a likely possibility. Instead, South decided to rely on a bit of chicanery.

When West found the spade lead, declarer played low from dummy. East rose with the ace and returned the jack. Declarer ruffed, crossed dummy with a trump and immediately led the queen of hearts. We all know that East should cover but, since that was declarer's first-bid suit, East decided doing that could not gain.

When East failed to put up the king, declarer let the queen ride. After the lady held the trick, the rest was simply a mopping-up operation. Dummy's two spades were ruffed in hand with a trump serving as the entry and, after returning to the table with a club to extract the trump, declarer could claim the remaining 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 Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011:

This year, you often go back and forth when making decisions. You think you should do something one way but want to do it another way. Whether to follow your heart or your mind could become an issue. If you are single, you could go through a string of lovers and date a lot. Perhaps you won't want to settle down until June 2012 or later. If you are attached, the two of you have the same core issues, which is the glue in the bond. Respect each other's different solutions. Count on AQUARIUS to pitch in and help.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You wake up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to take the world by storm. You could feel out of kilter unexpectedly with news from a loved one. A child or loved one creates quite a smoke screen. Tonight: Only where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Just when you thought a personal matter was resolved, you discover otherwise. A misunderstanding needs to be ironed out. Count on some confusion, too. Realize where the problems began. Don't talk too much. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others at a distance. If you need to find an expert, do. You really cannot go wrong. A misunderstanding is a definite possibility. Confirm and clarify. Tonight: Think "weekend."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Relate directly to key individuals. If you feel as if you have gone far enough working though a problem, communicate that issue. You might not be seeing a situation clearly — whether it is your perception or faulty information. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Others clearly have different concepts. You will be able to juggle the back-and-forth. Verify a statement or meeting time, as an element of confusion exists. Someone attempts to create a haze. Tonight: Strutting your stuff.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Handle a matter in a more conciliatory manner. Someone in your daily life means well and can inspire you, but at the same time can make goulash out of the most precise communication and situations. Enjoy this person for his or her different facets. You are not changing him or her. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Add that special creative touch. You are well known for your imagination. Listen to others and get feedback. Others do the unexpected and create a lot of excitement, if not chaos. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Easy works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Don't respond to a partner's or roommate's demands if you don't want to. You might feel the need to focus on another issue first. Juggling needs to happen if you want to remain in control today. Tonight: Deal with a domestic matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to make that extra effort as you deal with others. Communication has a strange quality to it. No one is trying to be evasive; there is simply a quality of haziness or a lack of clarity. Confirm meetings. Ask about any situation you find vague. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Deal with a financial situation, especially if you are having difficulty being on the same page as someone else. You have much more going for you than you realize. Stay open to potential change; you cannot, nor do you want to, control change. Tonight: Treat time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You are at your monthly peak. Approach a situation with greater openness. Your words could be misunderstood. Try to clarify, but don't be vested in being on the same page as someone else. Follow your instincts. Tonight: King or queen of the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Keep your cards close to your chest. Do understand what is going on with another person. You might not have the clarity you want at this juncture. Don't guess what is going on with someone. Tonight: Play it low-key.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian Peter Sellers (1925), singer, songwriter Pink (1979), singer Patsy Cline (1932)

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6 Jazz aficionado
9 "__ Astor": Sargent portrait
13 Rule
15 Maker of Good Grips kitchen tools
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20 Hunk's pride
21 The sun, in Cancún
23 Award for books on tape
24 Torchiere, e.g.
26 Exist like a mob informant, say
29 Mile. counterpart
33 Nut in a cupule
34 Words in a market report
36 Equip with firepower
37 Somersaulting dive
39 Executive position
41 Tolkien creature
42 "Pink Shoe Laces" singer Stevens
46 Green shade
47 Tourney ranking
49 Enjoy leisurely
51 1988 Radio Hall of Fame inductee
53 Boss, in Swahili
56 Beatles title woman who "made a fool of everyone"
57 Bit of work
60 Solon
62 Santa Catalina's only city
64 Alt. Pref.
65 Wrap up
66 Place for a picture
67 Nero's goal
68 Old IBM PCs
69 It's chopped, in a way, in 18-, 26-, 49- and 60-Across

DOWN
1 Indian tomb site
2 Nincompoop
3 Briefs not seen in court
4 Sommelier's prefix
5 Like many a New England street
6 Kid finishing a book, maybe
7 They're under shoulder joints, anatomically
8 "Mazel __!"
9 Bucks shots
10 Seasonal song starter
11 Eins und zwei
12 Easy to maneuver, at sea
14 Versatile synthetic
19 Cap with a pom-pom called a toorie
22 Remote hiding place?
24 Frond bearer
25 Stuck, after "in"
26 Old Nigerian capital
27 Words of compassion
28 Walt Disney, vis-à-vis Mickey Mouse
30 Indira's successor
31 Treasure stash
32 Brew hue
35 Unfortunate soul
38 Chewy caramel candy
40 Sneaky maneuver
43 Buck the majority
44 Guts
45 Quaint outburst
48 "Aw, shucks!"
50 "Giant Brain" unveiled in 1946
52 It follows April in Paris
53 Shapeless form
54 U.S.'s largest S&L until its 2008 collapse
55 Botanical bristles
57 Mtn. statistic
58 Where all roads lead?
59 Growl
61 Annoy
63 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase

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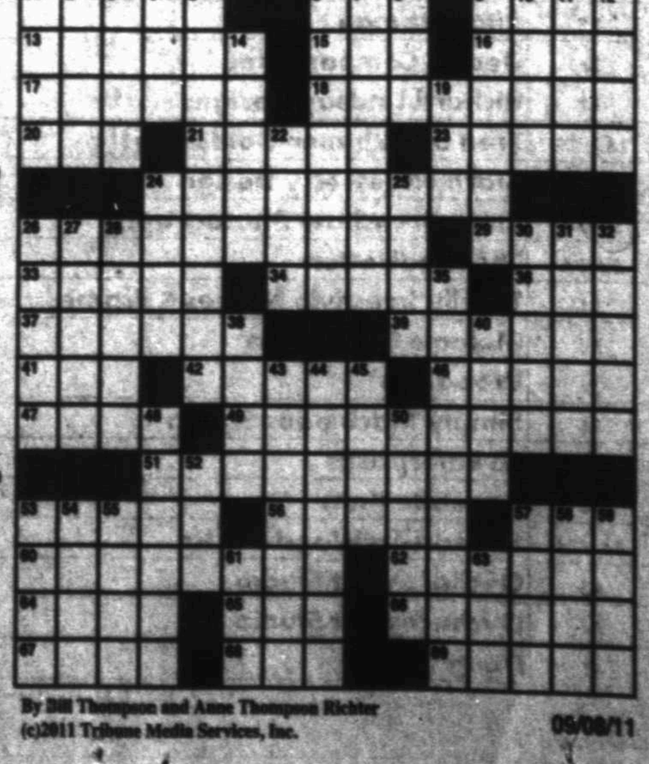

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gentleman in every respect," and he died in 2008 at age 86.

To get through life's hardships, Forster said she relies on her Catholic faith.

"(It is) very strong and has opened the door for me to help others and to have this wonderful attitude, especially about growing older with chronological age and frail bodies," she said.

Throughout her career, Forster worked in doctors' offices and hospitals, taught nursing at Odessa College and joined with Odessa physicians Dr. Wheatley Stewart and Dr. William Furst in establishing the Head Start education program for children. She also worked with the Planned Parenthood education program before "this abortion business" took hold. Because she is a strict Catholic, she shuns abortion.

As a trailblazer, Forster operated an Upjohn home-nursing care agency. Her friend Patsy Gerron, who was one of the managers, later started Nurses Unlimited.

Before that, Forster established Odessans Care for the Aging, which provided nutritious meals and medical care for senior citizens. In more recent years, she organized fall-prevention programs for the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging.

As she becomes increasingly aware of her own mortality, Forster recalled her friendship with Monsignor James Bridges of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. The monsignor told her the most frequent question dying congregants asked him was this: Did I have worth when I was on Earth? Bridges told her his simple reply: "We all are seeking worth."

As she reflected on her life, Forster considered the question.

"I am getting the feeling that I have worth," she said.

Ed Todd is a writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

Forster, then known as Margaret Voisel at 18, poses while enrolled in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps training in 1945.

LIBRARY

From 1B

organized thematically and looks at the secession of the Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

It will be displayed on 7-foot panels that will be set up in a triangular fashion. If the Midland County Public Library still is in its downtown location, the exhibition will be in the open space at the top of the stairs on the second floor, Trischitti said.

Midland County Commissioner Jimmy Smith said officials still don't know if the county's bid on the former Mervyn's building has been accepted. Commissioners placed an offer on the building in hopes of creating a library there.

To receive the exhibit and grant, Decker said they had to describe the types of programs the library can put on in conjunction with the display.

Judge John Hyde agreed to give a presentation on the Constitution during the exhibit's stay, and the library is working to schedule a history professor to present material, she said. For children, Decker said she's hoping to get Civil War re-enactors who can talk about that period in history in a fun way.

Trischitti said the library also is planning to partner with other organizations to promote the exhibit. For example, he said officials may put together a passport for kids to have stamped during the summer. If completed, it will admit them to the Lincoln exhibit, the George W. Bush Childhood Home and a display at the Museum of the Southwest's children's area.

The Civil War exhibit is part of a push the county is making to develop and present more adult programming, Trischitti said. With story time and school-related events, he said there always will be children's programs. But, he said the library is creating new programs that appeal to adults to try to bring in new groups.

"We hope this is the first of many unique programs at the library," he said.

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LOCALBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND

'Battle of the Badges' blood drive kicks off

The Midland fire and police departments will host the fourth annual "Battle of the Badges" blood drive today and Friday.

Midlanders are asked to donate to their favorite departments. The department with the fewest number of donations will have to host a cookout for the department with the highest number of donations.

The police department's blood drive will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Midland Police Department, located at 601 N. Loraine St.

The fire department's blood drive will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Central Fire Station, located at 1500 W. Wall St.

Donors should contact a department to set up an appointment. The Midland Police Department can be reached at 685-7191 or the Midland Fire Department at 685-7332.

Donor requirements are simple. Residents must be at least 16 years of age, meet certain height and weight requirements and be in good health. All 16-year-olds and some 17-year-olds, according to height and weight, must have a parent's or guardian's permission to donate,

For more information about donating blood, visit www.unitedbloodservices.org.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Samuel R. Allen Jr., 47, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Luis G. Chavez, 34, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by 238th Judicial District Court officials on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

Robert G. Estrada, 51, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of parole.

Jose R. Garcia, 31, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of injury to a child.

Roger B. Hanson, 55, of Big Spring, was arrested Tuesday by U.S. marshals on a charge of violation of parole.

Efren Marmolejo, 29, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Elston J. Montogmery, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Cynthia D. Rhodes, 34, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Kenny Tuan Dang, 40, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of assault.

Alvin J. Clark, 29, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of theft.

Elias E. Hardee, 29, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of aggravated assault.

Samuel G. Hardee, 28, of Midland, was arrested Monday by DPS troopers on a charge of evading arrest.

Danny N. Meek, 57, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Ashley N. Robles, 22, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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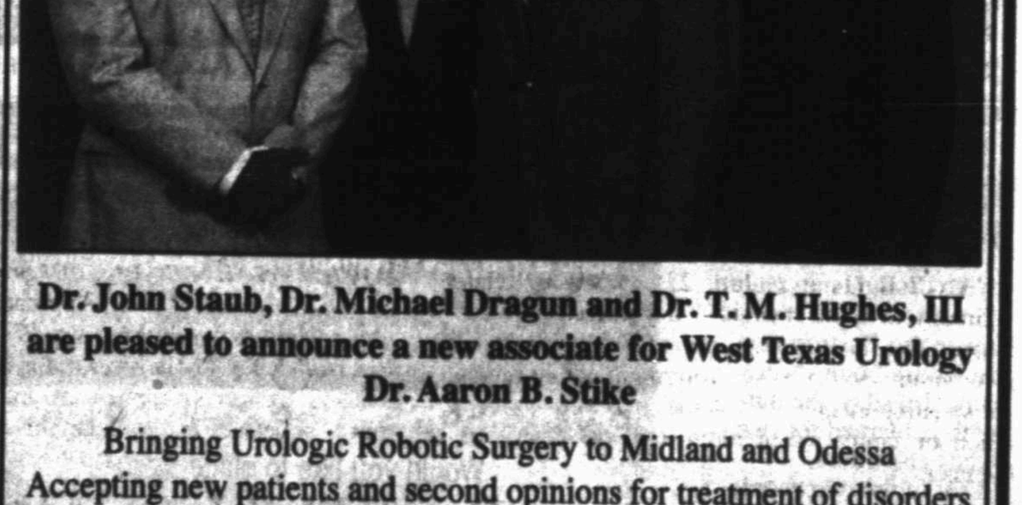

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TODAY Mostly sunny high 87 low 58

FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 86 low 62

SATURDAY Mostly sunny high 87 low 60

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 87 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 58 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 86, a low around 62 and east winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 87 and a low around 60.

The high on Wednesday reached 92 while the low dropped to a record 51. The record high for Sept. 7 is 101 set in 2001. The previous record low is 55 set in 2004.

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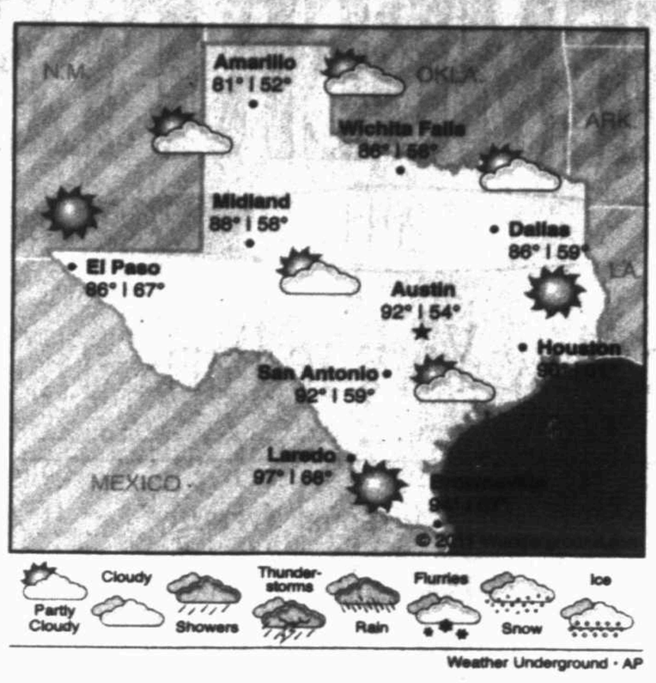
Tropical Storm Lee will continue to bring bands of heavy rain and flooding to the Northeast today. Historic flooding will expand from urban areas and small streams to some of the larger rivers. Some areas will be flooded for the second time in less than two weeks, and places that missed flooding from Hurricane Irene will continue to take on water. Scattered downpours will linger in the region into the weekend, prolonging the risk of flash and urban flooding as the circulation and moisture from Lee persists.

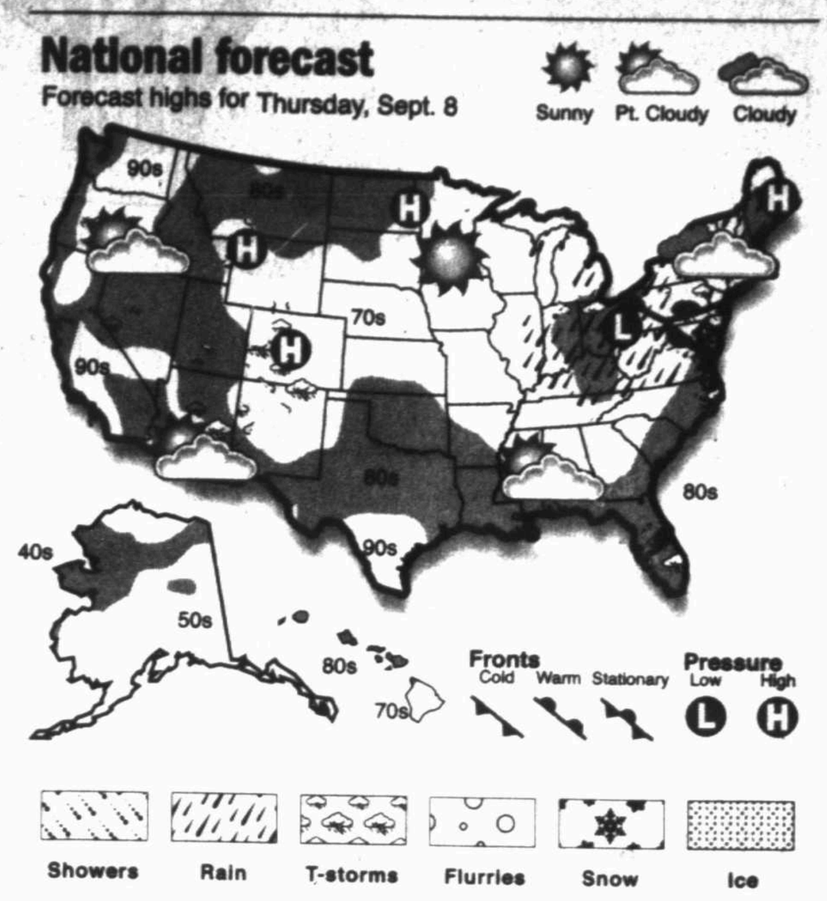


Precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	Trace
Total for year	0.61 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.18 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	92
Low	51
Normal high	89
Normal low	65
Sunrise	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	8:04 p.m.



Issues of identity are serious matter for adoptees

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: May I weigh in on the letter from "Noah's Real Dad in New York" (June 27), whose adult adopted son wants to reclaim his original last name? I am an adult adoptee who searched for and found my birth family. I also joined a support group that was formed to support the adoption triad.

Research has shown that male adoptees struggle with their identity more than females do. After all, in our patriarchal society it is the male surname that most often does not get changed in marriage. Women are accustomed to the fact that they will most likely change their name.

This family needs to do some reading on the subject, There are many resources out there. A family counselor who isn't well-educated about adoption issues will not be helpful.

Unless you walk in an adoptee's shoes, you cannot judge their actions. After all, the adoption decision is made without the consent of the child: We also resent being treated like children after we are adults. Noah is a 34-year-old adult able to make his own choices and decisions.

Noah is fortunate that he knows his birth father and didn't have to search a bureaucratic maze to obtain any information. Laws have been passed in several, not all, states allowing adoptees to get important information about their birth families that is necessary for taking care of ourselves and our own children. — DEBBIE IN FLORIDA

DEAR DEBBIE: Your letter reflects the strong sentiments of many adoptees and their families who wrote to me expressing their disappointment in my reply to Noah's adoptive father. Here are some of their responses:

DEAR ABBY: I am an adoptive parent in an open adoption with our children's birth families, and I vehemently disagree with what you wrote.

My children have two mothers and two fathers. My husband and I are the parents who are raising them, but that slip of paper signed by a judge does not erase their family of origin. It shouldn't. They have an adoptive family and a biological one and should be able to have a relationship with both.

My children also have two names. The names they were given at birth and the names my husband and I gave them when we adopted them as infants. They always will know about these two sets of names. When they are older, if they wish to be called by their birth name, we will have to respect that. It does not mean they love us less or that we are not their parents.

What is DOES mean is that adoption is more complicated than most people realize, and as our children grow into adults, we need to give them the space and freedom to discover for themselves who they are. — AN ADOPTIVE MOTHER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: I agree with you 100 percent! How horrible, disrespectful and mean-spirited of that 34-year-old son. I understand why he is interested in the family history of his biological father, but he could record that history for the future without changing his current surname. Doesn't Noah realize his biological father was an adult who made up his mind to give up his rights to his son, including the rights to his last name? If Noah doesn't respect his adoptive father for giving him his last name, and if Noah is set on changing his surname, it would be more respectful to take his mother's maiden name as his surname. I hope Noah reconsiders the issue he's creating, and at 34 he makes a wiser adult decision than his biological parent did. — PHYLLIS IN OHIO

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A Touch of Deception

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8 3
♡ Q 10
◇ A Q J 9
♣ A Q 2

WEST
♠ Q 7 6 5 4 2
♡ J 4
◇ 5
♣ 10 9 6 4

EAST
♠ A J
♡ K 9 7 3
◇ 8 7 3
♣ J 8 7 5

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

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2◇	Pass	3♠	Pass
3◇	Pass	4◇	Pass
4♡	Pass	5♠	Pass
6◇	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

To fool the enemy, it pays to make your move early in the play.

The interesting move in the auction is North's bid of four diamonds. That is a slam try — with nothing bigger in mind, North would either have bid three notrump or leaped to the diamond game. Although dead minimum in terms of high cards, South decided that the distribution merited cooperating with partner, hence the four-heart cue-bid and the jump to slam after North's return cue-bid.

The slam depends on the opening lead. With any lead except a spade, the contract would have had excellent play. After a spade lead it was terrible. Besides giving the defense a trick on the fly, it also stranded declarer with a heart loser.

The only play for the slam was to hope that the king of hearts was singleton, but there was nothing in the auction or the North-South distribution to suggest that was a likely possibility. Instead, South decided to rely on a bit of chicanery.

When West found the spade lead, declarer played low from dummy. East rose with the ace and returned the jack. Declarer ruffed, crossed dummy with a trump and immediately led the queen of hearts. We all know that East should cover but, since that was declarer's first-bid suit, East decided doing that could not gain.

When East failed to put up the king, declarer let the queen ride. After the lady held the trick, the rest was simply a mopping-up operation. Dummy's two spades were ruffed in hand with a trump serving as the entry and, after returning to the table with a club to extract the trump, declarer could claim the remaining tricks.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011:

This year, you often go back and forth when making decisions. You think you should do something one way but want to do it another way. Whether to follow your heart or your mind could become an issue. If you are single, you could go through a string of lovers and date a lot. Perhaps you won't want to settle down until June 2012 or later. If you are attached, the two of you have the same core issues, which is the glue in the bond. Respect each other's different solutions. Count on AQUARIUS to pitch in and help.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You wake up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to take the world by storm. You could feel out of kilter unexpectedly with news from a loved one. A child or loved one creates quite a smoke screen. Tonight: Only where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Just when you thought a personal matter was resolved, you discover otherwise. A misunderstanding needs to be ironed out. Count on some confusion, too. Realize where the problems began. Don't talk too much. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others at a distance. If you need to find an expert, do. You really cannot go wrong. A misunderstanding is a definite possibility. Confirm and clarify. Tonight: Think "weekend."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Relate directly to key individuals. If you feel as if you have gone far enough working though a problem, communicate that issue. You might not be seeing a situation clearly — whether it is your perception or faulty information. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Others clearly have different concepts. You will be able to juggle the back-and-forth. Verify a statement or meeting time, as an element of confusion exists. Someone attempts to create a haze. Tonight: Strutting your stuff.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Handle a matter in a more conciliatory manner. Someone in your daily life means well and can inspire you, but at the same time can make goulash out of the most precise communication and situations. Enjoy this person for his or her different facets. You are not changing him or her. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Add that special creative touch. You are well known for your imagination. Listen to others and get feedback. Others do the unexpected and create a lot of excitement, if not chaos. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Easy works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Don't respond to a partner's or roommate's demands if you don't want to. You might feel the need to focus on another issue first. Juggling needs to happen if you want to remain in control today. Tonight: Deal with a domestic matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to make that extra effort as you deal with others. Communication has a strange quality to it. No one is trying to be evasive; there is simply a quality of haziness or a lack of clarity. Confirm meetings. Ask about any situation you find vague. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Deal with a financial situation, especially if you are having difficulty being on the same page as someone else. You have much more going for you than you realize. Stay open to potential change; you cannot, nor do you want to, control change. Tonight: Treat time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You are at your monthly peak. Approach a situation with greater openness. Your words could be misunderstood. Try to clarify, but don't be vested in being on the same page as someone else. Follow your instincts. Tonight: King or queen of the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Keep your cards close to your chest. Do understand what is going on with another person. You might not have the clarity you want at this juncture. Don't guess what is going on with someone. Tonight: Play it low-key.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian Peter Sellers (1925), singer, songwriter Pink (1979), singer Patsy Cline (1932)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Leader elected by monks
6 Jazz aficionado
9 "__ Astor": Sargent portrait
13 Rule
15 Maker of Good Grips kitchen tools
16 __ of mystery
17 Former quarterback Peete
18 Portrayer of the Elf maiden Arwen in "The Lord of the Rings"
20 Hunk's pride
21 The sun, in Cancún
23 Award for books on tape
24 Torchiere, e.g.
26 Exist like a mob informant, say
29 Mile. counterpart
33 Nut in a cupule
34 Words in a market report
36 Equip with firepower
37 Somersaulting dive
39 Executive position
41 Tolkien creature
42 "Pink Shoe Laces" singer Stevens
46 Green shade
47 Tourney ranking
49 Enjoy leisurely
51 1988 Radio Hall of Fame inductee
53 Boss, in Swahili
56 Beatles title woman who "made a fool of everyone"
57 Bit of work
60 Solon
62 Santa Catalina's only city
64 Alt: Pref.
65 Wrap up
66 Place for a picture
67 Nero's goal
68 Old IBM PCs
69 It's chopped, in a way, in 18-, 26-, 49- and 60-Across

DOWN
1 Indian tomb site
2 Nincompoop
3 Briefs not seen in court
4 Sommelier's prefix
5 Like many a New England street
6 Kid finishing a book, maybe
7 They're under shoulder joints, anatomically
8 "Mazel __!"
9 Bucks shots
10 Seasonal song starter
11 Eins und zwei
12 Easy to maneuver, at sea
14 Versatile synthetic
19 Cap with a pom-pom called a toorie
22 Remote hiding place?
24 Frond bearer
25 Stuck, after "in"
26 Old Nigerian capital
27 Words of compassion
28 Walt Disney, vis-à-vis Mickey Mouse
30 Indira's successor
31 Treasure stash
32 Brew hue
35 Unfortunate soul
38 Chewy caramel candy
40 Sneaky maneuver
43 Buck the majority
44 Guts
45 Quaint outburst
48 "Aw, shucks!"
50 "Giant Brain" unveiled in 1946
52 It follows April in Paris
53 Shapeless form
54 U.S.'s largest S&L until its 2008 collapse
55 Botanical bristles
57 Mtn. statistic
58 Where all roads lead?
59 Growl
61 Annoy
63 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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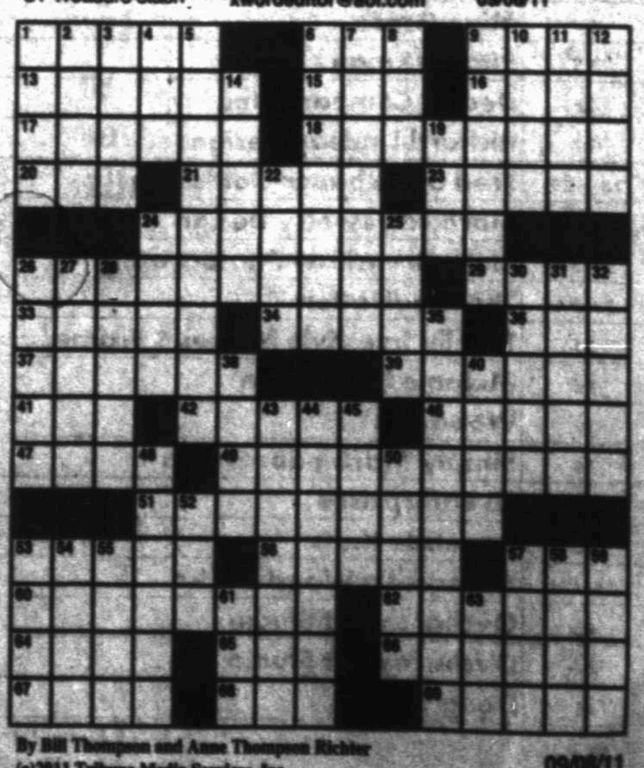

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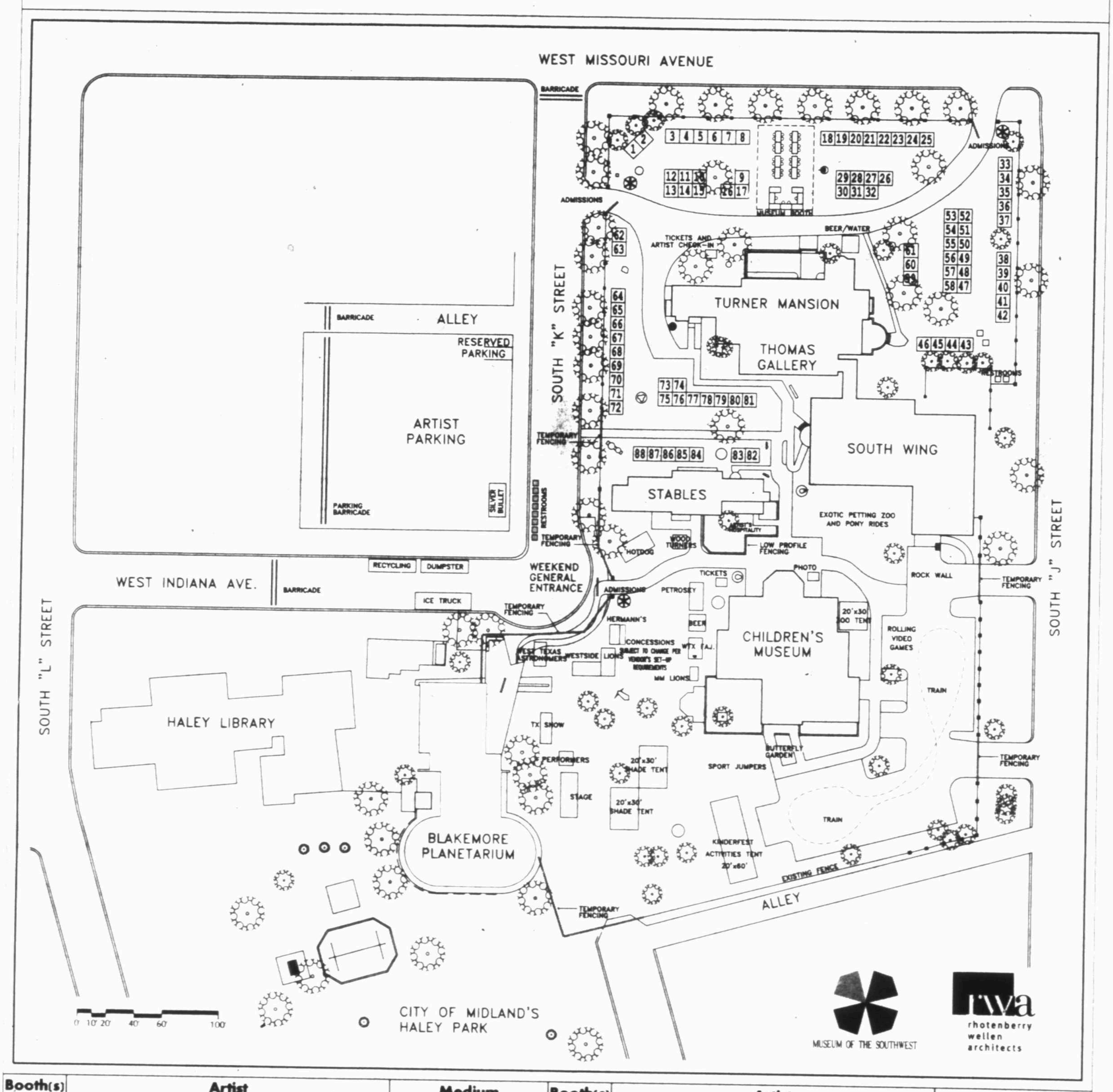

Booth(s)	Artist	Medium
1	Art Schoenig Co.	Metal
2	Texas Leather Working	Leather
3	Cornwell & Company	Jewelry
4	Buddy Compton	Woodwork
5	Zeke & Marty	Jewelry
6	Fraser Harris	Pottery
7	Carrigan's Original Broken China Jewelry	Jewelry
8	Two Sisters Creations	Stained Glass
9	WindSongs	Other
10	Artistic Beadwear	Jewelry
11	Fat Cat Studio	Jewelry
12	Eric Mort Art Glass	Jewelry
13-14	Mathews Gallery	Sculpture
15	Beach Glass Bingo	Jewelry
16	Lunacy Designs	Mixed Media
17	Steve Kriechbaum Designer-Goldsmith	Jewelry
18	Shooting Star Studio	Mixed Media
19	JalBone	Jewelry
20	Alta Cruz Pottery	Pottery
21	Tumlinson Photography	Photography
22	Tokyo Rose Clayworks	Pottery
23	Dana Design Studio	Jewelry
24	Mike Grafa	Ceramics
25	Rita Kirkman	Pastel
26	Dear & Company Inc.	Jewelry
27	Richard Lindsay Designs	Jewelry
28 - 29	Fred Stockbauer-Goldsmith	Jewelry
30	Starbird Jewelry Design	Jewelry
31-32	Clark Crenshaw Photography	Photography
33-34	The MadHatters	M/M Hats
35	Totally Irrestivle Names & Frames	Printmaking
36	Melanie Fain Studio	Printmaking
37	Woodarts	Woodwork
38	Simply Marbleous Studio	M/M Glass Objects
39	LB Enterprises	Metal
40	Exquisite Knits	Fiber
41-42	Shangri-La Woodworks	Woodwork
43	Ovcharov Art Studio	Oil/Acrylic
44	Ovcharov Art Studio	Oil/Acrylic/Sculpture
45	Doug Oertli	Pottery

Booth(s)	Artist	Medium
46	Ted Armulowicz - Woodworker	Woodwork
47	ARTWORKS by Donna	Oil/Acrylic
48	Raindance Watercolors	Watercolor
49	Cabos Pottery	Ceramics
50	Sara Dresher Braswell	M/M Watercolor
51	Clay Hearts Pottery	Pottery
52	Cody Cass	Oil/Acrylic
53	English's Photography	Photography
54	Stephen Hackley Studio	Oil/Acrylic
55	Shards Etc.	Sculpture
56	BeechScenes Photos	Photography
57	Shamana Jewelry	Jewelry
58	Kathy Womack Gallery	Oil/Acrylic
59	Rock Steady Designs	Sculpture
60	Corrective Art	Stained Glass
61	Winters Fine Art	Watercolor
62	Blackmore Pottery	Pottery
63	Greg Davis Photography	Photography
64	Heilman designs	Sculpture
65	Steve Hunsicker Studio	Mixed Media
66	Gaylen Haynes	M/M Pottery
67	Robbins Ranch Art Glass	Blown Glass
68-69	Jamie Rood	Photography
70	Bead Demon	Jewelry
71	Molly Willson Perry	Jewelry
72	Durbin PhotoGraphics / Paula D Blair	Photography
73	Ruby Hemenway	Jewelry
74	Lyn Foley Lampwork	Jewelry
75	Smith Map Studio	Mixed Media
76	Copper Penny Artworks LLC	Fiber
77-78	KenarovART Inc.	Oil/Acrylic
79	Charles Malone Photography	Photography
80	Holymackerelmetalart	Other
81	Anton Gerd	Printmaking
82	Anthony Brown Painting	Oil/Acrylic
83	Heritage forge	Sculpture
84	The Art of James L Foster	Other
85	Marc MacCallum	Mixed Media
86	Anne Heinrichs	Mixed Media
87	J. Davis Studio	Pottery

Sports

Texas A&M accuses Big 12 of backtracking

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M sees no future in the Big 12. For now, the Aggies aren't going anywhere and the league is in turmoil.

"We are being held hostage right now," Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin told The Associated Press. "Essentially, we're being told that you must stay here against your will, and we think that really flies in the face of what makes us Americans for exam ple and makes us free people."

The angry statement came on a whirlwind Wednesday that left the future of the Big 12 up in the air. The Southeastern Conference kicked things off by saying it would be willing to make the Aggies the league's 13th member, but only if legal issues could be cleared up.

What followed was a lot of finger-pointing.

Texas A&M accused Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe of going back on his word and suggested that one of its fellow league schools was deliberately sabotaging its departure to the SEC.

Loftin pointed to two different statements from Beebe within the past week.

The first was a letter sent Sept. 2 to SEC Commissioner Mike Slive that said the Big 12 "and its members" had agreed to waive their right to legal action over the Aggies' move. Loftin then shared with the AP a copy of a Sept. 6 email sent by Beebe to Slive that said legal waivers from each school were actually far from being secure after Baylor raised the issue.

"If you seek waivers by the individual institutions, you must receive them from those institutions directly," Beebe wrote. "I regret any confusion on this issue."

The email was sent Tuesday night as SEC presidents and chancellors agreed to accept Texas A&M if the league has guarantees it won't be sued over the latest move in conference realignment.

Loftin was clearly angry about Beebe's statement.

"I felt that was really a violation of trust right there," Loftin said. "We took this letter very seriously. We asked for such a statement. They gave it to us freely. It says here unanimous vote was taken and yet when we look at Beebe's letter last night it says: 'No we didn't really mean that,' and I find that to be rather difficult to digest."

Loftin said he believes Beebe's turnaround puts the future of the 15-year-old conference in more jeopardy than A&M's leaving.

"By keeping us in in this limbo, they really are inhibited from bringing in other

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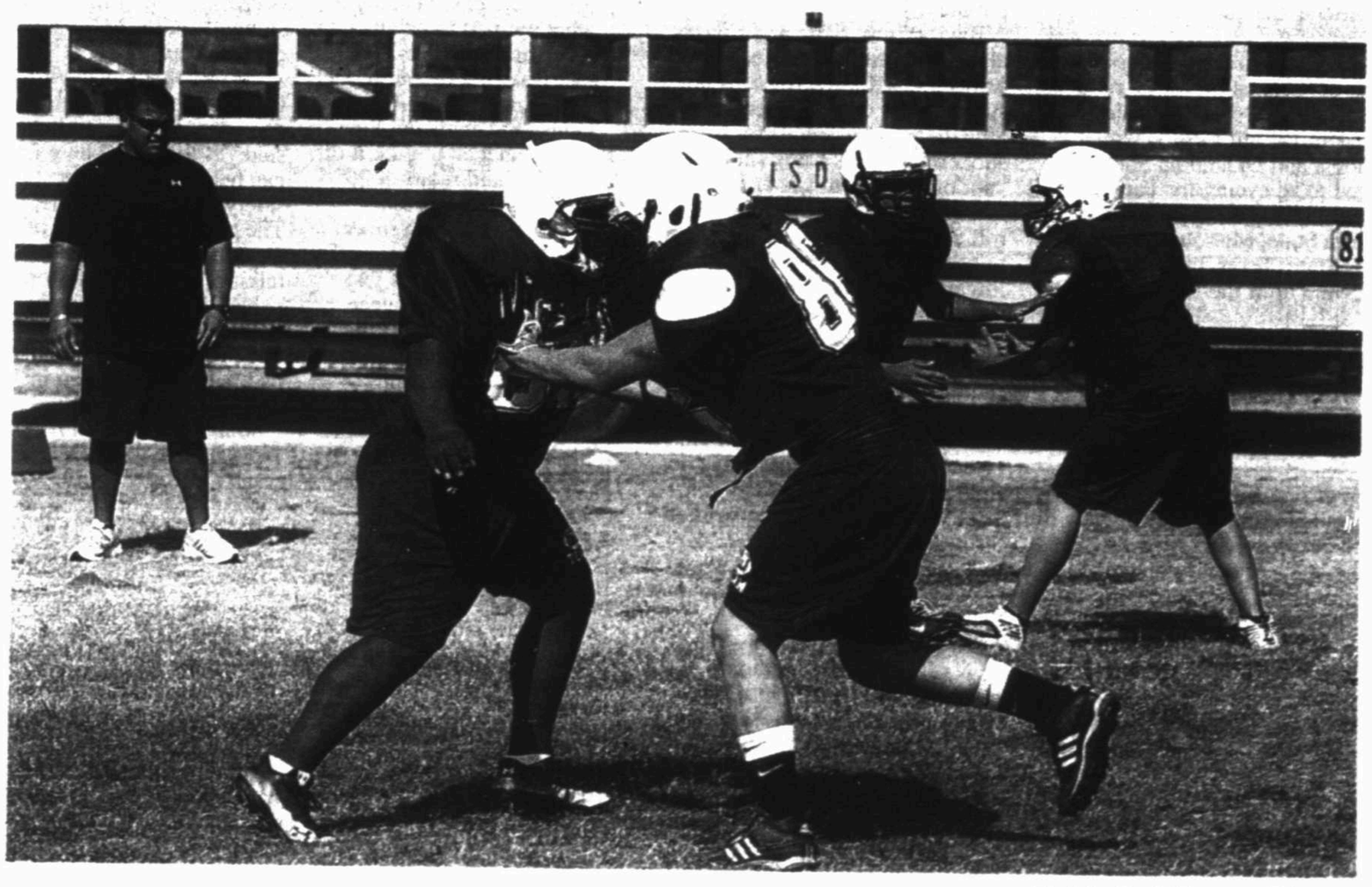
Force to be dealt with



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The Lee defensive line runs through drills Aug. 12 during practice at Lee High School. Lee's defense has been a headache for offenses so far this season, allowing only 10 points in two games.

Rebel defense proves nearly impenetrable

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Rebel Report

After a woeful 2010 district season where Lee gave up 56 and 77 points in its first two games, the Rebel defense came into 2011 with a chip on its shoulder.

Just two games and 10 points into the season, other teams are starting to take notice.

"On defense, I think it's one of the better Lee teams I've seen in many years. I think it goes back to the John Parchman days," Amarillo Palo Duro coach Steve Parr said, invoking memories of the three straight state titles the Rebels won under Parchman.

Maybe no one's ready to compare this year's squad to a team that won a mythical national championship at the height of its powers, but the Rebels certainly are excited about what they have on defense after shutting down two of the top teams in El Paso.

"It feels good," safety Darian Long said. "We've got a lot of things to work on as a team, but we feel real confident with our defense right now."

Long has played as well as anyone on the revamped unit, racking up 12 tackles and the unit's first takeaway on an interception against El Paso Coronado in the second qaurter.

That turnover led directly to points for Lee when the Rebel offense punched it in from one yard out two plays later after Long took a pitch and wiggled his way into the end zone.

"He's making very few, if any, mistakes defensively with alignment" Lee coach James Morton said of Long. "He's just a playmaker."

Yet, Long hasn't even been the biggest

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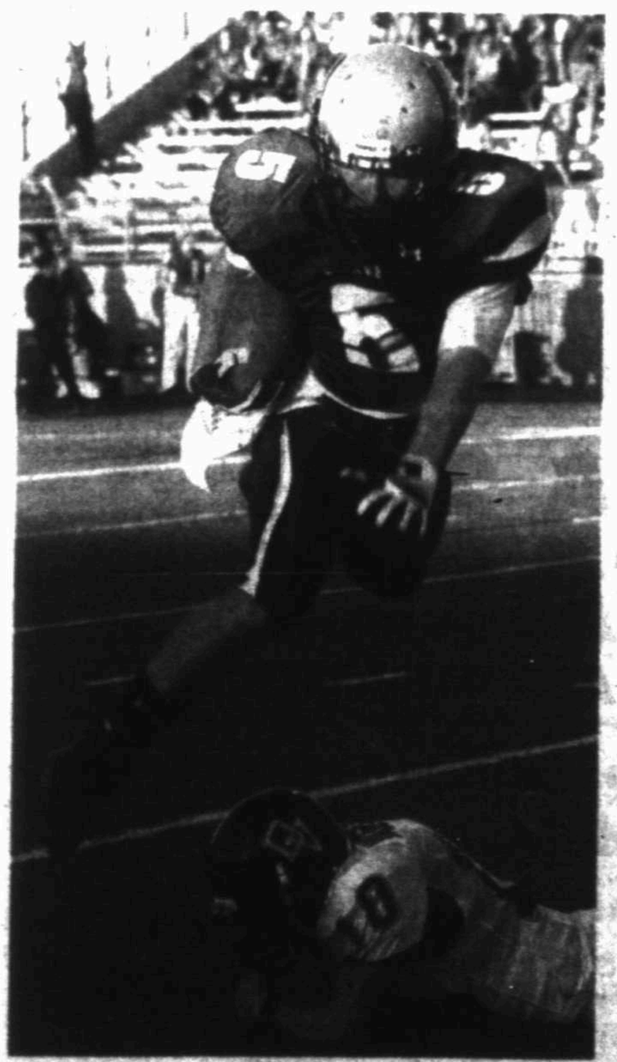

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Midland High's Brent Stewart leaps over Del Valle's Frank Valdespino Friday at Grande Communications Stadium. Stewart is one of several players who have stepped up in the Bulldogs' secondary this season.

MHS secondary delivers big plays, key solution

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Bulldog Report

One of Midland High's biggest questions entering the season became a solution to a problem on Friday night.

Among the voids the Bulldogs had to fill this year was finding four new starters in the secondary. To make that issue even tougher, the Midland High coaching staff didn't have a slew of players with varsity experience to pick from, either.

Williams

But in their 44-14 victory against El Paso Del Valle on Friday, the Bulldogs got a pair of big plays from their secondary as they recorded two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown.

"That's what you get when the secondary is doing what it's supposed to do," MHS coach Craig Yenzer said. "Those game-changing, momentum-turning moments really turns a team on when it happens. On their sideline, that was a deflater. On our sideline, it was a rush of adrenaline."

Midland High's first interception came in the first quarter with Del Valle driving deep into Bulldogs territory. But just as the Conquistadores were ready to enter the red zone, senior cornerback Brandon Williams made the right read of a pass play, deflected the ball into the air and had the presence of mind to come down with it.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Columnist

Keeping the ball on the ground isn't dead yet

I have to admit that I long for the old days when teams got down in the dirt against each other. I know that's old-fashioned thinking in this day of the spread offenses, high scoring and the finesse passing game.

But I do remember when games had scores like 21-14, 14-7 and 18-9. Those were the days when points were earned by the legs and not the arms. You earned every yard and made the touchdowns count.

Now, nobody plays defense — or at least can't play hard-nosed defense like in the old days because they would get burned by the high-powered passing game of today. I'm not saying the new reality is a bad thing, I just happen to like a little shoulder pad in my football.

But just when I start lamenting the loss of the running game, I see something like Odessa Permian's Jorrion Wilson rushing for 348 yards against Spanaway (Wash.) Bethel. Man, that's a Permian record breaker for a single game by a full 44 yards. In fact, a Permian running back had previously been over 300 yards in a game only twice in school history with Shawn Crow's 304 in 1987 against San Angelo Central and Koefie Powell's 300 against Central in 1997's triple overtime game.

Wilson is only the ninth running back in district history to have more than 300 yards rushing in a single game. Lee's Cedric Benson did it six times, 1998-2000. Abilene High's Arturo "Sneezy" Beltran did it three times, 1997-1999. Midland High's Roy Coats, 1994, Lee's Ferris Strambler, 1989, and Abilene Cooper's Mike Rose, 1993, all did it at one time. Midland High's Jay Francis had the first 300-yard game back in 1937. Benson's 353 yards against Permian in 1999 is still the league's all-time leading single game rushing record.

I was fortunate to personally witness all six of Benson's 300-yard games. In addition, I saw Strambler and Coats accomplish the feat and I also saw one of Beltran's 300-yard efforts. I saw film of Powell's 300. In fact, I've seen all these kids play except Francis, and even I am not that old.

Last week I was 8-2 in the 3-5A Pickin' Game and now stand 15-5 overall for the season. Let's see how the games will go down this week.

MIDLAND HIGH 50, LUBBOCK CORONADO 10: Since Jacoby Webster had 200 yards rushing last week, he must be licking his lips in anticipation for this one.

LEE 45, AMARILLO PALO DURO 8: We might not learn too much about the Rebels this week, but undefeated isn't bad after three weeks.

AMARILLO TASCOSA 24, ODESSA HIGH 21: And this is a game that the Bronchos need to win in a bad way. Let's put it like this: If OHS doesn't win here, it's a long way to November.

ODESSA PERMIAN 48, BROKEN ARROW (OKLA.) 40: An early trend is cropping up at Permian. The offense is terrific, and the defense is porous.

ABILENE HIGH 34, TULSA (OKLA.) BOOKER T. WASHINGTON 20: I don't know where these games come from, so we'll just throw out this guess.

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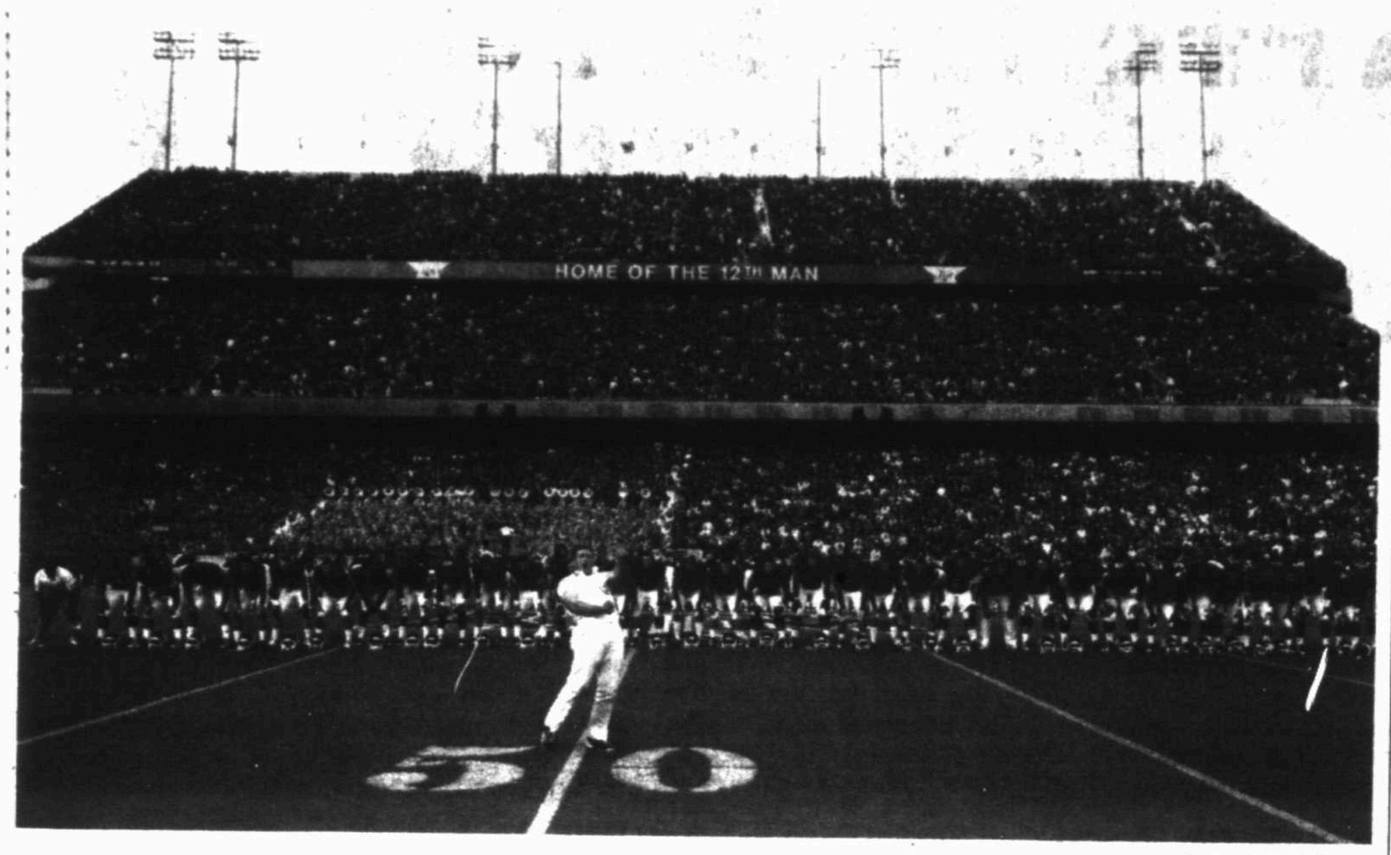

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A Texas A&M yell leader rallies in front of the team Sept. 4 during the school song before an NCAA college football game against SMU in College Station. The Southeastern Conference cleared the way for Texas A&M to join its ranks in an announcement Wednesday.

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members to take our place," Loftin said. "So they're creating more instability by taking this particular direction. We were trying to clean this up for ourselves very quickly ... so they could get about their business of replacing us in a prompt way and go forward and hopefully become a better conference. How can that happen right now when they're insisting that we simply stay in this holding pattern indefinitely while they try to figure out what's wrong?"

The Big 12, meanwhile, accused Texas A&M of making an extraordinary request that will put its members at risk of losing "millions" of dollars, presumably from the 13-year, $1 billion television deal reached with Fox Sports in April.

"This is the first time to my knowledge that a conference has been requested to waive any legal claims toward another conference for any damages suffered with a membership change," Beebe said. "If the departure of Texas A&M results in significant changes in the Big 12 membership, several institutions may be severely affected after counting on revenue streams from contracts that were approved unanimously by our members, including Texas A&M."

Loftin said he believes Texas A&M is "replaceable" when it comes to the TV contract.

"It was clearly stated to me by leadership of Fox that they felt like a school could be found and put in our place to satisfy their interests and therefore their contractual agreement would not be changed in any way," he said. "So we feel that was a good way to say that we would not be destabilizing the conference by leaving."

The Big 12's future has been the subject of speculation for more than a year. Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) left in July, while Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are rumored to be eyeing the Pac-12.

Not as clear was where schools like Iowa State, Missouri Kansas, Kansas State, Texas Tech and Baylor might wind up if the Big 12 falls apart.

"We are basically sitting in a traffic jam and going nowhere fast," Texas Tech President Guy Bailey said of discussions with Big 12 school officials on Wednesday.

"Recent events have put conference discussions in a holding pattern," Bailey said. "However, we will continue to closely monitor the situation and actively pursue a course in the best interest of Texas Tech."

At Missouri, Chancellor Brady Deaton — chairman of the Big 12 board — said the league "remains a strong conference, highly respected academically and athletically."

The Big 12 held a conference call with seven of its 10 member administrators Wednesday. Loftin said Texas, Kansas State and Oklahoma State were not on the call, and that Baylor spent much time explaining its position against the Aggies' departure.

During the call, only Oklahoma said it could probably get permission from its regents to waive its right to take legal action, according to a person who was briefed on the discussion by a Big 12 school official but who was not authorized to speak publicly.

Baylor, Iowa State and Kansas also told Loftin that if Texas A&M wants to ask those programs not to sue, he must come to them individually, the person said. Texas Tech spokesman Chris Cook said it was "not our intent" to sue anyone, while Iowa State spokesman John McCarroll would say only that the university had not waived its right to pursue litigation regarding A&M.

Loftin said he had spoken with SEC officials and he understood how they would not want to be involved in litigation.

"We believe we have no real future in the Big 12," Loftin said. "That's clear to us and how that plays out right now I can't really tell you. That's still actively being worked through."

As for who to blame?

After the Sept. 2 letter, Baylor was the first to "raise its hand" in numerous conversations with Big 12 and SEC officials about retaining its legal rights, a person with knowledge of the discussions said on condition of anonymity because the talks are considered private.

Loftin said one Big 12 school — he would not identify it by name — had been trying to stop A&M's move from the beginning.

"Clearly for quite some time, one school has been specifically the one trying to both bring pressure on us politically for a while and now raising the threat of legal action," he said.

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"I could tell they were going to run that play because we had worked on it so much during practice," Williams said. "I understood that if I went man and slipped off then they were going to throw the ball right there. Then it happened."

Williams was the only Bulldog returning this season with any varsity experience, having started one game as a junior. He's a player Midland High is counting on not just to make plays, but to also provide leadership to his less experienced teammates.

"Brandon is a guy we just count on," Yenzer said. "What makes Brandon good is, first of all, he's a good athlete, but he's also so long. Seeing a 6-2, 6-3 guy playing corner is just rare. I think he really showed his athleticism with the way he went to get that deflection."

The second interception turned into 6 points for the Bulldogs. Junior safety Chase Standard got a great jump on a pass heading to what seemed to be an open receiver in the flats. The ball floated a bit out of Del Valle quarterback Adrian Gonzalez' hand and Standard managed to pick it off in stride and return it 26 yards for the score.

Standard, who Yenzer calls an up-and-comer off the junior varsity, is just one of several first-year varsity players the Bulldogs are counting on to step up in the secondary.There's also senior Hunter Drozd, who despite his small stature of 5 feet, 5 inches, plays with great instincts and intelligence, according to Yenzer.

Junior Brent Stewart is one of the better athletes on the team and is currently tied for third in tackles with 16. Junior Cameron Merydith is one of the fastest Bulldogs lining up at corner and splitting time with fellow junior Kodie Ochoa, who filled a hole by moving to cornerback from safety.

The coaching staff likes the natural talent among the group but wants to see more consistency from the unit.

"One thing about being a safety or corner is you're not usually going to get recognized unless you make a mistake," Yenzer said. "It's important to have a short memory when you play that position. We feel like we've got athletes back there. The next step is making sure they become more comfortable."

Williams is taking it on himself to make sure the unit becomes more cohesive. He believes the secondary isn't far away from becoming one of the strengths of the MHS defense once again.

"If somebody doesn't know something then they can come to me," Williams said. "If they need help I can help them. I know safety and I know corner. The talent we have, all of us coming together and talking, we can be unstoppable. We can shut teams out that think they're going to be able to run it up on us.I believe we can do it."

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playmaker for the defense, with linebacker Luke Stice accounting for 20 tackles, 15 against Coronado, and linebacker Talmage Cockerell adding 18 tackles of his own to go with 3.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

All of them have chipped in to help Lee improve as a unit.

Take Coronado's second drive of the second half, for example.

The Thunderbirds marched all the way from their own 20 to the Rebel four where they had a first and goal.

After getting two yards on first down, Lee dropped Coronado running back Bobby Chacon for a two-yard loss, then stopped quarterback Sam Legaretta for a one-yard quarterback keeper on third down.

On fourth and goal, just three yards away from its first touchdown, Coronado tossed it to the speedy Chacon who seemingly had the edge, only for Long to meet him just one yard up the field, ending the Thunderbird possession and scoring threat.

Long, though, said the play wasn't his doing.

"That's compliments of Luke (Stice)," Long said. "He took on two blocks — opened me up."

Morton said plays like that, and attitudes like Long's, have not only instilled confidence in the new-look defense but infected the rest of the team.

"I think the mentality that we have defensively is bleeding over to the offensive side of the ball where we're a blue-collar team on both sides of the ball," Morton said.

True to that blue-collar mentality, the Rebels aren't buying into any hype resulting from the fast start.

Long noted the team has blown assignments in the last two games, and Morton hopes the unit can improve up front and in its alignments.

"We're making a lot of mistakes," Morton said. "But we're making mistakes going full speed."

And for Morton, and his defense, that's one compliment that they are willing to take.

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Judge: Clemens defense violated orders

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A judge said Wednesday that ex-baseball star Roger Clemens' defense team violated court orders by contacting jurors after his mistrial.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton is sending a letter to the jurors assuring them the court did not provide their contact information but asking if they now will speak with prosecutors.

Prosecutors asked permission to contact them after discovering they spoke to a defense investigator. The prosecutors also asked the judge to require the defense to turn over its interview notes, but Clemens attorneys argued against doing so. Walton ruled that prosecutors must file a motion by Sept. 30 citing legal authority for him to issue such an order.

The 12 jurors and four alternates only sat for two days in the perjury trial before prosecutors showed them inadmissible evidence, resulting in the mistrial. A new trial is scheduled for April.

Clemens is accused of lying under oath when he testified before Congress in February 2008 that he never used performance-enhancing drugs during his storied pitching career.

Court rules say parties in a criminal trial may only speak to jurors after they are discharged if they receive permission from the court. The rules say the judge must tell the jurors they are under no obligation to speak to anyone but may do so if they wish.

2 Cowboys starters suffer knee injuries in practice

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Alan Ball complained of having a cold Wednesday, but his ailment drew no sympathy at Valley Ranch.

Not after two starters — cornerback Mike Jenkins and rookie right tackle Tyron Smith — suffered hyper-extended knees in practice. The pair had MRIs, and their status for Sunday's opener at the New York Jets is uncertain after the club's website listed them as day to day.

Jenkins was participating in his first full contact workout since he hurt his neck Aug. 1 at the Alamodome, an injury that forced him to miss the preseason.

His injury means the Cowboys could be without both starting corners after owner Jerry Jones ruled out Terence Newman (groin). Newman also missed the preseason.

"I thought he'd be ready by now," Jones said. "He's a guy that has to have it just right, and we need him to get it just right."

Jones said it's possible only three corners will travel to New Jersey. Under that scenario, Orlando Scandrick and Ball would start, with Bryan McCann in reserve.

Smith is the club's first-round pick. His backup is untested second-year player Jermey Parnell.

The line already has a rookie at left guard (seventh-round pick Bill Nagy) and a second-year player at center (Phil Costa) that has never started at that spot in the regular season.

Costa returned to practice after missing two weeks with a sprained knee.

Parnell is the club's only backup tackle after it released 2010 draft pick Sam Young, who was claimed by Buffalo.

"We certainly are content with Parnell as our backup tackle, but we hope we don't have to see him very early," Jones said.

A stiff challenge awaits the young linemen. The Jets defense finished 2010 ranked in the top 10 in several categories.

Asked if he'd be nervous starting two rookie linemen, Jets coach Rex Ryan said in a conference call, "Well, against our defense, I'd be nervous. No question."

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett reacted to the injuries with a next-man-up mentality.

"The league is about opportunity, and we have a number of guys on our roster — and I know the Jets do, and teams all over the league do — who are examples of guys who got opportunities to play when somebody else got hurt," he said.

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ABILENE COOPER 35, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 28: Cooper finds a team it can beat, slowing the cat calls in the Key City.

Area Games

MONAHANS 42, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 28: Without question this is the prime game in our area this weekend.

PLAINVIEW 16, BIG SPRING 7: The Bulldogs go to 2-0 against the Permian Basin with this victory while the Steers keep looking for that first win.

STANTON 28, OZONA 20: The Buffs put notch No. 3 in the belt, but this one might not be as easy as you might think.

RANKIN 60, GRADY 35: The Red Devils are flexing their new-found muscles while opponents are paying the price.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	87	54	.617	—	—	8-2	L-1	46-27	41-27
Boston	85	57	.599	2 1/2	—	4-6	L-1	42-29	43-28
Tampa Bay	78	64	.549	9 1/2	7	5-5	W-1	39-33	39-31
Toronto	71	72	.497	17	14 1/2	5-5	W-1	35-35	36-37
Baltimore	56	85	.397	31	28 1/2	3-7	W-1	32-39	24-46

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	81	62	.566	—	—	8-2	W-6	42-29	39-33
Chicago	71	70	.504	9	13 1/2	5-5	L-1	31-37	40-33
Cleveland	70	70	.500	9 1/2	14	5-5	L-3	39-33	31-37
Kansas City	60	84	.417	21 1/2	26	5-5	L-1	34-39	26-45
Minnesota	59	84	.413	22	26 1/2	3-7	W-1	30-42	29-42

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	81	63	.563	—	—	6-4	L-1	44-28	37-35
Los Angeles	77	65	.542	3	8	5-5	L-1	41-30	36-35
Oakland	65	78	.455	15 1/2	20 1/2	5-5	W-1	39-32	26-46
Seattle	59	82	.418	20 1/2	25 1/2	3-7	W-1	34-37	25-45

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	91	48	.655	—	—	8-2	W-3	49-22	42-26
Atlanta	82	60	.577	10 1/2	—	3-7	L-3	44-28	38-32
New York	70	71	.496	22	11 1/2	7-3	W-2	36-35	34-36
Washington	65	75	.464	26 1/2	16	3-7	L-1	39-31	26-44
Florida	63	79	.444	29 1/2	19	4-6	L-2	28-44	35-35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	85	59	.590	—	—	5-5	L-2	50-19	35-40
St. Louis	76	67	.531	8 1/2	6 1/2	5-5	W-2	38-34	38-33
Cincinnati	70	73	.490	14 1/2	12 1/2	3-7	L-1	37-34	33-39
Pittsburgh	66	77	.462	18 1/2	16 1/2	4-6	W-1	33-39	33-38
Chicago	62	81	.434	22 1/2	20 1/2	5-5	W-1	35-40	27-41
Houston	48	95	.336	36 1/2	34 1/2	5-5	L-1	26-45	22-50

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Arizona	81	61	.570	—	—	5-5	L-2	42-26	39-35
San Francisco	75	68	.524	6 1/2	7 1/2	4-6	L-1	40-32	35-36
Los Angeles	69	72	.489	11 1/2	12 1/2	7-3	W-1	36-35	33-37
Colorado	67	75	.472	14	14 1/2	4-6	W-1	36-34	31-41
San Diego	62	81	.434	19 1/2	20 1/2	2-8	W-1	30-42	32-39

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Wednesday's Scores

N.Y. Mets 1, Florida 0
San Diego 3, San Francisco 1
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 7, Houston 4
L.A. Dodgers at Washington, ppd., rain
Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 3
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 0
Arizona at Colorado, late

Today's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 10-10) at Washington (Zimmermann 9-7), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 10-10) at Washington (Detwiler 2-5), 3:35 p.m., 2nd game
Atlanta (Teheran 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 12-5), 6:40 p.m., 2nd game
Philadelphia (Hamels 13-7) at Milwaukee (Narveson 10-6), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Luebke 5-8) at Arizona (I. Kennedy 18-4), 8:40 p.m.
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Aviles pr 0 0 0 0 Arencibi c 3 1 1 2
Reddick rf 4 1 1 1 Wieters pr 0 0 0 0
Sittinch c 4 0 0 0 Molina c 0 0 0 0
McCoy cf 2 0 0 0
Wise ph-cf 2 0 0 0
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Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wakefield	5	3	5	4	3	3
F.Morales	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
A.Wheeler	1-3	2	1	1	0	0
D.Bard L,2-6	1	5	5	3	2	1
Albers	1-3	1	0	0	0	1

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Morrow	4 1-3	8	8	8	1	5
C.Villanueva	1-2-3	1	0	0	1	2
Ulach	1	1	0	0	1	1
Camp W,4-3	1	1	0	0	0	1
F.Francisco S,13-17	1	3	2	2	0	1

HBP—by Wakefield (E.Thames, Bautista). by F.Morales (Loewen). by D.Bard (Lawrie). by Morrow (Ad.Gonzalez, Youkilis). WP—Wakefield 2. PB—Saltalamacchia.
T—3:29. A—16,154 (49,260).

NL Boxes

PIRATES 5, ASTROS 4

Houston — Pittsburgh

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bourgs cf	4	0	1	0	Presley lf	4	1	2	0
Parreds 3b	4	0	1	0	J.Johnsn 3b	3	0	0	0
Wright p	4	1	1	0	McCtc2 cf	3	2	2	4
Ca.Lee 1b	4	1	1	2	D.Lee 1b	4	0	1	0
MDwns 2b	4	1	2	1	Walker 2b	3	0	0	0
Michaels rf	3	0	0	0	Ludwck rf	3	0	0	0
Bogovc ph-rf	1	0	0	0	Cedeno ss	3	0	0	0
Barmes ss	2	1	2	1	GJones ph	1	0	1	0
Shludr ph	1	0	0	0	dArnad pr-ss	0	1	0	0
Quintar c	4	0	1	0	McKnr c	2	1	0	0
Happ p	1	0	0	0	Doumit ph-c	1	0	1	0
Wallac ph	1	0	0	0	Burnes p	1	0	0	0
DCrpnt p	0	0	0	0	Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0
FRdrgz p	0	0	0	0	BrWood ph	1	0	1	0
WLopez p	0	0	0	0	DMcCt p	0	0	0	0
Sipp p	0	0	0	0	Grilli p	0	0	0	0
JSchafr ph	1	0	0	0	Pieryl ph	1	0	0	0
					Lerious p	0	0	0	0
					Watson p	0	0	0	0
					Jarmil ph	1	0	1	1
					Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	8	4	Totals	30	5	9	5

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
Houston	300	100	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Pittsburgh	000	030	01x	—	—	—	—	—	—	5

DP—Houston 1, Pittsburgh 1. LOB—Houston 5, Pittsburgh 7. HR—Ca.Lee (15). SB—Bourgos (8), Barmes (10), A.McCutchen 2 (22). S—Happ, J.Harrison.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Happ	5	5	4	4	4	8
D.Carpenter	1	0	0	0	0	2
Fe.Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	2
W.Lopez L,2-6	1-3	2	1	1	0	0
S.Escalona	2-3	1	0	0	0	0

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Burnes	3 2-3	7	4	4	0	2
J.Hughes	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
D.McCutchen	1	0	0	0	1	1
Lerious	1-2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Watson W,2-2	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Hanrahan S,36-39	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Burnes.
T—3:00. A—12,330 (38,362)

PHILLIES 3, BRAVES 2

Atlanta — Philadelphia

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	5	1	0	0	Victorn cf	3	0	0	0
Prado lf	4	0	1	0	Polanc 3b	4	0	2	1
C.Jones 3b	4	0	2	1	Utley 2b	2	0	0	0
McCnn c	2	0	0	0	BFrncs ph	0	0	0	0
Uggla 2b	3	0	0	0	Orr 2b	0	0	0	0
Hinske 1b	3	0	0	0	Howard 1b	4	0	0	0
OFlnrt p	0	0	0	0	Pence rf	4	0	1	0
Diaz ph	1	0	0	0	Ibanez lf	3	2	1	1
Venters p	0	0	0	0	Ruiz c	4	0	1	0
Moylan p	0	0	0	0	Mrtnez ss	3	0	0	0
Hoyard rf	2	1	2	0	Blanrdo p	0	0	0	0
AGnzlz ss	2	0	0	0	Madson p	0	0	0	0
Beachy p	2	0	0	0	Gload ph	1	0	1	0
Frenn 1b	2	0	1	0	Oswalt p	2	0	0	0
					Contrras p	0	0	0	0
					Valdir ph-ss	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	6	2	Totals	30	3	6	3

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
Atlanta	000	001	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Philadelphia	010	000	011	—	—	—	—	—	—	3

One out when winning run scored.

E—Ad.Gonzalez (5). DP—Philadelphia 2. LOB—Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Bourn (32), HR—Ibanez (18). S—Ale.Gonzalez 2, Madson.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Beachy	5 2-3	2	1	1	1	2
OFlaherty	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Venters	1	0	0	0	0	2
Moylan L,1-1	1	3	2	2	0	1
Madson	1	1	0	0	0	1

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oswalt	7	4	2	2	4	7
Bastardo	1	1	0	0	1	0
Madson W,4-2	1	1	0	0	0	2

HBP—by O'Flaherty (Utley).
T—3:01. A—44,870 (43,651).

PADRES 5, GIANTS 1

San Francisco — San Diego

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Christn cf	2	0	0	0	Venable rf	4	2	1	0
AnTrrs ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Headlyn 2b	4	0	0	0
Fontnot 2b	3	0	1	0	Maybin cf	4	1	2	1
Belliard 2b	1	0	0	0	Ludwick lf	4	0	1	0
Sandovl 3b	4	0	1	0	Headley 3b	4	0	1	0
PSndvl 3b	4	0	1	0	Denorfi lf	2	0	0	0
C.Rosie lf	3	0	0	0	Hundley c	3	0	0	0
Ross c	3	0	0	0	Rizzo 1b	3	0	0	0
Scutaro ss	4	1	2	3	Parino 3b	3	0	1	0
Ellsbury rf	4	0	1	0	AGnzlz ss	3	0	0	0
Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0	Maybin p	0	0	0	0
D.Ortiz dh	4	2	1	0	Qualls p	0	0	0	0
Youkilis 3b	4	1	1	0	Cash p	2	0	0	0
Kalish lf	4	1	1	0	K.Hall p	0	0	0	0
Lavarnway c	3	0	1	0	Harrisnp	2	0	0	0

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Hardy ss	5	0	0	0	Grndrs cf	3	0	0	0
Markks rf	4	0	2	1	Teixeir 1b	4	0	1	1
AJdons cf	4	0	0	0	Carer 2b	4	0	0	0
Guerrr dh	4	1	2	0	Snidrhr rf	2	0	1	0
MrRynl 1b	2	0	0	0	Dickrsn rf	0	0	0	0
Wieters c	4	1	2	2	ErChvz 3b	3	0	0	0
C.Davis 3b	4	0	0	0	Posada dh	3	2	1	1
Andino 2b	4	1	1	0	Cervelli c	3	1	1	1
Totals	**34**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**30**	**5**	**5**	**4**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
Baltimore	000	002	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
New York	001	011	20x	—	—	—	—	—	—	5

E—Mar.Reynolds (27). Tom.Hunter (1). Angle (1), Teixeira (4). DP—Baltimore 1, New York 1. LOB—Baltimore 8, New York 4. 2B—Markakis (25), Guerrero (24). HR—Wieters (17), Gardner (7), Posada (13). SB—Angle (4). SB—Angle (4), Gardner (43). S—Angle.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tom.Hunter L,3-3	6 2-3	5	5	4	2	6
Rapada	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Strop	1	0	0	0	0	2

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Phughes	6	5	2	2	1	5
Noesi	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Logan	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wade W,4-0	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Robertson	1	0	0	0	1	1
Ma.Rivera S,39-44	1	0	0	0	0	1

Logan pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
HBP—by Tom.Hunter (Gardner), by Phughes (Angle) WP—Phughes 2.
T—3:07. A—44,573 (50,291).

ROYALS 7, ATHLETICS 4

Kansas City — Oakland

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
J.Giordn lf	4	0	0	2	Weeks 2b	5	0	3	2
MeCarr cf	5	0	0	0	Pnngtn ss	4	0	1	2
Butler dh	4	0	1	0	Matsui dh	5	0	1	0
Hosmer 1b	5	2	2	1	Wngh lf	4	0	0	0
Francr rf	5	2	3	1	S.Sizmr 3b	4	1	2	0
Giavitli 2b	5	1	1	1	Allen 1b	3	1	0	0
S.Perez c	5	2	3	1	Taylor rf	3	1	1	0
Yhlam 1b	4	0	1	0	Sweeny cf	3	1	1	0
AEscor ss	3	0	1	1	Recker c	3	1	0	0
Totals	**40**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**Totals**	**34**	**4**	**7**	**4**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
Kansas City	040	030	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Oakland	002	000	101	—	—	—	—	—	—	4

E—Pennington (21). LOB—Kansas City 9, Oakland 8. 2B—S.Perez (6), J.Weeks (21). HR—Hosmer (16), Francoeur (17). SB—Hosmer (9), Francoeur (20).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Duffy W,4-8	6 1-3	4	3	3	3	4
Bl.Wood	1 2-3	2	1	1	1	2
Soria S,26-33	1	1	0	0	1	2

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
G.Gonzalez L,12-12	5 1-0	7	6	3	4	4
Cahigan	2 1-3	0	0	0	3	1
Blevins	2	1	0	0	0	1

Bl.Wood pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.
T—3:06. A—12,064 (35,067).

MARINERS 2, ANGELS 1

Seattle — Los Angeles

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
iSuzuki rf	4	0	1	0	Mitzturs 2b	4	0	1	0
Ryan ss	5	0	1	0	Aybar ss	3	0	0	0
Ackley 2b	4	0	2	0	Bravo dh	4	0	1	0
Carp dh	5	0	0	0	Trnnr rf	3	1	1	0
Smoak 1b	5	1	2	0	Trumo 1b	4	0	0	0
Olivo c	5	0	2	0	Callasp 3b	4	0	1	0
Seager 3b	5	1	1	0	Wells cf	4	0	0	0
TRonsn lf	3	0	1	1	Bourjos cf	3	0	0	0
MSndrs cf	3	0	1	0	BoWsh c	1	0	0	0
					Trout pr	0	0	0	0
					Mathis c	0	0	0	0
					HKndrc ph	1	0	0	0
					Congnr c	1	0	0	0
					Bielnns p	2	1	0	0
Totals	**39**	**2**	**10**	**2**	**Totals**	**32**	**1**	**4**	**1**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
Seattle	010	100	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Los Angeles	000	001	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

E—F.Hernandez (2), E.Santana (5). Aybar (12). Callaspo (14). Conger (6). LOB—Seattle 14, Los Angeles 6. 2B—B.Ackley (28), Ackley (7). SB—I.Suzuki (35), Wells (4). Seager (1). Bourjos (19). SF—T.Robinson.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
F.Hernandez W,14-11	8	4	1	0	2	7
League S,33-38	1	0	0	0	0	0

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
E.Santana L,11-10	6	7	2	0	2	4
Richards	2	2	0	0	0	2
Ro.Ramirez	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
R.Thompson	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
T.Bell	1	0	0	0	0	1

PB—Olivo
T—2:48. A—36,533 (45,389)

GIANTS 6, PADRES 4

San Francisco — San Diego

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Christn cf	4	1	1	0	Maybin cf	4	0	0	0
Kpngr 2b	5	1	2	0	Barfield ss	3	0	0	0
Beltran rf	4	1	3	3	Guzmn 1b	5	0	0	0
C.Ross lf	5	0	0	0	Blanks lf	1	0	0	1
DePhs 3b	104	1	1	0	Hundly c	3	0	1	0
Pill 1b	3	1	1	2	Denorfi rf	2	1	2	0
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0	Venable ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Fontent ph	0	0	0	0	Rhodun ph	1	0	0	0
Romo p	0	0	0	0	Darnell 3b	2	0	0	0
JaLopz p	0	0	0	0	Hermnd ph	1	0	0	0
SCastill p	0	0	0	0	Parrino 2b	3	0	1	0
RRmrz p	0	0	0	0	LeBlanc p	0	0	0	0
OCarer ss	4	0	1	1	Cnghm ph	1	0	0	0
CStwrt c	4	0	1	0	Base p	0	0	0	0
Sulbrno p	2	0	0	0	Mrnz ph	1	0	0	0
Edlefsn p	0	0	0	0	Grgnsn p	0	0	0	0
PSndvl 3b	2	1	1	0	Spence p	0	0	0	0
					Hermn p	0	0	0	0
					Rizzo ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	**37**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**Totals**	**31**	**4**	**7**	**4**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
San Francisco	021	010	011	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
San Diego	021	000	000	—	—	—	—	—	—	4

E—Surkamp (1). DP—San Francisco 1. LOB—San Francisco 7, San Diego 8. 2B—Christian (1), Kepponger (19), Beltran (34), C.Stewart (7), Bartlett (19), Denorfia (12), Rizzo (8). HR—Pill (1), Hundley (7). SB—Blanks (2). S—Christian, SF—Sulbrano, Parrino.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Surkamp W,1-0	5	5	3	3	1	2
Edlefsen	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Affeldt	1-1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Romo	1	0	0	0	1	2
JaLopez	0	1	1	1	1	0
S.Casilla	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
R.Ramirez S,4-5	1-3	0	0	0	0	1

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
LeBlanc L,2-5	5	8	4	4	0	1
Base	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spurgeon	1	1	1	1	0	0
Spence	0	1	1	1	0	0
Hamren	1	1	0	0	0	0

Spence pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
JaLopez pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by S.Casilla (Maybin, Bartlett).
T—3:06. A—21,886 (42,691).

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y.Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y.Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Thursday's Game
New Orleans at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Chicago, noon
Buffalo at Kansas City, noon
Indianapolis at Houston, noon
Philadelphia at St. Louis, noon
Detroit at Tampa Bay, noon
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, noon
Tennessee at Jacksonville, noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Jets, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Games
New England at Miami, 6 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 9:15 p.m.

Tennis

U.S. Open Results
Wednesday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $23.7 million
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Fourth Round

Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, leads Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, 3-0 (6-15), susp., rain.
Andy Roddick (21), United States, leads David Ferrer (5), Spain, 3-1, susp., rain.
Donald Young, United States, leads Andy Murray (4), Britain, 2-1, susp., rain.

U.S. Open Show Court Schedules
Thursday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Play begins at 10 a.m.

Arthur Ashe Stadium
Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, vs. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, cont. of susp. match.
Not before 1 p.m.: Serena Williams (28), United States, vs. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (17), Russia.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, vs. Janko Tipsarevic (20), Serbia.
Night Session (play begins at 6 p.m.):
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (11), France.

Louis Armstrong Stadium
David Ferrer (5), Spain, vs. Andy Roddick (21), United States.
Not before noon: Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, vs. Andrea Petkovic (10), Germany.

Grandstand
Donald Young, United States, vs. Andy Murray (4), Britain.
Not before 1 p.m.: Sam Stosur (9), Australia, vs. Vera Zvonareva (2), Russia.

Court 17
John Isner (28), United States, vs. Gilles Simon (12), France.
Nicolas Jarry, Angelique Kerber, Germany, vs. Flavia Pennetta (26), Italy.

College Football

Today's Games
SOUTHWEST
Arizona (1-0) at Oklahoma St. (1-0), 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Florida A&M (1-0) at Hampton (1-0), 6:30 p.m.
Maryville (Tenn.) (0-1) at Tennessee Tech (0-1), 7 p.m.

Friday's Games
SOUTH
FIU (1-0) at Louisville (1-0), 6 p.m.
FAR WEST
Missouri (1-0) at Arizona St. (1-0), 8:30 p.m.

MHS UPDATE

2011 STATISTICS

(2-0, 0-0)

Midland High	0	0	13	7	0—20
Opponent	3	0	0	3	0—6

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jacoby Webster	34	261	7.7	4
Tanner Culp	14	41	2.9	0
Charles Hickey	2	14	7.0	1
Malcolm Anders	1	1	1.0	0
Westley Dyer	2	1	0.5	0
Totals	53	318	6.0	5

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Tanner Culp	28	36	1	331	3
Connor Beck	2	3	0	5	0
Totals	30	39	1	336	3

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Donavon Lee	5	153	30.6	2
Loretto Nathniel	5	38	7.6	0
Mazelle Justice	2	33	16.5	0
Boo McCoy	5	32	6.4	1
Jacoby Webster	5	32	6.4	0
Phillip Fuentes	3	31	10.3	0
Zack Gallegos	2	11	5.5	0
Levi Weddle	1	8	8.0	0
Landon Dory	1	2	2.0	0
Jake Parrish	1	-4	-4.0	0
Total	30	336	11.2	3

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Nico Francino	6	236	39.3	56
Total	6	236	39.3	56

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Jacoby Webster	4	0	0	0	24
Donavon Lee	2	0	0	0	12
Boo McCoy	1	0	0	0	6
Charles Hickey	1	0	0	0	6
Chase Standard	1	0	0	0	6
Nico Francino	0	3	1	0	6
Jake Forrester	0	4	0	0	4
Brent Stewart	0	0	0	1	2
Team	0	0	0	1	2
Total	8	7	1	2	86*

* total includes a safety

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Brandon Wright	23	1.0	1.0	1	0
Hunter Drozd	21	0	0	0	0
Brent Stewart	16	0	0	0	0
Anthony Rubio	16	0	1.0	0	0
Stevie Rhodes	12	1.0	3.0	0	0
Keaton Castillo	10	2.0	1.0	0	0
Brandon Williams	9	0	0	1	0
Drake Vitem	9	0	1.0	0	0
Luis Juarez	9	0	0	0	0
Christian Carrasco	8	0	0	0	0
Jackson Wilson	7	0	0	0	0
Carson Carter	6	0	0	0	0
Chase Standard	6	0	0	0	0
Kodie Ochoa	6	0	0	0	0
Dutton Watson	4	0	2.0	0	0
Jake Taylor	4	0	0	0	0
Corbin Berrones	4	0	0	0	0
Corbin McCullough	2	0	0	0	0
Leonard Washington	2	1.0	0	0	0
Lionel Sanchez	2	0	0	0	0
Isaac Eng	2	0	0	0	0
Cameron Merydith	1	0	0	0	0
Wyatt Anderson	1	0	0	0	0
Jimmy Eastman	1	0	0	0	0
J.D Wilbanks	1	0	0	0	0
Eric Villegas	1	0	0	0	0
Nick Pisarenko	1	0	0	0	0
Tyler Tyre	1	0	0	0	0
Brandon Williams	1	0	0	0	0
Pete Ballez	1	0	0	0	0
Artem Ramos	1	0	0	0	0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE

OFFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
318	159.0	335	167.5	653	326.5
DEFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
386	194.0	238	119.0	626	313.0

BULLDOGS MVPS

Webster

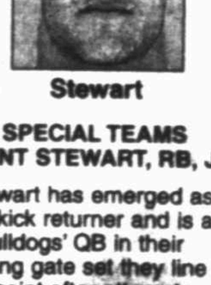
OFFENSE
JACOBY WEBSTER, RB, SR.

Webster had the best game of his varsity career, rushing for 200 yards and three TDs on 15 carries. Two of his TDs came on breakaway runs of 37 and 47 yards, respectively. The MHS senior is now averaging 7.7 yards per carry this season.

Williams

DEFENSE
BRANDON WILLIAMS, CB, SR.

Williams didn't light up the stat sheet, but he had arguably the biggest defensive play of the game. With Del Valle driving in the first quarter, Williams tipped a pass in the air and picked it off inside the MHS 20. Del Valle didn't threaten again until the game was well in hand for the Bulldogs.



Stewart

SPECIAL TEAMS
BRENT STEWART, RB, JR.

Stewart has emerged as a shifty kick returner and is also the Bulldogs' QB in their swinging gate set they line up in for point after attempts. Stewart dived straight up the middle for a two-point conversion in the second quarter.

3-5A STANDINGS

Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Lee	2	0	86	10	1.000
Midland High	2	0	60	31	1.000
Abilene High	1	1	94	47	.500
Odessa Permian	1	1	86	84	.500
Odessa High	0	2	27	71	0
Abilene Cooper	0	2	66	63	0

Last week's scores
Midland High 44, El Paso Del Valle 14
Odessa Permian 59, Bethel (Wash.) 44
Euless Trinity 34, Abilene High 17
Austin Westlake 47, Abilene Cooper 33
Lee 45, El Paso Coronado 3
Lubbock Monterey 21, Odessa High 20

Friday's games
Lee at Amarillo Palo Duro, 4:30 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Broken Arrow, Okla. at Odessa Permian, 1 p.m.
Washington (Tulsa, Okla.) at Abilene High, 1 p.m.

INSIDE DISTRICT 3-5A

Going into district play undefeated doesn't mean much

JONATHAN HULL
Sports writer

What a difference a year makes.

A year ago, every team in District 3-5A entered the district season with a winning record. After two weeks of play, each team had at least one win, and four teams — Lee, Midland High, Abilene High and Abilene Cooper — were undefeated.

A year later, only two teams — Lee and Midland High — remain undefeated in 3-5A, and two other squads — Abilene High and Odessa High — are winless.

Obviously, the district is not nearly as strong as it was in 2010 in what was an expected dropoff. Lee, Midland High and Cooper entered 3-5A play undefeated last season. Looking down the line for this year, only one team appears to have a clear path toward being undefeated once 3-5A play begins.

Now, I'm about to take a few risks with the rest of this column. The first risk is being called a homer and biased. Secondly, I might be providing some bulletin board material to eight different teams. And finally, the 3-5A coach I deal with the most is likely to sarcastically thank me for the expectations I'm about to place on him and his squad.

If you can't tell from that introduction, the only team I feel will certainly begin the 3-5A season undefeated is Midland High. Sorry, Lee fans.

OK, maybe it's not that bold of a declaration considering there are only two teams to pick from. It's between the Bulldogs and Rebels.

So why do I give the Bulldogs a better chance than their crosstown rival? Simple. It's all about strength of schedule. When looking at the whole five-game non-district schedule Lee and MHS have for this season, the difficulty in each is similar and neither can be dubbed overly challenging.

However, there is one major speed bump in both schedules, and it happens to be the same opponent for each. It's actually the only common opponent Lee and MHS share — Amarillo High.

The biggest difference is Midland High has already overcome the Sandies. They still stand in Lee's way. In fact, the Rebels have nothing but Amarillo schools left in their non-district schedule, beginning with Palo Duro on Friday. Lee gets Amarillo High, which lost to Midland High 24-17 in double overtime to open the season, next week and wraps up district play against Tascosa.

Can the Rebels end up 5-0 to start district, as well? I don't think there's any doubt. All three of those games are very winnable. But I left Dick Bivins Stadium thoroughly impressed with Amarillo High. The Bulldogs were fortunate to come out with a win, and the Sandies will present some obvious challenges for the Rebels.

For one, Lee is yet to play a team as big as the Sandies. Palo Duro will have some size, but not as consistently as Amarillo High. And in case one is wondering, Amarillo High throttled Palo Duro last week, 42-21.

It's not that I believe Midland High is substantially better than Lee. I've been impressed with the Rebels this season on both sides of the ball. The running game has been especially formidable.

Midland High's remaining non-district schedule is a bit light. The Bulldogs should have no issues in their next two games, and convincing victories against Lubbock Coronado and Lubbock Monterey should be expected. If MHS were to lose a game before district play, it might come against San Angelo Central.

The Bobcats are big up front and have a talented dual-threat quarterback in Logan Sawyer. Midland High still has more talent across the board, though.

But what exactly does going into the district season undefeated mean? Absolutely squat. Lee can tell you that firsthand.

The Rebels entered the 2010 district season with a 5-0 mark. They went on to win one district game and miss the postseason. Meanwhile, Abilene High went into district play with a 3-2 mark after a challenging non-district schedule and won a share of the 3-5A title with Midland High and Cooper.

The Eagles are once again playing a nasty non-district schedule. After playing a scrub in El Paso Hanks to open the season and winning 77-13, the Eagles faced perennial state power Euless Trinity last week. They played competitively in a 34-17 loss.

It doesn't get any easier as the Eagles meet Oklahoma's defending Class 5A champion Tulsa Booker T. Washington on Friday and then close non-district play against Harlingen and Longview in neutral site games. While Abilene High's record could potentially suffer because of that schedule, there's no doubt the Eagles will be ready for whatever District 3-5A can bring.

So while we get obsessed with numbers, stats and records, keep in mind nothing really matters for anyone in 3-5A until Oct. 7 when district play officially begins.

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AROUND DISTRICT 3-5A

'A' List

RUSHING
(100 yards or multiple touchdowns)

Jacoby Webster, Midland High, 200 yards, 3 TDs

Travis Williams, Lee, 175 yards, 3 TDs

Jason McAfee, Lee, 170 yards, 1 TD

Jorrion Wilson, Odessa Permian, 348 yards, 5 TDs

Matt Watson, Abilene Cooper, 55 yards, 2 TDs

Johnny Campos, Odessa High, 168 yards, 1 TD

PASSING
(200 yards or multiple touchdowns)

Van Powell, Odessa Permian, 146 yards, 1 TD

Nestor Castellon, Odessa Permian, 48 yards, 2 TDs

RECIEVING
(100 yards or multiple touchdowns)

Khalil Jackson, Abilene Cooper, 127 yards, one TD

Tommey Morris, Odessa Permian, 101 yards

SPECIAL TEAMS & DEFENSE

Luke Stice, Lee, 15 tackles, 3 tackles for loss, 1 sack

Chase Standard, Midland High, 1 INT, 26-yard TD

Bulldog Bites

■ The Bulldogs defense achieved two things it didn't do all of last season. First, they intercepted two passes in a single game with senior cornerback Brandon Williams and junior safety Chase Standard each picking off El Paso Del Valle quarterback Adrian Gonzalez. Standard returned his interception for a 26-yard TD, which is another feat the 2010 Bulldogs didn't accomplish.

With a more experienced group in 2010, Midland High picked off nine passes, but didn't take any of them back for scores. That group also failed to have more than one pick in a single game.

"I honestly don't remember the last time we had two interceptions in a single game," MHS coach Craig Yenzer said. "We got some much needed big plays from our secondary on Friday night."

■ The big play returned to the Midland High offense on Friday night. Outside of a desperation 40-yard TD pass from Tanner Culp to Donavon Lee against Amarillo High in the season opener, the Bulldogs were held in check as the Sandies prevented the big play.

However, against El Paso Del Valle, the Bulldogs had three TDs of at least 37 yards. Senior tailback Jacoby Webster, who rushed for 200 yards and three TDs, had scoring runs of 37 and 47 yards. But Yenzer said it was a pass play that set all of that up.

With Del Valle sneaking as many as nine defenders in the box to stuff the run in the first quarter, Culp and Lee hooked up for a long TD again. This time Lee got behind the Del Valle secondary and Culp hit him in stride then watched as his top receiver outran the defense for a 67-yard TD.

Once the Bulldogs showed the ability to hurt Del Valle with the deep ball, it allowed them to open up the ground game more. It's something MHS struggled to do a season ago.

"The biggest difference from last year's team to this season's is our ability to throw the ball down the field more efficiently," Yenzer said. "We need to be able to take our shots down the field. With Jacoby and our offensive line, teams are really going to crowd the box against us. But once we show we can hurt them with long passes, that will back them off and we can let our big offensive line take over from there."

■ The Bulldogs have started a second straight season 2-0. It's the fifth time in his 10 seasons at MHS that Yenzer has led the Bulldogs to back-to-back wins to start the year.

■ Senior kicker Jake Forrester returned to the field for the Bulldogs on Friday. Forrester injured his shoulder early on in two-a-days and has been limited since then. Junior Nico Francino filled in for Forrester in the season opener and was perfect on extra points and also kicked a 27-yard field goal in overtime.

Forrester didn't get an opportunity to kick a field goal against Del Valle, but converted 4 of 5 point after attempts. The senior kicker, who should see some time at receiver later in the year once his shoulder is at 100 percent, was second-team All-District last season.

■ Fullback Charles Hickey saw his first varsity action against Del Valle and was able to make it a memorable experience. Hickey was brought up to the varsity after an injury to starting fullback Malcolm Anders kept him sidelined for much of practice.

Yenzer said Anders could have played, but decided to hold him out as a precaution and let Hickey have the playing time since he had gotten the reps all week. Hickey finished with 14 yards on two carries and capped Midland High's scoring by scoring on a 10-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Rebel Yells

■ Lee had not one but two rushers go for 170 yards as Travis Williams and Jason McAfee combined for 345 of the Rebels' 407 yards on just 21 carries.

■ The Rebels were aided by the big play again as 267 of Williams' and McAfee's 345 yards came on four plays.

■ Lee was nearly flawless on offense against El Paso Coronado, outgaining the Thunderbirds 535 to 260 with no turnovers. Yet the Rebels were not sharp penalty-wise for the second game in a row, drawing a game-high eight flag for 70 yards.

■ The Lee passing game remains sharp with just five incompletions but, outside of Josh Shelton's 59-yard catch and run in the second quarter, wasn't able to stretch the field or find the end zone as the Rebels still search for their first passing touchdown.

■ The Rebels defense responded well again to what adversity it did face as it saw it's opponent close the lead to one score in the second quarter for the second consecutive game. Yet for the second game in a row, that was the only scoring the Rebels allowed, even stopping Coronado inside their own five on a fourth-down stuff.

■ The Rebels forced their first turnovers of the season, including a timely interception by Darian Long that led to points before the half. Kendall White and Thomas Patterson accounted for Lee's other two interceptions.

■ Long had a number of nice returns for Lee in the kicking game but many were nullified by untimely penalties, which head coach James Morton said he was disappointed to see after the game.

3-5A Blitz

BY THE NUMBERS
348 — Rushing yards gained by Permian running back Jorrion Wilson on 37 carries against Bethel (Wash.). Wilson crossed the goal line on runs of 76, 4, 80, 18 and 34 yards en route to his eye-popping total, which was a school record.

QUOTABLE

"It was an outstanding performance. I've never seen one rush for that many yards in one game before."

— Odessa Permian coach Gary Gaines on Permian running back Jorrion Wilson's dazzling 348-yard, five-touchdown performance against Bethel (Wash.).

ODESSA HIGH

■ The Bronchos had a lead against Lubbock Monterey, up 14-0 in the first quarter. But Monterey scored 21 unanswered points to go up by seven before a missed extra point doomed the Bronchos, who were unable to rally for a fourth score. "We had opportunities to be successful that night but we made too many mistakes," Odessa High coach Ron King said. "You tip your cap to Monterey, they were able to take advantage of that."

■ King said the defense, which played well to start the game, lost its discipline late, which allowed Monterey to take time off the board, ultimately costing his team, which had to heave a hail mary on the last play of the game. "We didn't do a good job later in the game of maintaining our gaps," King said. "They were able to sustain long drives and convert key fourth downs to put game away."

■ Odessa High actually outgained Monterey and had the most first downs but lost the turnover battle and had the most penalties.

ODESSA PERMIAN

■ Permian set two school records in its game against Bethel. Running back Jorrion Wilson gained a record 348 yards on the ground while Permian and Bethel combined for 1,165 total yards on offense, also a school record.

■ Wilson's 348 yard rushing performance was, obviously, the talk of the game, but Permian coach Gary Gaines felt the way the rest of his offense played opened up the ground game for him. "Obviously, it was a school record," Gaines said. "Our wide receivers and our offensive line deserve some of that credit."

■ The Panthers racked up nearly 100 yards in a game-high nine penalties but were able to force four fumbles, recovering two, and pick off two passes. "(We) ended up being plus-2 in turnover ratio," Gaines said. "Always a positive."

ABILENE HIGH

■ Although Abilene High lost to state power Euless Trinity, 34-17, coach Steve Warren left the field Friday impressed with the way his team performed. Warren said he felt the game was closer than the score indicated. The Eagles failed to finish three drives after pushing the ball inside the Trinity's 20-yard line. Getting scores on those drives definitely could have made for a different ballgame.

"We came out of that game with a positive feeling about our effort," Warren said. "We got inside the red zone three times and came away with no points. In a two touchdown ballgame, you score half of that and you give yourself a chance to win in the fourth quarter."

■ Warren says the biggest benefit from playing Trinity was the amount of confidence the Eagles gained from the experience. Abilene High came into the season with a lack of varsity experience, but was forced to learn in a hurry against the Trojans.

"Our players came out of the game feeling they can play with anybody," Warren said. "The sting of that loss is going to stay with us for a little while, too, because we know we could have been in the game more. But the positive experience of standing with Trinity can't be overstated."

ABILENE COOPER

■ Cooper has started a season with two losses for the first time since 2006. The Cougars responded that season by winning their next three games before heading into district play. They ended up finishing 4-6 that year and failed to make the postseason. That was former coach Mike Spradlin's first season as the head of the Cooper program. Spradlin left after last season to become the athletic director and head football coach at Temple.

■ Cooper coach Todd Moebes said there is anything but panic going on with the team after opening 0-2. Moebes believes the Cougars lost to two good, opportunistic squads in Wichita Falls Rider and Austin Westlake. Developing some consitency is his biggest key to the Cougars' need to improve.

"We've got to start being more consistent with what we're doing offensively and defensively," Moees said. "We made mistakes and our opponents made us pay for them. Rider and Westlake have both exploited us when we made mistakes."

Compiled by Jonathan Hull and Jordan Mason

LEE UPDATE

2011 STATISTICS

(2-0, 0-0)

Lee	21	34	20	0	—45
Opponent	0	10	0	0	—10

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jason McAfee	25	262	10.5	4
Travis Williams	20	192	9.6	3
Talor Nunez	16	85	5.3	1
Luke Stice	7	78	11.1	1
Darian Long	6	29	4.8	3
Skyler Estrella	1	-1	-1.0	0
Team	1	-12	-12.0	0
Totals	76	633	8.3	10

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Talor Nunez	17	23	0	269	0
Luke Stice	6	9	1	59	0
Gabriel Sanchez	1	4	0	6	0
Totals	24	33	1	334	0

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Josh Shelton	5	110	22	0
Skyler Estrella	5	69	13.8	0
Kenneth Duby	5	52	10.4	0
Cole Edwards	3	45	15	0
Kendall White	4	38	9.5	0
Andy Bowen	1	14	14.0	0
Xavier Chambers	1	6	6.0	0
Totals	24	334	13.9	0

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Dustin Beal	3	64	21.3	37
Totals	3	64	21.3	37

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Jason McAfee	4	0	0	0	24
Travis Williams	3	0	0	0	18
Darian Long	3	0	0	0	18
Miles Vincent	0	11	1	0	14
Talor Nunez	1	0	0	0	6
Luke Stice	1	0	0	0	6
Dustin Beal	0	0	1	0	3
Totals	12	11	2	0	89

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Luke Stice	20	1	3	0	0
Talmage Cockerell	18	1.5	3.5	0	0
Evan Chamblee	16	0	0	0	0
Kristian Rodriguez	14	1.5	3.5	0	0
Jacob Power	13	0	2	0	0
Nathan Horrell	12	0	2	0	0
Daniel Long	12	0	0	0	0
Dainmiun Powell	12	0	2	0	0
Gage McSwain	10	0	0	0	0
Chase Lindsey	7	0	1	0	0
Jesse Subia	7	0	3	0	0
Josh Burditt	6	0	1	0	0
Waylon Roberson	6	0	0	0	0
Reilly Gwin	5	0	1	0	0
Gage Hubbard	4	0	1	0	0
Rafael Cruz	3	0	1	0	0
Anthony Portillo	3	0	0	0	0
Ramiro Villarreal	3	0	1	0	0
Kendall White	3	0	0	0	0
Daniel Suchil	2	0	0	0	0
Andy Bowen	1	0	0	0	0
Martin Cano	1	0	0	0	0
Rafael Cruz	1	0	0	0	0
Malcolm Mayberry	1	0	0	0	0
Michael Morales	1	0	0	0	0
Thomas Patterson	1	0	0	0	0
John Pena	1	0	0	0	0
Xavier Williams	1	0	0	0	0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE

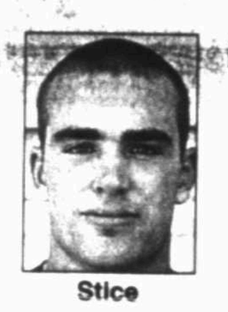
OFFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
643	321.5	334	167.0	977	488.5
DEFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
253	126.5	201	100.5	454	227.0

REBEL MVPS

Williams

OFFENSE
TRAVIS WILLIAMS, RB, SR.

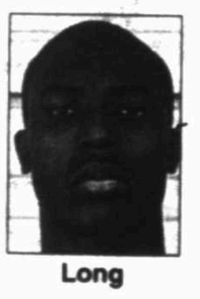
Williams had a 77-yard touchdown to open the scoring in the second half.



Stice

DEFENSE
LUKE STICE, LB, SR.

Stice was everywhere against Coronado, recording a team-high 15 tackles.



Long

SPECIAL TEAMS
DARIAN LONG, S, SR.

Long's biggest return came on an interception with less than two minutes to play in the half.

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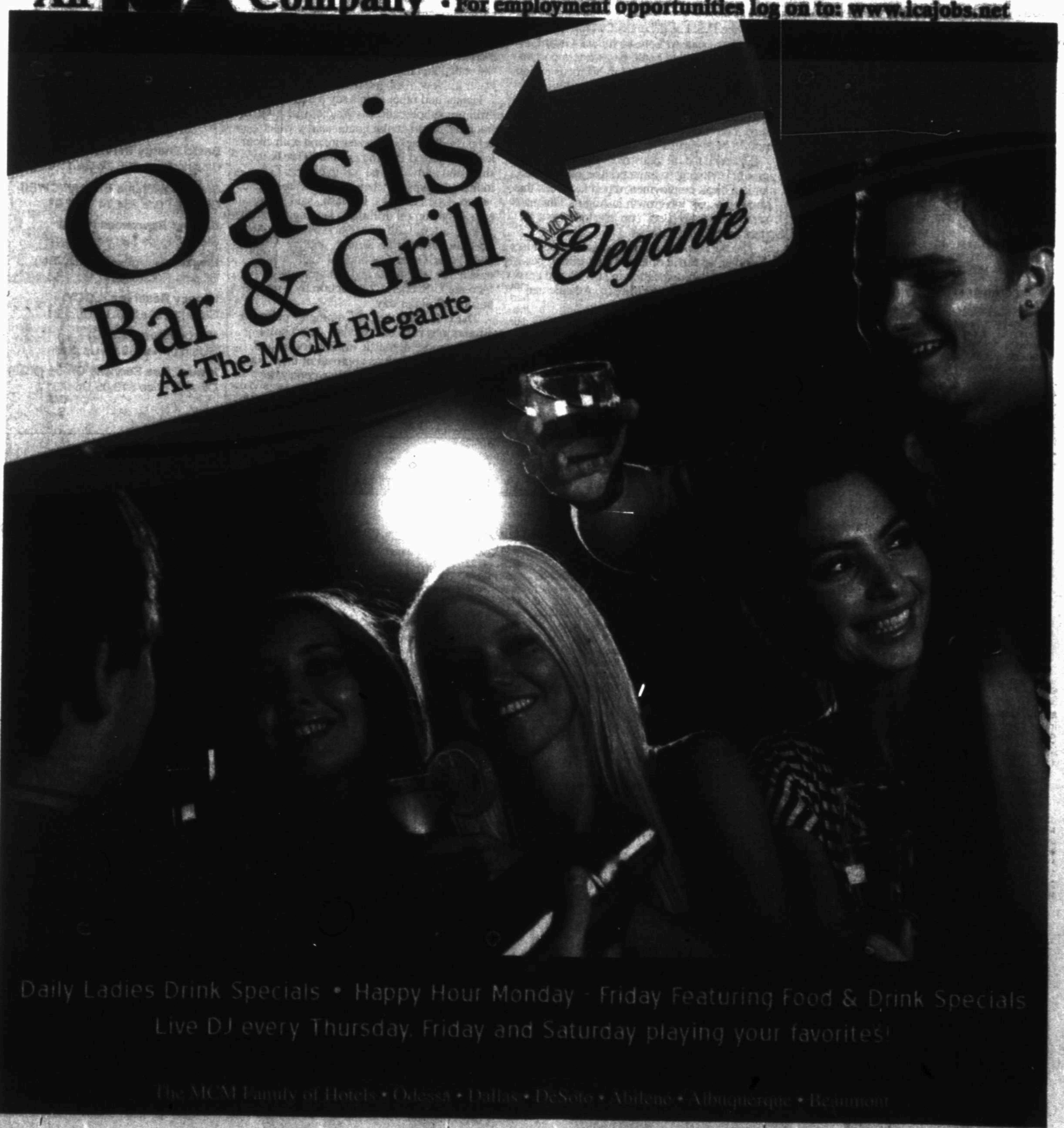

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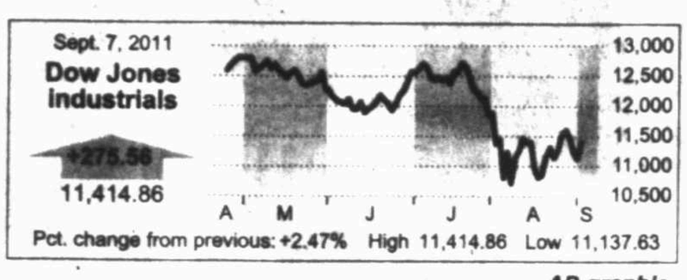

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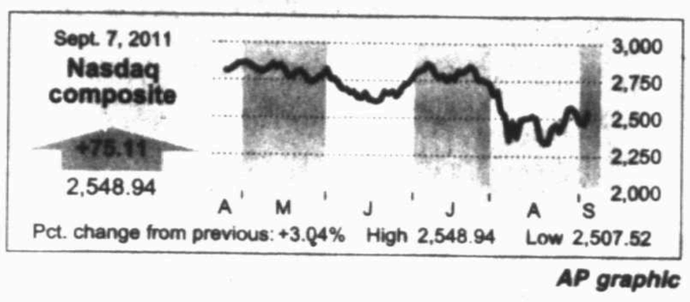

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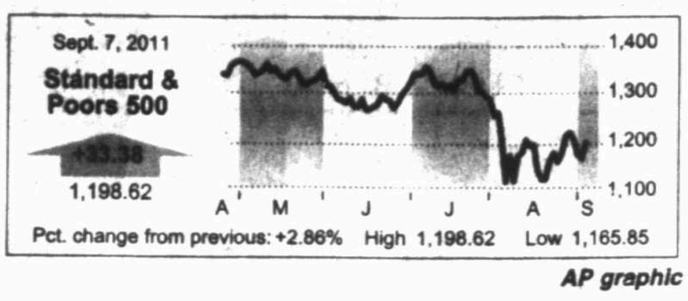

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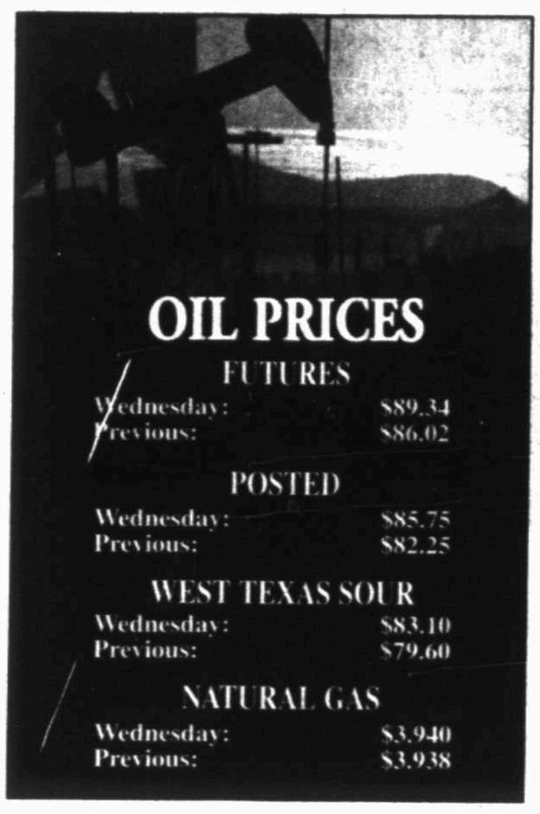

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Michael Jenkins, left, and Joshua Dugan, right, work on an oil rig running on Anadarko's Raybank Well on June 2 near Mentone, about 90 miles west of Midland.

Oil industry: Boost in energy could create 1 million jobs

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government policies to increase domestic energy production could create up to a million jobs over the next seven years, the oil industry said in a report issued a day before President Barack Obama delivers a major speech on jobs.

The American Petroleum Institute said Wednesday that proposals to expand offshore oil drilling, boost production of natural gas in New York and other states and build a Canada-to-Texas oil pipeline could boost the U.S. economy.

Taken together, the proposals could generate billions in new government revenue and help make the U.S. less dependent on foreign energy sources, said API president Jack Gerard.

"We believe that could be a very important part of the president's plan in his focus on job creation and working with the Republican and Democratic leadership in Congress," Gerard said. He said the group's proposals represent "common ground",that should find support in both parties.

The API, the oil industry's largest lobbying group, is looking to influence the jobs debate amid a bleak employment report last week that showed no net job growth in August. Obama is set to deliver his speech on jobs today to a joint session of Congress.

The API report calls on the government to speed up issuance of leases and drilling permits and open up drilling in now-closed areas in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic and Pacific oceans and Alaska.

The group also calls for New York state officials to lift a de facto moratorium on natural gas drilling and for the State Department to approve a planned $7 billion pipeline that would carry crude oil extracted from tar sand in Alberta, Canada, to refiners along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Besides creating a million new jobs, the API proposals could generate an additional $800 billion in revenue over the next two decades and double oil and gas production by 2030, Gerard said.

"When you add that to our imports from Canada and Mexico, you are at a point of making North America energy secure," he said in an interview.

Wenonah Hauter, executive director of Food & Water Watch, a clean-water advocacy group, called the API report misleading.

"It's shameful that the oil and gas industry is seeking to horse-trade environmental regulations on the false premise that it will create jobs," she said.

Deregulating oil and gas drilling won't necessarily create jobs, Hauter said, but would increase oil industry profits and pose what she called an unacceptable risk for drinking water in New York and other states.

Hauter and other critics say a natural gas drilling method called hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, could contaminate nearby water supplies. In fracking, water mixed with chemicals is injected into the ground to break up shale and allow natural gas to escape. Gas industry groups say their practices are safe.

Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., said lifting restrictions on oil drilling in key regions such as the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the Atlantic and Pacific Outer Continental Shelf would create 530,000 direct and indirect jobs and increase U.S. energy production by 4 million barrels of oil per day.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce offered a similar jobs plan on Monday. Its proposal calls for more domestic drilling for oil and natural gas, as well as approval of the 1,700-mile Keystone XL oil pipeline connecting Canada to U.S. refineries in Texas.

Oil prices rise

Oil surged nearly 4 percent Wednesday on the expectation that tropical storms will further hamper oil production in the Gulf of Mexico and squeeze supplies.

Benchmark U.S. crude on Wednesday jumped $3.32, or 3.9 percent, to finish at $89.34 per barrel in New York. Brent crude rose $2.91, or 2.6 percent, to end at $115.80 in London.

The government says Tropical Storm Lee forced oil companies to evacuate as many as 232 platforms over the weekend, more than a third of those operating in the region. The evacuations cut production of about 4 percent of the oil consumed daily in the U.S. By Wednesday workers had returned to all but 21 platforms.

The storm heightened concerns about oil and gas supplies. The Libyan rebellion already has shut down about 1.5 million barrels of oil exports per day from that country. And a series of fires, oil spills and other problems in the North Sea has helped cut a few hundred thousand barrels per day this summer from an area that already was in steep decline. Analyst Stephen Schork noted that North Sea production has fallen 45 percent since April 2003.

Dollar slips

The dollar fell against the euro Wednesday after a German court ruling keeping the country involved in the euro bloc's rescue fund.

Germany is Europe's largest economy and a key part of the bailout program.

In late trading Wednesday, the euro rose to $1.4093 from $1.3991 late Tuesday. It had dropped more than 5 cents, about 3.5 percent, in the past two weeks, hitting a nearly two-month low of $1.3972 Tuesday, as fears of a deepening debt crisis and slowing economy hurt European markets.

Also boosting the euro was better than expected industrial production data from Germany and the successful passage of an austerity package by Italy's Senate.

There was no economic data from the U.S. Wednesday except for a report from the Federal Reserve that showed that 12 of its regions saw modest economic growth this summer.

Gold fell $55.70, or 3 percent, to end at $1,817.60 an ounce. It's still up 28 percent this year.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2398914	7.48	+.49
S&P500ETF	1871811	120.29	+3.30
SPDR Fncl	1114423	12.91	+.59
iShR2K	611937	70.85	+2.58
GenElec	575579	15.80	+.55

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MGIC	2.88	+.59	+25.8
WalterEn	90.98	+15.99	+21.3
Talbots	2.96	+.43	+17.0
iP LXR2K	45.62	+6.50	+16.6
RadianGrp	3.49	+.46	+15.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DSCXBr rs	80.59	-12.24	-13.2
DirFnBr rs	54.98	-8.35	-13.2
FGidBISPBr	42.92	-5.93	-12.1
PrUPShR2K	20.92	-2.78	-11.7
DrSCBr rs	42.42	-5.49	-11.5

Diary

Advanced	2,746
Declined	317
Unchanged	51
Total issues	3,114
New Highs	19
New Lows	16
Volume	3,831,301,738

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NthgtMg	59528	4.27	-.01
NwGold g	45755	13.63	+.11
GoldStr g	44564	2.71	+.05
NovaGld g	31367	10.72	-.50
ChenereEn	27421	7.62	+.51

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Quepasa	4.63	+.57	+14.0
Banro wt	2.80	+.33	+13.4
LGL Grp	9.59	+1.04	+12.2
IEC Elec	5.76	+.45	+8.4
TriangPet	5.20	+.40	+8.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EngySvs un	2.85	-.43	-13.1
UcShrGld g	2.27	-.15	-6.2
Crexendo	4.03	-.25	-5.8
Arrhythm	3.61	-.22	-5.7
Aerocntry	11.00	-.61	-5.3

Diary

Advanced	328
Declined	147
Unchanged	32
Total issues	507
New Highs	1
New Lows	5
Volume	84,437,117

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Yahoo	734634	13.61	+.70
Cisco	553850	15.88	+.60
PwShs QQQ	466490	54.64	+1.35
SiriusXM	439763	1.79	+.11
Intel	411314	20.08	+.54

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MELA Sci	3.50	+1.26	+56.3
Conns	7.55	+2.11	+38.8
PetroDev	27.49	+5.74	+26.4
Wstptnn g	27.24	+4.42	+19.4
BBC pf II	12.70	+1.90	+17.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WestwdOne	4.30	-1.03	-19.3
CmcFstBcp	8.25	-1.75	-17.5
VascoDta	5.77	-.93	-13.9
SenecaB	20.61	-2.86	-12.2
RivrVlly	14.37	-1.73	-10.7

Diary

Advanced	2,204
Declined	385
Unchanged	92
Total issues	2,681
New Highs	18
New Lows	34
Volume	1,741,547,985

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $20.18 Up 1.10

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $54.74 Up 1.91

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $88.94 Up 4.16

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $33.37 Up 1.55

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.13 Up 0.61

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.65 Up 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.05 Up 0.51

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	28.13	+.30	-4.3
Abraxas	...	72	3.60	+.23	-21.2
AdamsEx	.51e	...	9.93	+.24	-7.5
AMD	...	6	6.76	+.49	-17.4
Alcoa	.12	14	12.25	+.48	-20.4
AlonUSA	.16	...	9.23	+.31	+54.3
Amgen	1.12	11	55.36	+.86	+.9
Anadarko	.36	44	73.42	+2.96	-3.6
Annaly	2.59e	6	17.50	-.01	-2.3
Apache	.60	10	98.62	+4.11	-16.4
ApldMatl	.32	8	11.09	+.42	-21.1
ATMOS	1.36	15	33.91	+.94	+8.7
AutoData	1.44	19	49.02	+1.37	+5.9
BP PLC	1.68	14	37.29	+.90	-15.8
BakrHu	.60	19	60.39	+2.83	+5.6
BkofAm	.04	...	7.48	+.49	-43.9
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	41.19	-1.53	+9.5
BasicEnSv	...	63	20.18	+1.10	+22.5
BerkHa A	...	1410	120.00	+3649.00	-11.9
BerryPet	.92f	25	47.00	+2.03	+7.8
BlkHillsCp	1.08	15	30.53	+.59	+1.8
BostonSci	...	17	6.49	+.18	-14.3
BrityEq	1.32	16	29.81	+.67	+13.6
BrcdeCm	...	17	4.07	+.42	-23.1
BrownFA	1.28a	19	69.47	+2.09	+.1
BrownFB	1.28a	19	69.96	+1.89	+.5
CVS Care	.50	15	37.03	+1.22	+6.5
Cameron	...	22	50.31	+1.12	-.8
Caterpillar	1.94f	15	88.69	+2.99	-5.3
Celestic g	...	9	8.30	+.44	-14.4
Cemex	...	...	5.29	+.30	-48.9
CntryLink	2.90	12	39.05	+.62	-26.7
ChesEng	.35	11	31.51	+.59	+21.8
Chevron	3.12	9	99.29	+3.88	+8.9
Chicos	.20	17	13.00	+.80	+13.1
Citigrp	.40	11	36.10	+1.60	-23.1
Cisco	.24	14	15.88	+.60	-21.5
Citigrp rs	.04	9	29.96	+1.28	-38.7
CitiEng	...	16	54.74	+1.91	-04.9
CocaCola	1.88	14	70.60	+1.37	+7.8
ColgPal	2.32	19	91.81	+2.82	+14.2
CmpPrdS	...	13	28.34	+1.42	-4.1
ConAgra	.92	13	24.74	+.84	+8.6
ConstellEn	...	...	38.94	+4.16	+1.4
ConocPhil	2.64	9	67.31	+1.61	-1.2
Corning	.20	7	14.53	+.49	-24.8
CrackerB	.88	10	40.60	+.20	-25.9
CrosTim	2.93e	16	44.76	+.21	+12.2
DCP Mid	2.53f	...	38.34	+.45	+2.5
DTE	2.35	12	49.51	+.64	+9.2
Dataram h	...	...	1.17	+.04	-25.5
Dawson	...	...	33.37	+1.55	+6.9
DevonE	.88	5	68.38	+2.54	-15.5
DrSCBr rs	...	...	42.42	-5.49	-9.4
DirFnBr rs	...	...	54.98	-8.35	+16.4
DrxFnBull	...	...	14.05	+1.67	-49.5
DrxSCBull	...	...	45.09	+4.70	-37.8
Disney	.60f	14	32.63	+.87	-13.0
DowChm	1.00f	12	27.07	+.83	-20.7
EMC Cp	...	23	22.12	+.71	-3.4
EOG Res	.84	53	90.67	+3.71	-.8
ElectArts	...	...	22.55	+.66	+37.7
EmpDist	...	17	19.83	+.30	-10.7
Energen	.54	12	47.35	+2.27	-1.9
EngyTsfr	3.58	27	43.96	+.60	-15.2
EnPro	...	20	36.63	+.80	-11.9
EntPrPt	2.42f	34	40.83	-.39	-1.9
ErcanTel	.37e	...	11.06	+.45	-4.1
ExtremeN	...	...	11.81	+.89	-61.9
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	73.68	+2.50	+.7
FordM	...	5	10.56	+.34	-37.1
ForestOil	...	17	19.56	+1.74	-48.5
FMCG s	1.00a	8	45.17	+.81	-24.6
FrontierCm	.75	44	6.86	-.04	-28.5
FreeptMi	...	...	3.60	+.05	-32.0
GATX	1.16	21	35.60	+1.72	+.9
GabGldN	.80	...	7.00	+.10	-14.7
GAbnr	.43e	...	24.96	+.45	-6.0
GenElec	.60	13	15.80	+.55	-13.6
GoldcpUS	...	...	3.25	...	+34.3
GoodrichPet	1.16	21	13.35	+2.63	-4.2
GrPlainEn	.63	14	19.06	+.34	-1.7
Halliblrtn	.36	19	42.29	+1.41	+3.6
Helmerich	1.92	17	52.76	+1.61	+6.7
HewlettP	.48	8	24.14	+.51	-42.7
Hibbett	...	...	31.19	+.79	-8.0
iShGold	...	...	17.75	-.59	+27.7
iShJapn	.17e	...	9.57	+.18	-12.3
iShSilver	...	...	40.53	-.52	+34.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	42.35	+1.22	-11.1
iS Eafe	1.68e	...	51.52	+1.49	-11.5
iShR2K	.94e	...	70.85	+2.58	-9.4
IntegrysE	2.72	16	48.50	+.52	+.1
Intel	.84f	9	20.08	+.54	-4.5
InterDig	.40	29	70.11	+2.83	+68.4
JPMorgCh	1.00	7	34.82	+1.38	-17.9
JohnJn	2.28	14	65.43	+.79	+6.8
KimbClk	2.80	16	68.46	+.92	+8.6
KindME	4.60f	...	69.08	+.64	-1.7
KindMM	4.60f	...	59.14	+.59	-11.8
LVSands	...	35	47.99	+2.14	+4.4
LegacyRes	2.16f	...	27.13	+.81	-5.5
Level3	...	...	1.70	+.04	+73.5
Lowes	.56	13	19.68	+.45	-21.6
Lubys	...	...	4.51	+.25	-28.1
MGIC	...	...	2.88	+.59	-71.7
MGM Rsts	...	...	10.85	+.53	-26.9
MassMtCp s	1.20	...	16.81	+.14	+10.0
McDnlds	2.44	18	89.29	+.47	+16.3
Merck	1.52	12	32.96	+.71	-8.5
MerMMed s	...	32	14.16	+.92	+11.8
MetroEn	...	55	6.65	+.11	-13.1
MicroHT	...	10	6.06	+.39	-24.4
Microsft	.64	10	26.00	+.49	-6.6
MorgStan	.20	36	18.33	+1.00	-40.0
Nabors	...	19	18.24	+1.08	-22.3
NatGrid	2.92e	...	50.91	+1.24	+14.7
NOVarco	.44	16	65.07	+2.40	-1.9
NewsCpA	.19f	15	16.64	+.31	+14.3
NoMinCp	.55e	...	6.39	+.25	-38.1
NvMbd	.80	...	13.85	-.59	+6.7
NvPrB	.92	...	13.82	+.07	+5.0
NovPf	.92	...	13.46	+.07	+5.0
NSTPR	.84	...	13.79	-.01	+4.6
NTXGt	.85	...	16.75	+.05	+6.6
Nvidia	...	16	14.25	+1.07	-7.5
OcciPet	1.84	12	84.54	+2.59	-13.0
Oracle	.24	17	27.63	+1.14	-11.7
ParTech	...	16	3.43	+.03	-39.9
ParkDrl	...	...	5.70	+.35	+24.7
PatUTI	.20	16	23.30	+.75	+8.5
PenRE	.80	...	9.82	+.65	-32.4
Pmtian	1.42e	16	21.80	+.33	-3.8
Pfizer	.80	13	19.01	+.36	+8.6
PioNtrl	.08	12	77.13	+4.02	-11.2
PlainsAA	3.93f	20	60.36	+.60	-3.9
PwShs QQQ	.42e	...	54.64	+1.35	+.3
Praxair	2.00	23	98.39	+2.01	+3.1
PrmEgy	...	...	20.00	-.73	+3.4
PrUSh5&P	...	...	23.18	-1.36	-2.4
ProctGam	2.10	16	62.72	+.34	-2.5
Qualcom	.86	22	51.89	+2.24	+4.4
RAM Engy	...	...	1.00	+.06	-45.7
RangeRs	.16	...	66.00	+2.11	+46.7
RegionsFn	.04	...	4.37	+.48	-37.6
RechMotn	...	5	31.90	+.93	-45.1
Rowan	...	23	36.38	+2.27	+4.2
RdyDShA	3.36	15	65.96	+1.91	-1.2
SpdDJIA	3.12e	...	113.94	+2.73	-1.5
SpdrGold	...	...	177.08	-5.82	+27.7
S&P500ETF	2.44e	...	120.29	+3.30	-4.3
SabnR	3.99e	16	61.95	+1.75	+4.0
SandersFm	.68	...	40.35	+1.57	+8.1
SandRidge	...	31	7.39	+.59	+1.8
Sanofi	.35e	26	10.46	+.47	-13.6
Schlmbrg	1.00	20	70.79	+2.47	-8.0
SignmAld	.72	19	62.72	+1.11	-6.8
SiriusXM	...	60	1.79	+.11	+10.1
Smucker	1.92f	17	72.26	+1.79	+10.1
SprintNex	...	...	3.47	+.10	-18.0
SP Engy	1.06e	...	67.90	+2.40	-.5
SPDR Fncl	.18a	...	12.91	+.59	+19.1
SP Indx	.67a	...	31.49	+.95	-9.7
SuncorLg	4.66f	8	84.25	+1.60	+.8
TalismEng s	1.09e	...	19.32	+.43	-16.3
Tesoro	...	8	24.05	+.70	+29.7
3M Co	2.20	14	80.57	+2.49	-6.5
Trehmk s	.48f	8	37.35	+1.94	-6.5
TriContl	.31e	...	13.67	+.38	-.7
TylerTech	...	33	24.34	+.85	+17.2
USWV	1.20	13	21.82	+1.59	-25.3
US Bancrp	.50	11	22.69	+1.42	-15.9
ValeroE	.20	18	22.26	+.63	-3.6
VerizonCm	2.00f	15	35.62	+.40	-.4
Vodafone	1.00	...	26.99	+.71	-19.8
Walgrn	.90f	14	36.68	+.39	-7.4
WalterEn	.50	13	90.98	+15.99	-26.6
WellsFargo	.48	10	24.96	+1.04	-19.5
WstRnRfn	...	17	17.84	+.77	+68.6
WhitingPt s	...	17	46.54	+1.97	-20.6
WmsCos	1.00f	19	26.47	+.94	+7.1
XcelEngy	1.04	18	24.33	+.28	+3.3
Xerox	.17	16	8.08	+.22	-30.3
Yahoo	...	15	13.61	+.70	-18.2

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
12,876.00	10,332.40	Dow Jones Industrials	11,414.86	+275.56	+2.47	-1.40	+8.90
5,627.85	4,205.13	Dow Jones Transportation	4,529.90	+148.92	+3.35	-11.30	+2.94
442.01	351.59	Dow Jones Utilities	428.93	+4.69	+1.11	+8.91	+8.36
8,178.25	6,839.00	NYSE Composite	7,355.17	+207.04	+2.90	-7.84	+5.07
2,460.51	1,820.84	Amex Index	2,274.67	+32.70	+1.46	+3.00	+16.72
2,887.75	2,208.82	Nasdaq Composite	2,548.94	+75.11	+3.04	-3.92	+14.38
1,370.58	1,091.15	S&P 500	1,198.62	+33.38	+2.86	-4.69	+9.08
14,562.01	11,444.56	Wilshire 5000	12,836.42	+373.84	+3.05	-5.42	+9.64
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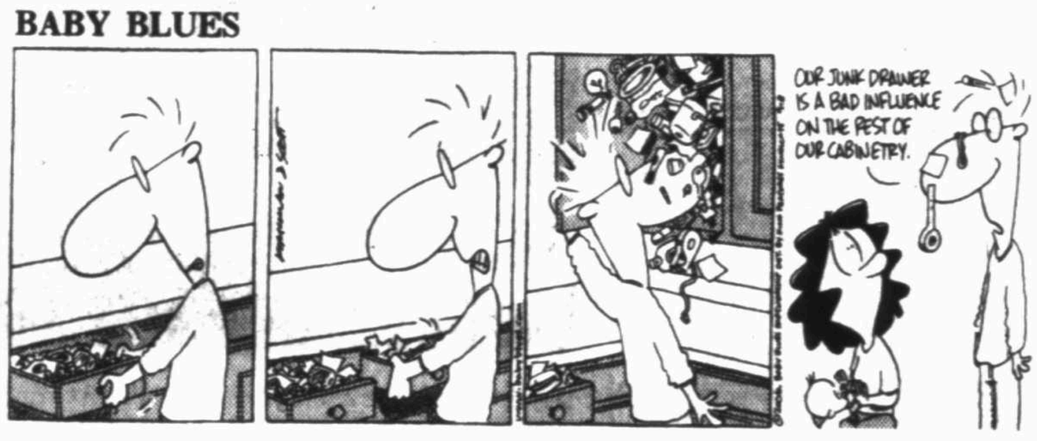

SHOE

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CLOSE TO HOME

"When they put us in the Witness Protection Program, I was just expecting it would be more sophisticated than this."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF MY CALL IS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU... HOW COME YOU'RE NOT THERE TO TAKE IT?"

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"Yep! Summer is REALLY over. She gave us homework today."

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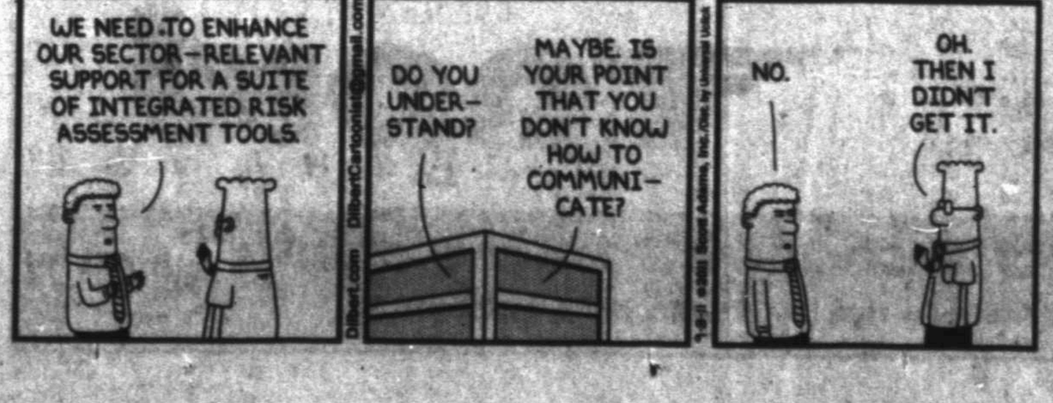
DILBERT



NASCAR THIS WEEK

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ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup
Wonderful Pistachios 400, 7:30 p.m., Saturday — abc

Nationwide Series
Va. 529 College Savings 250, 7:30 p.m., Friday — ESPN2

Truck Series
Fast Five 225, 8 p.m., Sept. 16 — SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ NASCAR's decision to skip Monday and run the AdvoCare 500 on Tuesday was based on analyzing weather forecasts. Many fans, who were off on Labor Day, were upset that the ruling body didn't give it the old Monday try.

▶ Weather (Tropical storms,etc.) wreaked havoc on opening-weekend college football games, too. Has there ever been a sports weekend so affected, in so many places, by thunder, lightning and rain?

▶ With so much attention on his slump and struggle to make the Chase, a Sunday rainout had to be particularly nettlesome to Tony Stewart.

▶ Entering the regular-season finale, the Chase field is, in reality, more stable than expected. The possibility of yet another surprise winner is the chief variable as Richmond beckons.

▶ In the 10th anniversary of 9/11 (race actually scheduled for Sept. 10), Snooki, from "Jersey Shore," seemed an odd choice to wave the Richmond green flag. The justification, supposedly, is her endorsement of the race's sponsoring product, Wonderful Pistachios. Really?

▶ UPS is greatly cutting back its NASCAR sponsorship, which aggravates an already troubling scenario for Jack Roush's Ford team. Cutting back to three teams is a possibility at Roush Fenway Racing.

▶ The rain in the east would've been infinitely more appreciated in drought-and-fire-strickened Texas.

▶ Stewart has won at least once in each of his 12 previous Cup seasons, but he never won in 2010 until Atlanta.

▶ Atlanta is one of the drivers' favorite tracks, and when they talk about it, it inevitably draws attention to the track's being cut back from two to one annual race. The loss was a result of fan, not driver, popularity. And, as witnessed by the rainout, the Hampton track has had its share of bad breaks.

▶ Oh, by the way, the driver with the most points since May is ... Jimmie Johnson. Surprise, surprise.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series (before Tues.)	Pts.
1. Kyle Busch	830
Jimmie Johnson	830
3. Matt Kenseth	- 32
4. Carl Edwards	- 35
5. Kevin Harvick	- 48
Jeff Gordon	- 48
7. Ryan Newman	- 68
8. Kurt Busch	- 81
9. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 102
10. Tony Stewart	- 120
11. Brad Keselowski	- 141
12. Clint Bowyer	- 142

Nationwide Series	
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	909
2. Elliott Sadler	- 13
3. Reed Sorenson	- 10
4. Aric Almirola	- 40
5. Justin Allgaier	- 69
6. Jason Leffler	- 98
7. Kenny Wallace	- 162
8. Steve Wallace	- 172
9. Brian Scott	- 185
10. Michael Annett	- 198

Camping World Truck Series	
1. James Buescher	588
2. Johnny Sauter	- 12
3. Timothy Peters	- 14
4. Austin Dillon	- 17
5. Ron Hornaday Jr.	- 48
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WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP

Race: Wonderful Pistachios 400
Where: Richmond (Va.) International Raceway (.75 mi.), 400 laps/300 miles.
When: Saturday, Sept. 10.
Last year's winner: Denny Hamlin, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Brian Vickers, Chevy, 129.983 mph, May 14, 2004.
Race record: Dale Jarrett, Ford, 109.047 mph, Sept. 6, 1997.
Last week: Kasey Kahne put a Toyota on the pole, but rain put the AdvoCare 500, at Atlanta Motor Speedway, on hold until Tuesday, Sept. 6. A dire forecast led NASCAR officials to take the unusual step of holding off on another try for two days.

NATIONWIDE

Race: Va. 529 College Savings 250
Where: Richmond (Va.) International Raceway (.75 mi.), 250 laps/187.5 miles.
When: Friday, Sept. 9.
Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Kyle Busch, Chevy, 129.348 mph, May 14, 2004.
Race record: Dale Jarrett, Ford, 104.928 mph, Sept. 8, 1995.
Last week: Carl Edwards, almost always masterful at Atlanta Motor Speedway, overcame a pit-road error to win for the sixth time this season and 35th time in his career. Kyle Busch's Toyota trailed Edwards' Ford across the finish line.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Fast Five 225
Where: Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. (1.5 mi.), 150 laps/225 miles.
When: Friday, Sept. 16.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Todd Bodine, Toyota, 173.840 mph, Aug. 27, 2010.
Race record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 132.610 mph, Aug. 27, 2010.
Last week: Ron Hornaday Jr. pulled off quite the surprise at Atlanta, using superior gas mileage to win for the second time this season and collecting the 49th series victory of his career. Another Chevy driver, Clint Bowyer, finished second.

RICHMOND DATA

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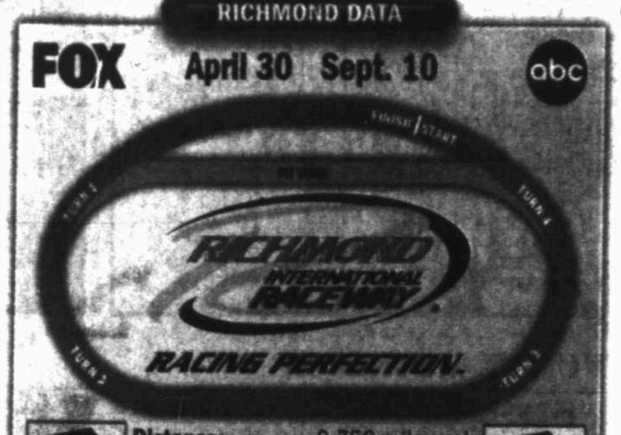

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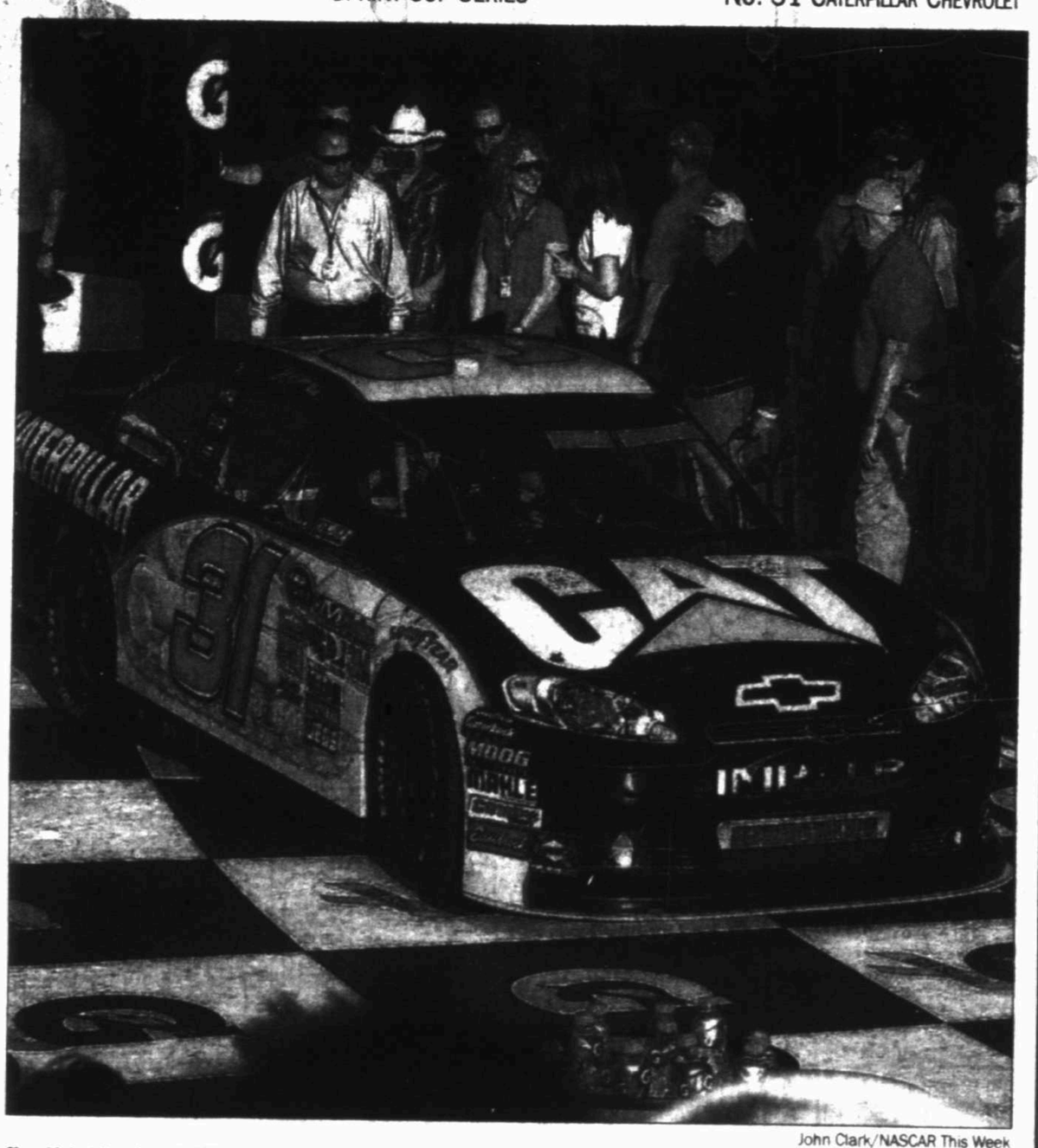
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JEFF BURTON — SPRINT CUP SERIES — No. 31 CATERPILLAR CHEVROLET



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Since his last Cup victory in 2008, Jeff Burton's learned to race hard and embrace any win he can get his hands on. Entering the Cup race at Atlanta, Burton's gone a streak of 101 races without a trip to Victory Lane.

Burton Knows To Cherish A Win

Like Martin, driver knows that the wins don't come easy these days

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

HAMPTON, Ga. — Jeff Burton has been down before, so it's a little easier for him to keep his chin up regarding a subpar performance this year.

Burton, the younger of two racing brothers from South Boston, Va. (Ward is no longer active in NASCAR), finished third in the 2000 (then) Winston Cup points standings. He won at least two races in five straight seasons, collecting six victories in 1999 alone. Then Burton went winless for four straight seasons before winning four races over the next three seasons (2006-08). He hasn't won since.

Burton, 44, draws insight from another veteran, onetime teammate Mark Martin.

"I learned this from Mark," he said. "Whenever you win a race, you don't know if you're ever going to win another one. He always said it publicly, and everyone always criticized him for saying it, like he was a pessimist and all that, but he was speculating from reality. The fact of the matter is, when you win a race, you don't know if you're ever going to win another one. I don't care if it's your first year or 30th year; it's just that way. It's very hard to win these races.

"So I really can't tell you that I'm sitting here questioning myself or wondering if I'm ever going to win a race any more than I ever have. I think that, throughout my whole career, I have always wondered, wow, will we ever win another one? So I'm really in the same position right now that I've always been."

Entering Tuesday's scheduled AdvoCare 500, rained out on Monday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Burton had allowed 101 races to pass since his victory on Oct. 11, 2008, at Charlotte Motor Speedway. It was the 21st Cup victory of his career. His best finish of the current season had been a ninth on the road course in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

"The New England Patriots don't win every Super Bowl," Burton said. "The Lakers don't win every NBA championship. You go through times in your career, whatever sport you're in, whatever business you're in, (where) you're not as successful as other times.

"And while you're going through it, it's difficult to really know why."

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Allgaier

VERSUS

Sorenson

JUSTIN ALLGAIER VS. REED SORENSON

Sorenson, who has been in the title race, crashed out of Atlanta's Nationwide Series race after being tapped inadvertently by teammate Allgaier. Sorenson angrily responded to the incident, for which Allgaier dutifully took the blame.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Sometimes mistakes are amplified, and this was a shining example. Allgaier didn't take his teammate out intentionally, but from Sorenson's perspective, that really didn't matter much."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Enough Is Enough?

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Dear NASCAR This Week,
Would someone explain to me why would Hendrick (Motorsports) want Kasey Kahne's crew chief? Kasey more often than not enters pit road near the front or in the lead and comes out way back. Where is the problem?
Martha Lonn
Mesick, Mich.

The primary reason is that Kahne himself wants Kenny Francis, with whom he has spent most of his career. Another reason is that the crew chief may be responsible for the entire effort, but he isn't himself a member of the pit crew. He may bear overall responsibility, but he doesn't actually coach the pit crew. That crew won't go over the wall when Francis moves to Hendrick in 2012.

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LEGENDS AND LORE

A Buschwacker's Day in '85

Who says Sprint Cup drivers competing in the Nationwide Series is something new? In what was then the Busch Series' Winn-Dixie 300, at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 25, 1985, Tim Richmond, driving a No. 15 Levi Garrett Pontiac owned by Rick Hendrick, won over the No. 17 Budweiser/Colonial Bread Chevy of Neil Bonnett. The runner-up car was owned by Darrell Waltrip. Cup drivers took three of the top four positions.

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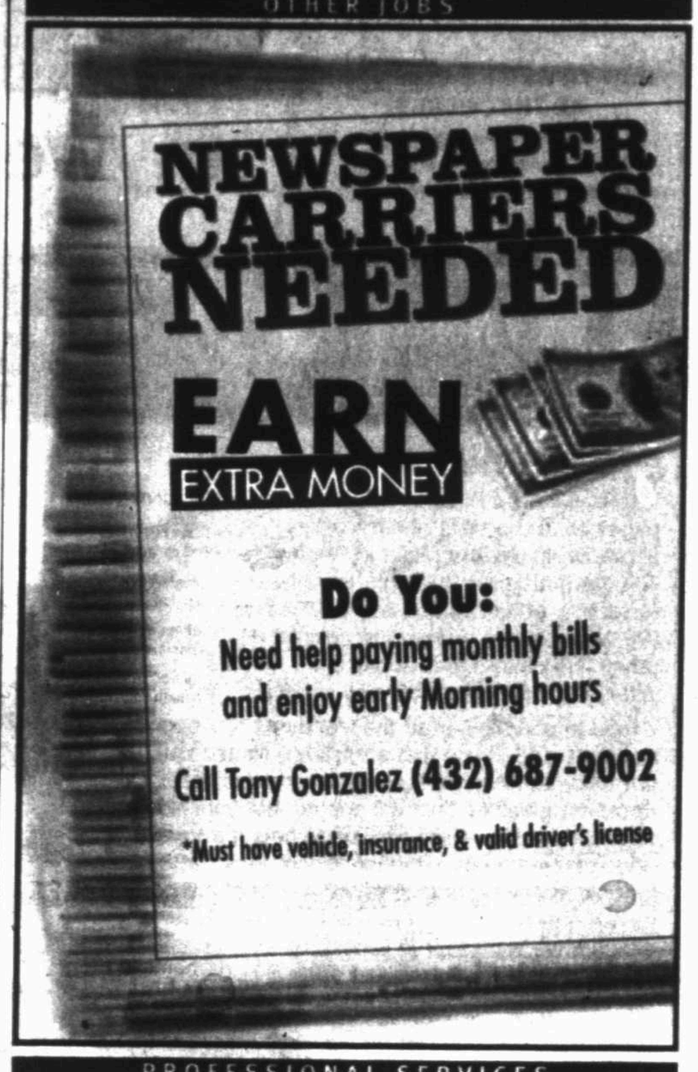

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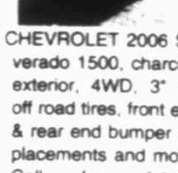

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

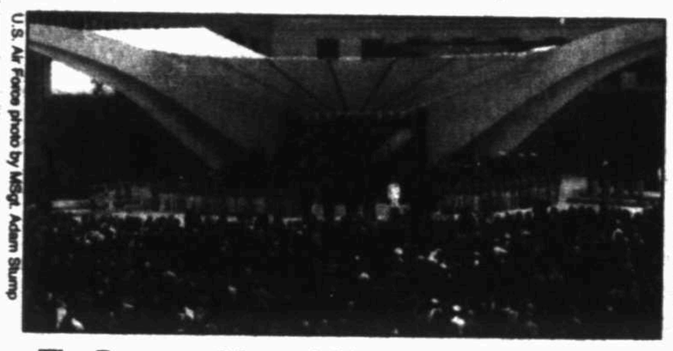
REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

On the morning of September 11, 2001, four airplanes were hijacked. Two were crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia and one crashed into a field in Shanksville, rural Pennsylvania.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of that day when we remember, and honor, the nearly 3,000 men, women and children who lost their lives.

Photo courtesy 9/11 Memorial & Museum

The memorial in New York features two waterfalls cascading into two square reflecting pools set on the footprint of the original Twin Towers of the World Trade Center.



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The Pentagon Memorial is an everlasting tribute to the 184 souls who perished there on 9/11/01.

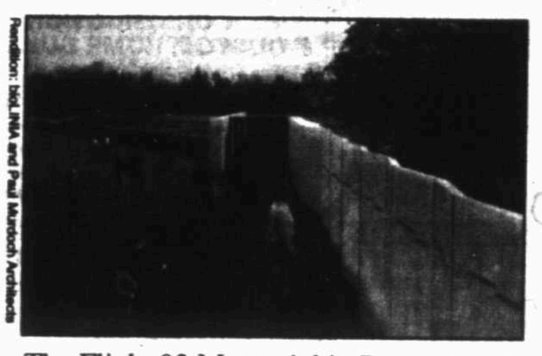

Photo courtesy Flight 93 Memorial Project Archives

The Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania honors the brave passengers and crew.

Let's Talk

Ask a parent what they remember about Sept. 11, 2001. Though it was a day of great sadness, what do they remember about the many compassionate acts and heroes of that day?

Online resources:
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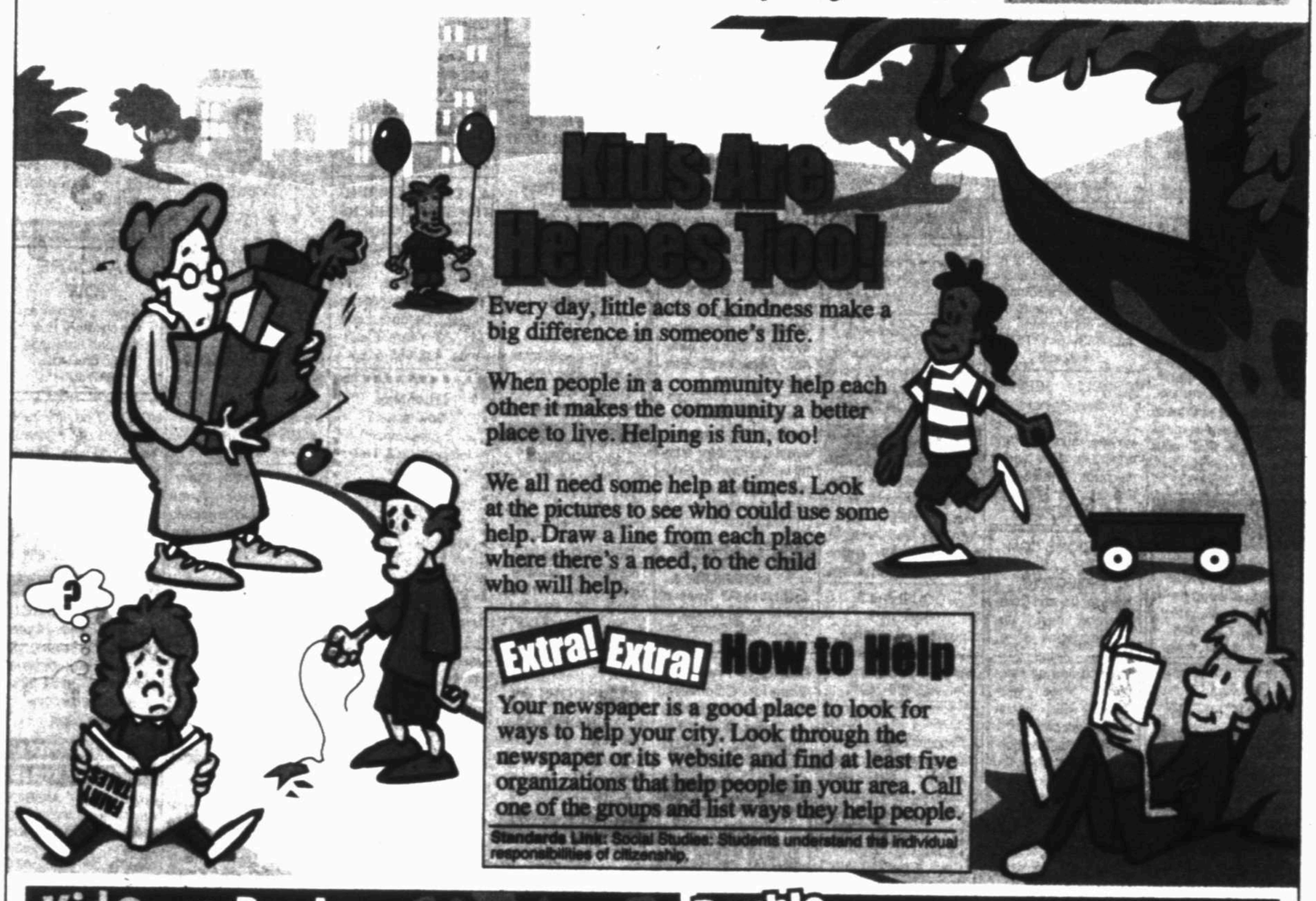


Kids Are Heroes Too!

Every day, little acts of kindness make a big difference in someone's life.

When people in a community help each other it makes the community a better place to live. Helping is fun, too!

We all need some help at times. Look at the pictures to see who could use some help. Draw a line from each place where there's a need, to the child who will help.

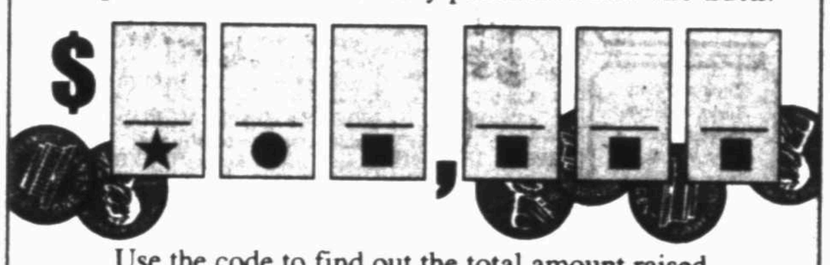
Extra! Extra! How to Help

Your newspaper is a good place to look for ways to help your city. Look through the newspaper or its website and find at least five organizations that help people in your area. Call one of the groups and list ways they help people.

Standards Link: Social Studies: Students understand the individual responsibilities of citizenship.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Donating a few pennies may not seem heroic, but when children around the world each donated a few pennies following the 9/11 attacks, thousands of dollars were raised to help the Fire Department of New York City purchase a new fire truck.



Use the code to find out the total amount raised.

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Standards Link: Social Studies. Students understand that being a good citizen involves acting in certain ways; learn examples of patriotism in America.

The Opinion Scoop

Find out more about the memorials to honor the victims of the 9/11 tragedy go to **www.kidscoop.com/kids**

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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E	T	T	K	C	H	K	L	A	T
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Thank a Hero

Look through your newspaper or on its website for information about a person who helps people in your community. Write a letter to the editor thanking this person for being a local hero.

Standards Link: Writing Applications; write formal letters.

Hold this quote up to a mirror to read it:

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

– Christopher Reeve

Weekly Writing Corner

Lovely as a Tree

American poet, Joyce Kilmer, wrote a poem that started,
I think that I shall never see,
A poem lovely as a tree.
What do you think the poet meant?

I think the lovely thing about trees is that they change. You can't really change a poem once it is written so I think that is what it means.

Sophia, 4th grade

There are lots of different beautiful parts of a tree like the branches, the leaves, the flowers and sometimes the fruit. There are also the shoots and roots. Poems can have a lot of words but not so many different parts like a tree does.

Jackey, 5th grade

Trees are prettier than poems. That is what she means.

Greg, 2nd grade

I don't really like poems but I do like trees. You can climb in a tree and you can watch it grow. Leaves can change to red and brown in the fall and then fall to the ground. A tree looks different in the winter. A poem is just a poem.

Isaac 5th grade

You can make a poem but you can't make a tree.A tree has to grow in the soil and most trees grow slowly.

James, 2nd grade

I think this poem means that one of Earth's great beauties is a tree and we should protect it. Every time you cut down a tree, you should plant a new one. I also think that it means that trees are lovely, and some poetry is lovely too. So I think that is what the poem means.

Maddy, 5th grade

Squirrels live in the trees in my garden. The nests are way up high. On some nights, there is an owl that sits in the tree and hoots. The trees sometimes sway in the wind and make a lovely swishing sound. I can't see how a poem can do these things.The words can be lovely but it can't be a living place like the trees in my garden.

Bethany, 5th grade

Most poems tell the story of one event and you can write a poem about a great tree but it wouldn't be the same a seeing the tree, walking under the tree or climbing the tree and listening to the sounds it makes.

Josh, 5th grade

You can climb in a tree but you can't climb in a poem.

Damian, 1st grade

Maybe the lady who wrote this has a lovely tree in her yard but she doesn't know how to write a lovely poem.

Rhys, 1st grade

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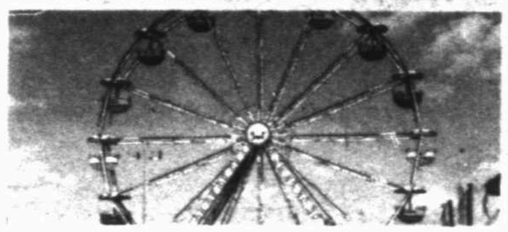

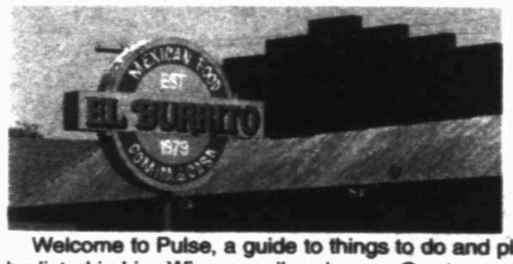

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When: 6:30 p.m.
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Friday

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When: 8:45 a.m.
Where: Beal Plaza, MC main campus.

Saturday

LINCOLN TOWERS RESIDENT ART SHOW
When: 7-8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: 311 W. 4th, Odessa
Info: Public reception 7-8 p.m. Friday. Music and refreshments. Paintings by nine residents.

WATERCOLOR HORIZONS GROUP
When: Entries due Saturday
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.
Info: Reception and awards 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 16. Show closes Oct. 16.

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Where: 501 W Texas Ave., under the green.

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Sunday

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When: 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m.
Where: First United Methodist church, downtown
Info: featuring Lee Greenwood, songer of "God Bless the USA"

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Tuesday

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When: 9:30 a.m.-noon meeting and demonstration
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 E. Wadley Ave.

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ALL THE DETAILS

Premiere: "A Tablet of Overcoming"

When: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave., downtown

Tickets: $10. May be purchased in advance at atabletofovercoming.com and at the door.

Info: Written by Midlander Matt Griffin. Directed by Griffin and Midland native Sean Stringer. Received Best Narrative Feature Award at the Rembrandt Film Festival, Dallas.

Running time: 1 hour, 43 minutes, 56 seconds

Total production budget: Less than $15,000

Midlanders make movie from start to finish

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Technology made Matt Griffin's dream a reality.

"Film was something I've always been interested in," said Griffin, who wrote and co-directed the film "A Tablet of Overcoming." "But I've always been interested in more than just film. I have a really broad range of interests from writing to visual design to photography and film, of course.

"I always wanted to be able to create a film from start to finish. Not just be the writer or the director but be the author of the whole process. That's what really enticed me when these cameras came out — the Canon 70 and the line of DSLF that have a video feature. That was what made me realize I could actually accomplish that now."

Griffin wrote the story at the end of 2009, then approached Midland native Sean Stringer about becoming involved in the project.

"He had directed a film here in 2005," Griffin said. "I'd already known him for quite a while and had a cameo in his film. We decided we were going to shoot the whole thing ourselves. Not get any funding from anyone else. We were going to do it the way we wanted to do it."

They held auditions in February of 2010 at the Holiday Inn Express.

"We had actors fly in from all around the state of Texas and were able to cast all of the roles from that one audition," said Griffin.

The leading roles went to then Midland resident Venus Monique and longtime Australian actor Andy McPhee ("The Condemned," "Sons of Anarchy," "Criminal Minds"). With the exception of McPhee, the actors are all amateur actors from Texas.

Shooting began in March and wrapped up in June. The film was shot entirely on location around Midland.

Every aspect of the production was shared in real time on Facebook and Twitter, Griffin said, noting, "A Tablet of Overcoming" is one of the first feature-length films shot in high definition on the Canon 7D camera.

"After that we went into post production and started editing everything," Griffin said. "There's a lot of decisions to be made and a lot of footage to go through, and there's special effects you have to add. It's a very long process especially for a very small team.

"We edited at least 30 minutes off the movie to get it down to what it is now and that included some entire scenes that are in the script that don't appear in the final product. Beyond that there are individual lines that were said within a scene we didn't like and found we were able to edit just that line out."

Griffin and Stringer also plan on marketing the film themselves.

"We decided from the very beginning we were going to self distribute this film, which means that we retain control over it. Anyone that wants to distribute or screen the film in any way goes directly through the creators rather than through a middle man. This kind of self distribution is very new in the film industry.

"In the past, if you shot an independent film, you would take it to film festivals and try to find a distributor for the film. And that was the only way you would ever make money on it. But because of the Internet and other emerging technologies, it's become possible to take that distributor out of the loop.

"We are putting on this premiere in Midland. Any deals that are made with a major distribution channel like Netflix or Blockbuster, we are going to manage those relationships ourselves."

The timing may not have been the best for a husband (wife, Ashleigh) and father of three — Morgan, 5-year-old boy, Emma, 4 years old, and youngest Viola, 1 year old.

"Making a film is a very taxing process," said Griffin. "Having embarked on this journey at the same time our third child was born was probably not the best idea in the world, but it did work out in the end. We all survived, and we're happy that the production part of the project is over."

Griffin is grateful to be able to complete a project of this scope.

"We're thankful (he and Stringer) to be part of this period in the story of film making where the individual can make a film and let the public decide whether or not they like it."

Quirky film shot in Midland deserves national audience

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

"Do you have enough gum?"

It's a catchphrase ready to burst into the nation's vernacular. That's because the movie it's taken from — "A Tablet of Overcoming" — is smart, funny and sure to gain a cult following if it can reach a mass audience.

The quirky, wildy original independent film was written and co-directed by Midlander Matthew Griffin, who shot the film in early 2010 entirely in the Tall City. Many Midland landmarks — including Grafa Park and the office building on the northeast corner of Colorado Street and Illinois Avenue — get cameos in the film.

"A Tablet of Overcoming" uses area actors, save for the star, Andrew McPhee, the veteran character actor who's appeared in some of the best known films from Down Under in recent memory, including "Wolf Creek" and 2010's startling "Animal Kingdom."

The film is a character study that explores the psyche of a man who owns a landscaping business and the impact his philosophies have on a young woman who takes a job answering the phone in his office. And this guy has issues.

John Logan is a man who's lived his life under an existential umbrella brought on from the time he was 19 and his mother presented him with a sealed envelope inscribed with the words "Open when Johnny can read" (which also evidently is the original or working title of the film). The envelope was from Logan's father, who died when Logan was 3 years old. Logan's mom had forgotten to give it to him in a timely manner, and so the issues commence.

Logan has developed a doozy of a case of obsessive compulsive disorder. He keeps his office tidy. Real tidy. Nothing adorning the walls save for the envelope, unopened after all these years and encased in a frame. It is the focal point of his life and he expects others to live the same reality.

Thus enters Wendy, gracefully played by Iraan native Venus Monique, the latest in a line of receptionists expected to sit in an outer room at a desk with a phone, a notepad and an outgoing messages box. That's it. Oh, and a drawerful of gum, a sack full of fast food restaurant condiment packs and a big ring full of keys to unknown doors. She's not allowed to use the business phone or bring her own cellphone into work.

She is there, Logan tells her, to answer the phone and to become self-aware. The gum apparently is conducive to this goal as Logan inquires about the gum supply almost incessantly in the film's funniest running gag. Former receptionist Heather also grabs a few laughs but watch out for a former receptionist named Indigo in a brief scene for the film's funniest moment.

Beneath the levity, though, lies Logan's growing anxiety and frustration with the world. He has Wendy type up letters he dictates, often rants lashing out at a pubilc servant or service industry employee ("Dear yogurt shop owner"; "Dear drive-thru dude"; "Dear director of 'Glitter'"). The letters are never mailed. They are added to a stack of thousands in a room in the office.

Wendy is mesmerized. Logan has become her hero. But Logan's anxiety about the world not becoming the place he wants it to be escalates, sending the film to a darker place.

What comes next is quite sudden and quite unexpected. It is worth the price of admission to learn what that is.

"A Tablet of Overcoming" is not without flaws, though. McPhee's Aussie accent seeps through every now and then, mostly in Logan's opening monologue to Wendy describing his life philosophy and meaning behind the envelope. There also are a few continuity issues — watch the dancing soda and condiment bottles in the early dinner scene with Wendy and her mom.

But mostly there are many beautifully shot scenes, particularly the exterior shots, including a few time-lapse downtown scenes that capture Midland like no one ever has. The film has not received an MPAA rating, but language and a brief scene of violence would probably get a PG-13 rating.

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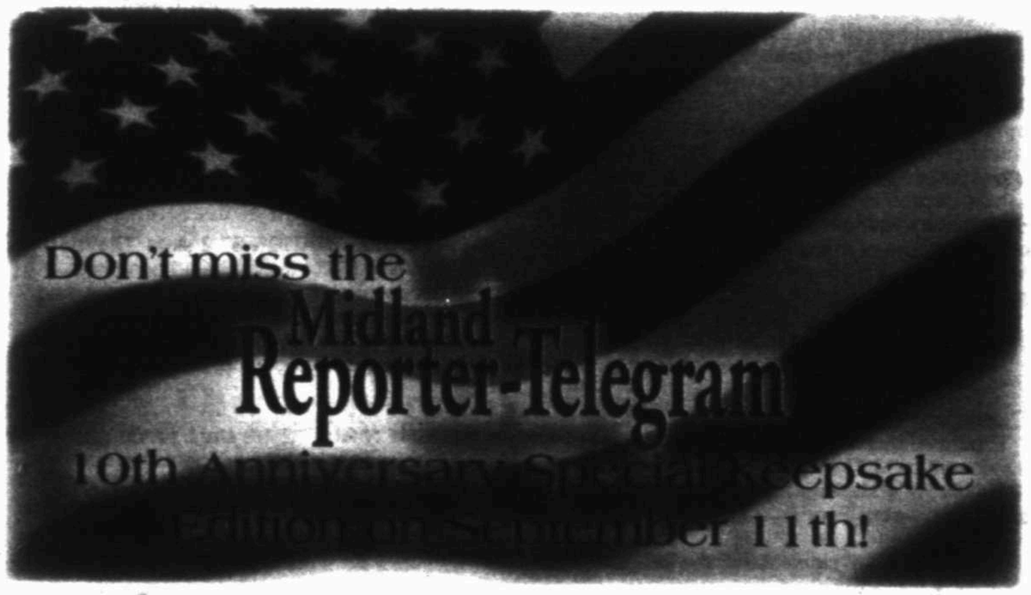

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Reviews of recently released feature films

"THE DEBT" — Classy, solid and well-acted, this is a rare bit of meaty, intelligent filmmaking during the ordinarily dreary final days of summer. With a cast that includes Helen Mirren, Tom Wilkinson and a tremendous Jessica Chastain, led by "Shakespeare in Love" director John Madden, it seems it would be hard to go wrong. Matthew Vaughn, the director of "Layer Cake" and "Kick-Ass," co-wrote the script. It's smart and tense but also frustrating; it almost feels too safe, too conservative and reserved in the way it hits its notes. Still, everything about it is so respectable, you may feel engrossed in the moment, yet forget about it soon afterward. Three former Mossad agents (Mirren, Wilkinson and Ciaran Hinds) are being celebrated at the launch of a book detailing their most important mission. Flashbacks to 1965, when the characters are played by Chastain, Martin Csokas and Sam Worthington, reveal what really happened. As it jumps back and forth in time, "The Debt" explores the conflict between expectations and reality, intellect and emotions, truth and regret. The film's gray areas are so intriguing that you'll wish it didn't rely on a facile love triangle to create further tension. R for some violence and language. 113 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"COLOMBIANA" — A brawny B-action picture with a gorgeous, graceful woman wreaking havoc at its center: Yup, this is a Luc Besson movie. The director of "La Femme Nikita" and "The Fifth Element" serves as co-writer and producer here, but this is very much a spinoff of his brand, a continuation of the kind of stereotype- and gravity-defying characters he's made his name on. "Colombiana" feels more hammy and muscular, though — but knowingly so, and that's what makes it solid, late-summer escapist fun. Zoe Saldana stars as Cataleya, who saw her parents killed in front of her when she was a 9-year-old schoolgirl living in the slums of Bogota. Fifteen years later, with the help of her Uncle Emilio (Cliff Curtis), she's transformed herself into a highly efficient professional assassin in the United States, but she still seeks revenge against her parents' killers. Over-the-top bad guys spew generically menacing lines and hot women parade around in bikinis and lingerie: It's all big and silly. But Saldana manages to earn our sympathy, as the script (which Besson wrote with frequent collaborator Robert Mark Kamen) allows her to convey a surprising amount of emotion and inner conflict. PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, intense sequences of action, sexuality and brief strong language. 108 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of other feature films

Produced by the Philadelphia Enquirer and distributed by MCT Information Services.

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"CARS 2" 2 1/2 stars. Mater, the little tow truck who could, is the hero of of this sequel to the movie widely considered the lemon in the Pixar cornucopia. Despite Mater's bucktoothed charm, John Lasseter fails to turn this globe-trotting sequel into lemonade. 1 hr. 52 G

"DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK" 2 stars. Despite Guillermo del Toro's participation (co-writer, co-producer), this putatively scary remake of a revered '70s TV movie doesn't have much to recommend. There's an over-emoting kid (Bailee Madison) traumatized by parental discord and furry demons, and there are Guy Pearce and Katie Holmes in superficial, stereotypical roles. 1 hr. 39 R (intense scares, violence, adult themes)

"FINAL DESTINATION 5" 2 stars. The most gory entry in the film cycle about household items decapitating and pulverizing hot boys and girls has nary a plot or decorum. But it's in 3-D. Fans will dig it. The rest should steer clear. 1 hr. 32 R (extreme gore, violence, profanity, flying limbs)

"FRIGHT NIGHT" 2 1/2 stars. Anton Yelchin is the high school kid who suspects his new neighbor — Colin Farrell — of being a blood-sucking vampire in this unnecessary 3-D remake of the beloved 1985 horror pic. 1 hr. 46 R (vampire violence, gore, adult themes)

"THE HELP" 3 stars. Viola Davis gives a soul-stirring, hope-raising performance in Tate Taylor's adaptation of Kathryn Stockett's best-seller about black domestics in 1962 Mississippi who share their stories for an oral history taken by a white woman (Emma Stone). 2 hrs. 26 PG-13 (racism, sexual candor, violence)

At Tall City 14:
Opening Friday: "Contagion," "Warrior" and "Bucky Larson"
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"ONE DAY" 2 stars. Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess as the friends who wrestle with the not uninteresting question of whether friendship is the barrier to love or the basis of it. David Nicholls adapted his novel that looks in on his protagonists once a year between 1988 and 2006. 1 hr. 48 PG-13 (sexual candor, substance abuse, profanity)

"OUR IDIOT BROTHER" 3 stars. Paul Rudd has the title role as a guileless good guy whose inescapable well-meaningness creates problems for all the freinds and family in his orbit. Elizabeth Banks, Zoe Deschanel and Emily Mortimer play his exasperated sisters. 1 hr. 35 R (sex, nudity, profanity, drugs, adult themes)

"RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES" 3 stars. James Franco and a performance-captured Andy Serkis are the leads in this touching man-and-his-monkey melodrama ... oops, make that this shamelessly fun sci-fi B-movie with A-movie effects. A prequel to the original '68 classic, with a barrel of chimps and orangutans running amok in modern-day San Francisco. 1 hr. 45 PG-13 (violence, intense action, experimental drugs, adult themes)

"30 MINUTES OR LESS" 2 stars. A hazy action comedy about a pizza delivery guy (Jesse Eisenberg) forced to rob a bank, or else the bomb he's got strapped to his chest will detonate. With crash-and-burn car chases and some unexpectedly dark turns, the film is undermined by a surfeit of sloppy R-rated jokes and stupid-with-a-capital-S comedy. Aziz Ansari and Danny McBride co-star. 1 hr. 23 R (profanity, violence, sex, adult themes)

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DVDIVA'S
pick of the week

Powerful Oscar-winning Dutch film 'In a Better World' tops this week's rentals

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Pick of the week

IN A BETTER WORLD (R) This year's Oscar winner for best foreign language film is a powerful story about two boys whose friendship leads to regrettable circumstances. Constantly surprising and filled with amazing performances, this Danish export about bullying is thought-provoking and distinctive. A

BIKINI GIRLS ON ICE (unrated) You can lower expectations because of the film's stupid title but they won't be low enough. Exploitation horror flick has grunting — never speaking — gas station attendant named Moe who goes on a killing spree when a busload of female soccer players set up a fundraising car wash at the station, conveniently located in the middle of nowhere. Nothing redeemable and no camp or kitsch factors made this unmatchable. F

CELL 211 (R) Mesmerizing Spanish film about a new guard who struggles to survive by posing as an inmate during a riot. Fans of the genre — and films including "Cool Hand Luke," "Brubaker," "The Great Escape" and especially the HBO series "Oz" — will surely appreciate this film but fans of gritty action movies with substance will like it, too. B+

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON (R) Silly, decidedly far from frightening film about a young woman trapped in a closed theme park with the "living memories" of patrons and employees who suffered wrongful deaths. Good premise, decent production values but the story is poorly executed, confusing and tedious. C-

THE 5TH QUARTER (PG) Part weepy melodrama, part sports movie based on the true story of a family whose loss of one son inspired his brother to help lead his underdog college football team to a winning season. The problems with the film, which include failure to flesh out several of the ancillary family members, unexplained plot points — what happened to the kid who was driving the car? — and the tendency many of these biopics have to make the heroic characters a little too larger than life, are transcended by the storytelling. B

MADEA'S BIG HAPPY FAMILY (PG-13) Tyler Perry takes a new tact with his characters in this film that keeps most of the story from the play but eliminates the 10 minute diatribes from Madea, The female characters are the bad guys this time around featuring two-dimensional gold diggers and mothers who would rather party than parent. Yet the new style still leans on plenty of humor, homages to Oprah Winfrey and religious themes. And it still works. B

TROLL HUNTER (R) This funny, unique and oh, so odd Norwegian film might be the best monster movie since 2006's "The Host." A

mockumentary about a group of filmmakers following a man in search of the creatures — who can grow as tall as 200 feet — can be funny, scary and always entertaining. B+

THE GREATEST MOVIE EVER SOLD (PG-13) Morgan Spurlock's documentary about financing a film with product placement is a great concept that would have worked better as an hourlong special rather than full-length feature. The best and funniest moments in the movie, believe it or not, belong to consumer advocate and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader. B-

THE PERFECT HOST (R) David Hyde Pierce ("Frasier") gives a multi-layered, divine performance as the potential victim of a psycho who gains entrance into the home where Pierce's character is expecting guests over for dinner. Gory, engaging and oddly delightful, Pierce is the glue that keeps this film from going over the top and he is stunning. B+

PROM (PG) The most promising young cast since "10 Things I Hate About You" are the best and most interesting part of this weak Disney fare about life in the surreal high school world where everything — and everyone — is perfect and happy endings are guaranteed. C

WRECKED (R) Adrien Brody delivers a tour de force performance in this story of a man who wakes up trapped in a crashed car in a remote location with a dead man and no memory of how he got there. It drags horribly for a while in the second act, but it mostly should do to you what the car did to Brody's character — keep you pinned to your seat. B-

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PERMIAN BASIN FAIR AND EXPO

When: Friday through Sept. 17

Where: Ector County Coliseum and grounds.

Hours: 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sept. 17, noon to 10 p.m. Sept. 11, and 5 to 10 p.m. Sept. 12-15.

Tickets: $10 adults and $5 for seniors age 60 and older and children age 12 and younger. Children age 3 and younger will be admitted free.

Monday: Half price day. Monday only carnival rides are $1 and tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for those 60 and older and those 12 and younger.

Info: www.permianbasinfair.com.

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The event is made possible through the efforts of 70-plus directors and associates and over 500 volunteers.

SEPTEMBERFEST

ALL THE DETAILS

SEPTEMBERFEST

When: Friday through Sunday

Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Saturday hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday events:

11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. discounted shows at the Blakemore Planetarium as part of admittance to SeptemberFest

Noon, 2 and 4 p.m., Animal shows by Noah's Way Exotics

Children's Drawing Contest all day

Sunday hours: Noon- 5 p.m.

Sunday events:

Noon, 2 and 3 p.m., Animal shows by Noah's Way Exotics

1 p.m. 9/11 Ceremony

1 and 3 p.m. discounted shows at the Blakemore Planetarium as part of admittance to SeptemberFest

Tickets Saturday and Sunday: $5 adults, $3 children and seniors, free children 2 years old and younger.

SeptemberFest Preview Party:

When: 7-11 p.m. Friday.

Preview Party tickets: $75 advance, $85 at the gate. Dinner and food by street vendors. Entertainment by strolling musicians, Lee High School Origin and the Sun Country Gentlemen.

KinderFest Preview Party: Saturday, 8:30 am – noon. Breakfast buffet and activities.

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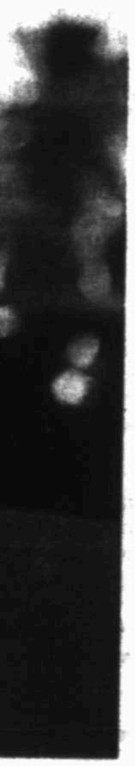
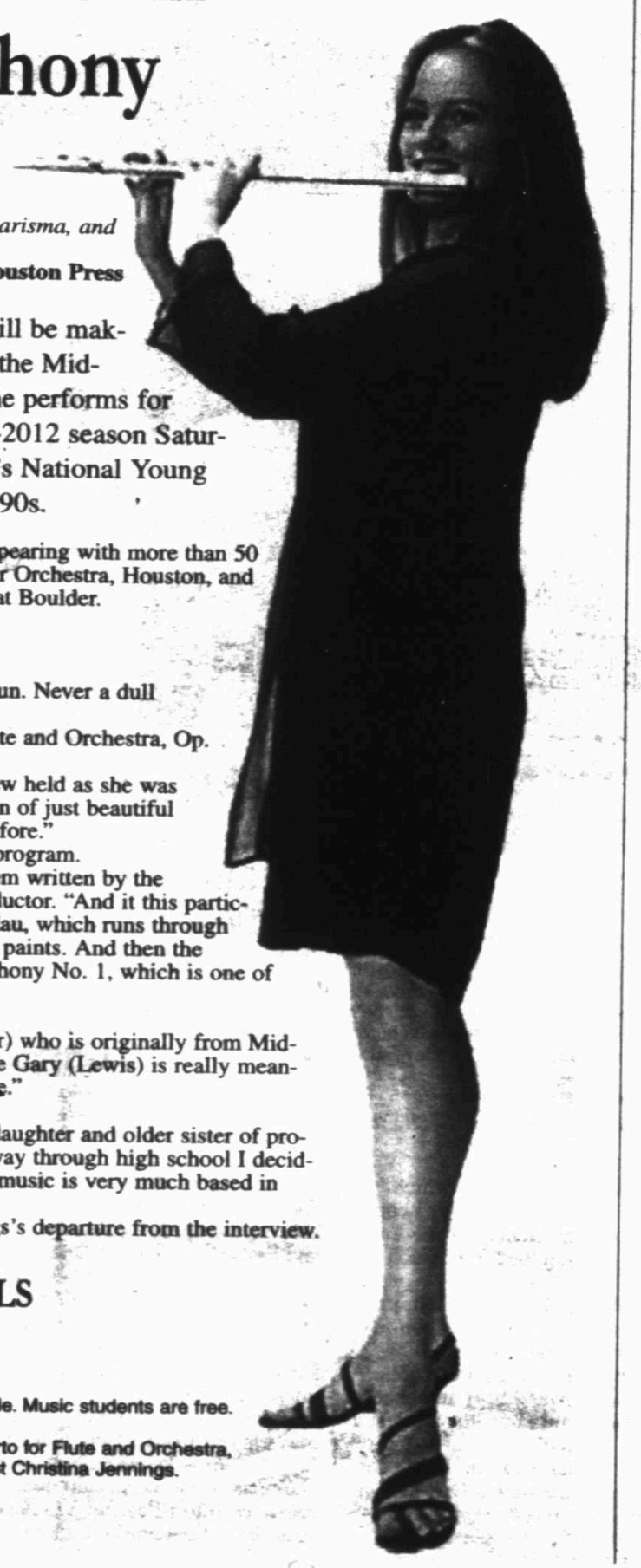


Flutist to perform with symphony

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

"Jennings has got what it takes: a distinctive voice, charisma, and a pyrotechnic style that works magic on the ears."
—The Houston Press



Flutist Christina Jennings, who will be making her second appearance with the Midland-Odessa Symphony when she performs for the opening concert of the 2011-2012 season Saturday, was a winner in the MOSC's National Young Artist Competition in the late 1990s.

Since then she has been active as a concerto soloist, appearing with more than 50 orchestras, is principal flute with the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra, Houston, and assistant professor of flute at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Professional work stops at her front door.

"I don't do anything from home," Jennings said.

She is the mother of twins.

"They're 2," Jennings said. "Identical boys. It's really fun. Never a dull moment at my house."

Jennings will be performing Gordeli's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, Op. 8, with the symphony.

"I love this piece," Jennings said in a telephone interview held as she was waiting for a music student. "To me it's a real combination of just beautiful melodies, almost melodies that you think you've heard before."

Works by Smetana and Brahms are also on Saturday's program.

"We open with 'The Moldau,' which is a short tone poem written by the Czech composer Smetana," said Gary Lewis, MOSC conductor. "And it this particular portion of that tone poem he describes the river Moldau, which runs through his native country. It's a really beautiful landscape that he paints. And then the orchestra, during the second half, will play Brahms Symphony No. 1, which is one of the greatest masterpieces ever written."

Jennings is looking forward to her performance here.

"I actually have a student who just started here (Boulder) who is originally from Midland, Valerie Estes, and getting to come with my colleague Gary (Lewis) is really meaningful, so I'm definitely looking forward to this experience."

She began playing the flute when she was 7.

"I studied dance quite a bit," said Jennings, who is the daughter and older sister of professional musicians and the wife of a violist. "About halfway through high school I decided music was going to be my thing. My understanding of music is very much based in movement. I dance the music — at least in my head."

A knock at the door signaled Estes's arrival and Jennings's departure from the interview.

ALL THE DETAILS

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American Tenors to perform in Live on Stage concert

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Nathan Granner was sitting in the green room at the Metropolitan Opera in New York when opportunity knocked.

"Some guy approaches me, one of my co-contestants, and said, 'Have you ever heard of Frank McNamara or the Irish Tenors?'"

"I've heard of the Irish Tenors," replied Granner.

"You should send your stuff in," the co-contestant said.

Granner followed the advice.

"About a month later I got a call from Ireland from Frank," Granner said. "He flew us to Santa Fe to cut a demo."

That was in 2002. Granner was selected that year during a national search conducted by McNamara as one of the original members of the American Tenors. The trio began its journey with a PBS special recorded at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood that followed a signing by Sony Classical.

Granner is the only original member left performing as the American Tenors. Joining him are Marcus McConico and Ben Gulley.

"Me and Daniel Montenegro and Marcus had been singing together for a while," said Granner, who performs here Tuesday as a member of the American Tenors. "Last year we were filling in in different cities for the Canadian Tenors, and Daniel couldn't do the gigs. He was singing and having a really nice time at San Francisco Opera.

"We had to get a new guy: Ben Gulley, he's 26. For a pop musician 26 is getting up there. At 30 you are definitely classified as an old person. You might as well get your AARP card of you are 30. But in opera — 26 is a baby."

Granner was familiar with Gulley.

"I had been watching him perform for a long time," said Granner. "My Aunt Alice was a Spanish teacher in the district where Ben went to high school. Alice brought in the DVD of the American Tenors in Spanish class. Ben, who was in her class, said, 'Some day maybe I can be an American Tenor.' And Alice, who died a few months ago, said, 'You just might be. You are a really good singer now. You have all the reason to go for it.' And sure enough seven years later Ben is one of the American Tenors."

ALL THE DETAIL

THE AMERICAN TENORS
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Midland High School Auditorium
Info: Live on Stage! 2011-2012 season also includes American Spirit, Oct. 4; R&B singer Sean Jones, Nov. 8; The Water Coolers, March 6; jazz vocalist Anna Wilson with quartet, March 25; and "Take Me Home: The Music of John Denver," April 27. All performances at Midland High School Auditorium. Tickets good for any performance. Season ticket price includes six tickets plus free guest ticket. Live On Stage Permian Basin is a nonprofit all volunteer organization.
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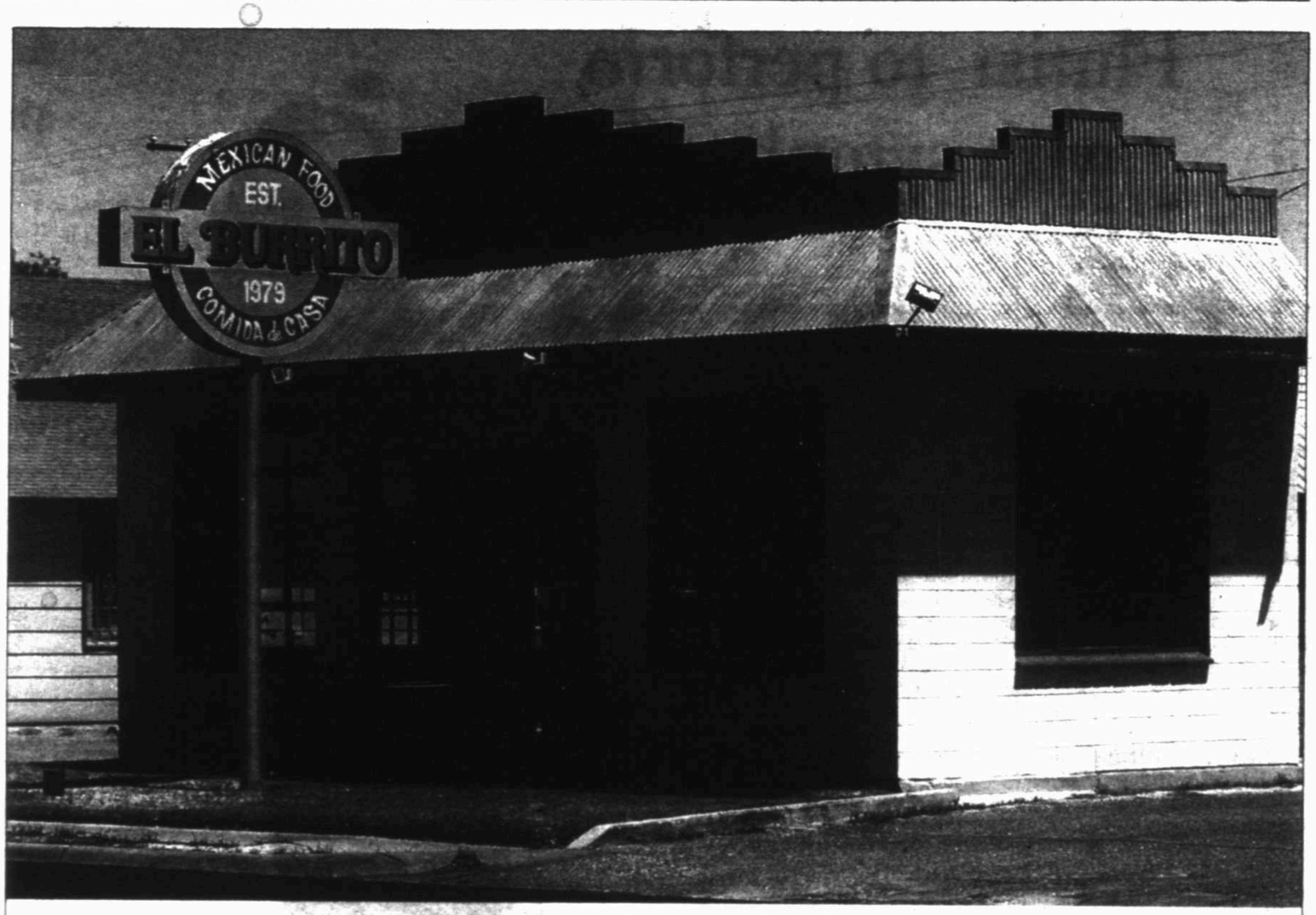
Atmosphere, service, menu bring customers back to El Burrito

By Joan Huff



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Sitting inside El Burrito one morning, I realized how the restaurant has stayed in business since 1979. Not only does it have excellent food, but the atmosphere is focused on the community with pictures of the clientele hanging on all the walls. With its close proximity to Midland High, the student's pictures have been made into collages and are labeled by year. Those working downtown also appear to take advantage of the restaurant's close proximity by stopping in for breakfast or during their lunch hour. The service is also some of the friendliest and most attentive I have seen. The drive-through window was busy continuously and people came and went from the dining room.

I decided to visit this restaurant to try one of the breakfast burritos. When I went to the counter to order, I realized there was much more than burritos on the menu. First, you will discover El Burrito makes its own tortillas, and if you are lucky, you can watch through the glass wall that looks into the kitchen. Breakfast plates range from the traditional two eggs with chorizo, potatoes, beans and flour tortilla to huevos rancheros, or chilaquiles and migas. The staff also makes waffles in addition to a wide variety of breakfast burritos. I ordered an egg, bacon, potato and cheese burrito, which was delicious. It was really big, and I could have shared it with my friend, but she ordered her own and enjoyed it as much as I did.

Of course, if you eat here for lunch, you will have different choices when it comes to enjoying a burrito. Plain bean and cheese, ground beef, steak, carnitas, chile relleno burrito with ground beef and cheese and chicken or beef fajita burritos are just a few of the many offered.

Platters of traditional Mexican food take up a large portion of the menu. One patron enjoying an early lunch ordered the crazy chicken, which is half a chicken cooked over mesquite with salad and guacamole, corn or flour tortillas. Another customer ordered the special offered on Thursday and Friday of green enchiladas with white cheese, rice and salad. El Burrito also offers a taco plate, combination plate, flautas, beef and cheese enchiladas or fajitas as well as tacos al carbon (three soft round steak tacos cooked over mesquite, a grilled quesadilla and beans).

If you want something a little lighter, you may choose from a taco, chicken or beef fajita salad. A la carte items include tacos, chalupas, tapatia (guacamole/beans on a crispy corn tortilla) and a Guadalajara. One section of the menu has a long list of appetizers including all types of nachos from fajita, guacamole, bean, cheese and, of course, combination.

El Burrito also offers non-traditional Mexican food called "Happy Day Foods." These include steak fingers or chicken strips served with fries, gravy, salad and toast or several choices of hamburgers. The restaurant seems to have something for everyone.

As we sat eating, orders were coming out quickly even though it was busy. The waitress was delivering meals to tables and filling glasses as she went by. I definitely will be back to try another dish off the extensive menu.

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684-8686

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Cattle Baron (SD)
418 Wadley Ave.
683-2334

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Entrée price range: $5.95-$23.95.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Steak Express (carry-out, delivery)
3316 W. Illinois Ave.
694-4040

Steak Express serves steaks, burgers and more for carry-out or delivery only. Order online at www.steakexpress.com or call 694-4040. Menu includes Nolan Ryan beef steaks in a variety of cuts, grilled chicken, salmon, shrimp, ribs and combinations served with baked potato, salad and roll. Burgers, sandwiches and salads also are available. The restaurant offers lunch specials daily until 3 p.m. A fee of $1.50 is added to delivery orders.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards.
Entree price range: $6.29-$20.99.
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Texas Roadhouse (SD)
4512 W. Loop 250 N.
689-7427

Call ahead seating is available for this restaurant. Follow the hostess to your table and enjoy the fresh rolls she brings to your table. Wide selection of appetizers from rattlesnake bites (diced jalapenos and jack cheese, hand battered and lightly fried), Texas red chili, and buffalo wings. Grilled chicken salad, chicken critter salad, and Caesar salads, hand cut steaks such as rib-eye, sirloin, and prime rib in addition to "road kill" (chopped steak with onions mushrooms and jack cheese). Feature "fall off the bone ribs" and have a kid's menu.
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"AN EVENING OF LATIN FAVORITES"
When: Sept. 17
Where: First Baptist Church, Big Spring
Info: Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's 30th season. Guest conductor John Giordano. Season tickets: Blums, Western Banks, Chamber of Commerce, The Herald, KBST, KBYG, Fayes Flowers and the Heritage Museum.

STYX IN CONCERT
When: 8 p.m. Sept. 22.
Where: Chaparral Center
Tickets: $30 to $40 advance, $40 to $50 at the gate, Go to www.centralticketoffice.com.
Info: Fourth annual fundraising event for the Midland Independent School District Foundation. Proceeds will benefit students and teachers. Sponsor tables are available. Call 689-1982.

"39 STEPS"
When: Sept. 23-Oct. 8
Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd., Odessa
Tickets: $12 plays/ $14 musicals. Students and seniors $10 plays/ $12 musicals. Groups of 12 or more $8 plays/ $10 musicals. Children under 12 $7 plays and musicals.
Call: 432-362-2329
Web: www.permianplayhouse.com
Upcoming: "Hobbitt" Oct. 28-Nov. 13 and "Scrooge" Dec. 12-18.

ART A LA CARTE COMMUNITY ART DAY
When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 24
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa

DAVE RAMSEY BOOK SIGNING
When: 5 p.m. Sept. 29
Where: Mardel, 5214 W Wadley Ave.
Info: New book, "EntreLeadership: 20 Years of Practical Business Advice from the Trenches."

AGATHA CHRISTIE'S "AND THEN THERE WERE NONE"
When: Sept. 30-Oct. 15
Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Reservations: 570-4111
Info: Midland Community Theatre season show
Upcoming: "Charlie Cox Runs with Scissors" Oct. 21-Nov. 12 and "The Sound of Music" Nov. 18-Dec. 18.

DAVIDSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center
Info: Zahi Hawass, Ph.D. Archaeologist, speaker and author.
Tickets: Free. Call 685-4526 or order online www.midlandcollegefoundation.org.

LUNCH AND LECTURE: BETWEEN THE FOLDS
When: noon, Oct. 11
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa
Info: Showing documentary about the science and art of origami.

THE PHYLLIS & BOB COWAN PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
When: 7 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center
Info: Barrange performing "Animado!"
Tickets: Free. Call 685-4526 or order online www.midlandcollegefoundation.org.

FALL GATHERING RANCH STORYTELLING
When: Oct. 22
Where: Haley Memorial Library & History center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave.
Info: Includes churchwagon dinner and Foy Proctor Cowman's Award of Honor presentation
Reservations: $50 per person (refreshments and chuckwagon supper included)
Call: 682-5785

MIDLAND GEM AND MINERAL SHOW
When: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 5 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 6
Where: Midland Center, downtown
Info: Exhibits, displays, demonstrations, kids' corner.

WEST TEXAS JAZZ SOCIETY
When: Nov. 17
Where: Midland Petroleum Club
Info: the Freddie cole Quartet (Nat Cole's brother)
Tickets: Members free. Non-members $20. Reserved seating $15. Cash bar.
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CHINATI'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND
When: Oct. 7-9.
Call: 432-729-4362.

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When: Oct. 28-30
Where: Lone Star Convention & Expo Center.
Music Info: Concerts headlined by Billy Currington Oct. 28, Pat Green Oct. 29 and Robert Earl Keen Oct. 30.
Tickets: Limited number free while supplies last. Became available this week. Check online and with local Toyota dealers.

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Where: United Spirit Arena
When: 5 p.m. Sept. 25
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Tickets: go on sale 10 a.m. Aug. 27.

TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA
When: Nov. 14
Where: United Spirit Arena

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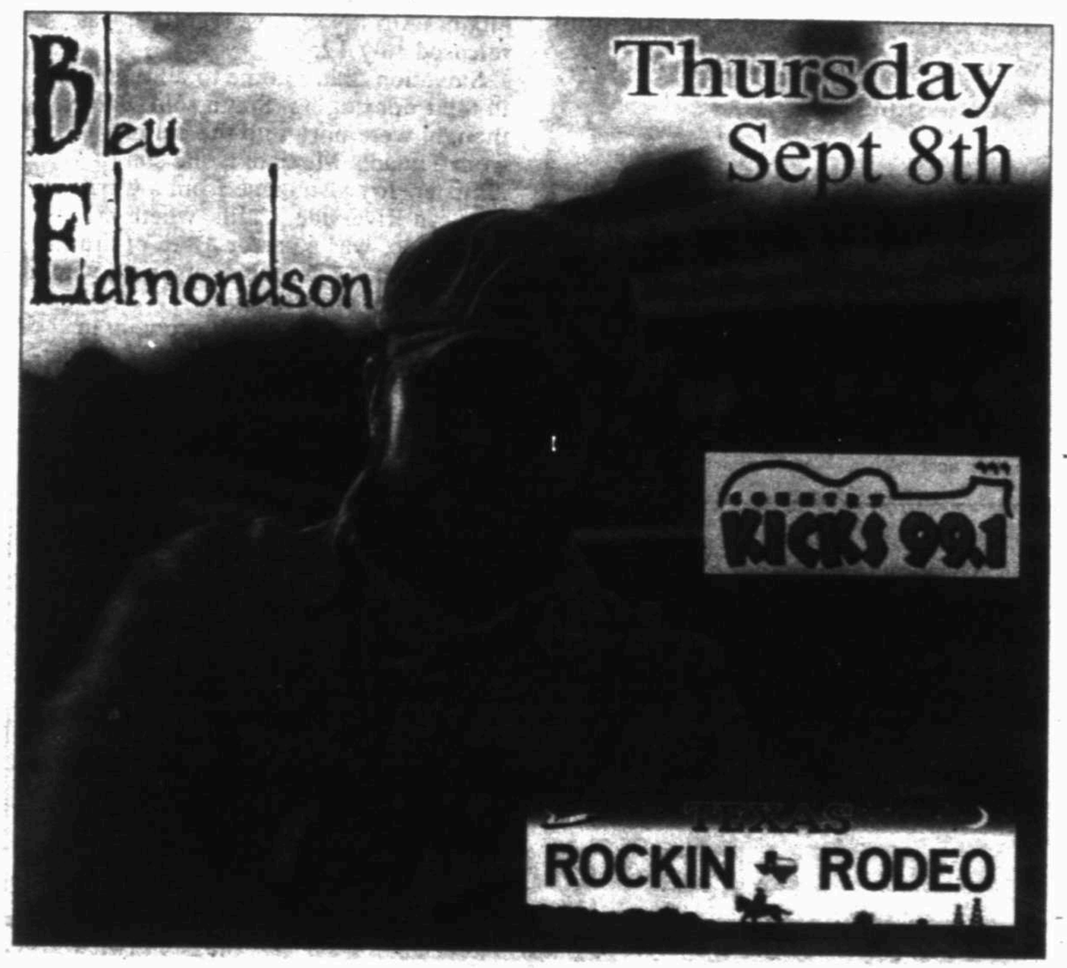

Great Commission brings 'heavy worship' to Midland

By Nancy Adamson
The Constant Editor

"Then the 11 disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

— Matthew 28:16-20

The passage is known to many Christians as the Great Commission. When musicians Justin Singh and Angelo Razo were in the genesis of their music ministry, they could think of no better name than the Great Commission.

"At the time, there weren't a lot of hardcore and Christian metalcore bands that were outspoken about their faith. Or they were outspoken but just through their lyrics," Singh said in a recent interview with the Reporter-Telegram. "We wanted to make sure that if we were given an opportunity, a platform, whether to play for five to 5,000 kids that they knew what we stood for and what we were about."

Singh, 26, formed the band with girlfriend and rhythm guitarist Razo in 2007. Rounding out the lineup is Billy Sweet on lead guitar, Victor Cota on vocals and guitar, bassist Solomon Joy and Alonso Azofeifa on drums.

"Heavy Worship," the band's newest album (Ain't No Grave records), was released July 12.

Salvation didn't come to all members in their upbringing, Singh said. Some, though, were born into the culture. Cota, from Tijuana, Mexico, is the son of a minister. Joy also came from a Christian home in Riverside, Calif., where his father, too, was a pastor. Both of drummer Azofeifa's grandparents, with whom he lives, are ministers.

"Me and Angela didn't grow up in Christian households. (Both sets of) parents are divorced. We went through a lot of rough times as kids, going back and forth between houses and we found God later on in life," Singh said.

Singh and the band are hopeful they're on the way to a full-time gig as a band, but he still has to rely on work as an electrician to make ends meet when they aren't on the road. But he feels strongly that God has called him to minister and music is his conduit.

"I tried going to college for a while but music just spoke to me. I knew I was at a point in life where I could progress in life and have stability (as an electrician) but at the end of the day, music was just so much a part of me," he said. "I just kept asking God, 'Why did you put this in me?'"

The band is set to perform Sunday night at the Pine Box club along with To Speak Of Wolves, As Hell Retreats, Creations, Messengers and Ironwill.

Tickets for the show, which is scheduled to start at 7:30 Sunday evening, are $10. Pine Box is located at 510 S. Big Spring St.

See Sunday's music page, The Constant, in the Reporter-Telegram, for more about Singh, the band and the show.

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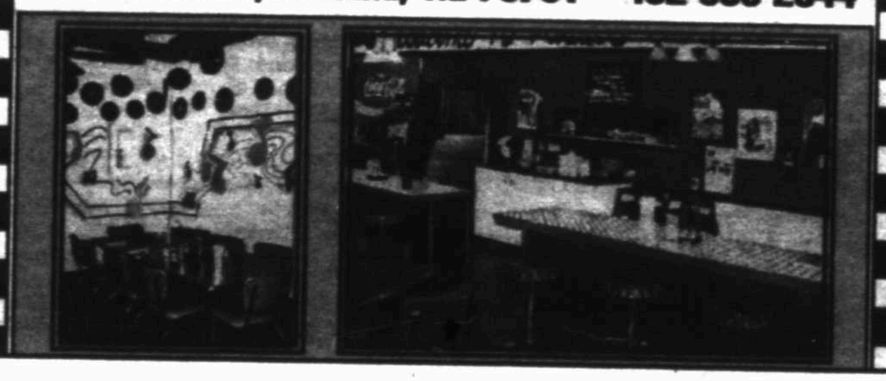

ALL THE DETAILS

COLD
When: Saturday
Where: Dos Amigos, Odessa

Cold to perform at Dos Amigos

By Alan Sculley

During its first decade together, Cold came close to having a major commercial breakthrough with the CD "Year of the Spider."

But the band never was able to build itself into a legitimate arena headliner. While the group would have welcomed major popularity, falling short of that level has had some advantages when it comes to the music itself.

At least it's meant the group hasn't had to conform to a certain musical formula.

"A lot of bands in our genre get stuck in a certain rut and they have to either make the same record. Either it's the label making them make the same record or that's just the way they write," Cold singer/guitarist Scooter Ward observed in a late-July phone interview. "With Cold, we were successful, but we were never uber-successful where we had the record label saying you have to make the same record twice. That gave us a lot of freedom. And it allowed us to switch producers up on each record and go into it with a different mentality."

The band certainly put its creative freedom to use on its newly released CD, "Superfiction."

The band actually intended to release the CD on its own label, SonicStar Records under the title "Epic," in May 2010. But then the creative itch caused Cold to put the CD on hold.

"The problem with me in the studio is we start the process," Ward said. "We think it's done. And then we get home and listen to it religiously trying to see if we missed anything. I kept having all of these things in my head coming that I was like the album's not done yet. I go I've got to add these harmonies. I have to add strings."

Unfortunately, returning to the CD involved more than simply going back to a studio to record.

"We were dreaming, really," Ward said. "We didn't really have any money at that time to pursue this."

So Ward and his bandmates — drummer Sam McCandless, bassist Jeremy Marshall and guitarist Zach Gilbert — found a record label, Eleven/Seven Music, to partner up on the project and give the band the financing it needed to return to work on the new CD.

Not only did the band tweak the songs that had been recorded for the "Epic" CD, the band added two songs that became key parts of the finished "Superfiction" CD.

One of the new songs, "Wicked World," is the CD's first single. The other, "American Dream," is the song Ward thinks is a highlight of the new CD.

One reason Ward and his bandmates wanted to return to work on the new CD was because a lot was riding on the project.

"It's actually the most important record of our career," Ward said with understandable certainty.

That's because "Superfiction" represents a comeback effort after the group had crashed, burned and broken up.

Formed in Jacksonville, Fla. in 1996, Cold made significant waves with its third CD, 2003's "Year Of The Spider," which reached number three on the "Billboard" magazine album chart and featured a crossover hit, "Stupid Girl."

But the group was never able ride that momentum to the next level. The strain of consecutive recording and touring cycles, as well as personnel changes (seven guitarists in all) and frequent record label changes prompted the group to split after its 2005 CD, "A Different Kind of Pain."

Ward went on to start another band, the Killer and the Star, and ironically, a decision to take that group on tour in 2008 helped pave the way for Cold to reunite.

Ward needed an opening act for the tour and was stumped about what group to invite to open the shows. That's when McCandless suggested regrouping Cold.

To make a long story short, Cold did the tour, had a great time and decided to tour some more. Along the way, the group started trying out new musical ideas during sound checks, which led to the decision to record a new CD.

Now fans get to hear the results of the considerable work that went into "Superfiction." Chances are they'll like what they hear, as the CD boasts its share of finely honed rockers that pack a punch but also are strongly melodic ("Emily," "Wicked World" and "American Dream"), as well as some more darkly hued tracks ("The Break" and "Delivering The Saint").

Cold has started the touring cycle behind "Superfiction" with a series of dates opening for Volbeat, but is eying a full headlining tour in the fall.

"We're going to do probably half new songs and half of the older songs," Ward said of the group's show. "During the Volbeat tour, though, there are days off during the tour, so we're going to do headlining shows. On the headlining shows, we're going to do the biggest set Cold has ever done. I think we're going to do like 26 songs, even do some acoustic stuff. So it should be a treat for everyone."

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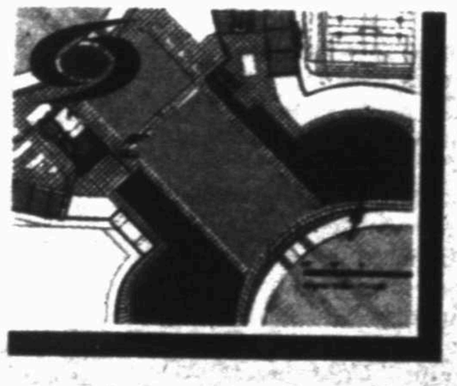

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