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City proposes $0.431927 ad valorem tax rate

Residents at public hearing question council over Energy Tower

By Joseph Basco
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City Council on Tuesday held its first public meeting on fiscal year 2014's proposed ad valorem tax rate, set at $0.431927 per $100 property valuation.

The proposed rate is a $0.029161, or a 6.32 percent decrease from the current fiscal year's rate of $0.461088. But compared to the effective rate of $0.4202271, it is a $0.0116999, or 2.782 percent increase. The effective rate generates the same amount of taxes as the previous fiscal year.

The decrease from the current rate, along with a robust economy and increasing property values, could lead to a perception that taxes are decreasing for property owners. This was the first topic discussed at length by the council members after the first comment from the public was made.

"When the citizens hear that there's a proposal on the table to slightly take a little bit more money out of their pocket, that's a tax increase," said District 3 Councilman John James after the meeting. "I don't care how you slice it. You can say it's a tax rate decrease all day long, but when values have gone up, your rate has to at least go down enough so that the impact is zero."

The proposed budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by $2,331,476, or 6.84 percent. Of that amount, $988,943 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, according to the proposed budget posted on the city's website.

"But at the same time, the services to keep up with this progressive economy need to continue," said Jerry Morales, at large councilman, offering a justification for the tax increase.

Morales said vacancies in the fire and police departments and on city staff are needs for the city to catch up to the continued growth. The city, as discussed in previous council meetings, has considered and may continue contracting with outsourced employees.

Another topic brought up by the public during the meeting was the $2 million the city of Midland paid Midland County for the old Midland County Courthouse property, the site of the proposed Energy Tower. A member of the public inquired why the city was involved

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City tax rates

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2002	$0.65
2003	$0.65
2004	$0.65
2005	$0.64
2006	$0.64
2007	$0.59
2008	$0.54
2009	$0.49
2010	$0.46
2011	$0.47
2012	$0.46
2013	$0.43*

**Proposed*

Note: Price per $100 valuation

PARTY FOR A CAUSE



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ABOVE: Chris Johnson and 2-year-old twins Sophia and Mia look inside the Midland Police Department SWAT team's Lenco Bearcat armored vehicle during National Night Out on Tuesday. Residents across Midland kicked off the 30th annual National Night Out event at Centennial Plaza on Tuesday before hosting block parties and potluck dinners across the county. Law enforcement officers and firefighters visited several block parties to answer questions from residents about crime and safety in their respective areas. Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said the event acts as a great way for neighbors to get to know each other and develop a bond. **RIGHT:** Midland public safety personnel look at the Lenco Bearcat.

Why sinking air raises our temperatures

By Eric Berger
Houston Chronicle

Hot days and sunny skies in August mean one thing in Texas: High pressure is dominant overhead.

Texas this week is having some of its hottest weather of the year. A heat advisory is in effect through Wednesday and likely will be extended because of a large area of high pressure above the region.

Forecasters cite high pressure, referring to a dome or ridge, all the time. But what exactly does it mean?

Air pressure is the measurement of the pressure exerted by the atmosphere above. So at ground level there's about 60 miles of atmosphere. If you were to hold up a small umbrella, the column of air above it is equivalent to the weight of a typical yellow school bus.

"Help, I'm being crushed," you might exclaim. But you're not, because air pressure is exerted in all directions.

When it comes to the high pressure systems that bake Texas during the summer, it's not highs at the surface that are causing misery, but rather pressures at the mid-levels of the atmosphere, about one mile above the surface where an equal amount of air is above and below.

Air under high pressure at midlevels of the atmosphere weighs more than the air below it, so this air in the mid- and upper-levels of the atmosphere sinks.

Air sinking down compresses air at the surface, raising temperatures near the ground. Also, where the air is sinking, it prevents moist, warm air at the surface from rising, where it would eventually cool and form clouds. Sinking air is the primary reason why high pressure leads to sunny days.

Strong high pressure over the continental United States also forces the jet stream, a source of cooler air, to the north and allows warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico to move inland at the surface.

As is often the case for this time of year, high pressure has been more or less entrenched over Texas this August. Will it remain so, more or less, for the rest of the month?

Probably for at least much of August, said Scott Overpeck, lead forecaster at the Houston/Galveston office of the National Weather Service.

The high pressure that's been pushing Texas temperatures to 100 degrees and above this week will hold strong through the work week before a low pressure system in the upper levels of the atmosphere moves into Texas this weekend. This should bring slightly cooler temperatures and a decent chance of rain, especially for areas nearer the coast.

But after that, the high pressure builds back over Texas, Overpeck said.

Not until the weekend of August 17 do some of the long-range models finally move the high pressure off to the west, he said.

"These are pretty far out projections," he said. "But at this time it is really hard to see the ridge breaking down any sooner than that unless there is more of a pattern change than what is expected."

Conaway discusses health care act, NSA at town hall

By Nathaniel Miller
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ODESSA — Speaking to a packed room at the John Ben Shepperd Presidential Library on Tuesday morning, U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway spoke to about 50 of his constituents about the Affordable Care Act, Benghazi, Libya, immigration and the NSA.

The Republican, who represents Texas' 11th Congressional District — which includes Midland and Odessa — started the meeting by saying he was looking to do more listening than talking, and also fielded questions for about 45 minutes before heading to Midland to speak to the Midland West Rotary Club.

The biggest question on many people's minds was President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act, which Conaway referred to as the "unaffordable health care act" throughout the meeting.

"Is it realistic (to) quote unquote, defund the 'unaffordable health care act' with this (continuing resolution)?" Conaway said. "I'm not sure it is."

A continuing resolution, Conaway explained, was a tactic used by the House of Representatives to fund government agencies with the same amount of money they had during the last fiscal year while Congress works on preparing a budget for the next fiscal year. A fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

One of the tactics that's been offered by some Senate and House Republicans involves shutting down the government in order to completely repeal Obamacare. Conaway said he was in favor of shutting down the government, but the move comes with risks.

"The risks are these: Shut the government down in October, which I'm in favor to do — but if we lose that argument, there's a pretty good chance we will not take the Senate back in 2014," he said. "All these actions have consequences. There's a pretty good chance that taking the Senate back isn't going to happen and we'll lose the House of Representatives. There are only 15 seats between us and somebody called Speaker Nancy Pelosi."

Defunding Obama's signature health care law was a main concern of many at the town hall, including retired teacher Michele Allen, who said she was working two jobs in order to pay her family's taxes.

"This is killing us," Allen said during the question-and-answer portion of the meeting. "They are taking the middle class, and they're crushing us."

Conaway also addressed the recent release of information regarding the National Security Agency, a program Edward Snowden revealed by telling the national press that the agency was collecting personal information on

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Associated Press

Agents from the Department of Public Safety and Border Patrol prepare to ride with U.S. House Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul on Tuesday at Anzalduas Park in Mission.

House panel tours border, finds body floating in river

Associated Press

MISSION — The chairman of the House Homeland Security committee said Tuesday in South Texas that the U.S. Border Patrol's resources in the area are "woefully inadequate."

U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, made the comments after cruising the Rio Grande with Border Patrol and Texas Department of Public Safety officials in Mission.

McCaul's House bill calling for a plan to secure the border is expected to be the first of several immigration-related bills taken up after the chamber's August recess. McCaul is also leading a group of congressman along the border, stopping this weekend in California and Arizona. Accompanying McCaul on Tuesday were U.S. Reps. Kevin Yoder, R-Kansas, and Leonard Lance, R-New Jersey.

The stakes of immigration reform were made evident to the group when they encountered a body floating in the Rio Grande on Tuesday.

"My colleagues and I saw firsthand the tragedies of this border and the loss of life when we saw a body floating just a few minutes ago on this river," McCaul said. "And that is a sad fact of this border."

Border Patrol spokesman Daniel Tirado said the body was recovered later by the Mission Fire Department.

McCaul's bill is a stark contrast to the comprehensive immigration reform bill that passed the Senate. The House has rejected that and is instead taking up individual components that so far do not include a path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million people living in the country illegally.

His measure describes a list of metrics that homeland security officials would have to report to Congress, which would be used to determine what sort of resources work and what is needed where.

"In this sector, it's woefully inadequate," McCaul said. "This sector probably needs more resources than any on the U.S.-Mexico border."

McCaul said Tuesday that he expects his bill to be the first the full House takes up.

"Fencing alone is not going to solve this problem, it's got to be a comprehensive strategy, a variety of assets whether they be fixed towers, mobile towers, (Department of Defense) assets from Afghanistan, aviation assets to see on the ground what's happening," McCaul said. "Only by doing that can we really calculate with metrics if we're being successful and if we're achieving results."

While arrests of immigrants crossing the border illegally had fallen for several years, the number of arrests has surged in the southernmost tip of Texas — more than 120,000 since Oct. 1, an increase of more than 50 percent on the same period last year, Tirado said. Most of that growth has come from what the Border Patrol terms "other-than-Mexicans," primarily Central American immigrants who take the more direct route from their countries into the U.S.

Long-delayed Fort Hood trial under way

Associated Press

FORT HOOD — Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan fired the last of 146 bullets in his assault on Fort Hood, then walked outside where he met two civilians who asked about the commotion and the laser-sighted pistol in his hand.

Hasan told one person not to worry. He assured the other it was just a training exercise and the gun shot only paint. He let both live.

But moments earlier, dozens of uniformed soldiers received no quarter from Hasan, prosecutors said Tuesday as the Army psychiatrist's long-delayed trial began in a Texas military courtroom.

With his life hanging in the balance, Hasan made little effort to defend himself. Acting as his own attorney, he calmly told the jury that he killed 13 people and wounded 32 others in the 2009 attack.

"The evidence will clearly show that I am the shooter," he said in an opening statement that lasted little more than a minute The evidence, he added, would "only show one side."

His only utterance of regret was an acknowledgement that he was among "imperfect Muslims trying to establish the perfect religion."

"I apologize for any mistakes I made in this endeavor," said Hasan, an American-born 42-year-old who was paralyzed after he was shot by officers responding to the attack. He spoke from a wheelchair, wearing green Army fatigues and a gray, bushy beard.

Hasan planned the assault for months, prosecutor Col. Steve Henricks said, describing how the defendant stockpiled bullets, practiced at a shooting range and bought an extender kit so his pistol could hold more bullets.

If convicted, Hasan could get the death penalty. No American soldier has been executed since 1961, and military prosecutors showed that they would take no chance of fumbling details that could jeopardize any conviction.

They described a calculating Hasan, armed with two handguns and carrying paper towels in his pants pockets to conceal the sounds of rattling ammunition as he walked through a deployment-readiness center on the sprawling base.

The government has also said Hasan sent more than a dozen emails starting in December 2008 to Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical U.S.-born Islamic cleric killed by a drone strike in Yemen in 2011.

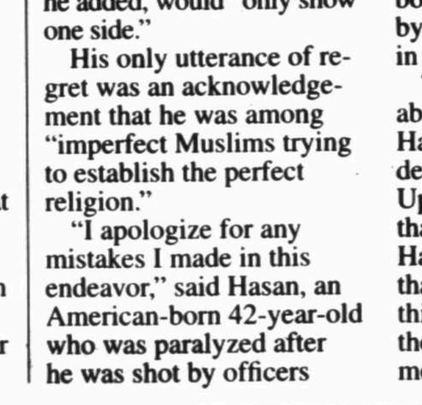
The shooting happened about three weeks after Hasan learned he would be deploying to Afghanistan. Upon getting the orders that he was going overseas, Hasan told a base doctor that, "They've got another thing coming if they think they are going to deploy me," Henricks said.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

City: Midland home's garage ignited during oil coating

The garage of a Midland home was ignited Tuesday in an early morning fire caused by drying oils, according to the city's public information officer.

Firefighters responded to the blaze at about 5:30 a.m. in the 5800 block of Oak Creek Drive.

Two adults and two children evacuated the residence after being alerted of the fire by smoke detectors, said public information officer Sara Higgins.

Fire damage was confined to the garage; the home's interior and attic space received light smoke damage, Higgins said.

The homeowners were staining the interior walls using a rag and product containing drying oils, she said.

Higgins said common oils such as linseed, cotton seed and peanut can spontaneously combust by creating an exothermic reaction as they dry. This reaction produces heat sufficient enough to ignite cloth or paper that may be in a pile, which doesn't allow the heat to dissipate into the surrounding air, she said.

Fire science program identified as one of the most affordable

Midland College has been identified as one of the 67 most affordable fire science degree programs in the U.S., according to Fire Science Online. The list recognizes the colleges and universities across the country that offer high-quality fire science degree programs at a low cost.

There are nearly 900 colleges in the U.S. that offer fire science programs. Of those, only schools that met specific criteria were included on the list.

Qualifying schools must have annual tuition of less than $10,000, at least 5,000 active students enrolled, be a four-year, degree-granting institution and be fully accredited.

"In creating our list, we hope to help prospective students find a fire-science program that fits their unique financial needs," said Wes Ricketts, vice president and general manager of Fire Science Online. "Students are looking for schools that can lead to high-paying careers in the future without breaking the bank today."

MC has a 100 percent pass rate on the state certification exam for certified firefighters, and most Midland Fire Department personnel were trained at MC. Many of the captains and battalion chiefs are either working on a baccalaureate degree from MC or have already completed MC's bachelor degree, according to a press release.

The MFD allows MC's fire science technology program access to the Harris Field Fire Training Facility on Farm-to-Market Road 307 for training exercises. Mark Kuhn, program chair of MC's fire science technology program, said that because of an anonymous donation, plans are under way to have a dedicated building for MC's Firefighter Academy at the Harris Field. The planned 2,400-square-foot building will include a 25-seat classroom, two engine bays, men's and women's locker rooms, a kitchen and offices.

"This new building will be an added bonus to MC's current premiere fire science program," Kuhn said. "There is an excellent job market out there for firefighters, and MC is honored to be able to train young people for this noble profession using state-of-the-art equipment and facilities."

To learn more about MC's fire science technology program, visit www.midland.edu/fire or contact Kuhn at 685-6757, mkuhn@midland.edu.

CBS-7 back on the air for local DirecTV subscribers

CBS-7 reached an agreement with DirecTV on Monday evening, ending a nearly weeklong blackout for local viewers after the satellite company disputed the fee CBS-7 requested.

The agreement was reached at 7 p.m. on Monday, causing CBS-7 to go back on the air at about 8:45 p.m., said Barry Marks, CBS-7's general manager.

"It's a great relief," said Marks, who has been negotiating with DirecTV since at least the middle of July and did not know how much longer the disagreement would last. "It doesn't feel good to not deliver your product to your customers. I'm thankful we can make the negotiations ourselves and not get caught up with Time Warner Cable and CBS Broadcasting's dispute."

Marks' dispute with DirecTV happened at the same time as the nationally publicized dispute between Time Warner Cable and CBS Broadcasting Inc., which affected the CBS-owned and operated stations in major cities such as New York City, Los Angeles and Dallas.

Other than to continue delivering CBS-7 to customers, Marks said that he wanted to reach an agreement before the National Football League season started on CBS affiliates because football remains popular with local customers.

Marks could not disclose the fee that was agreed upon by both parties because of confidentiality clauses, but said both parties had to compromise.

Staples to hold teacher appreciation event

Staples will host a Teacher Appreciation event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the store, 4509 Navarro Drive.

The first 100 Teachers Rewards members visiting the store will receive a free shopping bag plus 20 percent back in Staples Rewards on everything they can fit in the bag, though some exclusions apply, according to a press release.

All teachers can enter to win a $25 Staples gift card.

Each year, teachers spend an average of $356 of their own money on supplies and instructional materials; according to the National School Supply and Equipment Association. To help educators cover additional supply costs, Staples recently introduced the Reward-A-Classroom program.

Parents can now earn extra rewards for a teacher of their choice when they link their rewards account. Teachers receive 5 percent back in rewards on copy and print purchases and 2 percent back on supplies.

For more information on Teacher Appreciation Day, log on to www.staples.com/teacherday and visit www.staples.com/btspr for even more back-to-school news and photos.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Eleacer L. Carrasco, 32, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age.

Mauro Espinoza, 34, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Perry L. Harsman, 50, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of burglary of a building.

Crystal D. Hendry, 27, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Michael A. Preston, 47, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of parole.

Ruben M. Rodriguez, 24, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of an explosive by a person previously convicted of a crime.

Jose R. Rosales Jr., 22, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Taylor R. Strickland, 22, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of violation of probation.

Abraham Villalobos, 30, of Midland, was arrested Monday on charges of aggravated assault with a weapon on a date, family or household member and assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing.

Steven E. Wooten, 39, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a charge of abandoning or endangering a child with imminent danger of bodily injury.

Stephen E. York, 54, of Midland, was arrested Monday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

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Community calendar

■ Scouts Day is planned for 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at the Midland County Public Library's Centennial branch, 2503 W Loop 250 N. The event will include crafts, storytime and a scavenger hunt.

It is open to the general public and targeted for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 11.

■ The Midland Fire Department will host Kids Boot Camp from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium. Activities are geared toward kids 4-12.

To register, stop by Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St., or visit www.midlandtexas.gov. Forms must be presented the day of boot camp.

For more information, call Capt. Aaron Cox at 685-7341

Chipotle on its way

Chipotle Mexican Grill and Vitamin Shoppe will be joining the list of tenants at The Commons at Northpark.

These two businesses have signed on to occupy the eastern pad site in front of The Commons with a third tenant in the process of finalizing a lease agreement. The city of Midland last week issued a permit for a shell building to house the businesses.

Motorcycle training

Midland College has joined with the Motorcycle Training Center of Dallas to offer motorcycle safety classes on campus. Training will include the Texas DPS-approved 16-hour Basic Rider Course, which is required before a motorcycle license will be issued.

Previous experience isn't required, and motorcycles and helmets are provided, said the center's Chris Liffin. Classes are offered Fridays through Sundays.

The course Friday through Sunday and Aug. 16-18 and includes both day and evening sessions. Currently, the cost of the Basic Rider Course, as stipulated by DPS, is $195. The fee will increase to $235 effective Sept. 1, Liftin said.

For more information about MTC and its programs, detailed schedules and registration, go to www.RideSafeTexas.com, or call 800-410-4549.

Water tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis Water Fields.

■ Monday's total: 16,245,000 (CRMWD - 12,545,000; PD - 3,700,000)

■ July 29 total: 21,611,000 (CRMWD - 17,864,000; PD - 3,747,000)

Current total storage in CRMWD lakes is 133,404 acre-feet (1 acre-foot is about 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at this time was 79,238 acre-feet.

Talent search

The fifth annual West Texas Talent Search preliminaries continue 10 p.m. Thursday at Woofers and Tweeters, 3303 N. Midkiff Road, and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Globe Theater, 2308 Shakespeare Road, in Odessa. Semifinals are 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Deadrick Hall at Odessa College and the finals are 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5, also at Deadrick Hall. The guest judge is Mary Wilson, founding member of the Supremes.

A VIP meet and greet with Wilson is planned for 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Oct. 4 at White-Pool House, 112 E. Murphy St. in Odessa. The event will benefit Odessa Crime Stoppers and the White Pool House. Sponsorships and single tickets are available.

For more information contact Daniel R.Ryan at 978-7405 or visit www.westtexastalent.com.

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 2013. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On August 7, 1782, Gen. George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and noncommissioned officers.

On this date:

In 1963, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy gave birth to a boy, Patrick Bouvier Kennedy, who died two days later of respiratory distress syndrome.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1989, a plane carrying U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and 14 others disappeared over Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the plane was found six days later; there were no survivors.)

In 1993, the public got its first glimpse inside Buckingham Palace as people were given the opportunity to tour the London home of Queen Elizabeth II. (Proceeds were earmarked to help repair fire damage at Windsor Castle.)



Mark Sterkel/Odessa American

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway summarizes some of the issues Congress is considering as he opens his town hall meeting Tuesday morning at the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute. Conaway also took questions from the gathering of about 60 people.

CONAWAY

From 1A

American citizens.

Conaway said as a member of the intelligence committee, the federal government was not listening to their phone calls and if it was, there had to be a warrant attached to it. Conaway further explained that the program was subject to a 90-day review cycle in which the government has to debate its usefulness.

The congressman also said he knows more about the program than what the media has portrayed and said it's a factor into his stance on the issue.

"If I were to ignore the things that I know to please you, to agree with you, to pander to you, then you don't want me in (Washington) D.C.," Conaway said. "I'm aware of things (that) I can't share them with you. Just know that that information factors into the conclusions I make to and the positions I take with respect to many of these issues.

"I'm as strong a civil libertarian as anyone in the room, and I don't want the federal government knowing more about me than what's absolutely necessary."

Midlander Rey Lucio said Conaway did not successfully address his concerns about the NSA.

"I just don't grab that principle," Lucio said.

Local radio personality Jason Moore asked a question regarding the embassy attack in Benghazi and why Conaway hadn't signed a letter calling for a special committee.

Conaway said a special committee wouldn't be able to get the same investigators that the House committees already have, and said the "best and brightest" were still working on the case.

"The remaining two pieces that haven't been answered: One, who did it, and why are they not dead?" Conaway said.

"Every time we ask the CIA — I ask them if they have the full court press on finding these guys, and the answer is yes."

At the end of the session, the congressman spoke on a religious level, asking everyone in the room to do their best as Christians to help make the country a better place to live.

"God bless each one of you and God bless Texas," he said.

NEWSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

Fisherman dies when boat flips in private West Texas pond

Emergency personnel have recovered the body of a 73-year-old fisherman who apparently drowned when his small boat overturned on a West Texas pond.

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office said a relative of Wayne Teal summoned help Monday afternoon when he did not return from a fishing trip.

A dive team helped locate Teal's body several hours later in the private pond.

Investigators are trying to determine what caused the boat to overturn. Authorities do not believe foul play was involved with the death.

SAN ANTONIO

Man gets jail for beating wife's dog

A South Texas man has been sentenced to 18 months in state jail for beating and neglecting his wife's 4-year-old Labrador retriever.

Witnesses told San Antonio police that 32-year-old Joe Anthony Rabago, of San Antonio, told them he could do whatever he wanted with the pet.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Rabago was supposed to be watching the female dog for his spouse. The pet had to be euthanized about a week after the mid-2012 attack.

Rabago in June pleaded no contest to non-livestock animal cruelty for the beating that left the animal with a broken back and broken ribs. He was sentenced Monday.

The defense sought probation.

ABILENE

Dyess airman, mom of girl who died now divorced

A Dyess Air Force Base airman and his wife have divorced as she awaits trial on allegations that neglect led to the death of the couple's toddler daughter.

A judge in Abilene will hold a hearing Friday on a change of venue request for Tiffany Klapheke, who faces trial Sept. 30.

Her 22-month-old daughter, Tamryn, died last August. The mother has been charged with injury to a child and remains in custody over the death blamed on dehydration and malnourishment.

Tiffany Klapheke has said she was stressed by Airman Thomas Klapheke's deployment.

The Abilene Reporter-News reported the divorce sought by him became final July 31. Tiffany Klapheke lost custody of the couple's two other daughters.

The state has temporary conservatorship with their father granted restrictive custody.

MASSACHUSETTS

Cardboard officer cuts crime at subway stop

CAMBRIDGE — The burly officer watching over the bike racks at a Boston-area transportation hub is a real stiff.

As part of an effort to cut crime at the Alewife MBTA subway and bus station in Cambridge, transit police placed a cardboard cutout of a police officer in the bicycle cage. Hundreds of people use the racks daily.

Deputy Chief Robert Lenehan said the fake cop, along with video cameras and a new lock, has cut bike thefts by 67 percent.

It's also a money saver. Lenehan estimated it would cost $200,000 a year to have officers watch over the cage full-time.

The cutout is actually a picture of real MBTA Officer David Silen.

Silen said the split second thieves take to glance at the cutout is enough to discourage them.

TENNESSEE

Drunk, naked man arrested in stolen front-end loader

KNOXVILLE — The explanation seems sound, allowing for alcohol consumption.

Joseph Michael Hall told police he stole a Bobcat front-end loader from a landscaping nursery in Knox County because he was naked.

The Knoxville News Sentinel reported police found the 19-year-old Hall driving the machine along a highway shortly after 7 a.m. Sunday, sans clothing.

The arrest warrant stated Hall said he was trying to hide his nudity by taking the Bobcat.

A caller to 911 reported someone smashed through a fence with the machine and drove off in it. Hall was arrested less than a mile away and the owner was called to come and retrieve his machine.

It wasn't immediately known where or why Hall lost his clothes. Among the charges are felony theft, DUI and indecent exposure.

UTAH

Pageant winner accused of throwing bombs

A woman who recently was crowned Miss Riverton after wowing the judges on the piano is accused of exercising a more sinister talent — cooking up homemade bombs and throwing them from a car.

Kendra McKenzie Gill and three others were arrested Saturday after allegedly tossing makeshift explosives in neighborhoods at least nine times. Police said the four 18-year-olds admitted buying plastic bottles, aluminum foil and household chemicals before assembling the devices.



Gill

"They were throwing them at both property and people," Unified Fire Authority Capt. Clint Mecham told KUTV-TV, adding that nobody was injured. "This goes well beyond a teenage prank."

Gill was booked on suspicion of 10 counts of detonating an incendiary device. She didn't appear on the Salt Lake County jail roster Monday morning, and no phone number for her was listed.

The others arrested in the case were John Patrick Reagh, Shanna Marie Smith and Bryce Christopher Stone.

Stone reportedly told police that he and his friends were "pranking" with fireworks.

But fire officials said the devices — which can spew caustic chemicals and shrapnel when they burst — can be very dangerous.

"They can do a great deal of damage to property," Mecham told KSL-TV. "They can sever limbs. They can even kill people."

Gill topped a slate of nine beauty contestants earlier this summer, showing off her years of piano training with a Scott Joplin number and taking home a $2,000 scholarship.

Former President George W. Bush has stent procedure

By Michael Graczyk and Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

Former President George W. Bush successfully underwent a heart procedure in Dallas on Tuesday after doctors discovered a blockage in an artery during his annual physical, Bush spokesman Freddy Ford said.

"At the recommendation of his doctors, President Bush agreed to have a stent placed to open the blockage," Ford said. "The procedure was performed successfully this morning, without complication, at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital."

Bush, 67, was expected to be discharged today and resume his normal schedule Thursday.

The blockage was discovered Monday during Bush's physical at the Cooper Clinic in Dallas, where the nation's 43rd president lives.

Bush was described as being "in high spirits" and eager to return home.

"He is grateful to the skilled medical professionals who have cared for him," Ford said. "He thanks his family, friends nd fellow citizens for their prayers and well wishes. And he encourages us all to get our regular check-ups."

Stents are mesh scaffoldings that prop open arteries typically clogged by years of quiet cholesterol buildup. About half a million people have stents inserted in the U.S. each year, generally involving an overnight stay in the hospital.

Doctors usually guide a narrow tube through a blood vessel near the groin up to the heart, inflate a tiny balloon to flatten the blockage and insert the stent. Sometimes, they insert it through an artery in the wrist to lower the risk of bleeding.

Doctors often recommend first trying medication to treat a clogged artery. More severe blockages, particularly in several arteries, may require bypass surgery. Arteries can reclog, so patients often are put on heart-friendly diets or medication.

White House press secretary Jay Carney told reporters that President Barack Obama was briefed on Bush's procedure and "obviously wishes him well." He didn't believe Obama and Bush had spoken, Carney said.

Bush is known as a fitness buff. In 1993, before he was elected Texas governor, he ran the Houston Marathon in a respectable 3:44.52.

While in the White House, he frequently used a quarter-mile jogging path on the south lawn. Bush was known to run about three miles four days a week, and cross-trained with swimming, free weights and an elliptical trainer. When doctors found his knees were getting damaged, he turned to mountain biking.

COUNCIL

From 1A

in a private entity's endeavor. The discussion led to issues of transparency between the city and its residents.

"Sometimes I don't think the full story is discussed," Morales said. "I feel guilty, as a council member, that we've got to be more transparent. We have to talk to the citizens, whether it's through town hall meetings, through our Facebook page, or any other way. "

The city's second public meeting on the tax rate will be 6 p.m. Tuesday at the City Hall council chambers.

Future tax rate/budget meetings

Tuesday - Special meeting – 6 p.m. – Second public hearing on the proposed tax rate.
Aug. 20 - Regularly scheduled council meeting – 9 a.m. – Public hearing on the budget. First reading and vote on budget ordinance. First reading and vote on tax rate ordinance.
Aug. 26 - Regularly scheduled council meeting – 9 a.m. – Second reading and vote on budget ordinance. Second reading and vote on tax rate ordinance.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Police arrest man for alleged explosives possession

A Seminole man arrested Monday was found to possess detonating cords for explosives at a Midland residence, according to new information obtained from his arrest complaint.

Ruben Michael Rodriguez, 24, faces a federal charge of possession of an explosive, specifically a detonating cord, by a person previously convicted of a crime. Rodriguez is in custody of the U.S. Marshals Service. Bond information currently is unavailable.



Rodriguez

He faces a federal charge because of a 2008 conviction in Eastland on a felony charge of theft of a firearm, according to the complaint.

Officers were dispatched at about 9:30 a.m. Monday to the 600 block of West Cuthbert Avenue after receiving a call concerning possible explosives in the area.

The occupant of the residence told police that Rodriguez had hidden a bag full of detonating cord in a crawl space underneath the home. The occupant also said he removed the cord from the crawl space and placed it in a storage shed in the backyard, according to the criminal complaint.

Rodriguez told the occupant he received the detonating cord from his place of employment and that "he had enough stuff to blow up half of Midland," according to the complaint.

Rodriguez was arrested at his workplace without incident, said Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.

MPD: Midland man chased after people with knife

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after he chased several people with a knife near a car wash, according to his arrest affidavit.

Charles Edward Hall, 58, is being held on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.



Hall

Police responded to a disturbance at about 2 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of Marlin Street. Officers were told that a man, later identified as Hall, was wearing a cast on one arm and was wielding a knife as he chased people near a car wash. The officer located Hall — who had a black knife in his left hand — and advised him to put the knife on the ground, according to court documents.

Hall fled on foot and ran south on the west side of Rankin Highway. The officer followed Hall, who stopped in the 800 block of West Stokes Avenue and yelled "shoot me" at the officer. After a brief standoff, Hall threw the knife on the ground and was taken into custody, according to the arrest report.

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

Police: Man arrested on drug possession charges

A Midland man was arrested Saturday on drug possession charges following a foot pursuit by a police officer, according to court documents.

David Edmonton Jones, 32, is being held on a $31,000 bond for third-degree felony charges of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and tampering or fabricating physical evidence. He also was charged with misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and evading arrest or detention.

A Midland police officer initiated a traffic stop at about 12:45 p.m. Saturday near the 4300 block of Neely Avenue. The vehicle stopped at the eye care clinic parking lot at the corner of Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue.

The officer said Jones, who was in the back seat, got out of the vehicle and fled on foot through the alley behind the clinic. The officer eventually took Jones to the ground and handcuffed him. Jones admitted to having a marijuana "roach" inside the vehicle. The officer found the "roach" and a scale used to weigh narcotics, according to the arrest report.



Jones

The driver told the officer that Jones offered to get some marijuana or cocaine. The officer retraced Jones' route during the pursuit and found two plastic bags — one contained marijuana and the other crack cocaine — according to the report.

If convicted, Jones faces up to 10 years in prison for each third-degree felony charge.

Former deputy convicted in South Texas drug case

Associated Press

McALLEN — A federal jury convicted a former South Texas deputy sheriff Tuesday for his role in a drug conspiracy, making him the ninth law enforcement officer convicted in the case.

Jurors needed only a couple of hours Tuesday before coming back with the verdict that found former Hidalgo County sheriff's Deputy Jorge Garza guilty. He was accused of taking part in a scheme to steal from drug traffickers and resell the drugs. Eight other officers charged in the case had all pleaded guilty.

Garza's role was overshadowed in the latter half of the trial as his attorney called on those up the chain of command, culminating with two days of testimony from Sheriff Lupe Trevino. The Trevino-created rogue drug task force, called the Panama Unit, was the target of a broad investigation.

U.S. District Judge Randy Crane ordered that Garza be taken into custody Tuesday. He scheduled a hearing for Thursday to hear arguments that Garza should be allowed to remain free on bond while awaiting sentencing.

The corrupt officers were cooperating with a local drug trafficker to steal drug loads for resale. Sometimes the trafficker would tell a client that he was moving the drugs from the border and would bring the client along.

Prosecutors said Garza would wait at a pre-arranged location down the road in his Hidalgo County sheriff's office vehicle. Once the load vehicle passed, he would pull out and turn on his lights. It would appear that a traffic stop occurred on a side road just out of view.

The client would think his load had been seized by authorities, but really, it would be resold.



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OPINION

Cruz needs to watch his choice of words

■ While the junior senator from Texas usually says the right thing, his use of the phrase 'surrender caucus' got him into hot water.



RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Is Ted Cruz a terrorist? Chris Matthews thinks so. That is, if one uses the word "think" lightly.

Matthews has said some daffy things. But this time, in using the "T-word" to describe the junior senator from Texas, the MSNBC host who in 2008 said during one of Barack Obama's campaign speeches he felt a "thrill going up my leg" really outdid himself.

I've known Cruz for more than 10 years, and trust me when I tell you that this rising star in the Republican Party wears comments like Matthews' as a badge of honor. He won't be shamed or intimidated into following the crowd. He doesn't care what anyone thinks of him or his tactics, and he won't change either so as to be more popular with the Washington elites. Besides, I don't imagine that he's in any danger of winding up on a government watch list. Although, given the way the administration treats its critics, conservatives shouldn't take anything for granted.

Still, there are other perils. What Cruz really needs to worry about is that he doesn't become just another one of those mealy-mouthed political leaders in his own party that he enjoys criticizing so much.

In the case of one phrase in particular that recently got him into hot water with members of both parties, the problem isn't what Cruz is saying. It's that, in a rare retreat, the normally outspoken senator denies having said it. And are you going to believe him or your own lying ears?

It all began when Cruz restarted his war with the GOP establishment, fellow Republican senators and Washington insiders. He poked at them for their reluctance to stand with him — and colleagues such as Marco Rubio, of Florida, and Mike Lee, of Utah — to defund Obamacare, even if it means shutting down the government.

Addressing Cruz's comments on MSNBC's "Hardball," Matthews went ballistic.

"I believe it's terrorism," he told viewers. "This is the first time I've seen a political party, or even a fraction of it, say that their No. 1 goal is ... to shut down the American government ... kill a bill that's already been passed by Congress, and refuse to pay bills already run up by the Congress in an attempt to basically risk default. This is an attempt to destroy all we know of the republican form of government in this country."

Matthews needs to get a grip. As long as there are real terrorists hatching murderous plots and threatening the lives of Americans, and a resurgent al-Qaida forcing the closure of 20 U.S. embassies and consulates, talk show hosts should be more careful with the labels they throw around — especially when, ironically, they're criticizing someone for supposedly saying the wrong thing.

More often than not, the senator from Texas says the right thing. His Senate committee critiques of Chuck Hagel, Dianne Feinstein and Eric Holder were epic. The truth has a way of making people uncomfortable.

And this is exactly what happened when Cruz chose to use a particularly loaded phrase to suggest that many of his fellow Republican senators go along to get along, and are much too quick to throw in the towel on political fights.

In an interview on Sean Hannity's radio show on July 25, Cruz said this: "I am perpetually frustrated by what seems to be the surrender caucus in the Congress, the group that just wants to give in."

That's it. "Surrender caucus."

When conservative radio host Laura Ingraham asked him if maybe that term wasn't a little harsh, Cruz ducked the question and insisted that he never "said an ill word about any of my colleagues." It appears that the senator meant that he has not mentioned them by name.

Ingraham helped out her guest by pointing out that his chief of staff, Chip Roy, had actually tweeted the phrase and maybe that's where all this started.

No, it started with the senator, in that interview with Hannity, and later another half-dozen media interviews where Cruz used the word "surrender" or variations of it to describe the modus operandi of his GOP colleagues.

My friend, be careful. You weren't wrong to use that phrase. The GOP has surrendered, time and again. And the Republican establishment in the Senate seems ready to do the same thing when it comes to defunding Obamacare.

It's your phrase. Own it. Otherwise, who knows? In time, you might just go from being the solution to becoming part of the problem.

OUR VIEW

Students are urged to take a stand against bullying

We were heartened to hear about an anti-bullying organization, Stand for the Silent Midland, which was established in April. This is not the only group attempting to deal with this issue, but the more community members who are involved, the better for our kids.

To introduce itself to the community, Stand for the Silent is hosting a back-to-school bash from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday at Taylor Park Boys & Girls Club, 1321 Goode St. Admission is free.

The event is meant to provide kids — sixth- through ninth-graders — with a bully-free environment to meet others and socialize, said founder and president Alma Diaz in a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Diaz, who has two children, was moved to start the local chapter after seeing the documentary, "Bully," which explores peer-to-peer bullying and the effect it has on students. The film featured the national organization and Kirk Smalley, whose son took his own life after he was suspended from school for retaliating against a bully, according to the group's website. A group of Oklahoma students started Stand for the Silent after hearing about 11-year-old Ty Field-Smalley.

The local chapter is working to raise funds to bring Kirk Smalley to Midland in December. He and his wife, Laura, tour the country to share their story and raise awareness of bullying.

Diaz calls bullying an epidemic — "a virus (that) is eating us alive" — and in our view she is correct.

According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice, 77 percent of students are bullied mentally, verbally and physically, and 1 out of 5 students admits to doing some bullying.

We commend Diaz's desire to find a way to cure this epidemic. She knows firsthand what happens to kids when they're the target of harassment by peers. She told the Reporter-Telegram that some of her children's friends, who were targets of bullying, have died by suicide.

Not all children who are bullied end up like Ty or the friends of Diaz's children. But their circumstances are tragic, just the same. Too many kids go to school dreading what the day will bring at the hands of their peers. Schools should be a place where students feel safe and valued. But for many students, school is a place where they feel intimidated and their self-esteem is shattered.

Stand for the Silent asks children to pledge to stand up for those who are bullied and can't stand up for themselves. Pledge cards will be available at Friday's event.

We urge Midland youth who will be going into grades six through nine to attend Friday's bash and make a pledge to take a stand against bullying. It could make a difference in some child's life.

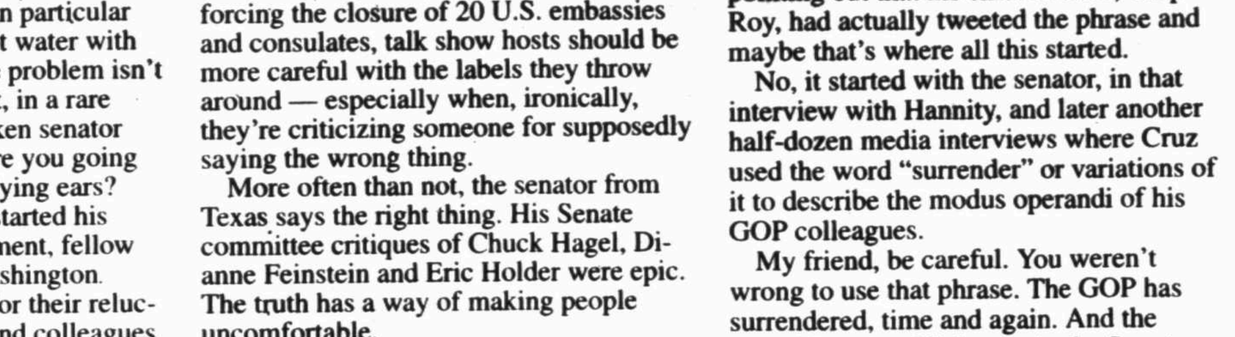
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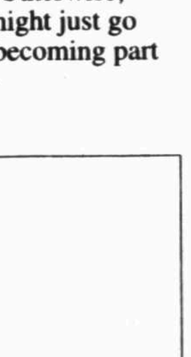
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Post family will learn to adapt

■ Hearing news that the Grahams had sold the Washington Post felt like being gut-punched.



KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

When The Washington Post Writers Group came courting several years ago, inviting me to join the company's syndicate, I remember well the pitch: We're a family.

By then I had been syndicated for more than a decade by the Tribune Co. and was struck yet again by the layers of irony implicit in the words such media organizations use to describe themselves. Syndicate. Family.

Thank God no one kissed me.

In The Post's case, the term was more than metaphor. The paper, which has been in the Graham family for 80 years, was literally a family. The idea appealed to me. Only family-held papers seemed to sustain the degree of loyalty to the journalistic ideals that attracted my generation of reporters to the field. Back in the day, we really did want to save the world. And, of course, drink.

There were other attractions to the Post group. My previous syndicate, to which I am forever grateful, was an enormous enterprise where I was but one of scores of "products" that a handful of salesmen had to sell. Most significant, the top executives were primarily businessmen rather than journalists.

At the Writers Group, in contrast, the top guys — editorial director Alan Shearer and senior editor James Hill — are veteran journalists with close to 100 combined years of institutional memory. The stable of writers is relatively small and, if I do say so, the best in the business. Editing is top-notch, owing in no small part to one fellow whose name will not be familiar to many — Richard Aldacushion, editor/fact-checker extraordinaire.

We writers worship Richard. One columnist made his name a verb. "To be Richarded" means to be subjected to his gimlet eye and, on occasions too numerous to count, saved from humiliation. We are, indeed, a family and each column is our baby. It doesn't take a village to write a column, but it's helpful to have a few affectionate aunts and uncles reading over one's shoulder.

We may not be perfect, but what family is?

Although the syndicate is separate from the newspaper, we all live under The Post banner, dwell in the same building, occupy the same pages and pixels — and all have enjoyed the aura of the literal family, the Grahams. Their announcement Monday that the paper is being sold to Amazon creator Jeff Bezos wasn't just a news shock. It was a gut-punch of familial disruption. Children of divorce are familiar with the feeling.

Nothing will change in the immediate future, we've been told. And truly, for me, nothing will. Even though I've enjoyed being part of a family I admire, I have been an independent operator for most of the 25 years I have written my column. Only my muse — the fire-breathing deadline monster — has kept me company.

Still. When you walk in the door of The Post, you gulp the air of history and feel the presence of journalism's greats. Bob Woodward of Watergate fame is still around knocking on doors and writing books. Ben Bradlee — *Ben Bradlee* — walked these very hallways. Katharine Graham, the matriarch-publisher who shepherded this institution through some of the nation's most significant political moments, held court a few floors up.

And now her son, Don Graham, and granddaughter/publisher/namesake, Katharine Weymouth, have made the decision no one thought they'd ever see.

The family paper is to become the private enterprise of an online retail entrepreneur. Then again, who better to adapt an old form to a new shape?

On Monday, when they called the staff together to deliver the news, Weymouth and Graham explained what has long been known: The publicly held company simply doesn't have the necessary resources for innovation and survival in the Internet age. It is a familiar story these days, but the sting is nonetheless fresh when it is one's own. Divorce is also commonplace, but this fact is of little consolation when one's own family falls apart.

Bezos has been lauded from all quarters as a good guy whose values are in line with "the family's." There's no questioning his entrepreneurial vitality. When one's personal fortune hovers around $25 billion, one can afford to dabble in such things as space travel, 10,000-year clocks and even newspapers.

All things change. Children grow up, parents die, families adapt and evolve. With therapy — and perhaps a little cash infusion — this one will, too.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Obama pitches mortgage overhaul

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Buoyed by an improving housing market, President Barack Obama on Tuesday proposed a broad overhaul of the nation's mortgage finance system, including winding down government-backed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. He declared that taxpayers should never again be left "holding the bag" for the mortgage giants' bad bets.

Obama outlined his proposals in Phoenix, the once foreclosure-riddled city at the epicenter of the nation's housing crisis. The housing market in Phoenix, as well as in many other parts of the country, has rebounded robustly, with prices in the southwestern city up 66 percent from the low point in 2011.

Despite the nationwide gains, the president said sweeping housing reforms are still needed to ensure that a rejuvenated market doesn't simply "re-inflate the housing bubble." The cornerstone of that effort is winding down Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, a proposal with bipartisan support in the Senate.

"For too long, these companies were allowed to make big profits buying mortgages, knowing that if their bets went bad, taxpayers would be left holding the bag," Obama told a crowd of more than 2,000 at an area high school. He spoke following a tour of a construction company that has been able to hire hundreds of new workers as a result of the region's housing comeback.

While the president has previously endorsed overhauling Fannie and Freddie, his remarks Tuesday marked the first time he outlined his specific proposals for doing so.

The president wants to replace Fannie and Freddie with a system that would put the private sector primarily at risk for loans. The government would still be involved, both in oversight and as a last-resort loan guarantor.

Rising tax revenue eases pressure for budget cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rising tax receipts are shrinking the federal deficit, and that will shape the budget debate when Congress returns from vacation next month. The big question for lawmakers: Should they renew, end or modify the tens of billions of dollars in "sequester" cuts in government spending that took effect earlier this year?

Tax revenue through June was up 14 percent from a year earlier, and that trend is expected to continue. New figures for July are due out next week, and for August on Sept. 12. That's just three days after lawmakers return to face threats by some conservatives of a government shutdown on Oct. 1 or an economy-threatening default on the national debt weeks later.

With revenue rising, what's the fight about?

Now that the government is taking in more money, Republicans in Congress are more opposed than ever to tax increases sought by President Barack Obama and his Democratic allies.

"This year the federal government will bring more revenue in than in any year in our history," says House Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio. "We have a spending problem in Washington. It has to be addressed."

But Obama and the Democrats want to do away with some of the existing spending cuts, and they say they won't accept significant further reductions — unless there's also action to bring in still more revenue.

"Democrats know we must do more to reduce the deficit," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, of Nevada. "We believe in a balanced approach that pairs spending cuts with having those that can afford it pay more."

At the same time, some economists worry that currently rising revenue numbers will reduce the pressure to address the nation's long-term debt problems.

"I don't think political leaders feel that they have a gun to their head the way they did a couple years ago," said William Gale, a former economic adviser to President George H.W. Bush and now co-director of the Tax Policy Center. "There's a desire on some sides to declare 'mission accomplished' and ignore the long-term deficits and move on to other issues."

Several factors are contributing to the increase in revenue. Congress increased income tax rates on high-income families in January. The Congressional Budget Office said some of those taxpayers probably cashed in investments ahead of the tax hike, boosting capital gains taxes. Congress also let a temporary payroll tax cut expire at the end of 2012, increasing Social Security taxes.

CBO also said a rise in personal income is adding to tax revenue, even though economic growth has been sluggish.

To see how important the economy is to federal tax receipts, look at what happened in 2009, after the nation plunged into the worst economic recession since the Great Depression. Income tax receipts dropped by 20 percent from the year before, and corporate tax receipts dropped by 55 percent. Social Security tax receipts dropped for the first time since 1946.

The budget deficit, which topped $1 trillion for four straight years, is projected to fall to $642 billion in the budget year that ends in September, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The spending cuts enacted over the past several years are combining with higher tax receipts to reduce government borrowing.

Under current law, the budget office projects that the federal deficit will shrink even further in the next several years before starting to grow again at the end of the decade. But with the national debt approaching $17 trillion, the long-term financial problems aren't exactly solved, Gale said.

"It's kind of like somebody carrying an extra 15 pounds around their waist," he said. "Over the long term it kind of hurts your health, wears you out, reduces your mobility."

Congress is headed toward two potential budget showdowns this fall, one when funding for the government runs out at the end of September and another when the U.S. reaches the limit of its borrowing authority later in the fall.

Republicans are demanding spending cuts in exchange for a debt limit increase, which will be needed to prevent an unprecedented default on U.S. obligations. But Obama said he won't negotiate over raising the debt limit.

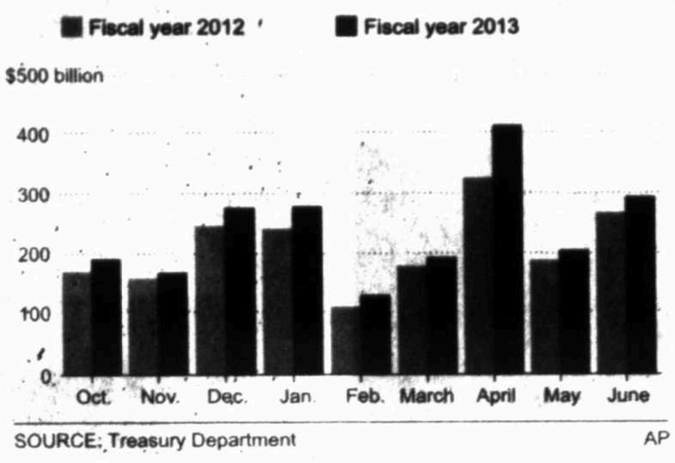
That debate could provide an opportunity to address the nation's long-term finances. But there doesn't seem to be much appetite in Washington for the kind of "grand bargain" deficit reduction package that Obama and Boehner tried to negotiate in 2011. That package would have cut spending and increased revenues, but Obama and Boehner couldn't agree on the details.

If not a grand bargain, a "somewhat" bargain evolved over the following 17 months.

Republicans willing to trigger a default on the government's debt forced Democrats and Obama in August 2011 to agree to cutting government spending by $2.1 trillion over the following decade, including $1.2 trillion in the automatic spending cuts — taken equally from military and domestic programs — that began in earnest this March.

Rebounding revenues

Federal receipts from taxes and other income are up in the first nine months of the fiscal year compared to last year:



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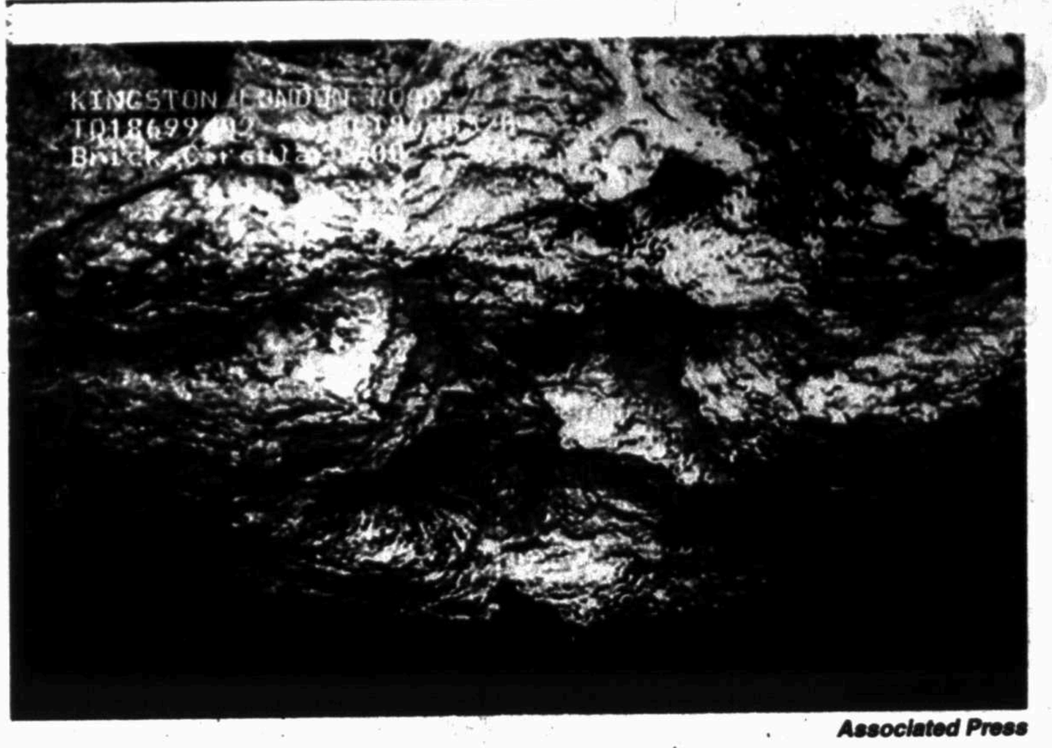
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This undated image released by Thames Water company show part of a 15-ton lump of fat and other debris coagulated inside a main London city sewer, which the utility company spent many days clearing from the drain.

Mind the fat: Huge blob found lodged in UK sewer

Associated Press

LONDON — It may look like an iceberg, but there's nothing cool about it.

Utility company Thames Water says it has discovered what it calls the biggest "fatberg" ever recorded in Britain — a 15-ton blob of congealed fat and baby wipes lodged in a sewer drain.

That's enough "wrongly flushed festering food fat mixed with wet wipes" to fill a double-decker bus such as the famous London Routemaster, the company said.

Thames Water deals with fatbergs all the time, thanks to the widespread use of household oil and food fat. But few reach the mammoth size of the one found under a road in the London suburb of Kingston.

But with 67,000 miles of sewer pipes to monitor, and fatbergs forming around even a few wipes that catch on to a corner or a wall, Thames Water says it must be constantly vigilant.

This blockage — built up over an estimated six months — was discovered after residents in nearby apartment buildings were unable to flush their toilets.

Examination found that the mound of fat had reduced the 28-inch by 19-inch sewer to just 5 percent of its normal capacity. It damaged the sewers so badly that it will take six weeks to repair them.

The company said Tuesday it was sharing news of the massive lard lump in hopes that customers will think twice about what they dump down the drain. The company says untreated fatbergs cause flooding and backups.

"It's very lucky we caught this one," said Craig Rance, a spokesman for Thames Water.

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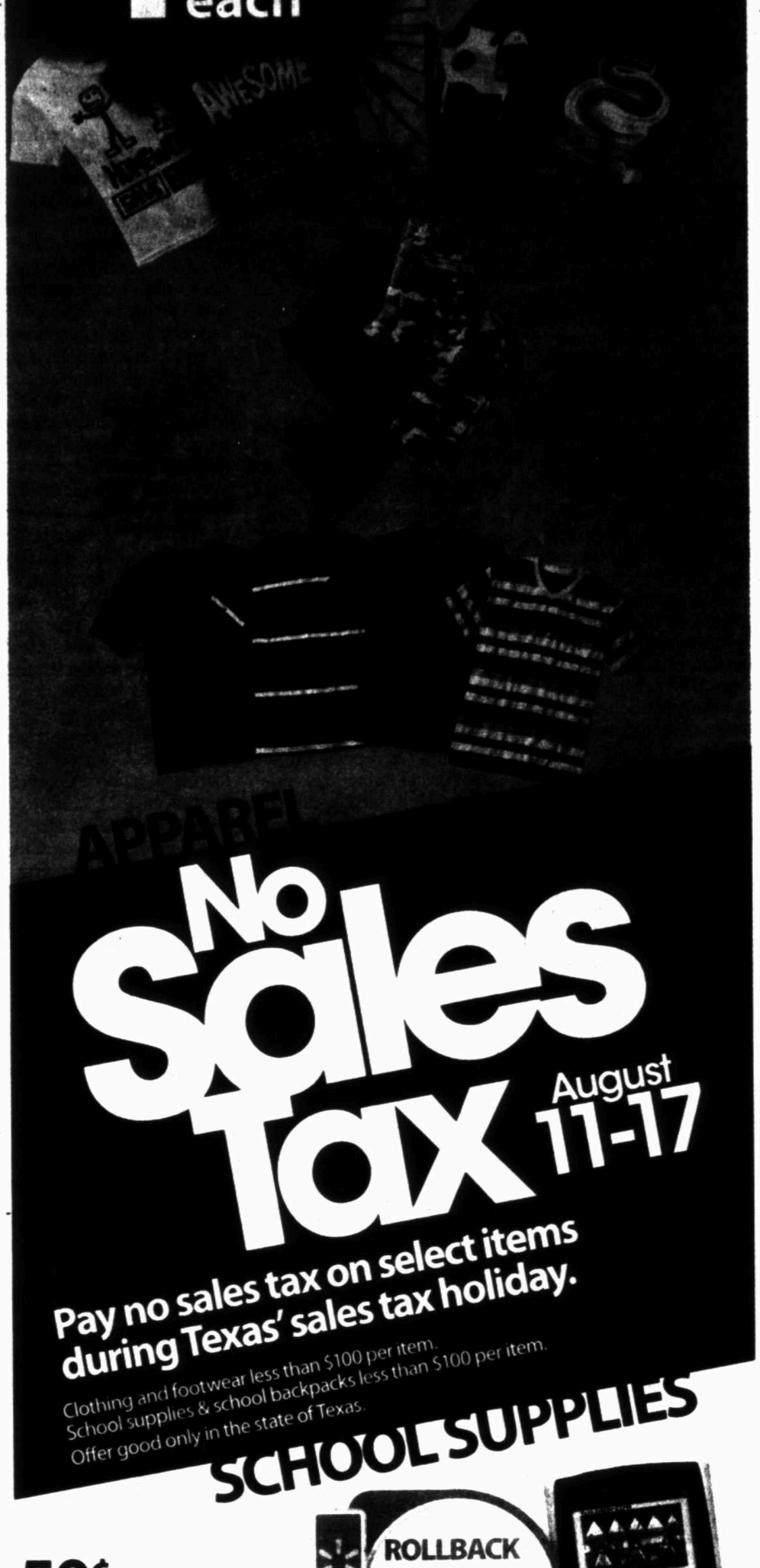
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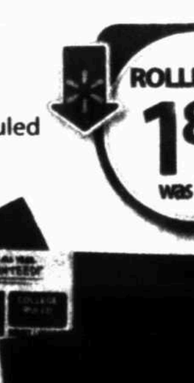


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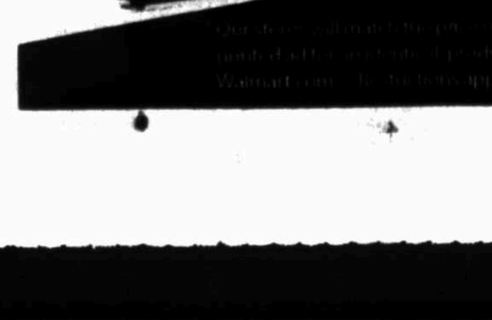


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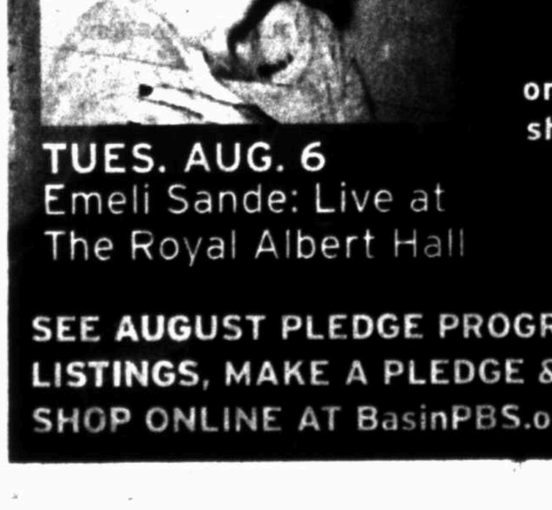
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Midland volunteer full of cheer, gratitude at 98

ED TODD'S PROFILES

As lovely and loving as ever, Mary Maude Sparks Hickman surely hasn't changed an iota in her delightfully spirited good-will since she was the idyllic "sweet 16" only 82 years ago.

"I love people and I love life, everything about it," she said confidently in the comfort of her home and in the gentle company of her artist-teacher son, Jack Hickman, and HospiceMidland volunteer coordinator Sandy Leiker.

Hickman is "incredibly sweet and caring, a great listener," Leiker observed. She is a remarkable bearer of a "wealth of information" from times past to this very day.

"I age with sweetness," Hickman, named after her grandmothers, said without a hint of braggadocio. Joyful and steeped in gratitude, though her ability to thrive has diminished, Hickman said, "I've had a new life everywhere I've gone," never boring, always adventuresome and, especially in Midland, rich in volunteerism.

Hickman possesses a "very vivacious, loving spirit," affirmed Tevis Herd, a Midland volunteer. "She cares a lot about young people, good behavior and growing up right."

At age 16, she must have been then as she is today at 98, quite in love with life and with her community of good neighbors.

Volunteering was an active mainstay in her Midland life until recent years and is firmly in her mind and heart.

Years ago, Hickman helped establish HospiceMidland and the Meals on Wheels program for serving the homebound elderly and disabled. She volunteered for retirement communities such as Trinity Towers and Manor Park and helped Mayme K. Martin in making tapes of books and other publications available to sight-impaired people through the now Recording Library of West Texas.

Historically, Midland has nurtured volunteer programs, such

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Longtime Midland volunteer Mary Maude.

Courtesy photo



MARKETPLACE





Rogers Ford Viva Midland Mercado on the Plaza event June 22 at Centennial Plaza.

RIGHT Children play on inflatable attractions during a recent June's Midland Mercado on the Plaza event.

Photos by James Durbin

'Mercado on the Plaza' brings outdoor market to downtown Midland

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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Mercado on the Plaza — an open-air marketplace in Midland — will kick off at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Centennial Plaza in downtown Midland.

"Mercado" means "marketplace" in Spanish, said Bo Zertuche, president and CEO of FotoVybes, one of the event's sponsors. The outdoor market is one of many events by Viva Midland, a campaign dedicated to showcasing Midland through fairs and fiestas.

This will be the second "Mercado on the Plaza" of the summer — Viva Midland is hoping to make it an annual tradition, with a market every month from June to September.

Saturday's market will feature local merchants selling handmade leather, wood crafting, jewelry, clothing and other items. About 40 merchants have signed up so far, Zertuche said.

Merchants who wish to sign up for a booth can contact Zertuche at 432-967-1807. Booths are $50 if the merchant provides tables, chairs and a tent and $100 if Viva Midland provides them.

"Mercado on the Plaza" is a family friendly event with games and activities for children. Live music, food and drinks will be available. Admission is free, courtesy of Rogers Ford Lincoln.

The "mercado" is an old Mexican tradition that has crossed over into the U.S., Zertuche said. Saturday's event is a way for Midlanders to experience an authentic south-of-the-border marketplace.

The next "Mercado on the Plaza" will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 21 at Centennial Plaza.

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Matthew Figel

Midland pianist headed to Interlochen fine arts boarding school

By Meredith Moriak
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It's a bittersweet symphony for Midlanders Paul and Julie Figel as they prepare to send their youngest son, Matthew Figel, off to study piano at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan.

They said goodbye to eldest son, Paul, last fall when he went to Abilene Christian University and they thought they had a few more years left with Matthew.

But when the 16-year-old, award-winning pianist was accepted to the world's premier fine arts boarding high school, his parents knew they had to let him go, even if it was a few years earlier than planned.

"It's bittersweet because we thought we had two more years before we became empty nesters and moved onto another stage of life. With what we believe is a God-given talent — he didn't inherit it from us — it would be selfish on our part to hold him back," said father Paul Figel. "He was accepted and if we have the means to afford it, we need to let his talent grow."

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Matthew was first exposed to the piano while visiting a friend's house at age 9 and said he absolutely loved it. He received a keyboard for his birthday and taught himself how to play and read music.

When his parents realized he wasn't just going through a phase, but would rather play the keyboard than eat or watch TV, they signed Matthew up for lessons with local piano teacher Pam Holleman.

"My husband and I have never picked up an instrument in our lives. It was definitely a surprise how talented he is," said Julie Figel.

After just a few lessons with Matthew Figel, Holleman knew he wasn't a typical student.

"He came to me with knowledge he'd gained through teaching himself and the progress he made in that first year was equal to five years for most," Holleman said.

He began competing in rigorous statewide competitions in seventh grade and said defeat has never tempted him to quit, but rather to work harder.

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OTHER DEATH

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Rep: Jazz keyboardist George Duke dies

NEW YORK — George Duke, the Grammy-winning jazz keyboardist and producer whose sound infused acoustic jazz, electronic jazz, funk, R&B and soul in a 40-year-plus career, has died. He was 67.

A representative for Duke said the performer died Monday night in Los Angeles. Duke was being treated for chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

Duke's son, Rashid, thanked his father's fans in a statement Tuesday.

"The outpouring of love and support that we have received from my father's friends, fans and the entire music community has been overwhelming," he said. "Thank you all for your concern, prayers and support."

Duke was born in San Rafael, Calif. He appeared on a number of Frank Zappa albums and played in the Don Ellis Orchestra, Cannonball Adderley's band and with jazz musician Stanley Clarke. Duke also played keyboard on Michael Jackson's multi-platinum 1979 album, "Off the Wall."

His wife, Corine, died from cancer last year. He was unable to make music for months, but he overcame his grief to create the album "DreamWeaver," released last month. It features a fusion of sounds and a touching tribute to his late wife on the romantic piano-driven ballad "Missing You."

He began taking piano lessons when he was 4 years old, after seeing Duke Ellington perform.

"I don't remember it too well ... but my mother told me I went crazy," Duke said on his website. "I ran around saying, 'Get me a piano! Get me a piano!'"

Duke said he learned a lot about music from going to church, which helped him add a funk style to his sound. He played in high-school jazz groups and was heavily influenced by Miles Davis. He earned degrees from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and San Francisco State University.

Obituaries



Betty Banks

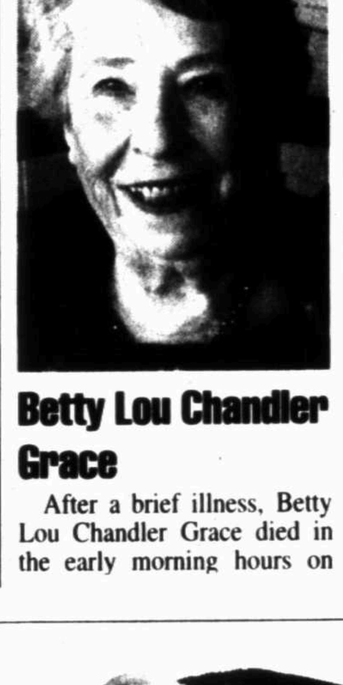
Betty Banks was one of ten children born to Sampson and Willie Shaw, on March 23, 1944 in Midland, Tx. She attended Carver High School. She worked for Sheriff Ed Darnell, and Later the First Baptist Church. She was a faithful member of Greater Ideal Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death by her husbands Fred Turner and Fred Banks, children, Ruby Mae Shaw, and Spacio Shaw, sister Willie Jean Jackson, brothers James Marshall, Raymond Lee Shaw and David Lee Shaw, niece Ella Wilson, and step daughter Fredna Banks.

Survived biy her children Iris Jean McMaryion (Anthony), Oscar Lewis Shaw, Frank Leo Shaw, Audra Jay Shaw, Nine Grandchildren, sisters, Helen Ruth Brown, Irene Hunt, Mae Sue Curl, and Helen Posey, brothers Curtis Shaw, Cephus Shaw, lifetime friend Raymond Wilkerson.

Funeral Services were Saturday August 3 at the Ideal Baptist Church.

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Betty Lou Chandler Grace

After a brief illness, Betty Lou Chandler Grace died in the early morning hours on Monday, at Christus Sister Mary Hospice, surrounded by her family. She was born on August 17, 1926 in Corbin, Kentucky, the oldest of three children born to Lee and Virginia Chandler.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Robert McCary Grace, her brother, Robert Lee; her sister, Dorothy; and her parents.

Betty Lou is survived by her five children, Susan Grace Wilson (James King Wilson, III), Robert McCary Grace, Jr., Nancy Grace Jackson (Dr. Mell Charles Jackson, Jr.), John Charles Grace (Jill), and David Thomas Grace (Diana). Grandchildren James King Wilson, IV (Kimberly), Robert Jackson (Jack) Wilson (Morgan McGuirk), Sarah Jane Wilson, Chandler Garrison Grace (who honors her grandmother by sharing both her maiden name and her birthday), Mell Charles (Charlie) Jackson, III, Henry Hollingsworth Jackson, Caroline Elizabeth Grace, and two great-grandchildren, James King Wilson, V, and Mary Elizabeth Wilson.

Betty Lou graduated from Berea College in Kentucky with degrees in Philosophy and Biology. After her freshman year, she took time off from college to work as a stenographer at the Oak Ridge Nuclear Facility, which was tasked with the development of the atomic bomb, during World War II. After graduating from Berea College, Betty Lou attended the University of Wyoming, earning a Masters degree in Psychology. To supplement her tuition, she worked in the Psychology Department, administering IQ tests to GI's who were resuming their studies after WWII. It was during this time that she met a fellow graduate student, Bob Grace. They were married in Laramie, Wyoming in 1950, while both were completing their post-graduate degrees.

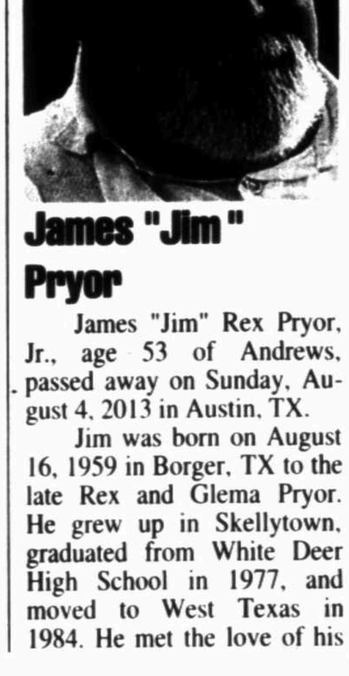
Bob accepted his first job as a Geologist and they moved to Casper, Wyoming, where Susan, Bobby and Nancy were born. In 1958, the young family moved to Midland, Texas, where John and David were born. They resided in Midland until 2011 when Bob's Alzheimer's precipitated a move to San Antonio. Bob and Betty Lou were classic examples of the "greatest generation", dedicating themselves to family, community and church and instilling these values in their children. Betty Lou delighted in being a full-time mother and later, a full-time Grandmother. Nothing gave her more joy than spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty Lou taught 1st grade at The Hillander School. She also worked in the field of psychology, administering IQ tests to school children.

Betty Lou was a long-time member of St Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Midland. She taught Sunday School and served on the Altar Guild, but by far, her greatest passion was that which she had for "The Friday Group" - a group of women who, for many years, gathered every Friday morning, using the church lectionary as a format for bible study and prayer.

Memorial Services are scheduled for Friday, August 9th at 1:00 P.M. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Midland, Texas, with the Rev. Les Jackson officiating. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall of St. Nicholas'. An inurnment and memorial will also be held in San Antonio at St. Marks Episcopal Church on Saturday, August 31st at 12:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Friends of Hospice, P.O. Box 40487 San Antonio, TX 78229-1487; St. Marks Episcopal Church (Altar Guild Memorial Fund) 315 E. Pecan, San Antonio, TX 78205; or St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, TX 79707.



James "Jim" Pryor

James "Jim" Rex Pryor, Jr., age 53 of Andrews, passed away on Sunday, August 4, 2013 in Austin, TX.

Jim was born on August 16, 1959 in Borger, TX to the late Rex and Glema Pryor. He grew up in Skellytown, graduated from White Deer High School in 1977, and moved to West Texas in 1984. He met the love of his life, Monica Gage, at a Christmas party in 1984 and they were married shortly after on June 25, 1985 in Stinnett. When he first moved to the area he was an employee of Getty Oil Company. Through the years he held many different positions, even making it through four mergers with the company. He was proud that he was celebrating 35 years with Chevron this month. He loved riding his motorcycle to different parts of the country, and was a member of the Patriot Guard. Eunice Masonic Lodge, and the Croft's Light Artillery Battery. He was also honored by being inducted as a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans this year.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, a brother.

Survivors include his wife, Monica, one daughter, Shoshawna Bentley, and husband Tim, of Andrews; two grandchildren, Sheridan Leigh and Reagan Michelle Bentley of Andrews; one sister, Danita Sanders of Andrews; two nieces, Kaylee Couch & husband Frank, and Ashlee Sanders; two great nieces Aubree and Emmalyn Couch; and numerous extended family and loved by many acquired family.

Funeral services will be at 2 P.M. on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at the West Texas Cowboy Church in Gardendale, TX at 12144 E Highway 158 with Andy Hill officiating. Burial will follow at Andrews North Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors from 6-9 PM on Wednesday evening at the Andrews Funeral Home Chapel.

Services are under the direction of Andrews Funeral Home, 201 NE 1st Street, Andrews, TX 79714.

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Death Notices

Cad H. Wingert

Cad H. Wingert, 87, of Big Spring passed away on Monday, August 5, 2013.

Funeral services will be 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; his two sons, William Wingert and Chris Wingert; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Delma "Blondie" Jones

Delma "Blondie" Jones, of Midland passed away on August 6, 2013.

Family will receive friends on Thursday, August 8, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral service will be held on Friday, August 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel at Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will be on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Dublin, Texas at Live Oak Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

JoAnna Faye Hankins

JoAnna Faye Hankins, 65, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 in Midland, Texas.

Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 9, 2013 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Survivors include husband, Wade Hankins; son, Randall Hankins; daughter, Tammy (Richard) Brandstetter.

Norma Walker

Norma Walker, 70 of Midland, passed away on Friday August 2, 2013 at her residence.

Services are pending with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

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Email to obits@mrt.com



AP file photo

Taco Bell expanding test of waffle taco, breakfast

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Taco Bell says it's expanding its small test of waffle tacos, as it prepares to take its breakfast menu national sometime next year.

The fast-food chain says the waffle taco, which includes scrambled eggs, sausage and a side of syrup, was the top seller during breakfast hours at the five Southern California restaurants where they were tested earlier this year. Now the company wants to see how it would fare on a bigger scale; the waffle tacos and a full breakfast menu will be expanded to about 100 restaurants in Fresno, Calif.; Omaha, Neb.; and Chattanooga, Tenn., starting Thursday.

Brian Niccol, president of Taco Bell, said the idea is partly to get a better sense of how well restaurants will be able to handle the added operational pressure from the waffle tacos.

"You only get one shot when you go with big items," he said.

Taco Bell already offers breakfast at about 850 locations in 10 Western states and has been tinkering with new items such as the waffle taco before rolling it out to its 6,000 U.S. locations. Also being tested in the additional locations starting Thursday are a yogurt parfait and oatmeal.

Taco Bell isn't alone in trying to serve food in different parts of the day. Since restaurant chains are already paying for fixed costs of such as rent and electricity, the thinking is that they want to ring up as many sales as possible throughout the day, not just during the busy lunch and dinner hours. In industry jargon, executives often refer to this concept as "expanding dayparts."

McDonald's, for example, has been testing an "After Midnight" menu that mixes breakfast and lunch items. Taco Bell has also been promoting a "Happier Hour," which features snacks and drinks intended to attract customers in the late afternoon, when business tends to be slower.

Yum Brands Inc., the parent company of Taco Bell, clearly sees breakfast as its next big opportunity. In a conference call with analysts last month, Yum President Richard Carucci said that breakfast has accounted for about 4 percent of sales in restaurants where it's been available.

"But this is before we've now dialed it up," he noted.

Since they were introduced in March, the waffle tacos have undergone some tweaks, including the frying time and temperature, Niccol said. The shape of the taco, which has 460 calories and 30 grams of fat, was changed to make it easier to hold the stuffing.

If it does as well in the expanded test as it did at the five locations, Niccol said he doesn't see why it wouldn't be on the national menu.

Dining-habit changes spur re-examination of laws

Associated Press

PARIS — The country that gave us the words restaurant, bistro and cuisine is changing how it eats.

For the first time in France, fast food overtook traditional restaurant receipts as the economic crisis deepened, and the share of people who pack a lunch for work is rising faster by the year. Meanwhile, lurid reports of the increasing number of traditional restaurants resorting to frozen pre-packaged meals to hold down their prices have shaken France's sense of culinary identity.

French lawmakers have swung into action to protect their cuisine.

"I don't want chefs replaced by microwaves," said Daniel Fasquelle, a lawmaker in the French Assembly who voted recently for a measure that would require restaurants to print "fait maison" — or homemade — on menus next to dishes that were created from scratch.

Fasquelle said the legislation, which was approved in the lower house and goes to the Senate in the fall, is weaker than what he and other culinary warriors want but represents a step in the right direction. Fasquelle is part of a movement seeking to limit what can be called a "restaurant" to places where more than half the food is made in-house. The idea is to protect "true cuisine" and force the fakers — who would have to find a more appropriate word, such as "caterer" — to fess up.

The legislative pushes have parallels to requirements French bakeries were subjected to in 1998, when the word "boulangerie" was legally reserved for establishments that made bread from scratch — and using a freezer at any point in the process strictly prohibited.

Lunches that have traditionally run two hours or even three hours in the south are being cut short by the modern work day. According to a 2011 study, the French midday break is down to an average of 22 minutes, compared with nearly 90 minutes two decades ago. And a study this spring found that a fifth of French workers are bringing their food from home to eat at work — double the percentage just three years ago, according to a survey this spring from industry consultant Gira Conseil.

According to the study, fast food expenditures have surpassed traditional restaurants for the first time, making up 54 percent of receipts.

But don't think that French fast food means strictly McDonald's, whose sales in France are slumping this year, according to its most recent quarterly results.

One of the biggest drivers of the fast food trend are the very French boulangeries that were subject to regulation back in the '90s. These days they've become masters of serving up delicious quick meals for the price of a Big Mac and fries — and these come under the category of "fast food."

For Estelle Levy, who opened a bakery two years ago in Paris, the choice was clear. A traditional French bakery has three producers: one to make bread, one to make pastries and cakes and a third to make breakfast fare like croissants. She decided to forgo the croissant specialist and hired a cook to serve quick meals instead.

"The day that I don't make bread, my business is over," she said. "But my bakery wouldn't be viable if I didn't serve food."

Supermarkets also are cashing in. Hypermarket chain Carrefour recently began offering a new line of what the French call "snacking" — because a meal on the run is considered just that.

Even so, French flavor demands remain unchanged, said Anne-Marie Ferrari, a Carrefour executive. In France, she said, "snacking also has to mean eating well."

Carrefour, which like any established restaurant accepts the subsidized vouchers that many French office workers receive to buy lunch, prices the new meals well within their $9 to $10 daily midday budget.

It all means traditional restaurants are getting squeezed and have been quietly reacting by turning to a pair of scissors and a microwave — reheating outsourced ready-made meals, said Fasquelle, the lawmaker. He thinks it's a quick-fix solution that will create a long-term problem for the entire country.

"Forty percent of tourists come here for our cuisine," he said. If food quality continues to deteriorate, he added, at some point jobs will be at stake. "France is not like other countries when it comes to cuisine. It's the country of good food, good wine."



Remember your loved ones with QR codes on gravestones

Elizabeth Krohn of Houston was at her grandfather's gravesite with her 22-year-old daughter and told the daughter that her great-grandfather was French and spoke with a French accent. The daughter was surprised and curious and told her mother she wished she could have heard his voice.

"As we were driving home, I got to thinking that after my generation is gone, that family lore would be lost," said Elizabeth. "I saw a billboard with a QR code on it, that little square bar code that you scan with your cell phone and I thought, that's it! If my grandfather's headstone had a QR code on it, I could scan it with my phone and hear his voice, see his photograph or see him dancing at my wedding."

She didn't just let the thought vanish. She got busy doing research and founded a company called Stories in Stone.

"We all have old photographs, audio tapes and videotapes of older relatives, but they get lost or misplaced or we don't remember who has them, so this would be a way to preserve those things. The QR code is laser printed on a brass tag, attached to the headstone and linked to a person's memorial webpage."

Elizabeth started her company eight months ago and it has proven to be popular. Some people have put QR plaques on memorial trees or benches in cemeteries. Even some big companies or organizations with pictures of past presidents have inquired about putting a QR tag on them.

Elizabeth discovered the idea is not new.

"It's a common thing all over Europe now, and I'm not the only one doing it in this country," she said.

"What it's doing is drawing in the younger generation because they love the technology. You know, it's fun to go out there and scan a headstone and see a picture of the person buried there. People are hungry for this. Everyone is looking for ways to preserve the information they have. If you've worked hard to get your family tree put together, you don't want to lose it. You want the information to be in a safe place where everyone can see it. Why does an obituary just have to run in the newspaper one time? Here, it can be there permanently. Actually, you don't have to be standing at the headstone to access the memorial page. If you have relatives in another city you can email them the QR code or just send them the webpage address."

She offers different plans. "Our smallest package is unlimited text and five photographs ($499). The next one is unlimited text, 15 photographs and audio ($749). The big package is unlimited text, 50 photographs, audio and video. This one has a password ($1159), all one-time charges."

As far as she knows, she is the only one with a company like this in Texas. Elizabeth comes from a big family.

"I have over 500 cousins in Houston. At our last family reunion we had more than 2,000 people from all over the world. We rented an entire campground for everybody. I want all of them to be able to have our family's information."

Her website is www.storiesinstone.com.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and is a folklorist, after dinner speaker and producer of "The Sound of Texas" syndicated radio show. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com

TODD

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as Habitat for Humanity, Christmas in Action, Friends of the Library and church-sponsored food pantries.

Early on in Midland, Hickman was in the forefront in volunteerism, including her service with the Gray Ladies volunteers who worked at the Midland Army Air Field (MAAF) canteen in serving and entertaining bombardier and searchlight battalions during World War II.

"The boys found the Gray Ladies to be very friendly, caring and hospitable," Hickman recalled. Servicemen would return to Midland after the war to "become leading citizens" and often "marrying Midland girls."

In 1939, Hickman married San Angelo-reared Ralph Hickman, an oil scout, whom she had met in 1936 when she first started working as stenographer-typist for acclaimed Humble Oil and Refining Company (Exxon) geologist J. Ben Casney on the 10th floor of the 1929-built, 12-story T.S. Hogan Petroleum Building that gave rise to Midland's Tall City acclaim.

The "very romantic and very sentimental" Hickman was a World War II glider pilot.

Meanwhile, "I stayed home and kept the home fires burning," said Hickman, who worked for Casney until 1946 when her son was born.

"Everywhere I have lived, I was right at home and had a wonderful life," Hickman said. "Every move broke my heart, because I left so many friends but made new friends right away. I was accepted as the new girl in town" just as she was when she moved from Waco to Denton.

She recalled getting her cousin to date a classmate beauty with "dancing grey eyes," Clara Lou Sheridan, who would become Hollywood movie star and World War II pin-up girl Ann Sheridan. Remarked her bemused cousin: "She's too fast for me."

Through the years, "I've kept up with them (her classmates), my close friends, as long as they lived."

A movie could be made of her life, growing up in Waco with her two brothers, Ernest Jr. and George Sparks. Born in June 1915, she still recalls waving at World War I infantrymen-doughboys passing by their house on street cars taking them to Camp MacArthur before being shipped off to war in Europe from mid-1917 until war's end in November in 1918.

She recalls playing John Philip Sousa marches on the Victrola (Victor phonograph) in Waco and remembers the grievous worldwide 1918 flu pandemic.

Visiting West Texas by age 17 or 18, she was tutoring ranch children in a bunkhouse and taking them horseback riding to oilfield drilling rigs and on jackrabbit hunts.

Reflecting on Midland's earliest years, Hickman noted the town's settlers were "real pioneers," many bound to the land by ranching and farming, by the trades, by the Texas & Pacific Railway.

Midland's series of Permian Basin oil booms first started rumbling in the 1920s.

"Many felt Midland was a temporary home; however, in a short time, most of them discovered that their neighbors were caring, loving people," Hickman said. "With their concerns and compassion for those in need and the actions that they took to make it (life) even better, Midland became home."

An influx of people came with the oil booms and "the need for more of our personal care for the ill, the aged and less fortunate."

"Being the primary sources for help, churches and a few organizations were stretched for help. Individuals with faith and vision came forward, volunteering their time and resources," she said.

As her life testifies, Hickman is enriched with a gratitude that knows not years, a gratitude that radiates from the clarity of her wonderfully sincere sky-blue eyes and from her celebrated friendliness, her amiability, her kindness toward others.

Her fervor is for the continued compassionate volunteerism, especially in today's economically provocative oil boom of change and legions of newcomers.

Volunteerism has made Midland a stellar community of goodwill and service to others as evidenced by programs that are dear to her heart, namely HospiceMidland and Meals on Wheels in which she was a volunteer in their formative years.

Ava Jane Fuller, a HospiceMidland volunteer who is writing Hickman's biography, said her friend is "most delightful, loves everybody. She is just wonderful."

Margaret "Peggy" Simmons, a longtime friend to Hickman and who delights in preparing home-cooked meals for her, said "Midland is the way it is because of the volunteer pioneer spirit" that Hickman exemplifies. "She saw this all around her" in living in Midland and feared that the current rapid oil-boom growth might cause Midlanders to "lose that (volunteer) touch" and wanted newcomers to Midland to be aware of Midland's history of volunteerism.

"She is so generous with her life," Simmons said. "I am drawn to her. She is just so loving and giving."

PIANIST

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His hard work throughout the years — often practicing four to five hours on a school day and six to eight hours on weekends and breaks — has paid off. In February he took first place in the Young Artist Piano Competition in San Marcos and in June, third place at the Texas Music Teachers Association Competition.

Knowing that Matthew's growth as a musician and exposure to top collegiate music schools might be limited living in West Texas, Holleman encouraged the Figels to consider sending Matthew to a six-week summer camp at Interlochen.

"I really felt like he needed more than I could give him. He has true talent and his work ethic and musicality are unmatched," said Holleman, who also encouraged Matthew to study under Dr. Mark Puckett, a piano professor at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Intent on sending Matthew to the six-week summer camp, the Figels toured the Interlochen campus during a spring break trip to see Julie Figel's family in Michigan. They fell in love with the campus and Matthew auditioned and was accepted into the boarding school.

A place Paul and Julie Figel had planned to send their son for only six summer weeks will become his home for the next two years.

Though Matthew will be nearly 1,500 miles away from his Midland home, Julie Figel said she's thankful he'll only be 15 minutes away from her sisters and an hour from his grandmother, and have the opportunity to return home to Midland for Thanksgiving, Christmas, spring break and summers.

Though the snowy winters will be an adjustment, Matthew said he looks forward to transitioning from Midland Christian School to a school where he's "surrounded by people who are passionate about music and pushing me to be better every day."

Matthew hopes to attend a music conservatory in the northeast and aspires to play professionally as a concert pianist or teach.

He's spent the summer brushing up on music theory, trying to broaden his repertoire and practicing for a farewell Midland recital set for 7 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium at Midland College.

The auditorium is located inside the Allison Fine Arts Building and Figel's musical selections include Jeux d'eau by Ravel, Transcendental Etude No. 10 in F Minor by Liszt and Sonata No. 23 in F Minor, Op. 57 by Beethoven.

Though the Figels will miss hearing Matthew's early-morning practice sessions as their alarm clock, the pair of soon-to-be empty nesters said they're excited to see everything their son accomplishes at Interlochen.

Interlochen Arts Academy

Interlochen Arts Academy attracts more than 500 young artists from 40 states and 15 countries. Together, they study music, theater, dance, visual arts, creative writing and motion picture arts in a college-like setting. While producing more than 250 artistic presentations in the school year, Academy students also master rigorous college-preparatory academics that prepare them to take prominent roles in any professional endeavor. The Arts Academy was founded in 1962 to provide year-round training in the arts coupled with challenging and comprehensive college-preparatory academics. This coMbination has resulted in sustained achievement in arts and academics. Since the school was established, it has produced 40 Presidential Scholars, a record unmatched by any school in the United States, public or private. Alumni include singer-songwriter Jewel, actress Felicity Huffman, jazz drummer Peter Erskine and car designer Bill Zheng. More than 10 percent of this nation's orchestral musicians can claim roots at either Interlochen Arts Academy or Camp. Since 1958, more than 90 Grammy Awards have been presented to Interlochen alumni of the Academy and Camp.

Source: Interlochen News Release

WESTTEXASBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Yoga class held at Grafa park

Each Saturday Vertex Complete offers Yoga in Grafa Park 9 a.m. Saturday. Cost is $10. The class meets on the north side of Ma Mar Court. Participants should bring a mat or blanket.

Spin-a-thon raises money for MS society

The second Bike MS Spin-A-Thon will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 18 at Midland Sams Club. Participants will raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more information, call 528-2891.

City to host movie in the park

The city of Midland's Parks and Recreation Department will host three outdoor movie nights at local parks and pools. Bring chairs, blankets or sleeping bags. Children 14 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All movies are rated PG.

- 9 p.m. Aug. 22: "Rise of the Guardians" at Hogan Park, 3600 N Fairgrounds Road.
- 8 p.m. Sept. 20: "Escape From Planet Earth" at Hill Park, 1301 W Cuthbert Ave.

For more information, contact Recreation Superintendent Lori Walters at 685-7355 or lwalters@midlandtexas.gov.

KIDS CALENDAR

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N., offers storytime 10:30 a.m. today for preschoolers and 10:30 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call 682-8880. The store also is hosting an American Girl event 4 p.m. Friday.

Marian Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., will host dome shows 1 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. today, Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday. Friday showtimes are 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. For more information, go to www.museumsw.org or call 683-2882.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane, offers Parents' Night Out 6-8 p.m. Thursdays with indoor and outdoor activities for children ages 7-10. The center also offers Fun Fridays 1-3 p.m. Fridays for children age 8 and older and Little Chef Basics 1-3 p.m. Mondays for children age 8 and older. For more information, call 685-7355.

The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is hosting Family Fridays with planned activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays. This week's program is by Sibley Nature Center.

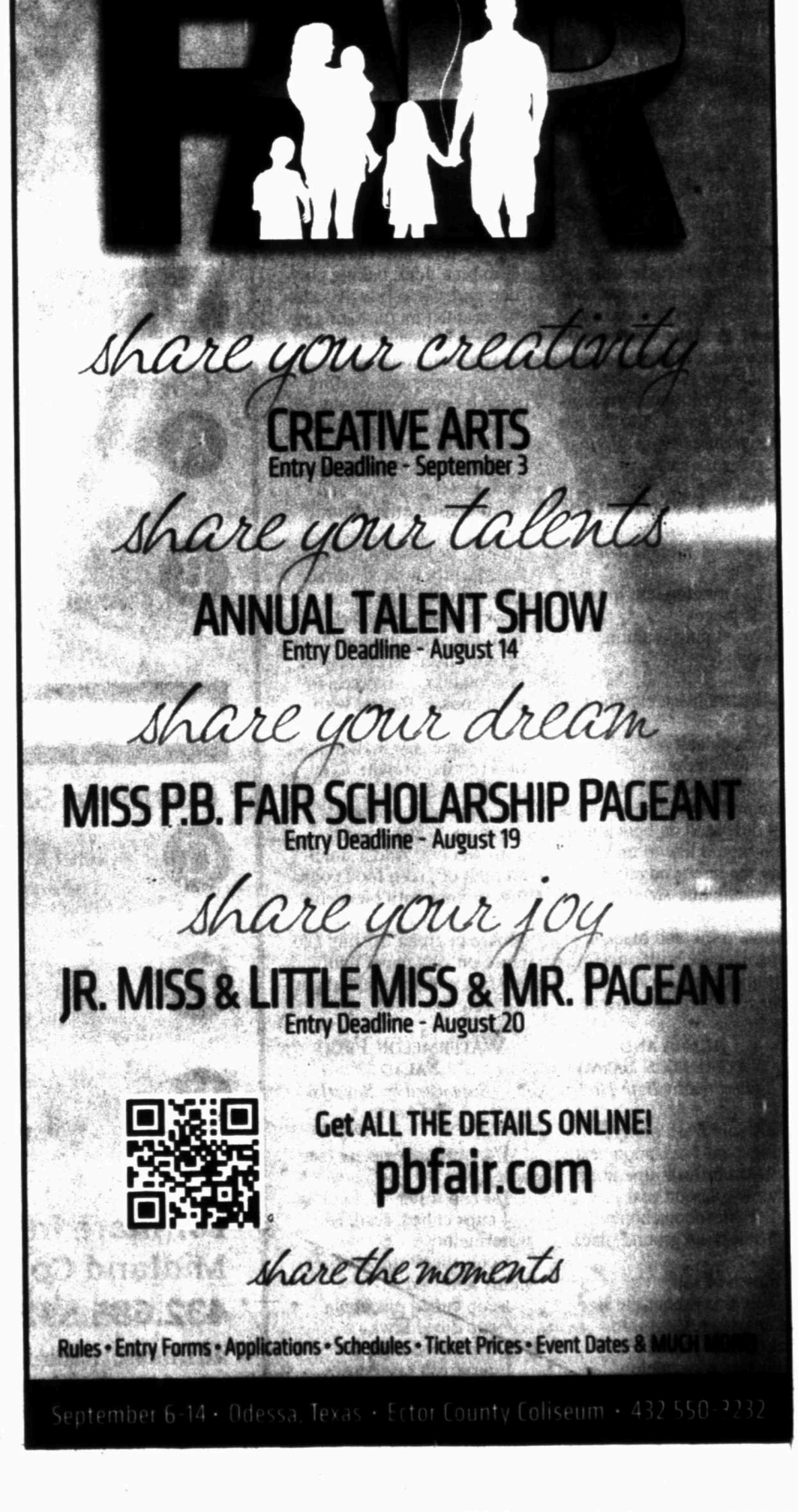
Exhibits at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Temporary exhibit: Musical Instruments through Aug. 25. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 683-2882.

First Presbyterian Church Fine Arts School Music and Arts Camps will begin Session 3 on Monday and continue through Aug. 15. For more information, visit www.fpcmid.org.

Ellen Noel Art Museum offers summer classes for children, teens and adults. For more information, call 550-9696 or visit www.noelartmuseum.org.

Midland Fire Department is hosting a Kid's Boot Camp 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Grande Stadium, 5514 Champions Drive. The camp is for ages 4-12 and includes activities such as tug-of-war, obstacle courses, callisthenics and relays. For more information, visit www.midlandtexas.gov.

To list an event in the kids calendar, email mbuck@mrt.com. Look for Kids Zone in Thursday's Pulse.



Farmer offers tips to find best watermelons; readers submit recipes

Editor's note: Readers of Food Etc. have asked Joan Huff to continue the monthly question where readers submit their favorite recipes. Today's recipes are from some of those readers.

Food Etc.



Email Joan Huff at foodetcmrt@aol.com. See more recipes at mywesttexas.com.

If you have ever seen looks of confusion on people's faces as they lean over the watermelon bins at the grocery, they may be trying to figure out how to choose the best one out of the bunch. There is nothing worse than slicing open a watermelon and finding a grainy texture and dry fruit.

I asked Stephen Porter from Porter's Community Farm in Midland his advice for choosing a delicious and juicy melon. He said that was a difficult question to answer because he doesn't buy watermelons at a store.

"The very best way to purchase a watermelon is to do so from a small, local producer that can allow the watermelons to become truly vine ripened," Porter said. "Just like in the case of tomatoes, vine-ripened watermelons develop most of their flavor (sweetness) as they approach peak ripeness. (The difference between the two is a watermelon will not continue to ripen after it has been harvested.) As in a situation of being in a store and physical inspection is your only option, the best hint I could give would be look at the spot where it laid on the ground and the darker yellow it is, the more apt you are to get a riper, and hopefully sweeter, one."

Porter's method of looking for the dark yellow spot on the bottom is great advice. I have also heard that watermelons should be heavy because they consist mostly of water. They should also be firm, symmetrical and free of major bruises and scars. Of course some scratches are OK as they have a thick rind for protecting the fruit.

For more information on Porter's Community Farm, check out the Facebook page by the same name.

Watermelon Salsa

Submitted by Beverly McClatchy

1 1/2 teaspoons lime zest (from about 1 lime)
1/4 cup fresh lime juice (from about 3 limes)
1 Tablespoon sugar
Freshly ground pepper
3 cups seeded and finely chopped watermelon
1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
1 mango, peeled and diced
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
1 small red onion, finely chopped
8 fresh basil leaves, finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
Tortilla or pita chips for serving

Stir together the lime zest, lime juice, sugar and 3/4 teaspoon pepper in a bowl. Add the watermelon, cucumber, mango, jalapeno, onion and basil and toss gently. Chill the salsa until ready to serve. Add the garlic salt just before serving. Serve with chips.

Watermelon Salad

Submitted by Porter's Community Farm

Watermelon, cut in bite sized pieces
Sweet purple onion, chopped
Mint
Black olives, chopped
Olive oil
Kosher salt
Feta Cheese

This salad is all about size and taste. The amounts used depend on how much you would like to make and the taste you enjoy. Combine bite-sized pieces of watermelon, chopped onion, mint, and black olives. Drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle with kosher salt and crumbled feta cheese.

Jicama and Watermelon Salad

Submitted by Beth Hickey

1/2 cup fresh orange juice, plus 1 teaspoon zest
1/4 cup fresh lime juice, plus 1 teaspoon zest
2 Tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
Pinch of salt
1 jicama (about the size of an orange), cut into matchstick pieces
4 cups watermelon, seeded and cut into chunks
1/3 cup roughly torn or chopped fresh mint leaves

Whisk together juices, honey, pepper and salt in a large bowl. Add the jicama, watermelon and mint and toss to coat. Calories: 162, Total Fat: .5g, Sat. Fat. 0g, Protein: 3g, Total Carb: 40g, Sugar: 23g, Fiber: 9g, Cholesterol 11mg, Sodium 10mg.

Watermelon Granita

Submitted by Sandra Harris

8 cups seedless watermelon chunks (about 1/2 watermelon)
Juice of 2 limes
1/3 cup sugar

Cut watermelon in wedges. Cut off the rind and chop the watermelon into large chunks. Slice two limes in half and squeeze out the juice. Add the lime juice to a blender or food processor. Add the sugar and pack blender as full of watermelon as you can. Blend until pureed. Pour half the mixture into a bowl and add the rest of the watermelon to the blender and blend it up. If seedless watermelon was not available, strain the seeds. Pour mixture into a 9x13-inch baking dish. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for 2 to 3 hours. Remove the pan and gently scrape the top layer with a spoon or fork. When you get close to the less frozen middle, cover the pan again (leaving the scraped portion on top of the frozen portion) and return to the freezer for another couple of hours. Repeat the process until it is all scraped. Serve in a glass or bowl.

Watermelon Shaped Cookies

Submitted by Judy Daily

2/3 cup butter, softened
2/3 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 Tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 cups all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup semisweet chocolate mini-morsels
Frosting:
3 cups powdered sugar
3-4 Tablespoons water
Red paste food coloring--found in craft stores
Green paste food coloring--found in craft stores

Beat butter and shortening in a large mixing bowl at medium speed with an electric mixer. Gradually add sugar, beating well. Stir in egg, milk and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture, mixing well. Add a small amount of red food coloring to color dough as desired, beating until blended. Shape dough into a ball, cover and chill at least 3 hours.

Divide dough in quarters, leaving one out and refrigerating other 3 until ready to roll. Roll each quarter to 1/4 inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut with a 3-inch round cookie cutter; cut circle in half. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Press several chocolate mini-morsels in each cookie. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes (do not brown). Cool on wire racks.

Combine powdered sugar and water, mixing until smooth. Add a small amount of green food coloring, mixing until blended. Dip round edge of each cookie in green frosting and place on wax paper until frosting is firm. Yield about 5 dozen.

Watermelon Fruit Salad

Submitted by Beverly McClatchy

1/4 cup agave nectar (see note)
1/4 cup water
4 cups cubed, seedless watermelon
1 cup sliced strawberries, stems removed
1 cup cubed pineapple
1 cup diced kiwi
1 cup cubed mango
1 cup fresh raspberries
1 lime, juiced
Garnish: fresh mint

In a large bowl, combine agave nectar and 1/4 cup water. Blend well. Add remaining fruit, then lime juice. Toss gently. Refrigerate. Garnish with mint if desired. Note: Agave nectar is a sweetener made from agave cactus. Since it is about 1 1/2 times sweeter than sugar, you may need less agave nectar. It is sometimes found on the sugar aisle at the grocery.

Coconut Watermelon Salad

Submitted by Beverly McClatchy

1/2 cup sweetened coconut flakes
3 Tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
2 Tablespoons heavy cream
Juice of 1/2 lime
Kosher salt
5 cups chopped seedless watermelon
Pinch of ground cinnamon

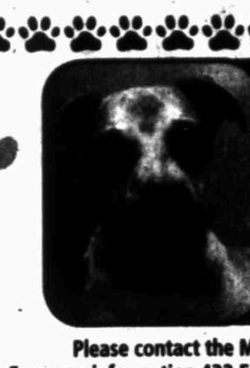
Preheat oven to 400. Spread the coconut on a baking sheet and bake, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, 5 to 8 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and let cool.

Combine condensed milk, cream, lime juice and a pinch of salt in a small bowl. Put the watermelon in a bowl and drizzle with the condensed milk mixture. Sprinkle with the toasted coconut and cinnamon.

Next question

What is your favorite recipe using apples? Salads, pies, cakes and main dishes can all use this delicious ingredient. Send your recipe to foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701, attention: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is Aug. 23.

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Vets are ill-served by too much of a good thing

By David Sutherland
Hearst Newspapers

When it comes to addressing the needs of returning veterans, bigger isn't better. Though it might sound counterintuitive, there simply are too many disparate organizations ineffectively servicing the needs of veterans. In military parlance, it is termed "groundswell without focus."

The result: redundant services, wasteful services or sometimes no services at all, depending on the veteran's particular needs.

According to a report last year from the Center for New American Security, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank focused on national security and defense policy, veterans are not receiving the care and services they need to transition successfully from military to civilian life. A 2012 survey of veterans in the Metro Atlanta area by the Georgia Center for Nonprofits starkly illustrates this point that is playing out around the nation. Nearly 60 percent of veteran respondents were not aware of any state-specific services available to veterans in Georgia — even though there are approximately 146 nonprofits in the Metro Atlanta area that service veterans.

It wasn't supposed to be this way.

In 2012, the Joint Chiefs' Office published a white paper titled "Sea of Goodwill." It posited that the return of a service member to civilian society would be enhanced by the more than 400,000 organizations operating to bridge the gaps and improve the outcomes of soldiers transitioning to civilian lives.

The problem is, the groundswell of support for our troops has led to an overabundance of veterans groups, which in turn is leading to a chilling effect. With redundant efforts, groups compete for the same resources — and donors are becoming skeptical that the cause they support is really having any impact at all.

Compounding the challenge is America's lack of first-hand familiarity with people who serve in the U.S. military. This disconnect will grow stronger when America is no longer considered at war. At a time when the need will be greatest, interest will diminish due to this lack of awareness. Veterans will struggle in a peacetime status quo.

The National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, projects that the number of veterans from recent conflicts will jump by 26 percent in the next three years. The Department of Veterans Affairs has more than 800,000 claims for health needs and benefits in its queue and simply cannot handle the requests fast enough.

That leaves our veterans seeking critical education, health care and employment services through non-profits and private-sector charities. Many of these 400,000 groups hesitate to integrate. And well-meaning individuals often decide to start new groups rather than work with existing ones.

What our veterans desperately need are like-minded and complementary organizations that coordinate the delivery of "wrap-around" services (education, employment, health care, transportation, housing, etc.) in their communities. But organizations feel threatened by this. They think it will strip them of their identity or dissolve their authority and leadership on the issue.

Not true. In fact, consolidation will strengthen an organization's impact because the focus goes far beyond individual influence.

To these groups, we have a very simple call to action: Leave your ego at the door. Follow the military model, which gathers disparate people and skills together to solve a larger issue. Anticipate future needs and work together to solve them. We need to reverse the thinking that "bigger is better" and focus on locally-provided, community-based services. We need the Department of Veterans Affairs to make it easier to promote these community services to veterans.

We also need the 1.6 million U.S. non-profits to be inclusive of veterans and their families. For example, even though we've seen a marked increase in cancer rates and respiratory deaths among the veteran population, the American Cancer Society is only addressing cancers caused by Agent Orange, a Vietnam-era chemical. It's time for ACS to more strongly embrace veterans of all overseas deployments as part of its existing programs.

Great resources exist for our veterans. Let's put them to efficient and immediate use by doing the unthinkable — consolidating efforts and anticipating future needs.

Time is a wasting.

'Atomic veteran' witnessed dawning of nuclear era

By Diana Valdez
El Paso Times

EL PASO — The 68th anniversary of the U.S. dropping atomic bombs on Japan, which helped to end World War II, holds a special significance for El Pasoan Gilberto Ornelas.

Ornelas, 87, is an "atomic veteran" who also worked briefly as a civilian at Biggs Air Force Base when the Air Force was flying nuclear bombs to and from the former Air Force Base in El Paso.

"I was an atomic veteran twice," Ornelas said. "First, I was in the Pacific with the Navy when the U.S. dropped the two atom bombs in Japan. I also served in Operation Crossroads in 1946. And then I worked at Biggs when the B-36 airplanes were there.

"I saw the nuclear bombs (at Biggs) that were brought in for maintenance. They were fat bombs that looked like balls. Some were painted blue and others were painted green. There were lots of them."

Atomic veterans are members of the military who took part in atmospheric and underwater nuclear weapons tests from July 1945 to October 1962, according to the National Association of Atomic Veterans. Those deemed eligible received treatment and or compensation for their service-connected health problems.

The former Navy man said he was stationed in New Caledonia when the devastating bombs were dropped on Japan — on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, and on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945.

"We were preparing to invade Japan, but that didn't happen because of the bombs," he told the El Paso Times. "Many people were killed because Japan refused to surrender, but many more lives of U.S. soldiers were saved."

While Ornelas was not near Japan during the first and only U.S. atomic bomb attack against an enemy country, in 1946 he participated in two atom bomb tests as part of "Operation Crossroads" at the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific. Ornelas was standing less than 16 miles from the blast of the first bomb.

"I was on a sea vessel when we were directed to close our eyes and not look at the blast," Ornelas said. "I bent my head and covered my face with my arms. Later, my right arm, which was more exposed than the left arm, turned white because of the radiation exposure. The color to my skin returned later."

After both tests, Ornelas said he and others were required to check the damage at both zero points, while there was still radiation at the sites.

Over the years, Ornelas developed a host of health ailments, including two different cancers, and he received 100 percent disability in the 1990s under a compensation program for atomic veterans.

Veterans were prohibited from discussing their participation in such tests, even with doctors, until the U.S. government lifted the secrecy ban in 1996.

Ornelas left the Navy after completing his enlistment, returned to El Paso, and was a civilian when a private firm hired him in 1955 to do some paint work at a hangar at Biggs. He worked there for about two months.

"No one asked us not to say anything, but that didn't happen because of what we saw anyway," Ornelas said. "I thought to myself then, how would the people of El Paso react if they knew all those bombs were in El Paso."

Ornelas has followed the recent news about low-level radiation contamination discovered in June at a bunker at Biggs, which officials suspect is linked to maintenance on nuclear weapons or related materials in the mid-1950s.

Fort Bliss officials set up a special call center to respond to concerns of people who have worked in the Snake Pit bunker area, which is located on the military installation east of Railroad Drive in Northeast El Paso.

Army Maj. Joe Buccino, spokesman for Fort Bliss, said everyone who contacted the call center has received a call back.

"The investigation is continuing," Buccino said.

The bombs that Ornelas said he saw, which were loaded onto B-36 bombers at the Biggs hangar, match the description of Mark 6 nuclear bombs. According to www.globalsecurity.com, the Mark 6 was removed from nuclear stockpiles in 1957.

Ornelas holds on to old photographs of his family and Navy service as he talks about events that changed his life and the course of history.

Ornelas was born in Globe, Ariz., during the Great Depression and moved with his parents to Juarez. As soon as he turned 18, he joined the Navy.

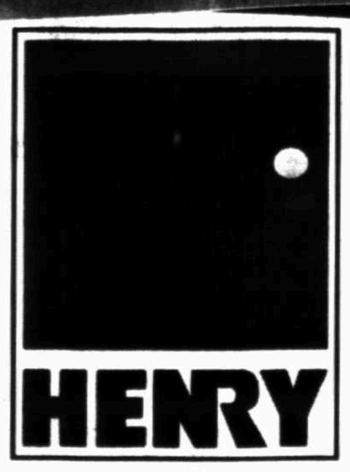
"Not many people remember what happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki," Ornelas said. "But I always remember, because those bombs probably saved my life and the lives of millions of others."


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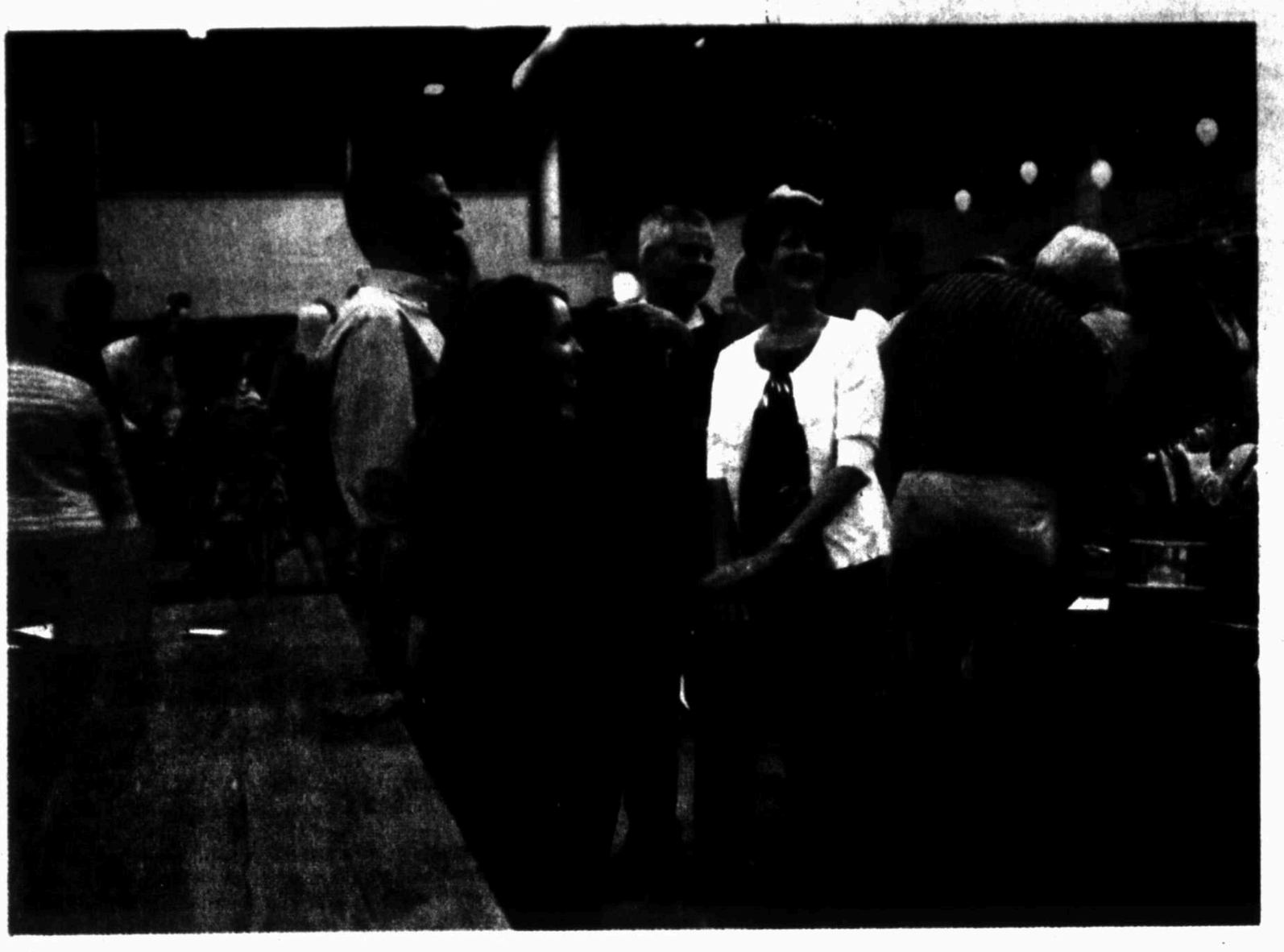
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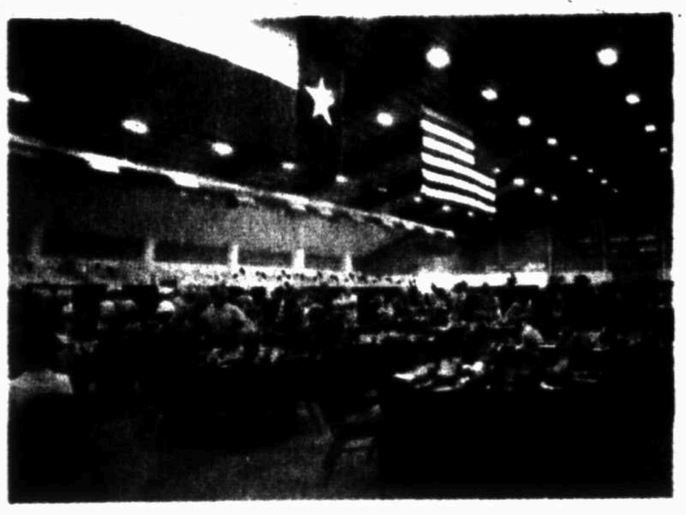
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An evening with COL. BRUCE P. CRANDALL

Centers for Children and Families hosted "An Evening with Col. Bruce P. Crandall" on Friday at the Horseshoe. The event that featured dinner, live and silent auctions and a cork pull was the nonprofit's 12th annual fundraiser. Retired Gen. Tommy Franks introduced Crandall, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and inspiration for the book "We Were Soldiers Once ... And Young" by retired Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore and war journalist Joseph L. Galloway, and the 2001 film "We Were Soldiers."

Photos by Mary Powers







NEIL SPERRY



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Crape myrtle sprouts appear in lawn after tree is removed

Dear Neil: I removed a crape myrtle tree and got most of the roots. Now I am getting sprouts coming up in my lawn and flowerbed. How can I deal with them?

Answer: Because the mother tree is now gone, you could apply a broadleafed weedkiller spray specifically to the young sprouts if you can get a clear shot at them with a hand-sprayer. You'll have to be very careful, however, if there are other flowers nearby. I'd recommend using a foam rubber paintbrush to apply it specifically to the crape myrtle sprouts. Honestly, because these have come from larger original roots, the spray may take several applications, if this were my landscape, I'd probably just dig with a sharpshooter spade and remove them some day immediately after you have watered. You won't have to cut them more than a couple of times to let them know they're unwanted.

Dear Neil: Why would leaves on my 4-year-old oak be turning rusty brown and falling off?

Answer: You probably should take a sample to a Texas master certified nursery professional. Ideally you would want the sample to be of 12 or 18 inches of stem with the affected leaves still attached. Often, when leaves turn yellow or brown and fall, the problem is actually in the trunk or roots. It could be that one of the gall insects has affected the ends of some of the branches (no major harm and no remedy), or it could be that lace bugs have attacked the foliage. In the last case, however, the leaves are more of a speckled tan and they do not fall early. Someone needs to look at a sample of your tree.

Dear Neil: How can I control wild grape vines that are growing over our trees and shrubs? If I cut them, they just grow back.

Answer: There is no herbicide that is that specific that you can apply to grapes and not have it also harm trees and shrubs. The best way is to dig the grapes out entirely. If that's not possible, you can cut the vines off near the ground. Then, drill small holes into the stumps and use an eyedropper to fill the holes with a broadleafed weedkiller. It will soak into the wood of the stump, and it will be carried throughout the root system. If you have any regrowth, you can carefully spot-treat it when it's only a few inches tall. Apply the same broadleafed herbicide, taking great patience not to let it drift onto the shrubs' leaves or trunk.

Dear Neil: My Stella d'Oro daylilies produced seedpods. Can I grow more plants from them?

Answer: They will definitely germinate, and they will definitely give you daylily seedlings. However, they will not be Stella d'Oros. It is a hybrid selection that is propagated by division or by tissue culture (without seeds). Hybrid plants do not reproduce "true" from their seeds.

Dear Neil: We're from Pennsylvania originally. We wanted nice maples, so we planted several October Glory trees. However, instead of being the red we wanted, they have consistently been yellow. We'd like to find the best red variety for Texas.

Answer: Drummond red maple is a standard of excellence in Texas. Shantung maple is another. Both are best suited to the eastern half of the state, and both should give nice red fall color reliably. That said, a reminder that Texas is not noted for fall color like you saw in Pennsylvania. Chinese pistachio and Shumard red oaks are two fairly reliable species to consider beyond the maples, and they're suited to larger parts of the state. Finally, a suggestion from one who grew up in College Station, then found himself in northern Ohio after college. I landscaped our home there using plants that I had known in Texas. In doing so, I bypassed a lot of great Ohio plants I should have been using. Coming back to Texas, I made it my point to warn people of doing just the opposite — of sticking with plants from the North, when some of the Texas counterparts would be better options.

Dear Neil: Our non-fruiting pear tree's trunk split several years ago. Most recently its leaves have started to turn yellow and now they are dropping. It appears to be dying. We've watered it deeply. We had to remove the lowest branches because it outgrew our expectations of it. It seems to have borers, and the nursery suggested some type of insecticide. What would you recommend?

Answer: In a heartbeat, I would recommend that you take it out and replace it with a new tree species. That tree has already given you its best service. Ornamental pears' life expectancy in our landscapes probably averages 10 or 12 years. When they split, as all are likely to do, it's usually at that rough age, and the trees just go downhill from there. Little Gem magnolias are good replacements, although Teddy Bear magnolias might be a better match for the size you have available.

Soil compaction harms tree roots

JEFF FLOYD



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Still thinking about parking your car on your lawn? I'm not and I will tell you why. Soil compaction is a common factor in the decline of plant health. Trees in particular suffer from compacted soils and this is never truer than it is during the added stress of drought.

Roots secure plants in place, take up minerals and water from the soil and store carbon reserves for future growth. The structure of roots is important for supporting their function.

The tip of a growing root is a mass of special cells that form the shape of a harpoon. This root cap, as it is called, pierces the soil with surprising power. As the thickness of the growing cells just behind the cap increases, the soil is fractured and lifted in flakes, creating tiny fissures in front of the root cap. In this manner, root expansion continues until the force is overcome by compaction.

How do soils develop compaction? Many urban soils are crushed by construction activity. Compaction worsens in locations where foot traffic is high and where cars are repeatedly parked on top of soil. Wet soils are more easily compacted than dry soils.

To aggravate matters, as soil particles become closely pressed together, oxygen is forced out. Of course plants require nitrogen, potassium, phosphorous and a host of other minerals, but at the top of the list is oxygen. Root oxygen starvation is another detrimental result of soil compaction.

Roots extend a considerable distance away from tree stems. The roots of most trees will extend into neighboring lawns. Automobile oil leaks add insult to injury. If you own a tree in the city and you park on your lawn, you are putting your tree's health at risk. The loss of a well-adapted landscape tree may diminish the value of your property.

Once a soil becomes compacted, it may take decades to correct. Do not think that hauling new topsoil to the site will solve the problem. In fact, a truckload of dirt dropped over roots may create an unanticipated number of complications. Lawn aeration, vertical mulching and the addition of organic matter can help correct soil compaction, although these practices may take a long time to become effective.

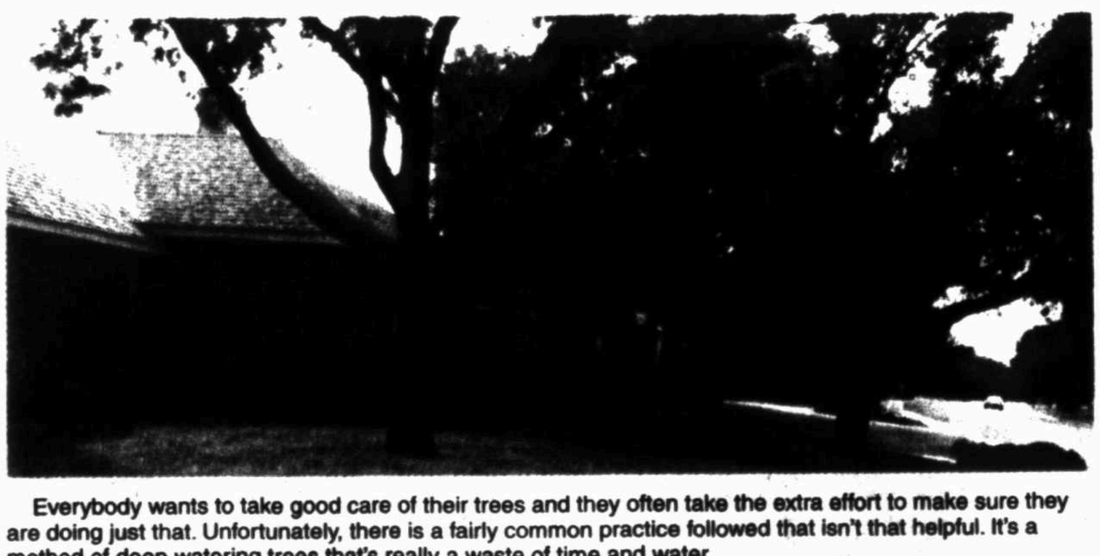
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Call me and I'll save you a spot at the rainwater harvesting workshop 9:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 17 at the Midland County Extension office, 2445 East Highway 80. The cost is $50 and includes a 55-gallon rainwater barrel made of food-grade plastic.

We will also be starting a vegetable gardening series on Aug. 22. This is a free seminar that will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Ector County Extension, 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa.

For more information on alleviating soil compaction or the educational programs offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, call the county Extension office at 686-4700 or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST



Everybody wants to take good care of their trees and they often take the extra effort to make sure they are doing just that. Unfortunately, there is a fairly common practice followed that isn't that helpful. It's a method of deep watering trees that's really a waste of time and water.

The idea of deep watering your trees is a good one, but you need to know what, when and where. Installing a metal or plastic pipe vertically, several feet into the ground near the trunk and applying water into that pipe is futile in most cases. Well-intentioned gardeners think this is an ideal way to get water deep into the soil and encourage deep rooting of trees. It sounds logical, unless you know the anatomy of tree roots. Most of the root system is missed through this method and water is wasted.

The majority of tree roots are located in the top 18 to 36 inches of soil. Tree roots grow mostly horizontally in the soil, not straight down. The roots that take up water and nutrients, the non-woody root hairs, are concentrated in the dripline area of tree. Tree roots grow mostly where the living is good ... that is where water, oxygen and plant nutrients are most abundant. That describes the top couple of feet. Deeper down, water, oxygen, nutrients and microorganisms diminish.

One, two or even multiple pipes restrict the water to a few isolated areas, deep in the soil. So, water is often delivered much deeper than the root system. To get the maximum benefit of tree irrigation, water should come from the soil surface and be allowed to leach through the top couple of feet of soil.

Make your time and water count by watering your trees with a slow-running sprinkler, popup sprinkler heads, multi-stream rotors, soaker hoses or irrigation driplines. If using a hose end sprinkler, soaker hoses or drip irrigation lines, place them near the dripline of the tree (area under the ends of the tree branch tips). If it is a newly planted tree, water near the rootball. If it is an established tree, consider watering in the dripline region regardless of whether the tree is small or large. The band will be a foot or so wide with a young tree but can be several feet wide with a large mature tree.

With temperatures at 100-plus degrees, proper tree watering is essential for healthy trees. Get some re-leaf with good tree watering practices.

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Alexander adjusting to Trinity's coaching job

By Len Hayward
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The chain of events that led to Antwan Alexander taking the head football coaching job at Trinity happened so fast, it took him a while to realize he was the head coach.

But when someone put some documents in front of him to sign on Monday, that was when Alexander knew this was now his program.

"They came in and had to do inventory, and had to sign off on some paperwork, and they were, 'Coach here,'" Alexander said. "I said, 'For what?' and they said you are the head coach. I'm still trying to get used to it."

Alexander's name is not unknown to football fans in the Tall City because he was a defensive back on some of the best defenses that not only took the field at Lee, but also in the district, during the mid-1990s. He learned the game under the likes of Earl Miller and John Parchman, and he later went on to a successful career playing for Spike Dykes at Texas Tech.

Now, the 34-year-old Alexander is leading a program, after serving in different coaching capacities the last few years. He worked at Goddard Junior High and also at Midland Academy Charter School as their athletic coordinator.

But what he's learning about being a head coach is that it's more than X's and O's. It's about making sure road trips are scheduled and practice schedules are made. He's learning on the go, but is doing it with a smile on his face.

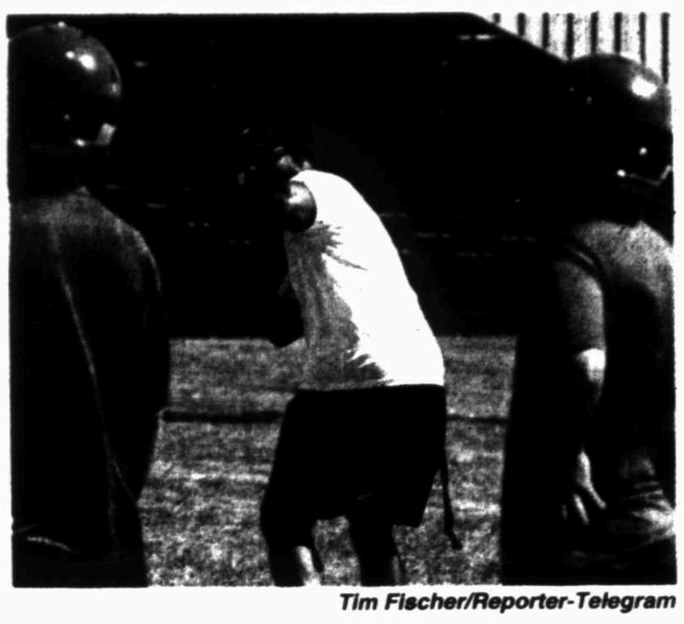
Trinity opens its season at 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at Grande Communications Stadium again Loraine in the ASCO Football Madness.

"As far as the first day of practice, it's just me getting to know the kids on a different level, and understanding the coaches," Alexander said. "Not only am I having to learn the kids and learn about the coaches ... I have to learn strong points and weak points. So far where I'm weak at, my assistant coaches are very good at, and it's going to balance out."

Alexander's chance at a head coaching position almost didn't come to fruition, though. At the end of the last school year, Alexander said he took another job in the oil and gas business, looking to do something different.

But he knew then that that wasn't quite for him. When he wanted to come back, Trinity Head Master Chip Prehn

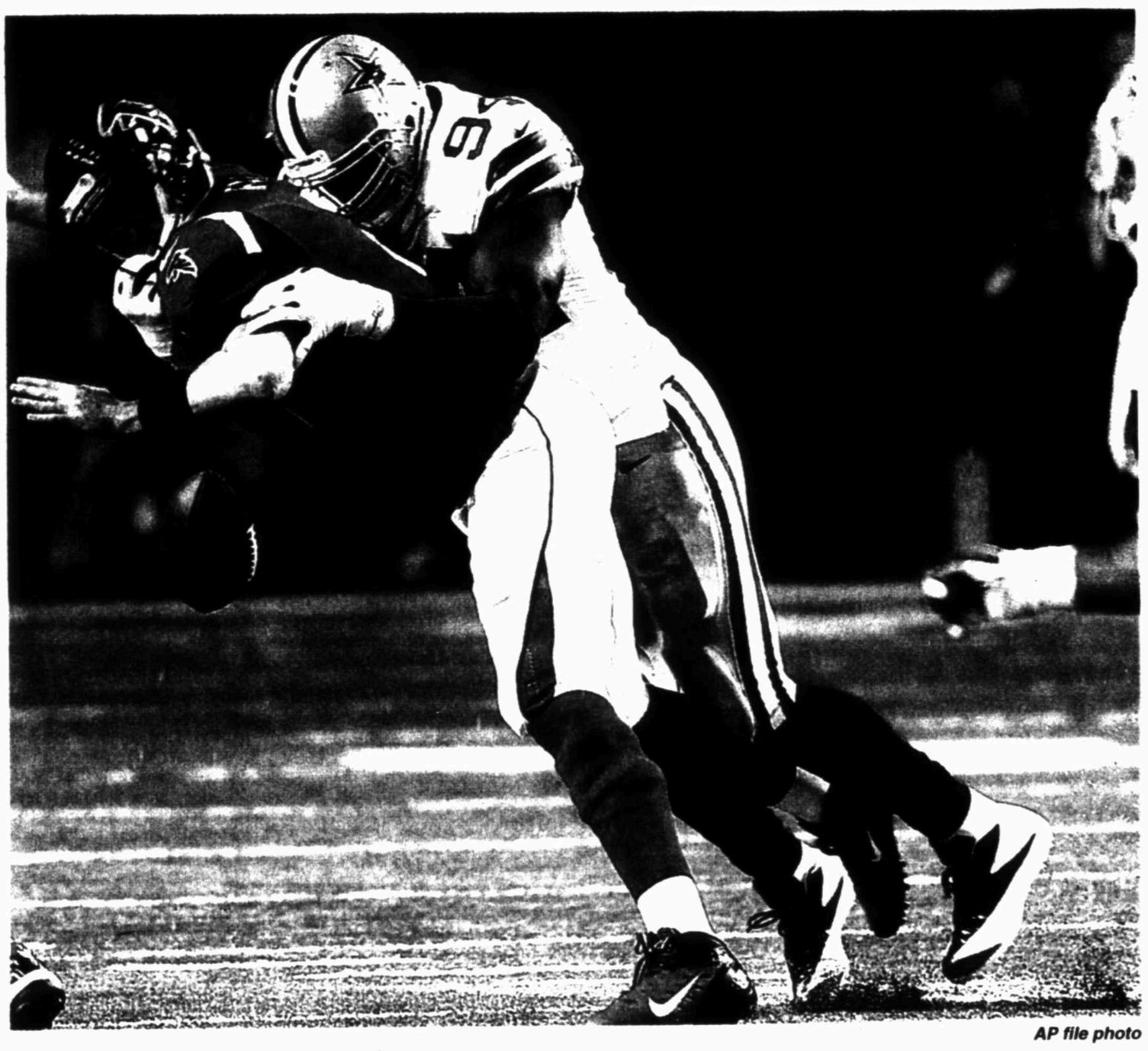
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Trinity head coach Antwan Alexander works with his players during practice Tuesday.

TEXAS FOOTBALL



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Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan (2) loses the football as he is sacked by Dallas Cowboys linebacker DeMarcus Ware (94) in a Nov. 4, 2012 game. The Cowboys defensive end works on technique during down time in practice and in hallways after meetings. He's about to be unleashed as a full-time rusher in Dallas' new scheme.

Ware lives to rush passer, focuses on sacks

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — DeMarcus Ware dreams about rushing the passer.

The sack specialist for the Dallas Cowboys constantly works on technique — with coaches, fellow defensive ends, even some of his offensive linemen. He's trying moves in hallways at the team's training camp hotel.

And other places.

"I probably pass rush when I'm coming out of the bathroom stall," Ware said. "I can't get enough of it."

He won't have to worry about getting his fix in the new Dallas defense. The Cowboys are scrapping the 3-4 they've used since the year they drafted Ware and turned him into a pass-rushing outside linebacker.

The ninth-year pro is a hand-on-the-ground end now in the more traditional 4-3, and his marching orders are simple: Get the quarterback.

That's not to say Ware won't occasionally drop back in coverage the way he did more frequently under former defensive coordinator Rob Ryan the past two years. In fact, he was doing it during camp practice Tuesday.

But there's no question new defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin and new line coach Rod Marinelli want Ware to focus on what he does best. Ware's had seven straight double-digit sack seasons and has 111 sacks for his career, just three shy of Harvey Martin's team record from three decades ago.

"His passion for pass rushing is really something," Marinelli said. "Guy lives it every day. You just want guys to live this stuff. To live it and be able to wake up in the morning and you're getting up and, 'Man, I get to go rush today.'"

Ware was waking up sore every day by the end of last season. He started every game for the seventh time in his eight pro seasons, but he wasn't himself because of a shoulder injury as the Cowboys dropped their final two games and missed the playoffs for the third straight

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LT Duane Brown is solid presence for Texans

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston coach Gary Kubiak didn't need even a second to think before answering the question of what left tackle Duane Brown means to his team.

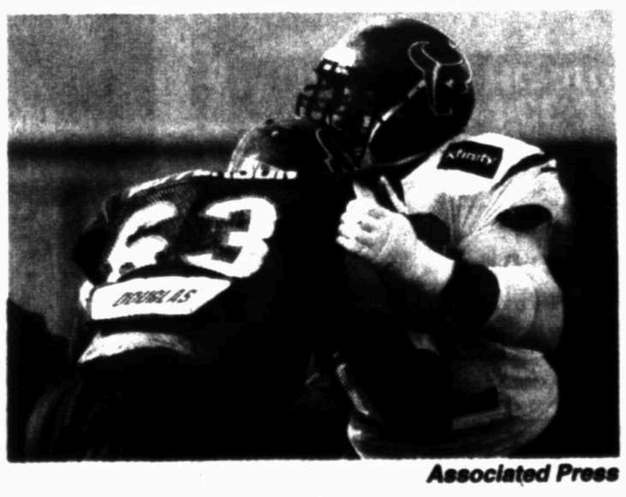
"Everything," Kubiak said.

The team certainly has much bigger names including Arian Foster, Andre Johnson and J.J. Watt. But to Kubiak, Brown's solid play has been one of the key's to his team's success.

"First off, he's a tremendous worker," Kubiak said. "Big respect as a player from what you see. Duane is respected around the league, but yet everyone watches him work as hard as he possibly can work. Very proud of Duane. Great player, but great man, too, and a big part. Very important."

Brown was a first-round pick in 2008, drafted to shore up an offensive line that had been terrible through the first few years of Houston's existence. He did just that, moving into the starting job immediately

Please see **BROWN**/4C



Associated Press

Houston Texans linebacker Willie Jefferson (63) and tackle Duane Brown, right, work during practice Thursday in Houston.

Broker: Manziel accepted money for autographs

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel was paid $7,500 for signing about 300 mini- and full-sized helmets, an East Coast autograph broker told ESPN on Tuesday afternoon.

According to reporter Joe Schad, the broker played two cell phone videos for ESPN showing Manziel signing helmets and footballs spread out on a hotel room bed. The video does not show Manziel accepting money, however. The alleged transaction took place at the Walter Camp Football Foundation event, in New Haven, Conn., on Jan. 11-12.

According to the ESPN.com posting: "The broker said the videos, approximately nine minutes in length in total, were initially shot only to be used as proof with authenticating company PSA/DNA.

"On the videos, which the broker said were recorded without Manziel's knowledge, ESPN heard Manziel say 'you never did a signing with me' and that if the broker were to tell anyone, he would refuse to deal with him again in the future.

"Manziel, who appeared comfortable throughout the video recordings, also said if asked, he would say he had simply been approached by various autograph seekers."

Texas has to adapt to make playoffs without Cruz

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — With their big boomstick out of the lineup, the Texas Rangers are going to have to adapt to get in the playoffs again.

"This is a club that has never shied away from a challenge before," general manager Jon Daniels said. "It's got a track record of success and we believe in this team, believe in the guys on the club and our pitching staff, our athleticism and the leadership there. We have every expectation that we are going to continue to win and make it to the playoffs, in spite of the situation."

Without Nelson Cruz, the suspended All-Star right fielder and 2011 AL championship series MVP who leads the Rangers with 27 home runs and 76 RBIs.

"The game doesn't stop because one guy is not there," manager Ron Washington said.

Texas will be without Cruz the rest of the regular season after he was suspended 50 games Monday by Major League Baseball following its investigation into the Biogenesis clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

While the absence of Cruz will be

Please see **CRUZ**/2C

MHS grad Nix designated for assignment by Phillies

From staff & wire reports

PHILADELPHIA — Midland High grad Laynce Nix was designated for assignment by the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday.

The Phillies activated all-star left fielder Domonic Brown from the disabled list on Tuesday. Brown has not played since July 23 because of concussion symptoms. To make room for Brown on the roster, the Phillies designated Nix for assignment.

Nix signed a two-year, $2.5 million contract prior to the 2012 season, but is hitting just .180 with two home runs in 128 at-bats. The designation means Nix has been removed from the Phillies 40-man roster. The Phillies now have 10 days to return Nix to the 40-man roster, place him on waivers, trade him, release him or outright him from the 40-man roster and into the minor leagues.


Nix

The 25-year-old Brown played in a rehabilitation game Monday with Single-A Lakewood and went 3-for-5 with a home run.

He still leads Philadelphia in several offensive categories, including home runs (24), RBI (69), runs (51) and slugging percentage (.531) despite an 11-game absence. The Phillies went 1-10 during Brown's stint on the DL.

Trio of 3-run homers lift Drillers past RockHounds

From staff reports

TULSA — The Tulsa Drillers scored six runs in the first inning, then added a little bit of insurance late during a 9-6 victory against the Midland RockHounds at ONEOK Field on Tuesday.

The Drillers hit a pair of three-run homers in the bottom of the first off of Midland starting pitcher Drew Granier, who didn't make it out of the opening inning.

Kiel Roling had the first home run with one out with Jayson Langfels hitting the second with two outs. Nate Long replaced Granier on the mound shortly after Lanfels blast put the Drillers up 6-1. The two Tulsa homers came after Chad Oberacker put the RockHounds up with a solo shot in the top of the first.

Granier ended up allowing six runs on five hits and two walks, recording just two outs in the game before being removed.

Midland gradually fought back and scored a pair of unearned runs in the top of the second. Jefry Marte brought in Josh Whitaker on a sacrifice fly to right field, pulling the RockHounds with 6-4.

Midland got as close as 6-5 in the top of the fifth with Oberacker scored on a Max Muncy groundout, but that's the closest the RockHounds got.

The Drillers hit their third three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth with Kyle Parker sending a Jeff Urlaub pitch over the left field wall for 9-5 Tulsa advantage.

RockHounds catcher Beau Taylor hit a solo homer to lead off the top of the ninth, but Midland didn't get another runner on base.

Midland continues its three-game series against Tulsa at 7:05 p.m. today at ONEOK Field.

DRILLERS 9, ROCKHOUNDS 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Tulsa	ab	r	h	bi
Myers cf	5	0	1	0	Kuhn rf	3	2	1	0
Oberacker lf	4	2	1	1	Adames ss	4	2	3	0
Whitaker rf	3	1	1	0	Parker lf	4	1	2	3
Colemen 2b	4	0	2	0	Roling 1b	4	1	2	3
Muncy 1b	4	0	0	1	Garneau dh	3	0	0	0
Marte dh	3	0	0	1	Nina 2b	3	1	0	0
Ladendorf 3b	3	1	0	0	Murphy c	4	1	1	0
Taylor c	4	1	1	1	Langfels 3b	4	1	2	3
Perez ss	2	1	0	0	Clavry Jr. cf	4	0	1	0
Totals	32	6	6	4	Totals	33	9	12	9

Midland	121	010	001	—6
Tulsa	330	000	03x	—9

E — Parker (4). DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 5, Tulsa 7. 2B — Coleman 2 (28). HR — Oberacker (5), Taylor (3), Roling (23), Langfels (10), Parker (21), SF — Marte. SB — Adames (10), Parker (4). CS — Myers (9), Adames (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Granier L, 2-6	0.2	5	6	6	2	1
Long	3.1	2	0	0	2	5
Galley	2.0	0	0	0	0	1
Fisher	1.0	1	0	0	3	1
Urlaub	1.0	4	3	3	0	0
Tulsa						
Winkler	4.0	4	4	2	3	5
Houston W, 4-6	3.0	1	1	1	2	4
Gonzalez	2.0	1	1	1	0	2

WP — Long, Fisher, Winkler.
T — 3:19. Att — 4,045.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	32	19	.627	—
Arkansas	29	20	.592	2½
Northwest Arkansas	27	23	.540	5
Corpus Christi	23	26	.469	8½
Tulsa	23	26	.469	8½
x-Frisco	22	27	.449	9½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Corpus Christi	27	22	.551	—
San Antonio	27	19	.600	—
Frisco	19	27	.400	7
Midland	17	28	.378	8½

x-clinched first half

Wednesday's Scores

Corpus Christi 7, Northwest Arkansas 3
Tulsa 9, Midland 6
San Antonio 4, Arkansas 2
Springfield 4, Frisco 3

Today's Games

Northwest Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Springfield, 7:09 p.m.

Mickelson feeling complete after Open triumph

Associated Press

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Phil Mickelson looks at himself differently these days.

Sure, there's a bit of uncertainty in the grogginess of morning, when he wakes up wondering if that claret jug really belongs to him for a whole year.

Then — yep — there it is, his name engraved on the silver chalice.

For Lefty, it's all gravy from this point on.

He feels complete.

"The British Open really changed some of my perception of myself as a player," Mickelson said Tuesday after a practice round at Oak Hill for the final major of the year, the PGA Championship. "Had I won another green jacket, that would not have done the same thing as what winning the claret jug has done."

Mickelson is a little over two weeks removed from one of the greatest closing rounds in major championship history, a 5-under 66 at rock-hard Muirfield to claim golf's oldest crown.

It was the leg of the career Grand Slam that always figured to elude him. His game was built for the target golf played in America, complete with an array of soaring drives and wondrous wedges.

But, over four days along the Scottish coast, Mickelson showed he could grind it out better than anyone on a table-top of a course, imagining shots that go against everything he's supposed to be about — then pulling them off.

"In my mind, it is an accomplishment in my career that makes me more of a complete player," he said. "To finally have won that and break through and play some of my best golf ever in my final round, that kind of changes the way I view myself and my game, more so than just a major championship that I had already won."

Mickelson has already won the PGA Championship, back in 2005 at Baltusrol.

ALEXANDER

From 1C

was more than ready to welcome him back, knowing the kind of coach Alexander had been during his three years at Trinity.

"Antwan is very gifted, and he's got some stuff that a lot of people don't have," Prehn said. "The kids love him, and he is beloved by his athletes whether it's football or track and field in the spring. He belongs in education and coaching, and we are just delighed he came back."

Former Trinity coach Chris Jauz said that the program will be in good hands with Alexander, and a staff that even he admits had brought some new energy to the program.

"The kids believe in him, and they are going to have a lot more youthful energy, I guess," Jauz said. "There's some new coaches on staff, and there's just a whole new energy or vibe over there."

Alexander said he hasn't had the time yet to ask some of his old coaches for advice as he embarks on his new job, but he said he knows the basics will be to teach the players as best he can and hopefully win a few games along the way.

"I know there's going to be so many things I'm going to miss," Alexander said. "I was happy with the way God played things out. I'm going to teach these young men to be Godly men and upstanding men in the community."

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CRUZ

From 1C

noticeable, Ian Kinsler and the rest of the Rangers insist that shouldn't affect their playoff chances.

"None. We're missing a guy. Someone is going to have to step up and play right field," Kinsler said. "That's the way this team works. We're not really worried about who's not on the field. We're worried about who's on the field, and winning."

Instead of having another slugger to take over in right field, and more pressing in the middle of the batting order, the Rangers for now have five outfielders that will be in some sort of platoon system.

David Murphy, primarily a left fielder, was in right field for the first game without Cruz while Engel Beltre, recalled from Triple-A, was in left. Leonys Martin started in center, and later moved to right when Craig Gentry came into the game. Joey Butler, called up without ever playing in a major league game, is a right fielder to be used against left-handers.

"Certainly it makes it more challenging on us offensively," said Murphy, whose 12 homers and 34 RBIs top the group that has a combined 19 homers and 70 RBIs.

Even with Cruz, who is eligible for free agency after the season, the Rangers were averaging about 4.3 runs per game and on pace for their fewest runs in a full 162-game season since 1992.

The Rangers went into their game late Tuesday night at the Angels two games behind AL West-leading Oakland. Texas was six games back before winning seven of eight games, including 5-2 in the series opener Monday night at Los Angeles only hours after the discipline against Cruz and 12 other MLB players was announced.

"Does it hurt us more than losing Matt Harrison for all year, Colby Lewis for almost all season? We've lost guys, we've gained guys," catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "Obviously Nellie's numbers are what they are, and his presence is what it is."

Harrison, the team's opening day starter before two operations on a herniated disk in his lower back, is pitching in rehab games and could be back by the end of the month. The Rangers also had anticipated having Lewis back, but said Tuesday that their most successful postseason pitcher will have surgery to remove bone spurs from his right hip. He had been coming back from elbow surgery last year.

Texas was unable to add a right-handed hitter before last week's non-waiver trade deadline. But right-hander Matt Garza was acquired to join Yu Darvish and Derek Holland in a rotation that is backed by a solid bullpen led by Joe Nathan.

"When you look at our pitching staff and some of the people that we have that are rehabbing, you feel like one of your strengths is certainly your pitching," Rangers CEO and Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan said. "We have to feel good of where we are and what we have as a club."

If the Rangers make the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year, Cruz would be eligible to play in the postseason.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RED SOX 15 ASTROS 10

HOUSTON — Jacoby Ellsbury homered twice and Jonny Gomes added a three-run shot and the Red Sox rallied from a five-run deficit for a win over the Astros.

Catcher Ryan Lavarnway tied a major league record with four passed balls in the first inning as he struggled to handle pitches from knuckleballer Steven Wright, and the Astros took a 3-0 lead.

Houston extended its lead to 5-0 before Ellsbury's two-run shot in a three-run third closed the gap.

The Astros led 7-3 before a five-run fifth inning, highlighted by a two-run double by Lavarnway gave Boston a one-run lead.

The Red Sox tacked on five more runs in the sixth, capped by the pinch-hit homer by Gomes.

TIGERS 5 INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND — Justin Verlander dominated for eight innings and Don Kelly hit a three-run homer off Justin Masterson, leading the Detroit Tigers to their 10th straight win, 5-1 over the Cleveland Indians.

Verlander (12-8) allowed one run and four hits as the Tigers beat the Indians for 10th time in 11 games and opened a five-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central.

TWINS 7 ROYALS 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andrew Albers allowed four hits while pitching into the ninth inning in his major league debut, easily outdueling Royals ace James Shields and leading the Twins over Kansas City.

The first big leaguer from Saskatchewan in more than 20 years, Albers at one point retired 15 straight.

He was two outs shy of his third straight complete game dating back to Triple-A Rochester, and the first shutout in a big league debut since Detroit's Andy Van Hekken did it in 2002.

The Twins took most of the pressure off with a big night at the plate. Brian Dozier homered and drove in three runs, and Justin Morneau and Chris Colabello also went deep for the Twins.

WHITE SOX 3 YANKEES 2

CHICAGO — Chris Sale allowed one run while outpitching Hiroki Kuroda in to the eighth inning, and the White Sox beat the Yankees.

Alex Rodriguez singled, walked, was hit by a pitch and lined out to center field after going 1 for 4 in his season debut Monday. The Yankees lost for the 13th time in 19 games after scoring a run in the ninth against closer Addison Reed.

National League

BRAVES 2 NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON — Hit by a pitch two innings after homering, Bryce Harper jawed and pointed at Atlanta's Julio Teheran, and the dugouts and bullpens emptied, but the only haymakers thrown during the NL East-leading Braves' 2-1 victory over the Nationals on Tuesday night came from the teams' Twitter feeds.

CARDINALS 5 DODGERS 1

ST. LOUIS — Carlos Beltran and Matt Adams homered in the eighth inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals snapped the Los Angeles Dodgers' 15-game road winning streak with a 5-1 victory on Tuesday night.

Joe Kelly pitched into the sixth inning, outperforming Clayton Kershaw and helping St. Louis to its fourth victory in the last six games. Tony Cruz added an RBI single.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a one-out RBI single off Kelly (3-3) in the sixth, but that was it for Los Angeles against the right-hander. He left with runners on first and second and the Cardinals nursing a 2-1 lead.

Kershaw (10-7) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings for Los Angeles, which dropped to 15-3 since the All-Star break. The left-hander is 5-2 with a sparkling 1.62 ERA over his last eight starts.

PIRATES 4 MARLINS 3

PITTSBURGH — Josh Harrison homered leading off the bottom of the ninth, lifting the Pirates to a win over the Marlins.

Harrison sent a fastball from Miami's Mike Dunn (2-3) into the first row of seats in left-center field for his first career walk-off homer.

PHILLIES 9 CUBS 8

PHILADELPHIA — Darin Ruf and Chase Utley sparked a three-run fifth inning to lift the Phillies to a 9-8 win over the Cubs.

Utley, who had three hits, drove in the tying run on a triple to deep center field. He soon scored on Domonic Brown's groundout to give the Phillies the lead. Ruf added one more on a solo home run, his fourth of the season.

METS 3 ROCKIES 2

NEW YORK — Eric Young made a diving catch to take a go-ahead hit away from Todd Helton in the sixth inning, then raced home with the tiebreaking run in the eighth, and the Mets beat the Rockies.

The Rockies have lost 12 of 18 since the All-Star break and have scored five runs in their last three games.

LaTroy Hawkins got his first save since May 6, 2012, for the Angels.

Scott Atchison (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth inning.

Late

RANGERS 5 ANGELS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Adrian Beltre homered, Martin Perez pitched into the seventh inning, and the Texas Rangers beat the Los Angeles Angels 5-2 Monday night after losing All-Star outfielder Nelson Cruz to a 50-game suspension.

Jurickson Profar had a run-scoring hit for Texas, which has won seven of eight to move within two games of AL West leader Oakland.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y.Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	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	1	0	0	1.000	24	20
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

Sunday's Score

Dallas 24, Miami 20

Thursday's Games

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games

N.Y.Jets at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Game

N.Y.Giants at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 12:30 p.m.

College Football

FCS Coaches Poll

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the preseason Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final 2012 records and ranking:

Fb Team	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (23)	14-1	645	1
2. Montana State (1)	11-2	591	5
3. Eastern Washington	11-3	549	4
4. Sam Houston State (1)	**13-1**	**534**	**2**
5. Wofford	9-4	450	7
6. Central Arkansas	9-3	428	10
7. South Dakota State	9-4	410	17
8. New Hampshire	8-4	396	13
9. Villanova	8-4	381	16
10. Illinois State	9-4	379	9
11. Cal Poly	9-3	348	11
12. Towson	7-4	347	15
13. Stony Brook	10-3	326	12
14. Richmond	8-3	274	18
15. James Madison	7-4	235	21
16. Northern Iowa	5-6	218	NR
17. Lehigh	10-1	198	14
18. Northern Arizona	8-3	196	20
19. Eastern Kentucky (1)	8-3	188	19
20. Bethune-Cookman	9-3	159	23
21. Coastal Carolina	8-5	140	24
22. Montana	5-6	135	NR
23. Eastern Illinois	7-5	120	25
24. Youngstown State	7-4	107	NR
25. Chattanooga	6-5	104	NR

Others receiving votes: Wagner 87, Colgate 67, Tennessee State 52, Harvard 48, Delaware 47, The Citadel 39, Liberty 39, Arkansas Pine-Bluff 35, Indiana State 27, **Stephen F. Austin 19**, McNeese State 16, Penn 13, Alcorn State 12, Jacksonville State 11, Samford 10, Norfolk State 7, Alabama State 7, UC Davis 7, Southern Illinois 6, Maine 5, Albany 5, Tennessee Tech 5, UT Martin 4, Gardner-Webb 4, Sacramento State 3, Hampton 3, San Diego 2, Jackson State 1, Missouri State 1, Brown 1

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	7	.650	—
Atlanta	11	6	.647	1/2
Indiana	10	10	.500	3
New York	9	12	.429	4 1/2
Washington	9	13	.409	5
Connecticut	6	13	.316	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	17	3	.850	—
Los Angeles	14	7	.667	3 1/2
Phoenix	10	11	.476	7 1/2
Seattle	9	11	.450	8
San Antonio	7	14	.333	10 1/2
Tulsa	7	15	.318	11

Tuesday's Scores

New York 93, Washington 88
Los Angeles 74, Connecticut 72
Indiana 64, Chicago 58
Minnesota 93, San Antonio 80
Seattle 80, Phoenix 65

Thursday's Games

Los Angeles at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	69	46	.600	—
Tampa Bay	65	49	.570	3
Baltimore	61	51	.545	6 1/2
New York	57	55	.509	10 1/2
Toronto	52	60	.464	15 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	66	48	.579	—
Cleveland	62	51	.549	3
Kansas City	57	53	.518	6 1/2
Minnesota	49	61	.445	16 1/2
Chicago	42	69	.378	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	64	48	.571	—
Texas	63	50	.558	1 1/2
Seattle	52	60	.464	12
Los Angeles	51	60	.459	12 1/2
Houston	37	75	.330	27

Tuesday's Scores

Detroit 5, Cleveland 1
Cincinnati 3, Oakland 1
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox 3, N.Y.Yankees 2
Boston 15, Houston 10
Tampa Bay at Arizona, late
Texas at L.A. Angels, late
Baltimore at San Diego, late
Toronto at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Oakland (Colon 14-3) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 6-10), 11:35 a.m.
Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 8-5) at San Diego (Stults 8-10), 2:40 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 2-2) at Seattle (Harang 5-10), 2:40 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 10-5) at Cleveland (Salazar 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Dempster 6-8) at Houston (Cosart 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Deduno 7-4) at Kansas City (Duffy 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Sabathia 9-10) at Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 3-7), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 6-4) at Arizona (Delgado 4-3), 8:40 p.m.
Texas (Ogando 4-3) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 4-2), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	69	45	.605	—
Washington	54	59	.478	14 1/2
Philadelphia	51	61	.455	17
New York	50	60	.455	17
Miami	43	68	.387	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	68	44	.607	—
St. Louis	66	46	.589	2
Cincinnati	62	51	.549	6 1/2
Chicago	49	63	.438	19
Milwaukee	47	65	.420	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	62	50	.554	—
Arizona	56	55	.505	5 1/2
San Diego	52	59	.468	10
Colorado	52	62	.456	11
San Francisco	50	61	.450	11 1/2

Tuesday's Scores

Atlanta 2, Washington 1
Philadelphia 9, Chicago Cubs 8
Pittsburgh 4, Miami 3
N.Y.Mets 3, Colorado 2
Cincinnati 3, Oakland 1
St. Louis 5, L.A. Dodgers 1
Tampa Bay at Arizona, late
Baltimore at San Diego, late
Milwaukee at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Oakland (Colon 14-3) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 6-10), 11:35 a.m.
Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 8-5) at San Diego (Stults 8-10), 2:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Medlen 8-10) at Washington (Zimmermann 13-6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tillman 7-8) at Philadelphia (Hamels 4-13), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Koehler 3-6) at Pittsburgh (Morton 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 10-5) at N.Y.Mets (Harvey 8-3), 6:10 p.m.
L.A.Dodgers (Nolasco 7-9) at St. Louis (S.Miller 11-7), 7:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 6-4) at Arizona (Delgado 4-3), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 4-4) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 11-6), 9:15 p.m.

TUESDAY'S AL WEST BOXES

RED SOX 15, ASTROS 10

Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	4	4	2	3
Victorn rf	5	4	3	0
Pedroia 2b	5	1	2	2
D.Ortiz dh	4	2	4	2
BSndrl ph-dh	1	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	4	1	0	0
Carp lf	3	0	0	1
JGoms ph-lf	3	1	2	4
Drew ss	2	1	1	0
Lvrnwy c	5	0	1	2
Holt 3b	5	1	0	0
Totals	41	15	15	14

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Gssmn lf	3	2	2	3
Bllkms cf	3	1	1	0
Altuve 2b	5	0	0	1
JCastro c	3	1	1	0
Corprn c	1	0	0	0
Kppngr dh	4	0	0	0
Wallac 1b	4	1	1	2
MDmn 3b	4	0	0	0
Hoes rf	4	2	2	0
Villar ss	2	1	2	1
Elmore ss	2	2	2	1
Totals	35	10	11	7

Boston ..... 000 005 280 — 15
Houston ..... 321 102 010 — 10

E—Hoes (1), Villar (4). DP—Boston 1, Houston 1. LOB—Boston 9, Houston 4. 2B—Victorino (17), Pedroia (27), Lavarnway (6). 3B—Hoes (1). HR—Ellsbury 2 (7), J.Gomes (9), Grossman (2), Wallace (9), Elmore (2). SB—Grossman (6), Villar (10), Villar (3). S—Grossman.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
S.Wright	1	1	3	3	2	1
Workman W,2-1	4 2-3	9	6	6	2	2
D.Britton	2 1-3	1	1	1	0	3
R.De La Rosa	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Lyles L,4-6	4 2-3	9	8	8	3	6
Keuchel	2-3	3	4	4	1	0
Cisnero	1	2	2	3	3	0
Zeid	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	3
Lo	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by S.Wright (B.Barnes), by Lyles (Pedroia). WP—S.Wright, Lyles. PB—Lavarnway 4. Balk—Cisnero.

T—3:54. A—21,620 (42,060).

REDS 3, ATHLETICS 1

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	0	1	0
Sogard 2b	4	0	1	0
Lowrie ss	3	0	1	0
Cespds lf	3	0	0	0
Moss 1b	4	0	0	0
Dnldsn 3b	3	0	0	0
Reddck rf	4	0	0	0
Vogt c	3	0	1	0
DNorrs ph	1	1	1	1
Smdzka p	1	0	0	0
S.Smith ph	1	0	0	0
Blevins p	0	0	0	0
Neshek p	0	0	0	0
C'foung ph	1	0	0	0
Otero p	0	0	0	0
Cadlasp ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	5	1

Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Choo cf	3	2	2	0
DRonsn lf	3	0	0	0
Votto 1b	4	0	2	0
Phillips 2b	4	0	1	1
Bruce rf	4	1	1	1
Mesorc c	3	0	0	0
Cozart ss	3	0	0	0
Hannhn 3b	3	0	1	0
Latos p	3	0	1	0
Hoover p	0	0	0	0
Chprnn p	0	0	0	0

E—Blevins (2). Phillips (7). DP—Oakland 2. LOB—Oakland 8, Cincinnati 5. 2B—Sogard (19), Lowrie (28), Choo (26). 3B—Crisp (2). HR—D.Norris (8), Bruce (23). CS—D.Robinson (5). S—D.Robinson.

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Straily L,6-6	4	6	2	2	1	3
Blevins	1 1-3	1	1	0	0	2
Neshek	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Otero	2	1	0	0	0	1
Cincinnati						
Latos W,11-3	7 1-3	4	0	0	3	3
Hoover	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Chapman S,26-30	1	1	1	1	1	0

T—2:52. A—34,640 (42,319).

TUESDAY'S LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TIGERS 5, INDIANS 1

Detroit	000	000	050	000	—	5	7	0
Cleveland	010	000	000	—	1	4	0

Verlander, Veras (9) and Avila; Masterson, Rzepczynski (8), M.Albers (9) and Y.Gomes. W—Verlander 12-8. L—Masterson 13-8. HRs—Detroit, D.Kelly (5).

TWINS 7, ROYALS 0

Minnesota	310	102	000	—	7	8	0
Kansas City	000	000	000	—	0	4	1

A.Albers, Fien (9) and C.Herrmann; Shields, W.Smith (7) and Kottaras. W—A.Albers 1-0. L—Shields 6-8. HRs—Minnesota, Dozier (10), Morneau (11), Colabello (3).

WHITE SOX 3, YANKEES 2

New York	100	000	001	—	2	7	0
Chicago	000	101	10x	—	3	10	0

Kuroda, D.Robertson (8) and Au Romine.

Sale, N.Jones (8), A.Reed (9) and Phegley, W—Sale 7-11. L—Kuroda 10-7. Sv—A.Reed (27).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BRAVES 5, NATIONALS 1

Atlanta	000	020	000	—	2	8	1
Washington	001	000	000	—	1	5	0

Teheran, Avilan (7), Walden (8), Borden (8) and McCann; G.Gonzalez, Krol (8), Stammen (9) and W.Ramos. W—Teheran 9-5. L—G.Gonzalez 7-5. Sv—Kimbrel (35). HRs—Washington, Harper (17).

PIRATES 4, MARLINS 3

Miami	000	012	000	00	—	3	11	0
Pittsburgh	003	000	001	—	4	8	1

H.Alvarez, Qualls (8), M.Dunn (8) and Mathis; Locke, Mazzaro (6), Watson (8), Morris (9) and R.Martin. W—Morris 5-4. L—M.Dunn 2-3. HRs—Pittsburgh, J.Harrison (2).

PHILLIES 9, CUBS 8

Chicago	041	000	003	—	8	12	0
Philadelphia	112	031	01x	—	9	13	2

E.Jackson, H.Rondon (6), Bowden (8) and Castillo; K.Kendrick, Diekman (7), De Fratus (8), Papelbon (9) and Ruiz. W—K.Kendrick 10-8. L—E.Jackson 7-12. HRs—Chicago, Do.Murphy (1), Rizzo (18). Philadelphia, Ruf (4), Ruiz (2).

METS 3, ROCKIES 2

Colorado	000	011	000	—	2	6	0
New York	200	000	01x	—	3	6	2

Bettis, Ottavino (6), W.Lopez (7) and W.Rosario; Mejia, C.Torres (6), Atchison (8), Hawkins (9) and Buck. W—Atchison 2-0. L—W.Lopez 1-4. Sv—Hawkins (1). HRs—Colorado, Blackmon (2).

CARDINALS 5, DODGERS 1

Los Angeles	000	001	000	—	1	9	0
St. Louis	000	000	03x	—	5	8	1

Kershaw, Howell (7), League (8), Marmol (8) and A.Ellis; J.Kelly, Choate (6), Maness (6), Siegrist (7), Rosenthal (7), Mujica (9) and T.Cruz. W—J.Kelly 3-3. L—Kershaw 10-7. HRs—St. Louis, Beltran (20), Ma.Adams (9).

MONDAY'S LATE TEXAS BOX

RANGERS 5, ANGELS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
LMartn cf-rf	5	0	0	0	Cowgill rf	5	0	0	1
Andrus dh	4	0	1	2	Trout cf	2	1	1	0
Kinsler 2b	3	0	1	0	HKndrc 2b	2	0	0	0
ABeltre 3b	4	1	1	1	Field 2b	1	0	0	0
Przynsc c	4	0	0	0	Calhon ph-1b	2	0	0	0
DvMrp rf	2	2	1	0	Trumo 1b-3b	4	0	1	1
Gentry cf	0	0	0	0	Hamltn lf	4	0	0	0
Morlnd 1b	4	0	1	0	Aybar ss	4	1	1	0
Profar ss	4	1	2	1	Nelson 3b-2b	3	0	1	0
EBeltre lf	3	1	0	0	Iannett c	3	0	1	0
					Shuck dh	3	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	7	4	Totals	33	2	5	2

Texas	000	032	000	—	5
Los Angeles	100	000	100	—	2

A.Beltre (12). LOB—Texas 5, Los Angeles 11. 2B—Kinsler (19), Dav.Murphy (19), Profar (7), Trumbo (23), Aybar (17). 3B—Andrus (4). HR—A.Beltre (24). SB—Trout (24).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
M.Perez W,4-3	6 1-3	4	2	2	4	7
Frasor	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Colts	1	1	0	0	1	0
Nathan S,33-35	1	0	0	0	1	1
Los Angeles						
Williams L,5-8	5 1-3	6	5	5	3	2
Kohn	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Blanton	3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Williams (E.Beltre). WP—Williams. PB—Pierzynski. Balk—M.Perez.

T—3:01. A—34,040 (45,483).

MONDAY'S LATE LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 3, MARINERS 1

Toronto	000	000	030	—	3	7	1
Seattle	000	000	100	—	1	8	0

Dickey, Loup (8), Janssen (9) and Thole. Arencibia. Iwakuma, Medina (8), O.Perez (8) and Quintero. W—Dickey 9-11. L—Iwakuma 10-5. Sv—Janssen (20). HRs—Seattle, Smoak (11).

GIANTS 4, BREWERS 2

Milwaukee	000	000	101	—	2	7	2
San Francisco	000	100	03x	—	4	8	0

Thornburg, Kintzler (7), Axford (8), Mic.Gonzalez (8), Wooten (8) and Lucroy, Gaudin. J.Lopez (7), S.Casilla (8), Romo (9) and Posey. W—S.Casilla 5-2. L—Axford 2-3. Sv—Romo (27). HRs—Milwaukee, J.Francisco (15).

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 82-88 degrees, 12.81 low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits early, later switching to Texas rigs, weightless flukes and shakyheads. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color, 81-87 degrees, 13.62 low. Black bass are good on Zara Spooks, Texas rigs and shallow running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 17.68 low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear, 82-88 degrees, 12.05 low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and watermelon/red flukes. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color, 83-88 degrees, 23' low. Black bass are good on fallen Magics early, later switching to Texas rigs and Senkos. Crappie are good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained, 81-87 degrees, 18.42' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early. Texas rigs and shallow crankbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

O H IVIE: Water stained, 82-88 degrees, 38.8' low. Black bass are good on Zara Spooks early and late, muddy switching to Texas rigs, Senkos and drop-shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear, 82-88 degrees, 11.02' low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to Yum Dingers, shallow running crankbaits, drop-shot rigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 64.03 low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 9.91 low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky, 83-89 degrees, 20.83' low. Black bass are fair to good on Senkos, Texas rigs and wacky rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained, 82-88 degrees, 32.13' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water stained, 83-87 degrees, 56.63' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse Yamamoto Senkos, topwaters, Zoom Super Flukes, and Carolina rigged soft plastic worms. Striped bass are fair on large red fins near the dam. White bass are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait and punched cheese. Hybrid striper are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water stained, 84-88 degrees, 7.92' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red spinnerbaits around docks and June bug soft plastic worms over brush piles in 15-20 feet. Hybrid striper are fair trolling and drifting shad at night. White bass are good on LI1 Fishies and Persuader crankbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows in 10-20 feet. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait and chicken livers in 10-25 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait and chicken livers.

BUCHANAN: Water stained, 83-87 degrees, 29.27' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin topwaters, watermelon flukes, and Rat-L-Traps along break lines of flats. Striped bass are good on plastic swim baits and drifting live bait near Lighthouse Point at first light. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and 2" plastic swim baits. Crappie are fair on pink/white and chartreuse tube jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on liver, minnows, and stinkbait. Flathead blue catfish are good on goldfish and perch upriver.

GRANBURY: Water stained, 86-90 degrees, 7.07' low. Black bass are good on watermelon red and chartreuse Carolina rigged soft plastics, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on drifted live shad. White bass are fair on minnows. Charlie slabs, and pet spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait and chicken livers.

LBJ: Water stained; 85-89 degrees, 0.37' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin jigs and perch colored crankbaits in 5-15 feet, and flipping watermelon tubes around docks and lay downs. Striped bass are fair on LI1 Fishies at night. White bass are fair on LI1 Fishies at night. Crappie are good on chartreuse tube jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on liver and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

TRAVIS: Water clear; 86-90 degrees, 56.25' low. Black bass are fair on chrome chuggers and red shad worms in 20-35 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on chrome chuggers and silver spoons in 10-25 feet. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and cut shad in 25-35 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained, 83-87 degrees, 10.61' low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on silver spoons. White bass are fair on minnows, pet spoons, and Charlie slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Catfish are good on frozen shrimp, stinkbait, and live bait.

GOLF

PGA

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Pittsford, N.Y.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
Course: Oak Hill Country Club, East Course (7,163 yards, par 70)
Purse: TBA ($8 million in 2012). Winner's share: TBA ($1,445,000 in 2012)
Television: TNT (Thursday-Friday, Noon-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 1-6 p.m.)

Last year: Rory McIlroy won at Kiawah Island for his second major title. He closed with a 6-under 66 for an eight-shot victory, breaking the tournament record for margin of victory set by Jack Nicklaus in 1980.

Last week: Tiger Woods won the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone for eighth time to match the PGA Tour record he shares with Sam Snead for victories in an event Woods shot a 61 in the second round en route to a seven-stroke victory ... Gary Woodland won the Reno-Tahoe Open, scoring 44 points in the modified Stableford format.

Notes: Woods, the 1999, 2000, 2006 and 2007 winner, won the last of his 14 major titles in the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines. He has five victories this year to push his PGA Tour total to 79, three short of Snead's record. ... The tournament is the fourth and final major of the year. Adam Scott won the Masters, Justin Rose the U.S. Open, and Phil Mickelson the British Open. ... If tied after 72 holes, the tournament will be decided in a three-hole, stroke-play playoff. If still tied, it will go to sudden death. ... Rod Perry won the PGA Professional title in June at Sunriver in Oregon to top the 20 club pro qualifiers. Perry is the PGA head pro at Crane Lakes in Port Orange, Fla. ... Shaun Micheel won the 2003 PGA at Oak Hill. The 2014 tournament will be played at Valhalla in Louisville, Ky. ... The Wyndham Championship is next week in Greensboro, N.C., followed by The Barclays — the FedEx Cup playoffs opener — in Jersey City, N.J.

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PGA Championship Tee Times
At Oak Hill Country Club
Pittsford, N.Y.
All Times EDT
Thursday-Friday
Hole 1-Hole 10

7:10 a.m.-12:20 p.m. — Rob Labritz, United States; John Senden, Australia; Shane Lowry, Ireland
7:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand; Bob Gaus, United States; Luke Guthrie, United States
7:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m. — Marc Leishman, Australia; Josh Teater, United States; Pablo Larrazabal, Spain
7:40 a.m.-12:50 p.m. — Tommy Gainey, United States; Ryan Palmer, United States; David Hearn, Canada
7:50 a.m.-1 p.m. — Michael Thompson, United States; Marcel Siem, Germany; Bo Van Pelt, United States
8 a.m.-1:10 p.m. — Shaun Micheel, United States; Rich Beem, United States; Mark Brooks, United States; Richard Sterne, South Africa; Scott Brown, United States; David Lingmerth, Sweden
8:20 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Ben Curtis, United States; Marcus Fraser, Australia; Peter Hanson, Sweden
8:30 a.m.-1:40 p.m. — Stewart Cink, United States; Paul Lawrie, Scotland; Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Spain
8:40 a.m.-1:50 p.m. — Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark; Brian Gay, United States; David Lynn, England
8:50 a.m.-2 p.m. — Stephen Gallacher, Scotland; David McNabb, United States; Branden Grace, South Africa
9 a.m.-2:10 p.m. — Caine Fitzgerald, United States; Kevin Streelman, United States; Bernd Wiesberger, Austria
9:10 a.m.-2:20 p.m. — JC Anderson, United States; Matt Jones, Australia; Jaco Van Zyl, South Africa
12:25 p.m.-7:15 a.m. — John Huh, United States; Ryo Ishikawa, Japan; Danny Balin, United States
12:35 p.m.-7:25 a.m. — Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland; Tom Watson, United States; Paul McGinley, Ireland
12:45 p.m.-7:35 a.m. — Kohki Idoki, Japan; Rod Perry, United States; Nick Watney, United States
12:55 p.m.-7:45 a.m. — Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium; Jason Day, Australia; Brandt Snedeker, United States
1:05 p.m.-7:55 a.m. — Tim Clark, South Africa; Lee Westwood, England; Bubba Watson, United States
1:15 p.m.-8:05 a.m. — Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain; Webb Simpson, United States; Angel Cabrera, Argentina
1:25 p.m.-8:15 a.m. — Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland; Vijay Singh, Fiji; Martin Kaymer, Germany
1:35 p.m.-8:25 a.m. — Jonathan Byrd, United States; Camilo Villegas, Colombia; Carlos Ortiz, Mexico
1:45 p.m.-8:35 a.m. — Adam Scott, Australia; Justin Rose, England; Phil Mickelson, United States
1:55 p.m.-8:45 a.m. — Lucas Glover, United States; Ian Poulter, England; Zach Johnson, United States
2:05 p.

Vikings WR Thielen on rise despite DII background

Associated Press

MANKATO, Minn. — Cordarrelle Patterson and fellow rookie wide receiver Adam Thielen are training camp roommates with the Minnesota Vikings.

Patterson was a first-round draft selection from Tennessee, a player the Vikings coveted enough to trade four lower picks to move up and get. Thielen came from Division II Minnesota State and didn't land on the roster until after a weekend minicamp.

But Patterson hasn't bought into the notion his new buddy has a lesser stature because he's from a small school and working without a guaranteed contract.

"I love him to death, not only as a teammate but as a friend. I hope he makes this team. He's a great guy," Patterson said. "I could see him playing with me. If he would've come to Tennessee, he was guaranteed to play there."

Minnesota State was Thielen's only scholarship option out of Detroit Lakes, Minn., where he grew up rooting for the Vikings and trying to imitate Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver Cris Carter's tiptoe sideline catches in his backyard. He wasn't even sure he'd pick football over basketball when mulling his college choices.

But after a standout career with the Mavericks and some speedy sprints in front of NFL scouts during the offseason, Thielen wound up at the rookie minicamp with the Vikings.

WARE

From 1C

year.

The four-time All-Pro still led Dallas with 11.5 sacks, but it was a drop of eight from the previous season. He had a career-high 20 in 2008.

"I feel like it wasn't enough because I didn't have an opportunity to get to the end," Ware said. "I wasn't effective enough. This year I feel like a solid, solid player, ready to go out there and play and ready to get it."

Ware had offseason shoulder surgery, and he gets a year older during training camp because his birthday is in late July. He pointed out on his own last week that he was turning 31, which maybe was his way of saying he has quite a few years left.

"Just turn the practice tape on and let that carry over into the game and proving a point to yourself day in and day out that you still can do it," Ware said. "The age might be going up, but the experience and the maturity, I'm still young."

Ware is more than halfway to Bruce Smith's sacks record of 200 in less than half the 19 seasons that Smith played. His season average is three sacks better than Smith. He knows what the number is, and he shares a piece of paper with a goal on it every day "just to give me something to shoot for."

But it's not necessarily Smith's number.

"I never usually think about a record, because a record has a ceiling to it," Ware said. "Why not shoot to something a little higher than that and then you might end up where you need to be?"

Ware has long been one of the most marketable Cowboys. During the off-season he joined Cowboys owner Jerry Jones at a news conference announcing a new partnership with an insurance company.

He essentially adopted a Dallas-area high school team for the playoffs last year, spending a day with Lancaster players before the team made a run to a state championship game. The closer he gets to Smith's record, the more his personable demeanor will get play nationally.

His only rival for goodwill in the community is Jason Witten. Coach Jason Garrett would argue there's a reason Ware and Witten are the next two players in the Hall of Fame conversation after last weekend's induction of offensive lineman Larry Allen.

"He's quick, he's fast, he's explosive, he's strong, he's long," Garrett said of Ware. "I can keep going and going and going but what makes DeMarcus Ware great is the same thing that makes Witten great. The kind of people they are. That's where the conversation starts for me."

For Ware, the conversation about pass rushing starts just about anywhere.

BROWN

From 1C

and starting all 16 games as a rookie. Brown started each game for Houston last year and has missed just four games in his five-year career with the Texans.

Brown, who has blossomed while protecting Matt Schaub's blind side, believes training camp will be important to the line developing an identity.

"Having a starting five and starting to gel and blend that chemistry and continuity means everything," Brown said. "The offensive line is all about being in sync and in rhythm, so having five guys solidified there means a lot."

He anchors a line that has veteran Chris Myers at center, but plenty of questions on the right side. Third-year player Derek Newton and rookie Brennan Williams are competing to start at right tackle, and Brandon Brooks, who is in his second year, is a front-runner for the right guard spot.

Brown doesn't believe the right side of the line will be the weak spot on the team that many expect it to be.

"I don't think so, those guys are working hard over there," Brown said. "We've got a solid starter in the right guard position; we still got two guys battling at the right tackle position right now. And I think that'll be solidified here in a couple of weeks. I don't think it'll be a problem at all for us."

The Texans have had great success in their run game since employing a zone blocking scheme under Kubiak. Arian Foster has run for more than 1,200 yards in each of the last three seasons behind that blocking.

Foster has been on the physically unable to perform list since the beginning of camp with a calf strain and a sore back. Brown hopes Foster can return soon so the group can get on the same page with him.

"You like to have your ones in to get that chemistry going," he said. "Running backs have to get a feel for the linemen, get on the same page and get in sync. We've all played together long enough to get a good feel for each other. The main thing is getting healthy. That means more than anything to have a healthy back, back there."

Kubiak has marveled at the development of Brown from when he was drafted to last year's Pro Bowl season. The coach believes he was helped by having to face off against former Colts lineman Dwight Freeney twice a year early in his career.

"He's taken his play to the next level," Kubiak said. "When your peers start to recognize you and put you in that game in February that they play in Hawaii, then they're telling you that you've become a big-time player. Duane's taking care of his business."

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Tony Stewart has surgery following crash

Associated Press

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. — Tony Stewart told anyone who would listen why he continued racing anywhere, anytime, regardless of purse or crowd or car.

Even after he flipped five times last week, Stewart was quick to offer a stout defense for his short-track weeknight racing while some questioned if his extracurricular racing was putting his championship chances in NASCAR at risk.



Stewart

Well, his championship chances are officially over for this season.

The three-time NASCAR champion broke his right leg Monday night at Southern Iowa Speedway in Oskaloosa, where he flipped his 360 winged sprint car while leading with five laps remaining in the 30-lap feature. He had surgery Tuesday on the upper and lower parts of his leg, and Stewart-Haas Racing said he'll need a second surgery.

He remained hospitalized and there was no timetable for his return to racing. Max Papis was tabbed to replace Stewart this weekend in the No. 14 Chevrolet at Watkins Glen, where Stewart is a five-time winner and his streak of 521 consecutive starts will end.

"I told someone to go get my phone or else I was going to get up and get it myself," Stewart said Tuesday in a Facebook post. "Finally got reconnected to the world and just want to say thank you for all the prayers and well wishes. My team will remain strong and I will be back."

The 42-year-old Stewart has wrecked three times in the last month in extracurricular racing, and the latest came a day after he finished ninth at Pocono in a NASCAR event to position himself 11th in the Sprint Cup standings with five races remaining to set the Chase for the championship field.

But Stewart had long refused to slow down his sprint car racing schedule, and passionately defended it following the June death of friend Jason Leffler in an accident at Bridgeport Speedway in Swedesboro, N.J.

He was just as impassioned last Friday at Pocono when asked about his accident last week in Canada in which Stewart flipped a sprint car five times.

His childhood hero, four-time Indianapolis 500 winner A.J. Foyt, defended Stewart on Tuesday for sticking to his passion and being a true "racer."

"He ain't no prima donna and life is short, and we don't know how we are going to die or what's going to happen," Foyt said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I just hate to see anybody badmouth Tony for anything he's doing, and if they are, they are just jealous. People saying he's putting his businesses at risk? I had three dealerships, people respected me."

"If they are worrying about their jobs and him getting hurt, what's to say he won't have a heart attack tomorrow and die?" Foyt said. "He might die and it might not be from racing. I had business and I still raced. I always said I am going to continue racing until I don't want to race anymore and he's the same way."

Stewart took responsibility for triggering a roughly 10-car accident at Canandaigua (N.Y.) Motorsports Park on July 16 in which 19-year-old Alysha Ruggles injured her back.

Last week, in a sprint car race at Ohsweken Speedway in Ontario, Stewart rolled his car five times but walked away. He stayed at the track to compete in the World of Outlaws race the next night and bristled at the NASCAR event at Pocono Raceway when asked about his harrowing incident in Canada.

"You mortals have got to learn, you guys need to watch more sprint car videos and stuff," he said Friday. "It was not a big deal. It's starting to get annoying this week about that. That was just an average sprint car wreck. When they wreck, they get upside down like that."

Following Leffler's death, Stewart defended track and sprint car safety.

"I'd be grateful if you guys would understand that what happened this week wasn't because somebody didn't do something right with the race track. It was an accident. Just like if you go out and there's a car crash. It's an accident," Stewart said days after Leffler's death. "Nobody as a track owner wants to go through what happened, but it's not due to a lack of effort on their part to try to make their facilities as safe as possible under the conditions they have."

On Sunday, veteran sprint car driver Kramer Williamson died from injuries suffered during a qualifying race at Lincoln Speedway in central Pennsylvania.

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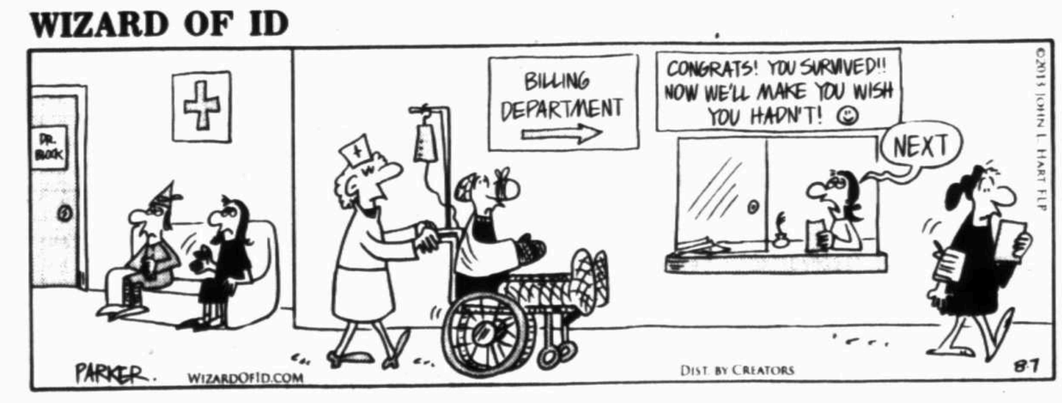
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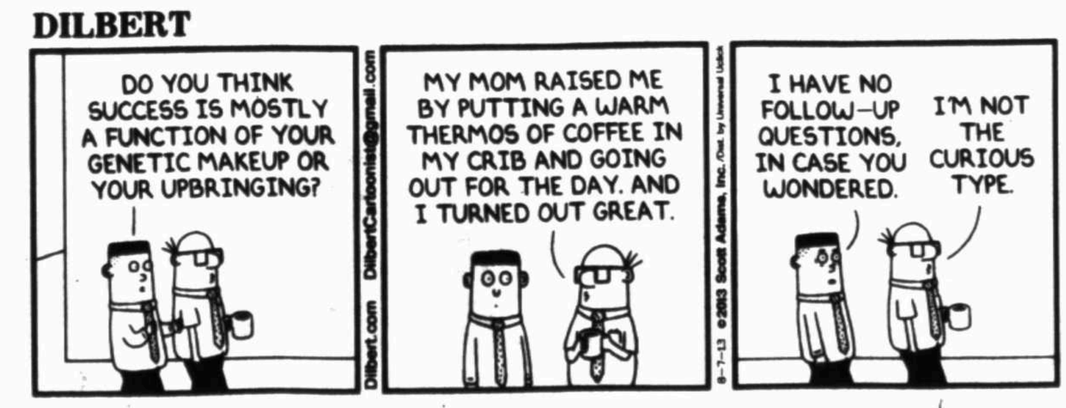
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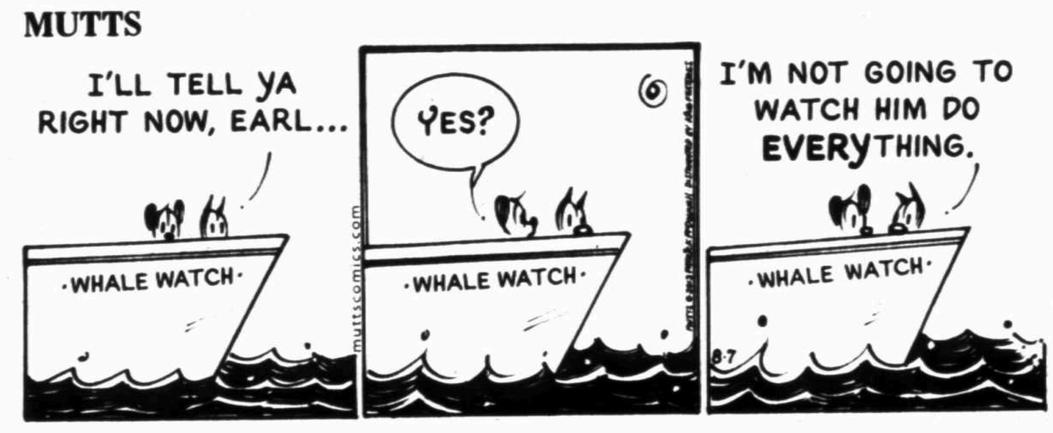
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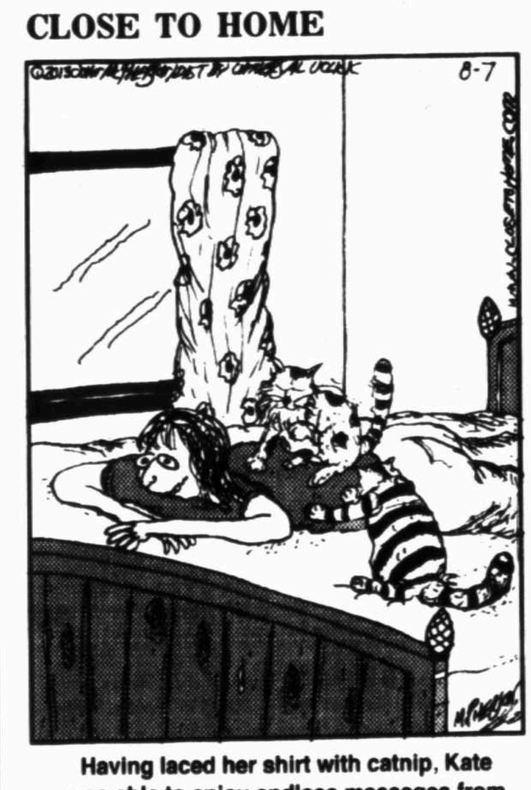
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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 101 Low: 78

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 100 Low: 75

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 98 Low: 74

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 101 and southwest winds around 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 78 and southwest winds around 10 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce gusty winds.

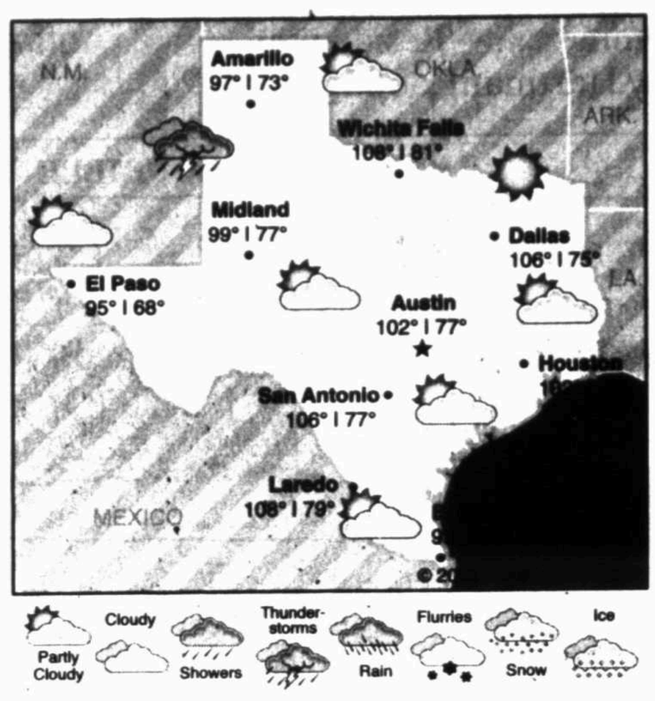
Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 100 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 75. There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms.

Friday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 98 and a low around 74.

The high on Tuesday reached 106, while the low dropped to 80. The record high for Aug. 6 is 107 set in 1964. The record low is 61 set in 1975.

National forecast

Highs will again be at or above 100 degrees over much of Texas and the southern Plains, while they will be in the 70s over the northern Plains.



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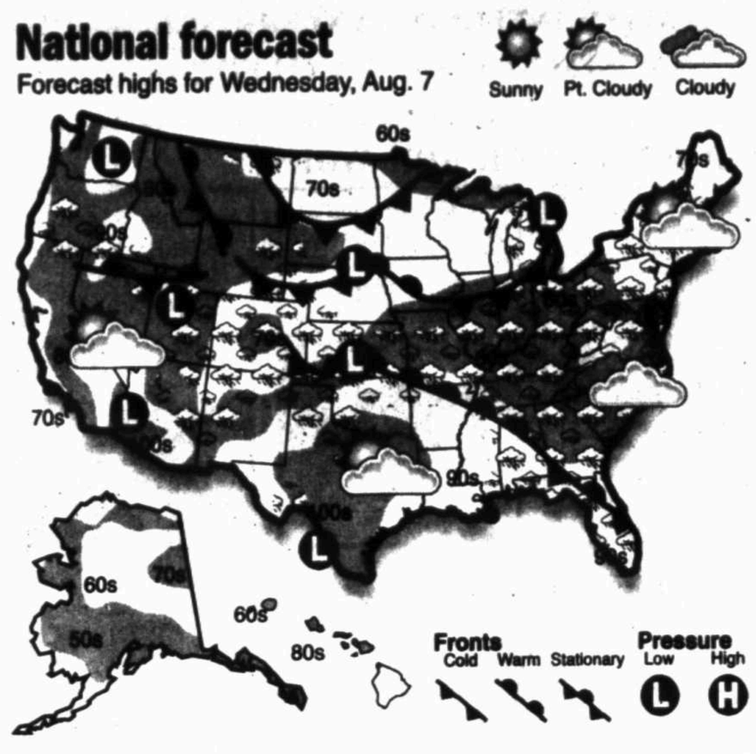
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	1.15 in.
Month total	1.15 in.
Year total	4.54 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.24 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	106
Low	80
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	8:40 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Aug. 7



Harried phone survey taker pleads for a little respect

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: I'm hoping you will pass this on to your readers. Many of us these days have to work two jobs to make ends meet. In addition to a full-time job, I work a second one in a call center. Yes, I'm one of those dreaded people who call and ask you to do a phone survey.

What I would like to remind everyone is that we are just people on the other end of the line. I have been cursed at and called names you can't print in your column. I have had the phone slammed in my ear. A little courtesy would go a long way.

If you don't want to participate in the survey, that's fine. We understand that. But have the guts to say, "Not interested" or "No, thank you," and show a little respect. We're simply trying to do a job, earn a living and pay our bills like everybody else. — HAPPY TO BE EMPLOYED

DEAR HAPPY TO BE EMPLOYED: I am not excusing poor manners, and I do sympathize with your position. But when companies make these incessant calls, they are entering people's homes without being invited, and it can make some of them very angry, particularly if they have been interrupted while were eating, working, napping or caregiving.

The people you call might be less hostile if they hadn't been called repeatedly and asked to participate in these surveys after they had refused four, five or six times and had asked not to be called again. They might be more polite if they hadn't registered on a "Do Not Call" list that was ignored.

DEAR ABBY: I am recently retired. I enjoy it, and my daily routine is filled with activities that keep me busy.

My problem is relatives who retired a few years ago who are bored out of their minds. They show up at my home unannounced at all hours of the day and disrupt my routine. They assume I have nothing to do like them. I am not interested in baby-sitting these people so their wives won't have to put up with them. What should I do? — RETIRED IN BOSTON

DEAR RETIRED: Tell your relatives — nicely — that you have a definite routine and things scheduled that you must attend to. If you feel they would be receptive, suggest that they drop by a senior center and ask about what activities it offers or look for volunteer opportunities in the community. Then suggest that instead of dropping by, they CALL FIRST to see if you are available.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend's mother has dementia. It is usually worse in the evenings, but she can function during the day — somewhat. My friend and her husband both work, leaving the mother alone at home during the day with the door locked from the outside so she can't wander off.

I have told my friend many times how dangerous this is, but she continues to do it. It makes me sick worrying about her mother, but I don't know what to do about it. — FRIEND IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRIEND: Your friend and her husband may have the best of intentions, but locking a demented person inside the house is not the answer to their problem. If a fire were to start, she might not be "with it" enough to know how to put it out or summon help. She could also fall and injure herself.

A better solution would be to find a day care program where the mother would have company, be entertained and safely looked after. Please suggest it to them. However, if they are not receptive, Adult Protective Services should be notified because the woman's life could depend on it.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: It's time for the breaking of the Ramadan fast. Happy Eid al-Fitr, everyone. May God make yours a blessed feast.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A ruff at the right time

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A K 9 3
♡ 10 3
◇ A 6 4 2
♣ 10 7 2

WEST
♠ Q J 10 6 4 2
♡ 9 5 2
◇ Q 3
♣ Q 3

EAST
♠ Void
♡ 8 4
◇ K 10 9 8 7
♣ A J 9 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ 8 7 5
♡ A K Q J 7 6
◇ J 5
♣ K 8

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

There are times when you know an opponent is going to ruff one of your winners. But you sometimes can recover if the opponent does so at your convenience, not theirs.

North might have tried three no-trump over South's balancing three hearts. The odds were greatly in favor of South holding at least one high card in clubs, and nine tricks might have been easier than 10.

West led the queen of spades, covered by the king and ruffed by East. East returned the 10 of diamonds to the jack, queen and ace. Declarer drew trumps, but could not avoid losing another trick in spades and one in each minor for down one.

The bidding marks East with a void in spades. Declarer can use that knowledge to take advantage of his spotcards in the suit. Suppose South were to play a low spade from dummy at trick one. West wins, but whatever he does next is to declarer's advantage. If West shifts to a new suit, declarer has 10 tricks as long as East holds the ace of clubs. If West continues with a low spade, declarer simply covers and, after ruffing, East can do declarer no harm.

The most interesting line is if West continues with the jack of spades. Now declarer covers and East ruffs. On the return 10 of diamonds, declarer wins, draws trumps and then leads a spade, finessing the nine. A diamond goes away on the ace of spades and a club to the king delivers the fulfilling trick.

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5 Deep voices
10 "You're gonna need a bigger boat" film
14 Talk too much
15 Class clown's bit
16 Give __ care
17 Hearty har-har
19 Low-lying area
20 Surpasses
21 Qualified for the position
23 Profs' protégés, briefly
24 Prefix with trooper
25 Its 2014 games will be held in Sochi, Rus.
26 National Geographic's first natural one appeared in 1914
31 The Cavaliers of the ACC
32 Average amount
33 Cape near Cod
34 Savor the sun
36 Halfhearted
39 Legend with rackets
42 "Silent" president Coolidge
44 Other, in Oaxaca
46 Slippery one
47 Group on "The West Wing"
52 Carpooling letters
53 Loses luster
54 Hawaiian tuna
55 Do impressions of
57 "All kidding aside"
61 Fifth-century pope
62 Container that holds two generous glasses of wine (as well as a double dose of this puzzle's theme?)
64 Month following Av
65 Pension law acronym
66 Soon
67 Method: Abbr.
68 Device used before applying 1-Across
69 Ilk

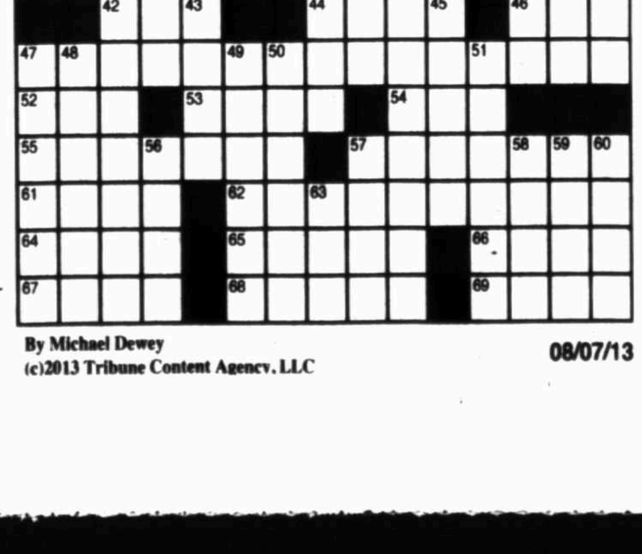
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1 French cleric
2 Move a muscle
3 Powder mineral
4 Can, after "is"
5 Where there's no hair apparent
6 Literary collections
7 VW preceders?
8 Show exasperation toward
9 Suzuki with 10 MLB Gold Gloves
10 Bean-based beverage
11 Indian Ocean arm
12 Long horner, say
13 Valedictorian's big moment
18 Hanker (for)
22 Sitar music
24 Like some 13-Downs
26 Babe in the woods
27 Egg cells
28 Lewd
29 Otto I's realm: Abbr.
30 Genetic material
35 Kit __ Klub: "Cabaret" setting
37 "__ now or never"
38 Ideal wheels
40 Playboy nickname
41 Rivendell dweller
43 Mother of Helen of Troy
45 Milo of the movies
47 Makes pass, as time, with "away"
48 Hardly handsome
49 __ and yon
50 1998 PGA Player of the Year Mark
51 Pageant toppers
56 Lean
57 "Should that be true . . ."
58 iPod mini successor
59 "__ one, think that . . ."
60 Camper's shelter
63 Fashion's Claiborne

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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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 Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013:

This year you could be unusually optimistic and forward-looking. Sometimes you want to radically change your life in some key way. Other times, you might want to keep the status quo, as you know how to make various parts of your life run in sync together. If single, you are able to meet many people. It is likely that you could meet and be attracted to someone who might be emotionally unavailable. Resist jumping in before you really know this person. If attached, the two of you will benefit from taking some romantic weekends alone. LEO is always friendly. Look past that behavior when dealing with one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could feel challenged by a boss or parent you respect a lot, but who can become very controlling. It seems to be this person's way or the highway. Meanwhile, your emotions might flow into your personal life. You will be doing a juggling act of sorts. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your perspective could change radically after a discussion forces your hand. You might wonder how you are going to be able to cover all the ground you need to cover. Listen to news from a friend. You might want to chat with this person more openly. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Use extreme caution with your finances. You could be juggling more than you normally would like. Your ability to get past problems is well known. You have an extraordinary amount of resilience, but why push it? A partner clearly wants what he or she wants. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might be in a positive, buoyant mood, but a friend could be in the mood to play power games. Use caution with your word choice. The only way to win a power play is not to play; don't give this person any type of reaction. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might want to express your dismay at everything that is happening. You will want to take your time and sort out how much you are projecting into the situation, as well as how much is directed at you. Tonight: Do what you can, and don't put any unnecessary pressure on yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to consider taking a different approach or finding a new way of dealing with a rebellious — and sometimes vindictive — loved one. You certainly do not seem to be getting the results you desire. Tonight: Hang with people who have positive vibes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to try a new approach and avoid having to deal with a very grumpy associate. You could find that you are overwhelmed by everything you have to do. Try to take care of any errands or work that you can, then complete the rest. Tonight: Head home first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You understand people who are controlling better than they understand themselves — possibly because you have the same trait. If you detach, you could find this situation amusing. The smart move is not to get tangled up in this web, no matter what. Tonight: Chat the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You could feel as if you are right about a money venture and everyone else is wrong. Truth be told, you are your best and biggest supporter, so follow your instincts. If you care about your relationships, try to see the validity in what others share. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You could be pushing people away left and right with your authoritarian attitude. Try to minimize this behavior, even if you are the boss. If you do, others will demonstrate more resilience. Think before you speak. Tonight: Accept a dear friend's or loved one's offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might want to try something else or do something differently. You might witness, or perhaps even participate, in the clash of wills around you. Sometimes it is difficult for you to pull away from such intensity. It would serve you well to do so now. Tonight: With a favorite person.

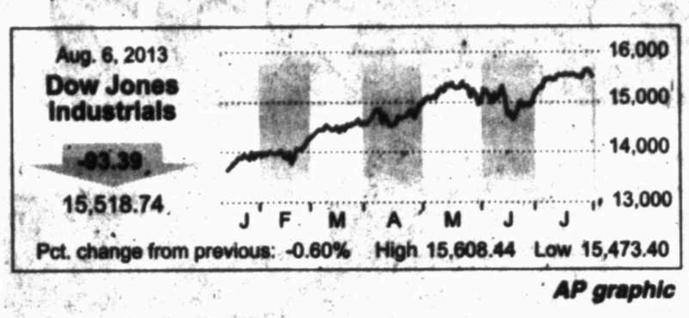
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your plans could go up in smoke because one person wants things one way and someone else wants it his or her way. You might need to use your unusual resourcefulness in order to find a resolution. Everyone will be happier as a result. Tonight: Work till the wee hours.

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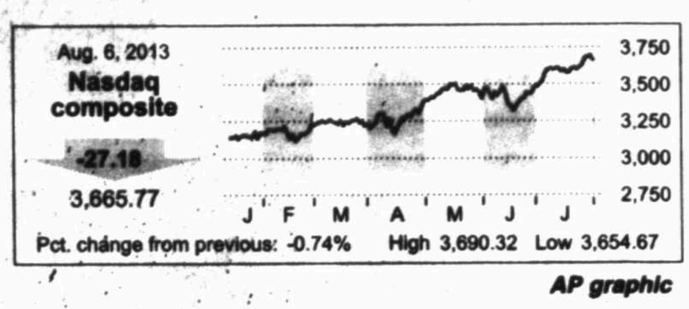
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Actress Charlize Theron (1975), actor David Duchovny (1960), actress Billie Burke (1884)

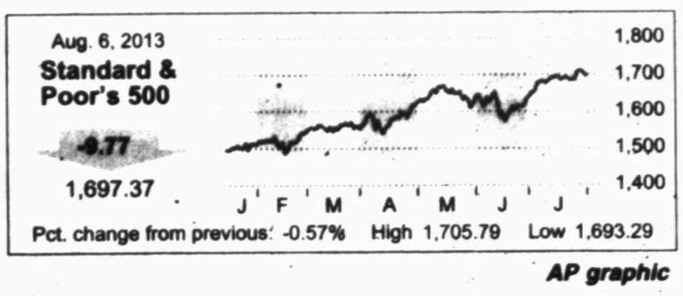
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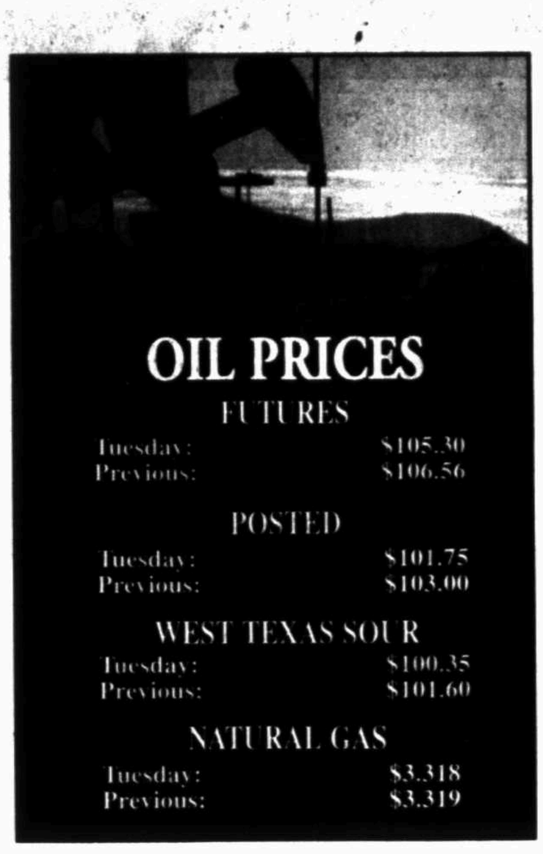
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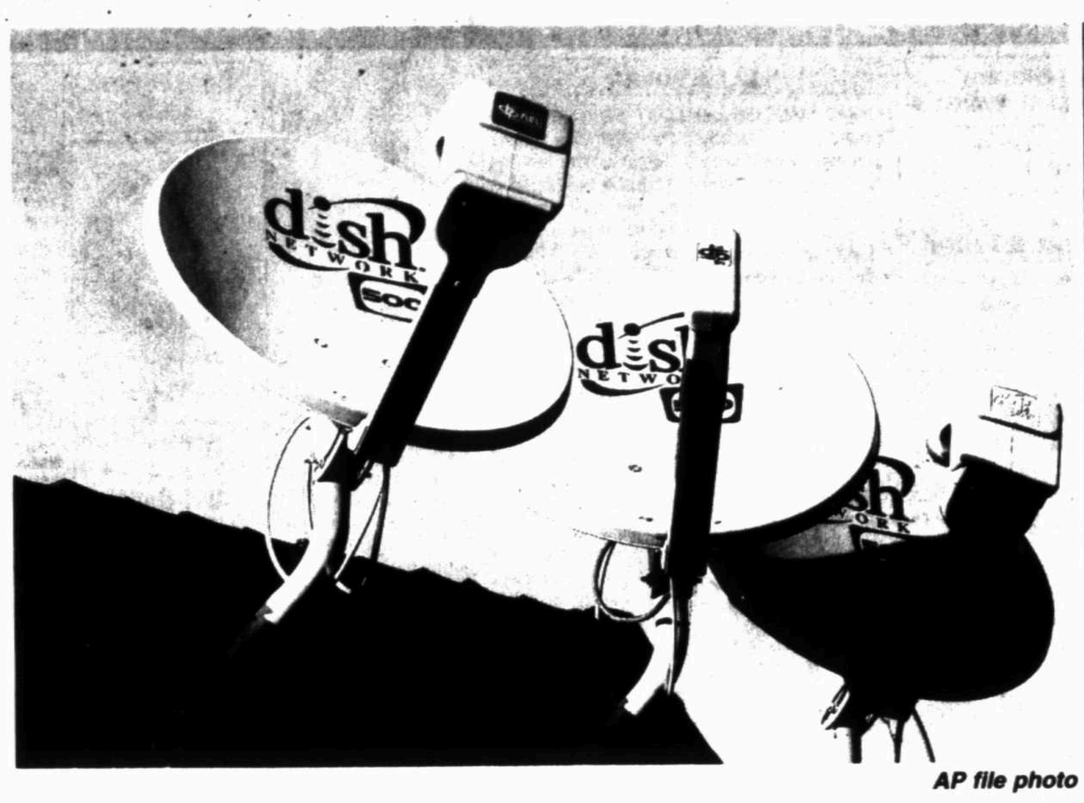


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Three Dish Network satellite dishes are shown at an apartment complex in Palo Alto, Calif., in this Feb. 23, 2011, photo. Dish Network is offering to buy Sprint Nextel Corp. in a cash-and-stock deal it values at $25.5 billion, saying its bid is superior to that of Japanese phone company SoftBank.

Dish chief: Pay TV mergers needed to offset fees

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dish Network Chairman Charlie Ergen says pay TV distributors may have to merge to even the playing field if the government doesn't curb the power of TV networks in fee disputes.

Ergen made the comments during a conference call with investors Tuesday following Dish's announcement that it posted a second-quarter loss.

His comments came amid the backdrop of a fee dispute that has cut off CBS programming to some 3 million Time Warner Cable subscribers in New York, Los Angeles and Dallas for five days.

Ergen complained about the power of major entertainment companies, calling them "essentially monopolies," because they can raise rates dramatically and distributors have little choice but to pay. He didn't specify which companies he was talking about, but the biggest content providers include Disney, Time Warner and Viacom. He said customers are losing out because programming costs are rising faster than inflation.

"Congress really hasn't done anything to level the playing field," he said. "So, I think that that forces people toward consolidation."

The basis for all of the disputes is the 1992 Cable Act, which allows TV station owners to either force pay TV operators to carry their signals for free, or bargain for whatever rates they can extract in negotiations. Since then, leverage in such negotiations has shifted in favor of the content owners, who can demand higher fees or pull their signal.

Pay TV groups such as the American Television Alliance say it's time for the law to be updated to offset the negotiating power of programmers.

Ergen also talked up the possibility of a merger with rival DirecTV, a reprisal of an attempt Dish made a decade ago, when the goyernment blocked the deal because it would harm competition.

He said the pay TV marketplace has changed in the last decade, with recent entrants like telecommunications companies AT&T and Verizon gaining subscribers and Internet-only TV providers such as Intel preparing to enter the market.

"There's new competition coming, whether it'd be from the phone companies themselves or from the Internet that didn't exist before," Ergen said. "So I think the marketplace is probably fairly attractive for consolidation in the video business."

He said a merger might happen between cable TV operators first, which may cause satellite TV operators Dish and DirecTV to examine merging.

In May, John Malone's Liberty Media Corp. took a 27 percent stake in cable TV operator Charter Communications Inc., and since then, speculation has mounted about whether Malone would push Charter to merge with another cable TV operator.

Dish's attempt to buy its way into the wireless phone business with a takeover of Sprint Corp. and its subsidiary Clearwire Corp. failed last month to a rival bid from Japan's SoftBank Corp.

Oil falls with stocks

The price of oil fell amid indications the Federal Reserve could soon ease up on its stimulus program. Meanwhile, the price of gasoline costs less than a year ago for the first time in more than two months.

Benchmark crude for September delivery fell $1.26 to close at $105.30 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In the past two days, members of the Federal Reserve have said that the central bank may be close to reducing a bond-buying program that has kept long-term interest rates low and boosted investment in riskier assets like stocks and oil. Stock markets fell Tuesday, with the Dow Jones industrial average losing 93 points to 15,519. Lackluster earnings reports from retailers also hurt stocks.

At the pump, the average price for a gallon of gas is $3.61, a penny than it was a year ago, AAA said. That last happened on June 1. AAA expects gas prices to stay flat or drop slightly, assuming no major hurricanes or refinery outages. Last August, gasoline prices rose 33 cents, partly because Hurricane Isaac disrupted refinery operations on the Gulf Coast.

Gold loses luster

Prices for precious metals fell Tuesday as investors anticipated that the Federal Reserve might ease up on its bond-buying program as soon as next month.

Gold for December delivery fell $19.90 to $1,282.50 an ounce. September silver lost 19.7 cents to $19.523 per ounce.

September copper was the outlier among metals. It edged up 0.5 cent to $3.173 per pound.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	812449	14.64	-.16
S&P500ETF	734693	169.73	-.97
iShEMkts	461037	38.96	-.50
Sprint n	425018	6.97	+.09
MktVGold	360493	24.03	-1.40

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VoceraCm	16.70	+2.50	+17.6
DirDGldBr	104.71	+14.58	+16.2
NamTai	7.33	+.99	+15.6
Ducomun	25.96	+3.03	+13.2
EndvrIntl	5.30	+.47	+9.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TravelCtrs	8.47	-3.23	-27.6
SkildHcre	4.83	-1.65	-25.5
Nautilus	7.02	-2.08	-22.9
McDrmInt	6.93	-1.80	-20.6
AecomTch	29.36	-5.84	-16.6

Diary

Advanced	765
Declined	2,305
Unchanged	100
Total issues	3,170
New Highs	125
New Lows	193
Volume	3,045,086,500

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	200016	2.60	-.40
AlldNevG	154757	4.37	-1.53
MeetMe	51014	1.94	+.04
NwGold g	41048	6.29	-.30
ImmunoCl	29909	3.57	+.05

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Orbital	2.22	+.12	+5.7
InvCapHld	4.95	+.26	+5.5
CT Ptrs	4.85	+.23	+5.0
TrioTch	3.53	+.16	+4.7
ASpecRlty	2.61	+.11	+4.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlldNevG	4.37	-1.53	-25.9
InovioPhm	2.60	-.40	-13.3
NovaGld g	2.46	-.22	-8.2
NDynMn g	2.11	-.16	-7.0
EvolPetrol	11.69	-.80	-6.4

Diary

Advanced	153
Declined	256
Unchanged	31
Total issues	440
New Highs	8
New Lows	48
Volume	118,571,307

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	628458	38.55	-.64
Microsoft	353740	31.58	-.12
MicronT	284120	14.14	-.03
Intel	281041	22.80	-.12
SiriusXM	279615	3.83	+.04

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Dynatrn rs	5.57	+2.67	+92.1
HeliosMAn	8.40	+3.88	+85.8
SGOCO	2.45	+.73	+42.4
BOS Ltd rs	4.05	+1.17	+40.6
Verenium	3.14	+.85	+37.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChAdGns rs	3.80	-1.27	-25.1
ParametSd	14.00	-3.69	-20.9
ComTouch	2.56	-.47	-15.5
Kingtne rs	3.18	-.52	-14.1
Jamba rs	13.86	-2.13	-13.3

Diary

Advanced	762
Declined	1,726
Unchanged	111
Total issues	2,599
New Highs	150
New Lows	15
Volume	1,516,337,684

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $54.58 Down 0.41

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $95.01 Up 0.62

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $35.83 Down 0.98

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $42.20 Down 0.90

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.22 Up 0.39

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.55 Up 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.02 Up 0.04

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $11.25 Down 0.25

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	27	35.48	-.19	+5.3
Abraxas	...	...	**2.58**	**-.01**	**+17.8**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	...	**12.47**	**-.05**	**+17.8**
AMD	...	...	3.72	-.10	+55.0
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.56	-.07	+84.2
Alcoa	.12	29	7.91	-.09	-8.9
AlldNevG	...	9	4.37	-1.53	-85.5
AlonUSA	.24f	5	13.17	-.02	-27.2
AEagleOut	.50f	16	17.57	-2.40	-14.3
AmIntlGrp	.40	27	48.06	-.51	+36.1
Amgen	**1.88**	**18**	**105.22**	**-2.21**	**+22.1**
Anadarko	**.36**	**26**	**89.12**	**-1.73**	**+19.9**
Apache	**.80**	**13**	**82.26**	**-.05**	**+4.8**
ApldMatl	**.40**	...	**16.16**	**+.06**	**+41.3**
ATMOS	**1.40**	**17**	**44.10**	**-.34**	**+25.6**
AutoData	1.74	25	72.24	+.64	+26.9
BP PLC	**2.16**	**14**	**41.84**	**-.13**	**+.5**
BabsCClnv	1.20a	...	15.42	-.23	+.9
BakrHu	.60	20	47.43	-.60	+16.1
BkofAm	.04	26	14.64	-.16	+26.1
BariPVix rs	...	...	14.48	+.43	-54.5
BarrickG	.20m	...	15.65	-.74	-55.3
BasicEnSv	...	...	11.76	-.43	+3.1
BerkHa A	**...**	**181768**	**55.00**	**-445.00**	**+31.9**
BerryPet	**.32**	**13**	**41.31**	**-.57**	**+23.1**
BlkHlBsCp	**1.52**	**19**	**54.04**	**-.57**	**+48.7**
BlackBerry	...	...	9.57	-.01	-19.4
BostonSci	...	...	11.18	-.04	+95.1
BrMySq	**1.40**	**54**	**44.14**	**+.52**	**+36.9**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**27**	**72.87**	**-.13**	**+18.5**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**27**	**73.02**	**+.15**	**+15.4**
CVS Care	.90	19	59.89	-1.73	+23.9
Cameron	...	19	57.25	-.81	+1.4
Caterpillar	2.40f	13	82.53	-1.03	-7.9
Celestic g	...	24	11.08	+.19	+36.0
Cemex	.45t	...	12.07	+.02	+27.2
CntryLink	2.16	26	36.18	+.09	-7.5
ChesEng	.35	...	25.15	-.33	+51.3
Chevron	**4.00**	**9**	**123.14**	**-.85**	**+13.9**
Chicos	.22	15	16.54	-.99	-10.4
Cimarex	**.56**	**20**	**79.47**	**+.38**	**+37.7**
Cisco	**.68**	**15**	**26.21**	**-.10**	**+33.4**
Citigroup	**.04**	**13**	**51.48**	**-1.39**	**+30.1**
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**54.58**	**-.41**	**+36.5**
CocaCola s	**1.12**	**21**	**40.37**	**+.08**	**+11.4**
ColeREI n	.72f	...	11.40	-.05	+4.6
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**25**	**60.99**	**+.01**	**+16.7**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**17**	**37.06**	**-.17**	**+25.6**
ConchoRes	**...**	**23**	**95.01**	**+.62**	**+17.9**
ConocoPhil	**2.76f**	**11**	**67.09**	**-.10**	**+15.7**
Corning	.40	12	15.07	-.27	+19.4
CrackerB	3.00f	20	99.05	-2.34	+54.1
CroeTim	**1.98e**	**12**	**27.52**	**-.12**	**+2.2**
DCP Mid	2.84f	41	51.95	-.04	+24.4
DTE	2.62	19	70.73	-.32	+17.8
Dataram rs	...	...	2.89	-.10	+46.0
Dawson	**...**	**25**	**35.83**	**-.98**	**+35.8**
Dell Inc	.32	13	13.73	+.05	+35.4
DevonE	**.88**	...	**55.80**	**-.20**	**+7.2**
DxGldBll rs	...	...	5.14	-.98	-90.6
Disney	**.75f**	**20**	**67.05**	**+1.03**	**+34.7**
DowChm	**1.28**	**40**	**36.06**	**-.42**	**+11.5**
EMC Cp	.40	21	26.44	+.10	+4.5
EOG Res	**.75**	**56**	**153.22**	**-.96**	**+26.8**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**17**	**23.14**	**-.08**	**+13.5**
Energen	.58	19	64.59	-1.84	+43.2
EngyTsfr	3.58	12	51.35	+1.24	+19.6
EnPro	**...**	**32**	**59.57**	**-.19**	**+45.6**
EntPrPt	2.72f	23	62.46	+.88	+24.7
Ericsson	.43e	...	12.01	+.09	+18.9
ExterranH	**...**	...	**29.73**	**-2.45**	**+35.6**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**9**	**91.47**	**-.12**	**+5.7**
Facebook	...	...	38.55	-.64	+44.8
FordM	.40	12	17.03	-.16	+31.5
ForestOil	...	15	5.04	-.04	-24.7
FMCG	1.25a	10	29.16	+.14	-14.7
FrontierCm	.40	29	4.56	...	+6.5
FrozenFd h	**...**	...	**2.08**	**-.01**	**+133.7**
GATX	**1.24**	**17**	**46.11**	**-.51**	**+6.5**
GT AdvTc	...	...	5.47	+.29	+80.5
GabelliIT	**.80**	...	**9.95**	**-.07**	**+25.8**
GAInv	**2.00e**	...	**33.55**	**-.12**	**+20.6**
GenElec	**.76**	**18**	**24.31**	**-.21**	**+15.8**
GenMotors	...	13	35.96	-.79	+24.7
GtPlainEn	**.87**	**15**	**24.15**	**-.28**	**+18.9**
Groupon	...	...	8.70	-.27	+79.0
HalconRes	...	43	6.02	...	-13.0
Hallibrtn	.50	17	45.85	-.20	+32.2
HimaxTch	.25e	47	6.99	+.58	+191.3
iShBrazil	1.36e	...	42.78	-.51	-23.5
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.75	+.01	+20.5
iShEMkts	.77e	...	38.96	-.50	-12.2
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	61.45	-.09	+8.1
iShR2K	1.75e	...	104.46	-1.06	+23.9
InovioPhm	...	...	2.60	-.40	+420.0
IntegrysE	2.72	13	63.07	+.06	+20.8
Intel	**.90**	**12**	**22.80**	**-.12**	**+10.6**
InterDig	.40a	6	36.00	-.48	-12.4
JohnJn	**2.64**	**21**	**93.81**	**+.01**	**+33.8**
KimbClk	**3.24**	**21**	**99.74**	**+.42**	**+18.1**
KindME	5.28f	30	83.36	+.54	+4.5
KindMM	5.28t	...	81.12	+.38	+7.5
Kinross g	.16	...	4.96	-.14	-49.0
LegacyRes	2.32f	23	27.22	+.39	+14.4
Lubys	**...**	**37**	**8.53**	**+.16**	**+27.5**
MGIC	...	...	7.71	-.31	+189.8
MGM Rsts	...	...	16.91	+.36	+45.3
MktVGold	.46e	...	24.03	-1.40	-48.2
McDrmInt	...	...	6.93	-1.80	-37.1
McDnlds	3.08	18	98.69	-.62	+11.9
Merck	1.72	26	48.44	-.09	+18.3
MeritMed	**...**	**48**	**13.79**	**-.22**	**-.8**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.55	+.04	-13.8
MicronT	...	...	14.14	-.03	+123.0
Microsoft	.92	12	31.58	-.12	+18.2
Mosaic	1.00	9	40.68	-.76	-28.2
Nabors	.16	36	15.31	-.44	+6.0
NatGrid	**3.16e**	**...**	**59.81**	**-.24**	**+4.1**
NOilVarco	1.04f	13	72.08	+.16	+5.5
NewmtM	1.00m	...	26.63	-1.85	-42.7
NokiaCp	...	...	4.06	-.08	+2.8
NStarRlt	.80f	...	9.57	-.32	+35.9
NvMAd	**.80a**	...	**12.24**	**-.04**	**-19.5**
NvPMI	**.88**	...	**12.34**	**-.05**	**-17.3**
NuvPI	**.86**	...	**12.24**	**-.08**	**-18.2**
NSTFI3	**.63e**	...	**12.59**	**-.06**	**-13.9**
NTXQI	**.70**	...	**13.50**	**-.28**	**-14.8**
OcciPet	**2.56**	**16**	**88.18**	**+.03**	**+15.1**
Oracle	.48f	15	33.00	+.22	-1.0
ParTech	**...**	...	**4.36**	**-.03**	**-11.0**
ParkDrl	**...**	...	**6.19**	**-.17**	**+34.6**
PattUTI	**.20**	**14**	**20.11**	**-.09**	**+7.9**
Penney	...	...	13.28	-.54	-32.6
PennaRE	**.72**	...	**20.34**	**-.17**	**+15.3**
Prmian	.76e	16	13.51	...	+10.2
Petrobras	.27e	...	13.46	-.24	-30.9
Pfizer	**.96**	**15**	**29.34**	**+.15**	**+17.0**
PioNtr	.08	50	176.67	-3.41	+65.7
PlainsAA s	**2.35f**	**19**	**54.53**	**+.97**	**+20.5**
Potash	1.40f	11	29.41	-.10	-27.7
PwShs QQQ	.94e	...	76.56	-.46	+17.5
Praxair	**2.40**	**22**	**120.48**	**+.38**	**+10.1**
PrmEgy	**...**	**10**	**46.00**	**+.10**	**+100.0**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**20**	**81.74**	**+.34**	**+20.4**
RangeRs	.16	...	81.52	-.26	+29.7
RegionsFn	.12	12	10.02	-.23	+40.5
Rowan	...	25	35.51	+.47	+13.6
RoyDShllA	3.60	8	64.30	-.14	-6.7
SpdrDJIA	3.49e	...	154.85	-.94	+18.6
S&P500ETF	3.33e	...	169.73	-.97	+19.2
SabnR	3.63e	15	52.72	-.12	+32.5
SanderFm	**.68**	**31**	**74.17**	**-.14**	**+56.0**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**5.78**	**-.04**	**-9.0**
Saplent	**...**	**31**	**13.63**	**-.18**	**+29.1**
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	82.22	-.67	+18.6
SigmaAld	**.86**	**22**	**85.02**	**+.55**	**+15.5**
SiriusXM	.05e	55	3.83	+.04	+32.4
Smucker	2.32f	23	114.23	-.13	+32.5
Sprint n	...	...	6.97	+.09	+25.6
SPDR Fncl	.31e	...	20.58	-.19	+25.6
SunocoLog	2.40f	13	59.89	-.50	+20.4
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	16.59	-.23	-3.3
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Tesoro	1.00f	12	54.20	-1.89	+23.0
3M Co	2.54	18	117.50	-.42	+26.5
Torchmark	**.68**	**13**	**71.09**	**-.54**	**+38.0**
TriContl	**.71e**	**...**	**18.68**	**-.10**	**+16.4**
21stCFoxA	...	...	31.23	-.13	+38.6
TylerTech	**...**	**67**	**75.16**	**-.64**	**+55.2**
UBWV	**1.24**	**18**	**28.55**	**-.45**	**+17.3**
Vale SA	.78e	...	13.75	+.01	-34.4
ValeroE	.90f	9	36.53	+1.40	+7.1
VangEmg	1.56e	...	39.01	-.49	-12.4
VulcanM	**.04**	...	**47.71**	**-1.72**	**-8.3**
Walgrn	**1.26f**	**22**	**50.24**	**-.72**	**+35.7**
WellsFargo	1.20	12	44.03	-.31	+28.8
WstnRefin	.72f	6	30.73	-.26	+9.0
WhitngPet	...	15	51.69	-.75	+19.2
WmsCos	1.41f	40	36.05	-.14	+10.1
XcelEngy	**1.12f**	**15**	**29.82**	**-.25**	**+11.6**
Xerox	**.23**	**10**	**9.97**	**-.10**	**+46.2**
Yamana g	.26	12	8.97	-.70	-47.9
Zoetis n	.26	...	31.13	-.12	+.4
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15,658.43	12,471.49	Dow Jones Industrials	15,518.74	-93.39	-.60	+18.43	+17.85
6,686.86	4,838.10	Dow Jones Transportation	6,516.22	-84.53	-1.28	+22.79	+27.96
537.86	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	502.17	-2.35	-.47	+10.83	+3.72
9,695.46	7,841.76	NYSE Composite	9,614.32	-57.28	-.59	+13.87	+19.91
2,509.57	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,341.84	-9.49	-.40	-.59	-3.72
3,694.19	2,810.80	Nasdaq Composite	3,665.77	-27.18	-.74	+21.40	+21.55
1,709.67	1,343.35	S&P 500	1,697.37	-9.77	-.57	+19.01	+21.12
18,157.57	14,036.94	Wilshire 5000	18,023.93	-117.17	-.65	+20.20	+23.43
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Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is prbductive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 2229W. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969 – 7867 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for the construction project entitled: **MIDLAND CONTINUE CARE HOSPITAL** at Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701.

Bidders may secure bid documents from BBK Architects at 3200 Main Street, Suite1.3, Dallas, Texas 75226. Please contact 214-741-5556 or dgbryant@bbkarchitects.com for more information. Bid documents are available on or after Wednesday, August 7, 2013.

Pre-Bid conferences will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 2:00 PM and Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 10:00 AM in the Facilities Services Department of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus. Attendance is mandatory for one (1) conference.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) will be required for all bids.
A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District.

Three (3) copies of all bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701, by **2:00 PM, Wednesday, September 4, 2013. Under no circumstances will bids received beyond September 4, 2013, 2:00 PM be accepted.**

All bids must be sealed and labeled **"BID #1104-080713 Enclosed"**.

Faxed or emailed bids from bidders will not be accepted.

All bids must be price protected until November 30, 2013.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Bids shall be addressed to:

Rachel Hanna Jones
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
City of Midland will hold a Public Vehicle Auction at Action Wrecker Service, Inc., on Saturday, August 10, 2013. Gates open at 8:00 AM. Auction begins at 10:00 AM. All vehicles will be sold to the highest bidder. Full payment is due at the time of purchase. Buyer has five days to remove vehicles from impound lot. For more information visit www.actionwrecker.com or contact Action Wrecker Service Inc., 1109 S Midland Drive, Midland TX (432) 697-8697.

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ON OCTOBER 1, 2012, the Midland Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration seized an Apple IPad with Serial Number DN6H9NKRDKPH and a black LG cellular phone from Adrian Saenz at 1605 W. Washington in Midland. The property is being held at the Midland Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Any person wishing to make a claim on this property has 30 days from the initial date of this publication. Contact Special Agent Brian Hutchison at 1004 Big Spring, Ste. 225, Midland, TX 79701 to obtain additional information concerning the property or the procedures for filing a claim. Reference case MC-13-0001

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ON APRIL 7, 2013, the Midland Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration seized a vehicle from Trinh Nguyen at 4717 W. Wall St. in Midland. Located in the vehicle was personal property belonging to Nguyen, including a HP laptop with Serial Number 2CE0042WOM. The property is being held at the Midland office of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Any person wishing to make a claim on this property has 30 days from the initial date of this publication. Contact Special Agent Brian Hutchison at 1004 N. Big Spring, Ste 225, Midland, TX 79701 to obtain additional information concerning the property or the procedures for filing a claim. Reference case MC-13-0013

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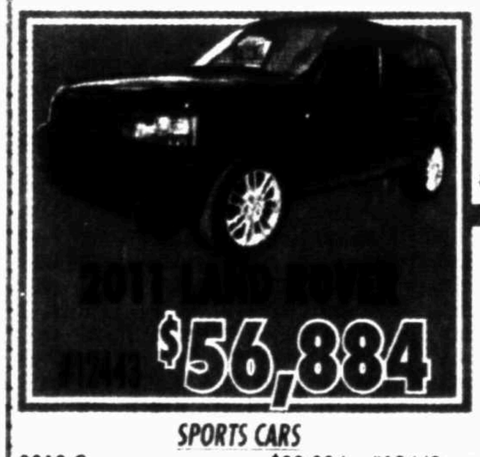
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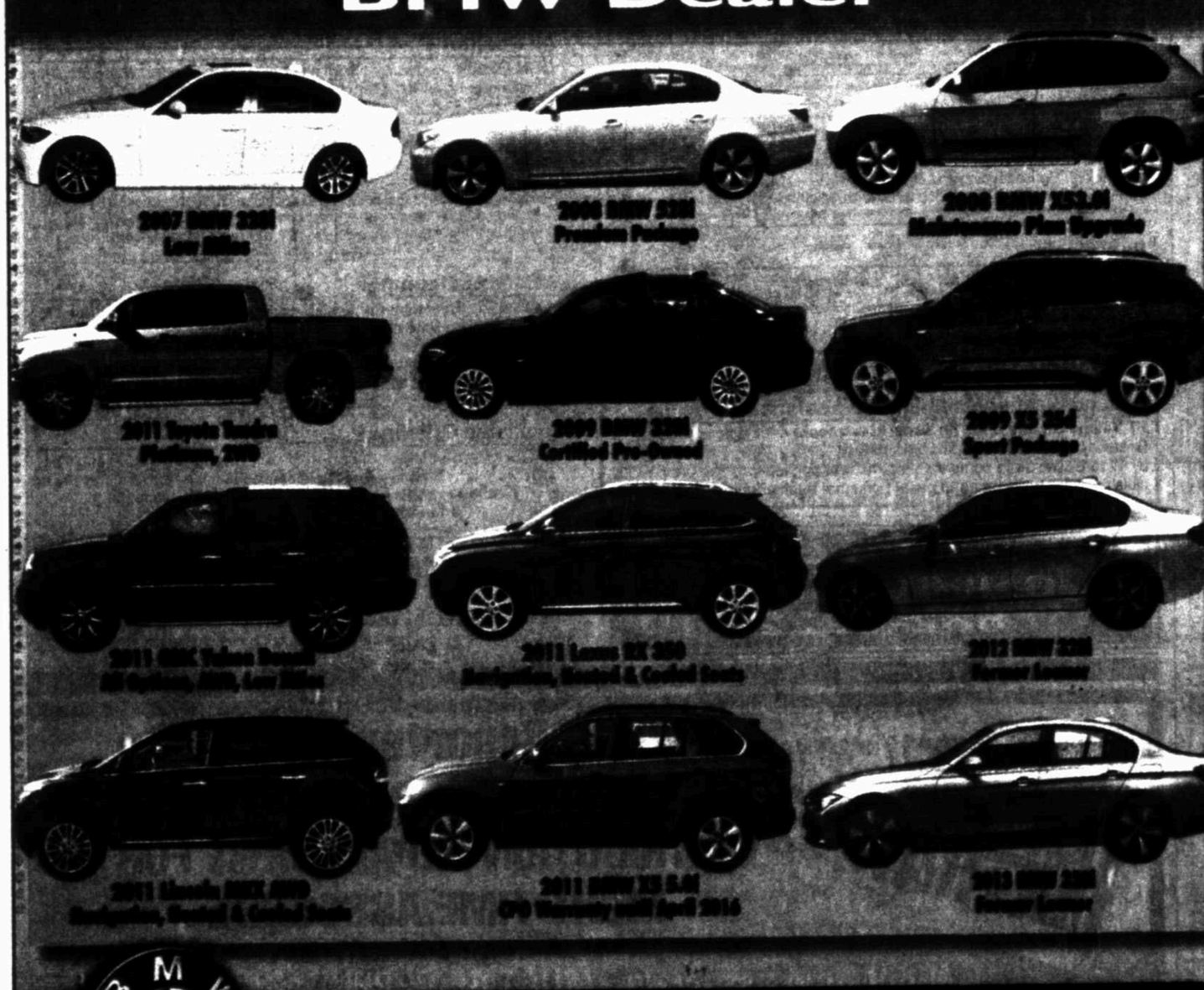
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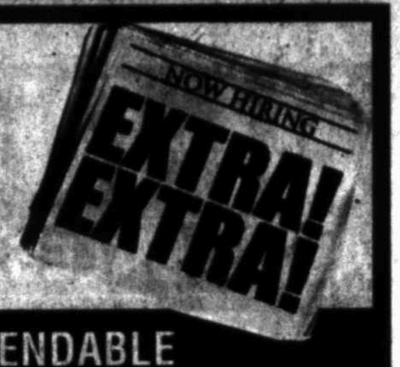
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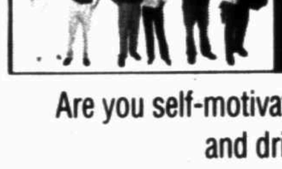
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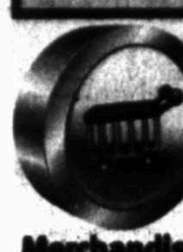
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