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Today is last day to register to vote in runoff

Ballot includes district judge race, US Senate seat, 2 Railroad Commission slots

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Those wanting to cast a ballot in the July 31 runoff election but are not registered will have to do so by today.

Anyone who registered during the primary election is eligible to vote, according to the Secretary of State's Office. Residents who have not registered must have their applications postmarked by the end of the day today.

Typically, the number of new registrations and of voters who return to the ballot box during a runoff are low, officials said. In 2010, the most recent runoff in Midland County, only 3.13 percent of voters participated.

However, with a local district judge race, a U.S. Senate race and two Railroad Commission races on the ballot, there's a chance turnout will be up slightly, said James Beauchamp, Midland County Republican Party chairman.

"It all depends," he said.

If a local candidate could identify who didn't participate in the primary and then call those individuals to encourage them to register and vote, that could drive some increase in participation, Beauchamp said.

On a statewide level, efforts typically are focused more on reaching voters with the message rather than trying to encourage non-voters to begin participating, he said.

Candidates usually start a runoff race knowing they're targeting a different audience than they do in a primary or general election and tailor their efforts, at least in part, to reach people who most likely will vote, he said.

Since the May 29 primary, Ted Cruz's wife, Heidi, has been to Midland to speak with those who support Cruz's bid for the U.S. Senate seat.

Both Cruz and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst also likely will be at a July 18 Midland County Republican Women's meeting to discuss the reasons they believe they should be elected to the seat being vacated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The club typically doesn't meet during the summer months. But, with the important races taking place during the runoff, leaders said they wanted to do what they could to help voters be informed.

Candidates from each of the runoff elections have been invited to speak.

In addition to the U.S. Senate race, the 238th District Court race and the two Railroad Commission races, the Place 4 state Supreme Court justice also will be elected through the runoff.

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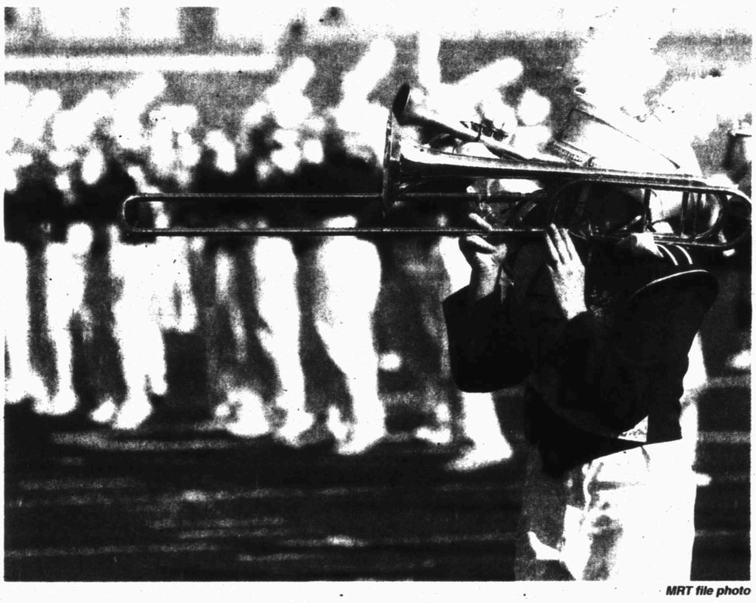

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Members of Lee High band perform in October 2011 during an exhibition for area sixth-graders at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lee band named finalist for 5A State Honor Band

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

The Lee High School Mighty Rebel Band is one of 16 bands selected as a finalist for the title of 5A State Honor Band.

The bands from Lee and Haltom High School in Haltom City were selected as area winners and will be judged by a panel during the Texas Bandmaster's Association conference, set for July 20-23 in San Antonio.

The winning band will be announced during the conference and perform at the 2013 Texas Music Educator's Association conference in February.

Lee's director, Randy Storie, submitted a recording of the school's honor band, which is made up of the band's top 75 performers.

Storie said he is proud of his students for beating out successful bands in the area, which includes the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

"It's an incredibly neat honor in and of itself to be a finalist out of 600 to 700 5A high school bands," Storie said.

Lee was selected as the state honor band once — in 1979 under the direction of Van Ragsdale.

Storie, who became director at Lee in 1980, said his students deserve the honor of performing as the top band in the state.

"This is like getting to the state finals in football," Storie said. "It's a really big deal."

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MOTRAN advocates for energy-related road funds

From staff reports

Drivers were 2.5 times more likely to be killed in a car crash in the transportation district that includes Midland-Odessa than in any other part of the state during 2010, according to data compiled by the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance.

Data also shows that crashes are up 16 percent and fatalities up 7 percent from 2010.

After multiple fatalities last week on area roads, MOTRAN President James Beauchamp said he wanted to distribute facts about the region's road conditions before attending a meeting this afternoon of the Energy Sector Impacts Task Force.

Beauchamp is planning a press conference for 10 a.m. today at the Atmos Energy Fischer Community Room to provide more details of a traffic and energy industry study MOTRAN conducted.

The Texas Department of Transportation has allocated $40 million in funds for areas in north and south Texas impacted by increased energy industry traffic.

Beauchamp said MOTRAN's study is meant to show that resources also are needed for the Permian Basin, where the bulk of energy industry activity takes place.

In 2011, the Permian Basin produced more than 71 percent of the crude oil produced in Texas and 14 percent of the crude oil produced in the U.S., according to Beauchamp's report.

Beauchamp said that on a daily basis, the Permian Basin produces more than 772,000 barrels of crude oil — more than is produced in all of Alaska, California or North Dakota.

An energy task force meeting is being held this afternoon in Cleburne. The task force was formed to study the impact of heavy trucks on roads and is charged with developing long-term funding strategies and plans to address infrastructure concerns.

The agency is partnering with representatives from the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Railroad Commission, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, counties, and the energy and trucking sectors.

MOTRAN conference:
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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

City's centennial celebrated on July 4, 1985

An estimated 50,000 people flocked to downtown Midland on July 4, 1985, to participate in festivities marking the city's 100th anniversary.

Thousands of volunteers worked for more than a year to ensure the celebration was a success; 250 of those volunteers helped plan the July 4 activities.

For many people involved, it became their passion.

"I sort of hate to see this thing come to an end," Guy McCrary said at the time. "It's sort of like sending your kids off to college. You're glad it's over but you hate to see them leave."

McCrary, a longtime community leader and former Midland County commissioner, was president of the board of directors of Midland Centennial Plaza, the downtown park that officially was opened that day. McCrary said the peaceful grassy area was the most lasting manifestation of the centennial celebration.

The event was a big affair — actor Tommy Lee Jones served as parade grand marshal and veteran Western actor and singer-songwriter Rex Allen served as narrator.

The day also featured a historic, 212-page edition of the Reporter-Telegram —172-pages were devoted to the city's history — that required 38 tons of newsprint to produce.

The 1985 celebration was not the first memorable event to have occurred on the same day as the nation's birthday. The Petroleum Building, known at its completion as the Hogan Building, formally was opened on July 4, 1929. Grand opening festivities at the historic building featured an appearance by "the human fly," a man who scaled down the side of the downtown structure.

Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," will be published in 2013.

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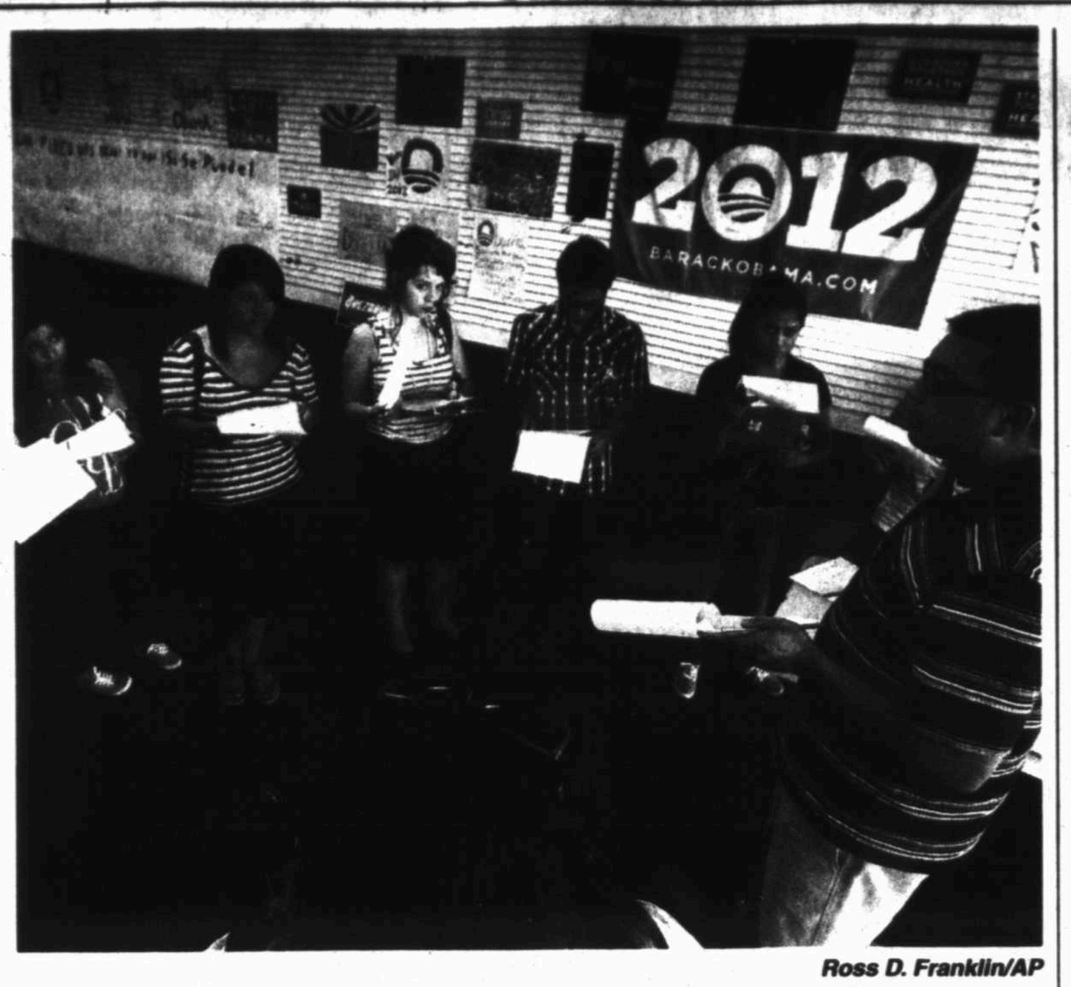

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Brian Conklin, far right, a regional campaign director for the reelection of President Barack Obama, briefs volunteers Friday about registering new voters they canvass a heavily Latino neighborhood in Phoenix. Across the country both political parties have been courting the Latino vote, the nation's fastest-growing minority group.

No one-size-fits-all approach to wooing Hispanic votes

By Jeri Clausing
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — In New Mexico, Tomasita Maestas says she will pick the presidential candidate who has the best plan to fix education and the economy.

In Arizona, Mexican immigrant Carlos Gomez backs Republican Mitt Romney because he's more conservative on social issues than his Democratic opponent.

In Miami, Colombia native Luna Lopez probably will vote for President Barack Obama now that he's decided to halt the deportation of many illegal immigrants brought to the United States as children.

The reasons that Hispanics give for choosing between Obama and Romney are just as diverse as the countries that they or their ancestors once called home, suggesting there's no one-size-fits-all approach to courting the nation's fastest-growing minority group.

The Latino vote isn't monolithic or, really, a voting bloc. It includes a range of people with varying opinions. Among them are Republican-leaning Cubans in Florida, new Mexican immigrants and longtime descendants of Spanish settlers in the Southwest, and Democratic-tilting Puerto Ricans in the East.

Immigration policy would seem to be the natural top issue for these voters, except that nearly two-thirds of Hispanics are born in the U.S. Their priorities are the same as the general population — jobs, the economy, education and health care.

"We need to see more jobs here, that's my No. 1 priority and what I want to hear about," says Stefan Gonzalez, an almost 18-year-old from Denver, whose heritage includes Spanish, Mexican and Native American roots. Gonzalez, who works in a suburban Denver pawn shop, says he plans to vote for Obama this fall.

In Albuquerque, Ernest Gurule, an 84-year-old whose ancestors settled New Mexico in 1580, says his main issue is the federal health care plan upheld by the Supreme Court last week, and that he'll back Obama in part because of it. Also, the Democrat, adds: "It's too expensive to change horses midstream."

Democrats and Republicans are in a fierce race to figure out how to best reach Hispanics.

In the short term, these voters could decide the outcome in Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Florida and elsewhere. The long-term stakes are even bigger because Hispanics are projected to account for roughly 30 percent of the population by 2050, doubling in size and, potentially changing the national political landscape.

Like most minorities, Hispanics traditionally have leaned Democratic. But a recent Pew Research poll indicates that Hispanics also are the fastest-growing group of independent voters, with 46 percent now shunning a party label compared with 31 percent six years ago. Such results only underscore how diverse Hispanics are and the challenges for the political parties.

"It is going to be a very hard fight to win," says Jennifer Korn, the executive director of the Republican-based Hispanic Leadership Network, which was established to help bring more Hispanic voters to the GOP. "The more they assimilate, the more sophisticated they become and that's when they start dividing between parties."

For now at least, Obama and his Democrats have an advantage, with the latest polls showing 65 percent of Hispanics back Obama and 25 percent back Romney.

The Democrats' campaign has worked to keep that edge, helped by Obama's new immigration policy and the Supreme Court's decision to side with the administration on most of an Arizona law that many immigrants viewed as overly harsh.

His campaign has spent the past year setting up offices with grassroots outreach to Hispanic communities in the Southwest, as well as in important states such as Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Florida.

Mindful of the diversity among Hispanics, Obama has custom-tailored his outreach, including tweaking Spanish dialect for different regions.

For instance, in Florida the campaign has two distinct outreach plans. One focuses on Cuban-Americans in Miami who tend to lean Republican and are less concerned about immigration; the other speaks to traditionally Democratic Puerto Ricans, who are U.S. citizens from birth, as well as new immigrants from Central America.

Obama also has promoted the new health law, which can resonate in states such as New Mexico, which has one of the highest rates of uninsured in the country.

Romney has plenty of ground to make up after a bruising primary season filled with tough rhetoric that even Republicans acknowledge turned off many Hispanics. He recently established a Hispanic advisory group that includes top elected Republican Hispanics.

During the primaries, the former Massachusetts governor pledged to veto legislation, known as the DREAM Act, that would give a path to citizenship to young immigrants who came to the United States illegally as children but have since attended school or served in the military. He has since toned down his anti-immigration stance, which included self-deportation, telling a Hispanic leadership gathering in the Orlando area that he would address illegal immigration "in a civil but resolute manner."

Alexandra Franceschi, a spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee's Hispanic effort, made clear that the GOP outreach will focus broadly on the economy. "Hispanics are Americans and are facing the same issues as everyone else, chronically high unemployment, lower pay and rising health care costs," she said.

Republicans have noted that under Obama, the Hispanic unemployment rate is higher than the national average. And Hispanics' median household income fell 7 percent between 2000 and 2010, from $43,100 to $40,000, according to the Pew Hispanic Center.

What drives Hispanics to vote depends on who's asked.

Lopez, a 20-year-old new citizen and college student from Colombia, cites Obama's policy shift on deportation as reason she's likely to pick him when she casts her first vote in the country.

"The issue didn't directly affect me, but I have many family members and friends who it did," she said.

In Arizona, Gomez, a 43-year-old priest who immigrated to Phoenix 15 years ago, backed Obama's policy change. But Gomez says immigration isn't his priority because "immigrants will continue coming across the border no matter what we do." He says he's voting for Romney because, like him, the Republican opposes gay marriage and abortion rights.

In Albuquerque, Maestas, a 37-year-old mother and office manager, is focused intently on pocketbook issues. Immigration, she says, is only important to "a certain point" because "If you can't take care of your own, how are you going to take care of others?"

Teen found dead in back of Fort Worth home

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Police say a 17-year-old girl was found dead near the back door of a home in Fort Worth.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office said Claudia Hidic of Fort Worth had been shot in the head.

Samira Hidic, her older sister, said the family doesn't know what happened but they are grieving for the youth she described as "bighearted and beautiful."

The younger Hidic had recently completed her junior year at Trinity High School in Euless.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that a man who lives at the house called 911 when he found Hidic's body Thursday night. He told police he did not know her.

Police said the body was facedown near the back door, which appeared to have been kicked in.

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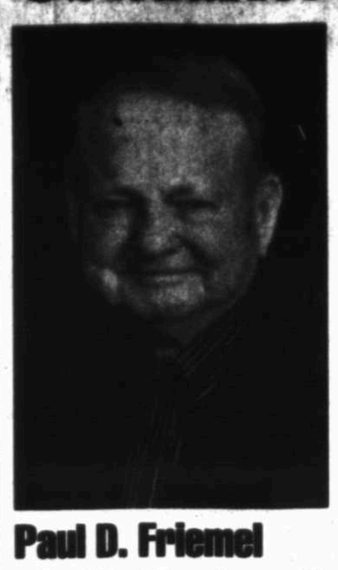

Paul D. Friemel

Paul D. Friemel, age 77, passed away on Friday, June 29, 2012. Born in Wilson, TX, on October 23, 1934, he was the son of Alfred A. Friemel and Annie Schram Friemel. Mr. Friemel graduated from University of Texas with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He had worked for Union Oil in California and was an independent oil operator. A 6 year resident of Boerne, he was a member of First Baptist Church. Preceded in death by his parents, Paul is survived by his wife of 54 yrs., Mary; sons, Paul D. Friemel, II and wife, Cindy, Barry H. Friemel and wife, Karen; grandchildren, Matthew Ryan Friemel, Michael Christopher Friemel, Amanda Margaret Friemel, and Laura Mary Friemel; sister, Hilda Mary Coldewey; brother, Marvin Friemel. Visitation will be on Sunday, July 1, 2012 at Vaughan's Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Funeral Service will be Monday, July 2, at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Boerne. Interment will be at the Rogers Cemetery at 4:30 p.m. in Rogers, TX. To leave a message for the family, please visit www.vaughanfuneralhome.com Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Vaughan's Funeral Home of Boerne.

Cameron Wayne Neff

Cameron Wayne Neff, 33, of Midland passed away on Thursday, June 28, 2012. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 10:00AM at Crestview Baptist Church with Dr. John Gerlach officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Cameron was born on December 10, 1978 to Linda Chandler and Wayne Neff in Orange County, California. He married Corina Pilfold on February 22, 2001 in Las Vegas, NV.

Cameron loved life and always wanted to have a good time. He was a very hard worker and enjoyed working on the oilrigs for Mattlock Drilling Inc. His biggest hobby was working on his trucks. He loved to be with his family and hanging out with his friends. The party never started until they heard the laugh of Cameron coming through the doors. His biggest pride and joy in life was being a husband to Corina and being a father to his 3 girls.

He is survived by his wife Corina Neff of Midland; 3 daughters, Cailey, Camille, and Cadence all of Midland; mother, Linda Chandler of Baird; 2 brothers, Casey Burford and Carter Burford; and sister, Carian Johnson.

He is preceded in death by his dad, Wayne Neff and brother Cable Neff.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Neff family at Heritage USA FCU Account #31457.

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

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Death Notices

Consuelo Acosta

Consuelo Acosta, 76, of Andrews passed away Saturday, June 30, 2012 at Home Hospice House in Odessa, Texas.

Funeral services 4:00 p.m. Monday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews. Burial in Andrews North Cemetery directed by McNett Funeral Home.

Preceded by parents, Tomas and Luz Vasquez; sisters, Elisa Quintela, Benita Baeza; and brother Martin Vasquez.

Survivors: Brothers, Roberto Vasquez of Andrews; Juan De Dios Vasquez of Andrews; sisters Margarita Montoya of Andrews and Cruz Salazar of Andrews; several nieces and nephews.

Ira E. Boyd

Irá E. Boyd, 65, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 30, 2012 at Odessa Regional Hospital. Funeral services 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Spring Creek Fellowship. Burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors: Wife Tonya Boyd, of Big Spring; sons: Gary (Patricia) Boyd of Big Spring, Master Gunnery Sgt Bryan (Kim) Boyd of Jacksonville, N.C. and Shawn (Jennifer) Boyd of Big Spring; brothers: Marvin (Shirley) Boyd and Martin Boyd, all of Big Spring; 9 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, several nieces and nephews.

Preceded by father Alvin Boyd; mother Edith Gary; stepfather Louis Gary; sister Malinda Feek and niece Melinda Boyd.

Arrangements by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Tax on Amazon purchases begins

Texans shopping on Amazon.com started paying state and local sales taxes Sunday.

Under a deal with Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, the online retail giant began collecting sales taxes July 1 on purchases from Texas.

Amazon has also promised 2,500 new jobs for the state and $200 million in capital investment over four years.

Before the deal struck in April, Texas store owners had complained that Internet retailers have an unfair price advantage because they are not required to collect state sales tax.

An Amazon spokesman wrote in an email to the Austin American Statesman that "Amazon customers in Texas will see the appropriate sales taxes (automatically) applied to their order when they proceed to check out."

HOUSTON

Man fleeing police dies in car crash

A man fleeing police was killed in southwest Houston after the car he was driving crashed.

The impact threw the man from the vehicle around 2 a.m. Saturday.

Houston police said they initially began following the car when then they picked up a LoJack signal, which is usually transmitted from stolen cars armed with the tracking system.

The Houston Chronicle reported that the accident occurred when the man sped away, tried to make a U-turn and the car struck a median, flipping several times.

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Scientists sort out beetle-fire relationship

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Inside university laboratories and government research facilities across the country, scientists are playing with dozens of variables — mixing and matching and rearranging — to gain a better understanding of what makes wildfire go.

They're busy building computer models as firefighters toil on steep mountainsides to put out more than a dozen new blazes in what has already become a vicious summer of destruction.

Colorado is having its worst fire season in a decade, while New Mexico is recovering from two record fires — one that charred more than 465 square miles and another that destroyed more than 240 homes.

The experts all agree: The dry conditions and strong winds are driving this year's super fires.

So what happens when researchers add to their formulas the devastation caused during the last 15 years by an epidemic of hungry bark beetles? The tiny insects have turned more than 40 million acres of the nation's forests into an unsightly patchwork of red and gray death.

"We've always had bark beetle infestations, but we've never had anything that's been so widespread and spread so quickly," said Tom Tidwell, chief of the U.S. Forest Service. "The only place it's really starting to slow down is just where we're starting to run out of trees."

From Colorado's resort towns of Vail and Aspen to mountain communities in Wyoming, Idaho and Montana, local leaders are worried about fires burning hotter and faster due to the beetle kill.

Some of this year's fires have already burned through areas affected by the native insects, but fire behavior analysts and researchers say the result isn't always a hotter, more severe fire. Sometimes it is.

With the ingredients of topography, fuels and weather always changing, the beetle effect comes partly down to timing. Then there's the species of beetle (there are 15 in the West), the type of trees being attacked and the intensity and rate of tree mortality.

"It just isn't anything that's straight forward," Tidwell said.

Peter Fule, a forestry professor at Northern Arizona University, ticked off a list of factors. "This is one of the big problems with trying to assess fuel hazards and how dangerous the potential really is for fire," he said.

In some circles, the thought is that fire danger is highest when beetle-killed trees still have their red needles. These fine fuels add to the probability of crown fires, which are the most difficult to suppress.

A study released last year by U.S. Forest Service ecologist Matt Jolly showed that the needles of beetle-killed trees contain 10 times less moisture and a different chemical makeup than healthy trees. That means the red needles can ignite three times faster and burn more intensely than healthy trees.

Yet, another study done by ecologists at the University of Wisconsin found that a beetle-damaged stand of trees will probably not burn any more intensely than a green stand under intermediate weather conditions. Their modeling showed insects and fire are linked, but that one doesn't cause the other.

The standing gray skeletons that are left a few years after a beetle infestation are less of a problem. But once they fall, they add to the fuels on the forest floor, again becoming a concern for land managers and firefighters.

Some researchers say the fallen trees actually decompose faster, lessening the length of time the debris can influence fire behavior.

Annual aerial surveys done by the U.S. Forest Service show the number of new acres being attacked by beetles has actually decreased overall from a peak of 8.8 million in 2009 to 3.8 million last year. However, there are pockets in some parts of the West where beetle infestations continue to accelerate.

The federal government is spending about $100 million a year as part of its five-year strategy for tackling the beetle kill. It includes reducing the danger of falling trees along roadways, trails and in campgrounds as well as thinning and insect control projects, particularly in watersheds and areas that are becoming more populated. Part of the plan also includes trying to make forests more diverse in terms of tree species and ages to avoid the mass die-offs such as those happening in lodgepole pine and spruce forests in the Rockies and Canada.

The goal is to treat more than 2.5 million acres over five years. However, that's only a fraction of the landscape that has been devastated by beetles in just the last few years.

Like fire, the beetles are feeding on the inability of trees to overcome the stress of a worsening drought and intense competition for resources that results from decades of fire suppression.

"These are native beetles," said Robert Mangold, the U.S. Forest Service's director of forest health protection. "We are not trying to log our way out of this. We are not trying to eradicate these beetles. We are living with them, but when they exceed the normal level of activity, we try to mitigate."

Mangold said a changing climate has resulted in mild winters, which have failed to keep beetle populations in check in the north. There are also signs the insects are moving up in elevation and attacking Whitebark and other pine species that usually don't have to contend with the pests.

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Melissa Mgana kisses her young daughter Sofia, 5, as she surveys what is left of their home Sunday in the Mountain Shadows subdivision of Colorado Springs, Colo., after the Waldo Canyon fire ravaged the neighborhood. Her husband, Immanuel, had been deployed in the army in East Africa but was allowed to return home when he got word of the damage. So far, the blaze, now 45 percent contained, has damaged or destroyed nearly 350 homes.

Residents tour Colo. blaze devastation

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Melted bowling balls in the front yard were among the strange sights that met C.J. Moore upon her return Sunday to her two-story home, now reduced to ashes by the worst wildfire in Colorado history.

"You wouldn't think bowling balls would melt," she told The Associated Press by phone from the scene in her Mountain Shadows neighborhood, where she was among residents who were allowed temporary visits to areas most affected by the fire.

More than a week after it sparked on June 23, the Waldo Canyon fire was still being attacked by some 1,500 personnel. But crews working grueling shifts through the hot weekend made progress against the 26-square-mile fire, and authorities said they were confident they finally had built good fire lines in many areas to stop the spread of the flames.

So far, the blaze, now 45 percent contained, has damaged or destroyed nearly 350 homes.

It was just one of several still burning in the West, where parched conditions and searing heat contributed to the woes facing crews on hundreds of square miles across Utah, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho.

In Colorado Springs, a line of cars a mile long queued up at a middle school checkpoint, where police checked the identification of returning residents and handed them water bottles.

While searching for her great-grandmother's cast-iron skillets, Moore marveled at the juxtaposition of what burned and what hadn't. The bowling balls had been garden decorations.

"To find my mail in my mailbox, unscathed. It's just unreal. Unreal," she said. "Bird baths are fine. Some of the foliage is fine."

Three neighbors' homes were unscathed. Only concrete remained of other homes, including hers. Cars were burned to nothing but charred metal.

"Good Lord! I've never seen anything like this. And thank God there was nobody there. Thank God there were no people here. There would have been no hope," Moore said.

Not far away, Bill Simmons and his wife, Debbie Byes, returned to their tri-level, passive-solar stucco home and found no damage — just some ashes in the driveway.

"The water and electric's back on. You know, we're good to go. We're feeling pretty happy about it at the moment," Simmons said by phone. "We're feeling pretty sad for our neighbors and pretty lucky for ourselves. It's been a real sobering experience."

Authorities said they would lift more evacuation orders Sunday night, bringing the total number of people who remain blocked from their homes down to 3,000 from more than 30,000 at the peak of the fire.

Rich Harvey, incident commander for Waldo Canyon, said crews continue to make good progress.

"We're cautiously optimistic," he said Sunday morning. "We still remain focused on things that could go wrong."

Authorities are still trying to determine the cause of the fire, which so far has cost $8.8 million to battle. Dangerous conditions had kept them from beginning their inquiry, but investigators were able to start their work on Saturday.

More than 150 National Guard soldiers and airmen helped Colorado Springs police staff roadblocks and patrol streets.

A "bear invasion" confronted a few mountain enclaves west of Colorado Springs. The scent of trash had enticed black bears pushed out of their usual forest habitat by fire.

People who left in a hurry didn't take typical precautions to secure household trash against wildlife, said El Paso County Sheriff's Lt. Jeff Kramer.

"So that's become an attraction for the bears," Kramer said.

State game officials were trying to shoo the bears out, he said, and Dumpsters were stationed to help volunteers and returning homeowners throw stuff out. Kramer didn't know how many bears were causing problems.

Among the fires elsewhere in the West:

■ Utah: Fire commanders say Utah's largest wildfire has consumed more than 150 square miles and shows no sign of burning itself out. Hundreds of firefighters are trying to hold the Clay Springs fire from advancing on the ranching towns of Scipio and Mills on the edge of Utah's west desert. The fire has destroyed one summer home and threatens 75 others. The fire was 48 percent contained Sunday.

■ Montana: Crews in eastern Montana strengthened fire lines overnight on a 246-square-mile complex of blazes burning about 10 miles west of Lame Deer. More than 500 firefighters are now at the lightning-caused fires that started Monday and have destroyed more than 30 structures.

■ Wyoming: A wind-driven wildfire in a sparsely populated area of southeastern Wyoming was burning across more than 100 square miles.

■ Idaho: Firefighters in eastern Idaho had the 1,038-acre Charlotte fire 80 percent contained Sunday but remained cautious with a forecast of high winds and hot temperatures that could put hundreds of homes at risk.

■ Colorado: The last evacuees from the High Park Fire in northern Colorado have been allowed to return home as crews fully contained the blaze. The 136-square-mile fire killed one resident and destroyed 259 houses, a state record until the fire near Colorado Springs.

Wildfire nears Carlbad Caverns

CALSBAD, N.M. — A wildfire burning on the western border of Carlsbad Caverns National Park has grown to 4,000 acres.

Fire officials said Sunday that the blaze was sparked Friday by lightning in the Lincoln National Forest around the New Mexico-Texas state line.

A helicopter battling the declining Little Bear Fire was diverted Saturday to the new fire which is at 0 percent containment.

The Horse Canyon Fire is near the area burned in the Last Chance Fire in spring in 2011.

Officials said the fire is about five miles southeast of Queen and about a mile from the Carlsbad Caverns National Park boundary.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

July 4

■ 50th annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m., Centennial Plaza

■ 2012 Star Spangled Salute, 6 p.m., Centennial Plaza. Includes kids zone, fireworks, entertainment, food and beverages for sale.

Community calendar

■ West Texas Livestock and Range Conference is set for 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. July 17 at Glasscock County Community Center in Garden City. It is being presented by the Texas AgriLife Extension services of Midland, Ector, Martin, Glasscock, Howard, Upton and Reagan counties.

The conference includes visits to three area ranches, a panel discussion and five sessions. Topics of the sessions are brush and weed management chemicals; balancing weed control while restocking herd; rangeland ecology and management; herd health and management; and laws and regulations governing pesticides.

Registration fee is $25 before July 10 and $35 after July 10. Lunch is included.

For more information or to register, call 686-4700 or mail registration to Glasscock County CEA-AGNR, PO Box 299, Garden City, TX 79739.

■ Greg Hall, the engineer who helped rescue the 33 Chilean miners in August 2010, is the featured speaker at this year's Center for Children and Families' annual "Evening with ..."

The event is July 20 at the Horseshoe. It will include dinner, live and silent auctions, a raffle and the opportunity to attend a question-and-answer session with Hall, a Texas A&M University graduate who is president of Drillers Supply International in Cypress.

For information on tickets and sponsorships, contact Mary Macferran at 570-1084 or mmacferran@centerswesttexas.org.

Water worries

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

Recent usage totals:
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Wednesday: 17,163,000
Tuesday: 14,913,000
June 25: 17,146,000
June 24: 15,776,000
June 23: 15,772,000
June 22: 17, 752
June 21: 19, 152,000

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Today in history

Today is Monday, July 2, the 184th day of 2012. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

On this date:

In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.)

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

In 1962, the first Walmart store (called "Wal-Mart Discount City") was opened in Rogers, Ark., by Sam Walton and his brother, James.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress.

In 1978, Andy Rooney delivered his first commentary on CBS' "60 Minutes" in which he criticized people who keep track of traffic fatalities on holiday weekends.

In 1997, actor James Stewart died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 89.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush commuted the sentence of former aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, sparing him a 2 1/2-year prison term in the CIA leak case.

Today's birthdays: Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, is 65. Actress-model Jerry Hall is 56. Actress Lindsay Lohan is 26.

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VOTE

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they've found that historically it's the candidates and their efforts that will cause the most participation.

Midland's highest runoff election turnout in recent years occurred in 2004 when there was a railroad commission seat open. In that year, about 4.68 percent of Midland residents voted in the runoff, according to the Midland County Elections Office.

Still, the county hasn't seen more than 5 percent of voters return for a runoff in nearly the last decade.

During this year's primary, there were 70,012 individuals registered to vote in Midland, according to the Midland County Elections Office.

Those who've moved since the primary can change their address through today or they can return to their previous voting precinct to cast a ballot during the runoff.

Anyone who's not sure if they're registered can check their status at http://www.votexas.org. Forms to register to vote also are available there.

Early voting begins July 23 and the primary is July 31.

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More nuanced view of Roberts emerges after health care ruling

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice John Roberts could have taken down the entire, massive health care law that his fellow Republicans deride as "Obamacare." He could have prevented the Supreme Court decision that largely disabled the most disputed aspects of Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigrants.

He didn't do either, and in the process surprised (or dismayed) longtime court observers of every political stripe.

Those two outcomes in the finals days of his seventh year on the court offer some clues for reassessing what kind of chief justice Roberts is and intends to be. Is he no longer the rock-ribbed conservative loved by supporters and jeered by opponents? Has he become a pragmatic leader mindful of the court's place in history? Is he more canny, but still solidly conservative?

The measure of a justice is best taken after decades of service, rather than a few years. At age 57, Roberts could lead the court for another quarter-century.

But at the very least, the end of the Roberts Court's most consequential term already is leading to revised, and in some cases more nuanced, appraisals of his leadership.

Erwin Chemerinsky, a liberal scholar who is dean of the law school at the University of California at Irvine, announced that the era of the Roberts Court had begun. "He authored the opinion in the most important case in his seven years on the court, and did so against what was expected," Chemerinsky said.

In truth, Roberts' vote to uphold President Barack Obama's health care law was not so much a surprise.

He long had been counted among the possible votes to uphold the law. But it was widely assumed that if Roberts ultimately voted for it, so too would Anthony Kennedy, most often the decisive vote in closely fought cases. It was only the second time in his tenure that Roberts provided the deciding vote for the side favored by the court's liberals.

Up until now, it had been the Kennedy Court, Chemerinsky said. "This year, it was the Roberts Court."

Had Roberts gone the other way, the court would have wiped away the entire health care overhaul, which is the outcome embraced by dissenting Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Kennedy.

Instead, he said the individual insurance requirement at the heart of the law could be upheld as a tax. At the same time, he rejected administration arguments that the mandate was justified by the Constitution's clause giving Congress power over interstate commerce, which has been the authority for most federal programs since the New Deal.

Some legal scholars suggest Roberts produced an essentially conservative opinion with a liberal outcome.

Neal Katyal, the former acting solicitor general who argued the Obama administration's side in the health care cases in several appeals courts, said that Roberts' majority opinion opened the door to potentially important changes in the law that could restrict federal power as it has been understood since the New Deal.

Ilya Somin, a George Mason University law professor, said on the Volokh Conspiracy legal blog that the health care case "gives supporters of limits on federal power some useful ammunition, despite also dealing us a painful defeat."

In addition, Roberts' ruling has helped refocus the public debate over the law and gave Republican opponents ammunition for calling it a big tax increase they would try to repeal.

Just three days earlier, Roberts, joined by Kennedy this time, sided with three liberal justices in the Arizona immigration case. Justice Elena Kagan, one of the court's liberals, did not take part because of her previous involvement as solicitor general, when she was the Obama administration's top Supreme Court lawyer.

Roberts joined in every word of Kennedy's majority opinion that struck down three contentious provisions of the law, but allowed one to go forward — the requirement that police check the immigration status of people they stop for other reasons.

Roberts could have sided with the conservatives who favored allowing other provisions to take effect, but that would have left the court divided 4-4, a distasteful outcome because it amounts to a waste of the justices' time.

What's more, Roberts might have reasoned that Kagan probably would side with the other liberal justices and Kennedy in some future immigration case over similar state laws that she could take part in. Such a case down the road probably would produce an outcome similar to what the court achieved last week in the Arizona case. But if Roberts stuck with the conservative justices, that scenario would have deprived him of a chance to try to influence the majority opinion.

Yet as the court followed its usual practice of issuing a torrent of opinions just days before the justices scatter for the summer, Roberts did not exactly abandon his frequent allies on the right.

He wrote a sharp dissent from Kagan's majority opinion barring mandatory sentences of life without possibility of parole for people younger than 18. The chief justice and the other conservatives rebuffed pleas from supporters of campaign spending limits and from liberal justices to take a fresh look at the 2-year-old Citizens United decision, perhaps the most politically unpopular decision of Roberts' tenure.

The court struck down Montana's limits on corporate campaign spending because the majority, including Roberts, said the state law conflicted with the Citizens United decision.

Montana Attorney General Steve Bullock called the court just "another political body." Liberal groups bemoaned the loss of a chance to carve out state exceptions to the Citizens United ruling that unleashed a tidal wave of big money contributions during this election year.

Roberts has called for consensus in judicial decisions since he arrived at the court in September 2005. He has advocated judicial modesty, though his critics insist he himself cast that aspiration aside in Citizens United and other high-profile cases involving abortion rights, race and gun rights.

Other predictions of furious discord among the ideologically divided justices in big cases were sometimes proved wrong. The justices avoided a major confrontation over the landmark civil-rights-era Voting Rights Act in an 8-1 decision that resolved the case without reaching disputed constitutional issues.

When the court heard a dispute over congressional redistricting maps in Texas that essentially pitted Republicans against Latinos and African-Americans who argued for greater representation, the court seemed headed for its typical conservative-liberal split. Instead, 11 days after hearing arguments, the court returned a consensus, unsigned opinion that gave both sides some of what they wanted.

Paul Clement, who argued the health care, immigration and redistricting cases, said the Texas case was a remarkable accomplishment for Roberts. "It was not foreordained as a unanimous decision. One has to assume it was largely due to the leadership of the chief justice," Clement said.

So what does the future hold?

The court already has agreed to hear a challenge to the University of Texas' affirmative action program. A new case involving the Voting Rights Act and challenges to restrictions on gay marriage are close behind.

Roberts has voiced serious reservations about racial preferences in government programs. In 2007, he declared in ruling against public school system programs to promote integration that "the way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop discriminating on the basis of race."

Ben Wittes, a legal scholar at the Brookings Institution think tank in Washington, cautioned against grand re-evaluations of Roberts because of the health care case.

"Roberts is, to be sure, no shrinking violet about ideologically divided opinions when, in his view, the law compels them, but he apparently has a more flexible view than do his conservative colleagues concerning the difference for constitutional purposes between a penalty and a tax," Wittes said. "In other words, don't be too surprised if Roberts next terms looks like a conservative again. He actually did not stray very far from where the other four conservatives ended up in this case — just over a consequential line."

Roberts repeated his desire to have the court adhere to judicial modesty Thursday at the start of his health care opinion.

"We do not consider whether the act embodies sound policies. That judgment is entrusted to the nation's elected leaders. We ask only whether Congress has the power under the Constitution to enact the challenged provisions," he wrote.

Thursday's dissenters accused Roberts of "vast judicial overreaching." Several years ago, Justice Stephen Breyer said of Roberts and the other conservatives at the end of an especially contentious term with an unusually high number of 5-4 decisions that "never have so few done so much" in so little time.

Roberts has been mocked for comparing a justice to a baseball umpire calling balls and strikes.

But umpires often take it as a compliment when both teams are griping about their rulings.

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Texas DA accused of allowing killer to escape

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — Shortly after her daughter was shot to death by a former lover, Hermila Garcia remembers hearing these comforting words from the local Texas prosecutor: "I am the state. I am the law. I am going to represent and defend your daughter."

Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos' office did secure a murder conviction and 23-year prison term against Amit Livingston, but federal prosecutors allege he also orchestrated a scheme to line his own pockets that allowed Livingston to escape. Five years later, the killer remains at large.

A dozen people, half lawyers, have been indicted as part of a federal probe into what some observers call the most widespread case of judicial corruption they've ever seen. The saga has gripped the community in this southernmost tip of Texas.

Besides Villalobos, two others charged were present the day Livingston dodged prison: Abel Limas, the judge who presided over the murder trial, and Eduardo "Eddie" Lucio, a lawyer who represented the victim's children in a civil case.

"I don't know what is stronger, the pain of losing my daughter or the courage that those who mocked us have given me," Garcia said.

While Lucio and Villalobos are scheduled for trial next month, it was the case against Limas — who was convicted and awaits sentencing — that showed how deep the alleged crimes go. His indictment outlines the bribes and kickbacks exchanged for judicial discretions prosecutors say turned his courtroom into a criminal enterprise and earned him at least $257,000.

A cascade of indictments followed implicating a former state legislator, a former investigator from the prosecutor's office and most recently Villalobos. Federal wiretaps on Limas' phones intercepted some 40,000 calls, some of which have provided an ugly glimpse of justice behind closed doors where friendships and bribes among lawyers and judge sometimes tipped the scales against the legal process.

"It's been building steadily ever since the first charges came out," said Anthony Knopp, professor emeritus of history at the University of Texas-Brownsville. "I think people are even more horrified with each new accusation and revelation. It seems to be so extensive within the legal community."

Villalobos' attorney, Joel Androphy, declined to answer questions about the case before trial, which is set for Aug. 30, saying only "somebody has got some things wrong."

But many observers consider the Livingston case to be the most egregious of all. Federal prosecutors allege that Villalobos conspired with Limas and Lucio, a longtime friend and former law partner, to game the system at the expense of justice.

Limas and Villalobos were well acquainted. Villalobos was the first prosecutor assigned to his court in 2001 and later worked as his court's public defender until running for district attorney.

For their scheme to work, federal prosecutors said it involved a conspiracy among key players both in Livingston's criminal trial and the civil case against him on behalf of the three children of the murder victim, 31-year-old Hermila Hernandez. They say Villalobos set Lucio up to represent the three children, and the criminal and civil cases both landed in Limas' courtroom.

The trio's target was the $500,000 bond put up for Livingston's release before trial. To get it, they convinced Limas to convict and sentence Livingston on the same day, thereby freeing up the bond to be used as the settlement in the lawsuit.

But Limas also agreed that day to Livingston's request that he have 60 days to get his affairs in order before reporting to prison. That meant putting Livingston on the street without any bond — highly unusual for a convicted killer already sentenced to decades in prison.

Houston attorney Greg Gladden, who represented Livingston in the criminal and civil cases, said the negotiations over his client's murder plea seemed to proceed normally until Limas agreed, at Villalobos' insistence, to sentence Livingston on the same day he pleaded guilty.

"We're in chambers and the judge said, 'That's fine we'll just do the plea and we'll reset it for sentencing,'" Gladden said. "Villalobos says, 'Well, no, judge, we don't care if you want to let him turn himself in later but the family is here, the press is here, we want to get it all done now. We want you to sentence him now, and if you want to let him voluntarily surrender, we don't care about that.'"

Gladden was stunned. Livingston would be let loose for 60 days without bond on a promise he'd return to serve his sentence.

"I walked out of the courthouse wondering, you know that means the sheriff is going to have to release the bond money once the civil case is resolved and I just wonder how much of that money Villalobos is getting," Gladden said.

The answer, according to the federal indictment: $80,000. That came out of the $200,000 Lucio received in attorney's fees on the wrongful death suit. Together they kicked about $10,000 to Limas to keep him quiet, according to the indictment.

"I felt humiliated, mocked," Garcia said in Spanish recently at her home in San Juan. "Why did they mock us? Why? (Villalobos) is a cynic."

Moises Salas Jr., president of the Cameron County Bar Association, said repairing the system's image will take years.

"Down here, I think the perception has always been that the lawyers are crooked, the judges are crooked and they're all kind of watching each other's back, you know greasing the skids for each other," Salas said. "And this comes out and I think for the general public, I hear people saying, 'Well, that just confirms what we always believed.'"

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ana G. Garcia, 20, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of abandonment or endangerment of a child with the intent to return for the child.

Arnulfo Garcia Jr., 49, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a failure to appear charge.

Gregory Golden, 50, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Fernando Orozco, 43, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Police: Deputy stole panties while on duty

MORA — New Mexico State Police says a Mora County Sheriff's deputy has admitted to stealing a pair of women's panties from a home while on duty.

KRQE-TV reported that Deputy Mathew Borrego admitted to stealing the green pair of underwear after another employee spotted the panties in a patrol car.

A spokesman for the Attorney General's Office said that issue was uncovered during an investigation of Sheriff Thomas Garza.

Garza is accused of getting into a fight with another deputy last April after telling him to let a DWI suspect that he knew off the hook.

A state police spokesman said Borrego is a licensed dispatcher. The spokesman said state officials plan on sending Garza a letter saying that using Borrego as a deputy is a liability.

NEW MEXICO

Police: Women in 'trash bags' tried restaurant robbery

ALBUQUERQUE — Albuquerque police say they are searching for two women who tried to rob a Dunkin Donuts wearing trash bags.

KRQE-TV reported that the women recently walked into the doughnut shop near the University of New Mexico donning trash bags over their bodies and demanded cash.

But store owner Greg Beliveau said the cashier recognized the two women who had come in moments earlier to buy doughnuts and to borrow the cashier's phone to call a cab.

Police said the trashy would-be robbers were immediately chased out of the shop by the cashier and the woman escaped in the cab.

The cabbie later told police he kicked the women out because they didn't have any money.

No arrests have been made.

LOS ANGELES

'Ted' outstrips 'Mike' in big box-office weekend

It's both a bear and bull market for Hollywood.

The bear is "Ted," Mark Wahlberg and Seth MacFarlane's comedy for Universal Pictures about a talking teddy bear, which opened as the No. 1 movie with $54.1 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

And the bulls are baring it in the Warner Bros. release "Magic Mike," Channing Tatum and Steven Soderbergh's male-stripper tale that debuted a strong No. 2 with $39.2 million.

The two new movies were backed by a deep bench, with Pixar Animation's Disney fairy tale "Brave" holding up well at No. 3 with $34 million in its second weekend. "Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection," the latest from the dependable breadwinner for Lionsgate Films, opened solidly at No. 4 with $26.4 million.

"Ted" stars Wahlberg as a guy whose stuffed bear magically came to life when he was a boy, the two growing up together to become slacker, party-boy roommates. Writer-director MacFarlane, the creator of TV's "Family Guy," provides the voice of the bear, while "Family Guy" voice co-star Mila Kunis plays Wahlberg's girlfriend.

CHICAGO

Early full-term babies may face later school woes

Even for infants born full-term, a little more time in the womb may matter.

The extra time results in more brain development, and a study suggests perhaps better scores on academic tests, too.

Full-term is generally between 37 weeks and 41 weeks; newborns born before 37 weeks are called premature and are known to face increased chances for health and developmental problems.

The children in the study were all full-term, and the vast majority did fine on third-grade math and reading tests. The differences were small, but the study found that more kids born at 37 or 38 weeks did poorly than did kids born even a week or two later.

The researchers and other experts said the results suggest that the definition of prematurity should be reconsidered.

The findings also raise questions about hastening childbirth by scheduling cesarean deliveries for convenience — because women are tired of being pregnant or doctors are busy — rather than for medical reasons, the researchers say.

Women should "at least proceed with caution before electing to have an earlier term birth," said lead author Dr. Kimberly Noble, an assistant pediatrics professor at Columbia University Medical Center.

The study involved 128,000 New York City public school children and included a sizable number of kids from disadvantaged families. But the authors said similar results likely would be found in other children, too.

Of the children born at 37 weeks, 2.3 percent had severely poor reading skills and 1.1 percent had at least moderate problems in math. That compares to 1.8 percent and 0.9 percent for the children born at 41 weeks.

Children born at 38 weeks faced only slightly lower risks than those born at 37 weeks.

Compared with 41-weekers, children born at 37 weeks faced a 33 percent increased chance of having severe reading difficulty in third grade, and a 19 percent greater chance of having moderate problems in math.

Cliff Owen/AP

A worker clears debris from a large downed tree in Falls Church, Va., Sunday. A severe storm late Friday knocked out power to about a million residents, traffic signals and businesses in the region.

Mid-Atlantic power outages could last days

By Ben Nuckols
Associated Press

FRANCONIA, Va. — A day after seeking refuge at shopping malls and movie theaters, hoping the lights would be back on when they returned, 3 million residents faced a grim reality Sunday: stifling homes, spoiled food and a looming commute filled with knocked-out stoplights.

Two days after storms tore across the eastern U.S., power outages were forcing people to get creative to stay cool in dangerously hot weather. Temperatures approached 100 degrees in many storm-stricken areas, and utility officials said the power will likely be out for several more days.

"If we don't get power tonight, we'll have to throw everything away," Susan Fritz, a mother of three, said grimly of her refrigerator and freezer. Fritz came to a library in Bethesda, Md., so her son could do school work. She charged her phone and iPad at her local gym.

On Sunday night, federal and state officials in the mid-Atlantic region gave many workers the option of staying home today to ease congestion on the roads. Federal agencies will be open in Washington, but non-emergency employees have the option of taking leave or working from home. Maryland's governor also gave state workers wide leeway for staying out of the office.

The storm was blamed for 14 deaths, most from trees falling on homes and cars. Meanwhile, Coast Guard officials say they have suspended the search for a man who went missing early Saturday while boating during the storm off Maryland.

The bulk of the damage was in West Virginia, Washington and the capital's Virginia and Maryland suburbs. At least six of the dead were killed in Virginia, including a 90-year-old woman asleep in her bed when a tree slammed into her home. Two young cousins in New Jersey were killed when a tree fell on their tent while camping. Two were killed in Maryland, one in Ohio, one in Kentucky and one in Washington.

From Atlanta to Baltimore, temperatures approached or exceeded triple digits. Atlanta set a record with a high of 105 degrees, while the temperature hit 99 at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport just outside the nation's capital. With no air conditioning, officials urged residents to check on their elderly relatives and neighbors. It was tough to find a free pump at gas stations that did have power, and lines of cars snaked around fast-food drive-thrus.

States worked to make sure the power stayed on at water treatment plants so that people at least had clean water. Chain-saws buzzed throughout neighborhoods as utility crews scrambled to untangle downed trees and power lines. Neighbors banded together.

"Food, ice — we're all sharing," said 51-year-old Elizabeth Knight, who lives in the blue-collar Richmond suburb of Lakeside.

The Friday evening storms, a meteorological phenomenon known as a derecho, moved quickly across the region with little warning. The straight-line winds were just as destructive as any hurricane — but when a tropical system strikes, officials usually have several days to get extra personnel in place. Not so this time.

"Unlike a polite hurricane that gives you three days of warning, this storm gave us all the impact of a hurricane without any of the warning," Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

Power crews from as far away as Florida and Oklahoma were on their way to the mid-Atlantic region to help get the power back on and the air conditioners running again. Even if people have generators, the gas-run devices often don't have enough power to operate an air conditioner.

And power restoration was spotty: Several people interviewed by The Associated Press said they remained without power even though the lights were on at neighbors' homes across the street. In Maryland, Gov. O'Malley promised that he would push utility companies to get electricity restored as quickly as possible.

"No one will have his boot further up Pepco's and BGE's backsides than I will," O'Malley said Sunday afternoon, referring to the two main utilities serving Maryland.

National Guard troops were brought in to help in New Jersey and West Virginia. Crews had for the most part cleared debris from major roadways, and signals were working in many major intersections. But officials still had much work to do on secondary roads.

Sixty-year-old John Swift was content to rough it, at least for now. The Lakeside resident has a camping stove for cooking, doesn't mind cold showers and doesn't watch TV even when the power is working. He can charge his phone in his car, he said.

"It's hot, that's the biggest nuisance, the biggest concern," he said.

Forecasters warned the high temperatures put people at risk for heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The National Weather Service told people to drink plenty of fluids, and to stay in air-conditioned rooms away from direct sunlight. Some cities gave residents free admission to swimming pools.

The weather service said yet another round of thunderstorms was possible late Sunday and early Monday, threatening strong winds and hail.

Fire rescue authorities also warned people to be careful when using candles and generators to help light darkened homes. Officials already had gotten calls in Maryland about people sickened by carbon monoxide fumes from generators.

In Waldorf, Md., Charles County emergency officials handed out free 40-pound bags of ice to anyone who needed them. Among the takers was Ann Brown, 47, of Accokeek, Md., who had stayed in a hotel Saturday night because her house was without power.

She went to a cookout in Upper Marlboro, Md., on Saturday after family members decided to cook all the food in the freezer rather than let it go bad.

"Whatever they had, that's what we ate, and it was great," Brown said.

Whether she makes the commute to work today will depend entirely on how comfortable the office is.

"If they don't have power, I'm not going. But if they have power, yeah, I'm going in, to be in the air conditioning all day," she said.

A pirate-themed splash park at a recreation center in Franconia was near capacity before noon Sunday. Alan Gorowitz, 44, a civilian Pentagon employee from Springfield, brought his 5-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter. Aside from spoiled food, he said the family wasn't suffering.

"If she wants m-i-l-k, there's nothing I can do," Gorowitz said, gesturing at his daughter as she munched on pretzels. He said the family hadn't done extensive disaster preparation.

"We keep batteries, water, flashlights," Gorowitz said. "My friend across the street has the generator going today, the emergency food stocks and lots of guns. We're not quite there. I don't think we're close to having looters."

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Opinion

Bad laws may not be unconstitutional

■ Instead of bemoaning court's ruling, Republicans should provide an alternative.

JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express News

When Democratic leaders brought the Affordable Care Act down from Capitol Hill to the American people in 2009, they presented it as the legislative equivalent of the Ten Commandments — magnificent in form and faultless. It could not be changed or improved.

The Republican Study Committee prepared a report showing that GOP members of Congress had submitted 46 amendments to Obamacare, including non-controversial measures ensuring the ability of Americans to keep their existing insurance plans and to increase the amount of information available to them about the price and quality of health care. Democrats, those paragons of bipartisanship who then controlled the House and Senate, rejected every one of them.

Unlike the Ten Commandments, however, Obamacare is 2,409 pages long. While the Israelites could immediately grasp the meaning and scope of the Decalogue, former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi famously insisted that Congress had to "pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it."

On Thursday, a divided Supreme Court declared that Obamacare is "constitutional in part and unconstitutional in part." The high court majority found the health care law's central feature — the individual mandate that requires everyone to purchase a government-defined insurance policy — "cannot be upheld as an exercise of Congress' power under the Commerce Clause."

Funny, that's exactly how proponents of Obamacare justified the individual mandate. Read the law, and it explicitly describes the mandate as "commercial and economic in nature and substantially affects interstate commerce."

What you won't find the individual mandate described as — and what Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and President Obama went to great lengths to avoid referring to it as — is a tax.

Yet the Supreme Court majority upheld the individual mandate under Congress' taxing powers. Now we know: Obamacare is a tax — possibly the largest tax increase in history. Only its defenders never had the political courage or intellectual honesty to level with the American people on this $1.4 trillion point.

So one part of the law is unconstitutional under the Commerce Clause on which it is based, but constitutional under a taxing power the law never asserts. And another part of the law — the part that would have punished states for failing to comply with an expansion of Medicaid — is unconstitutional on its face.

If the majority's opinion seems confusing in its self-contradictions, it offers clarity elsewhere. Despite some popular aspects of Obamacare — pre-existing conditions, dependent coverage, lifetime limits — the law is deeply flawed, in part because Democrats rammed it through the legislative process with little consideration for its real-world impact and no consideration for transparency, truth or bipartisanship.

Bad laws, however, are not necessarily unconstitutional laws. "The Court does not express any opinion on the wisdom of the Affordable Care Act," the ruling notes. "Under the Constitution, that judgment is reserved to the people." On this point, Obamacare's harshest critics should agree.

For Republicans, simply bemoaning a Supreme Court decision they dislike won't suffice. It's incumbent on them to provide a clear health care alternative, one that empowers individual choice over government mandate, one that decreases barriers between patient and doctor rather than increasing them, and one that expands health care coverage without bankrupting the nation.

Give the people a real choice. They'll render their judgment in four months.

GUEST EDITORIAL

It's no surprise tort reform has had little impact

Austin American-Statesman

It shouldn't have surprised anyone that a new study found that tort reform didn't lower health care costs in Texas, at least health care costs associated with Medicare.

As the American-Statesman reported, a study by University of Texas law professor Charles Silver and colleagues from Northwestern University and the University of Illinois looked at Medicare spending in Texas between 2002 and 2009 and didn't find any evidence that capping medical malpractice payouts led to lower health care costs.

In 2003, voters narrowly amended the state constitution — 51.1 percent to 48.9 percent — to limit payouts in medical malpractice lawsuits. The vote was held on a Saturday in mid-September rather than the usual Tuesday in November because supporters wanted to guarantee a low turnout. It was a shameful but smart political move: Low turnout favored tort reform's passage.

Proposition 12, as the proposed amendment was known, put a $750,000 total cap on the noneconomic damages, such as pain and suffering, a jury can award a victim of medical negligence: $250,000 maximum from a doctor and $500,000 from a hospital or other medical institution. It did not limit actual damages — such as payments to cover lost wages, medical bill and disability.

We tepidly supported the proposition. After all, voters were being asked to limit their rights should they fall victim to medical error. Still, reservations noted, we crossed our fingers in the hopes the amendment would reduce medical malpractice insurance premiums.

Supporters of the amendment claimed limiting jury awards would reduce the number of lawsuits, cut the cost of doctors' malpractice insurance, increase the number of doctors practicing in Texas and lower patients' costs.

The number of malpractice lawsuits and payouts did decrease; with a $750,000 cap making litigation cost-prohibitive, how could it not? Supporters also say tort reform helped bring more doctors to Texas.

Jon Opelt, executive director of Texas Alliance for Patient Access, told Roser that tort reform can be credited for bringing nearly 5,000 more doctors to Texas than can be accounted for by population growth. Another study by Silver's group, as yet unpublished, challenges those claims, Roser reported. The number of doctors who treat patients grew more slowly after tort reform than it did before.

Tort reform may have increased the number of doctors in two high-risk areas: obstetrics and emergency room medicine. The lack of obstetricians in South Texas, allegedly driven out by generous jury awards that caused astronomical insurance rates in that part of the state, was a major argument used to win tort reform, though the number of obstetricians in other parts of the state appeared unrelated to insurance rates.

Silver's study was limited to looking at Medicare spending. Its narrow time frame includes only the reform's first few years.

The study fails to surprise because in the years and months leading up to 2003's constitutional vote, there were numerous reports contradicting claims of an out-of-control civil justice system. A 2002 survey by the State Board of Medical Examiners, which licenses Texas' physicians, showedmalpractice claims in Texas had reached a four-year low.

The idea of national limits on malpractice damages percolates in Congress. If the issue rises above a simmer, don't expect Silver's study and others like it to change the convictions of tort reformers; if anything, such studies might just deepen them.

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Roberts restrained power of the court

■ By refraining from rewriting the laws himself, chief justice allows voters, politicians to shape policy through political process.

DAVID BROOKS
N.Y. Times News Service

Washington is full of arrogant people who grab power whenever they get the chance. But there is at least one modest minimalist in town, and that's John Roberts Jr.

In his remarkable health care opinion Thursday, the chief justice of the Supreme Court restrained the power of his own institution. He decided not to use judicial power to overrule the democratic process. He decided not to provoke a potential institutional crisis. Granted, he had to imagine a law slightly different than the one that was passed in order to get the result he wanted, but Roberts' decision still represents a moment of Burkean minimalism and self-control.

Roberts and six colleagues also restrained the power of the federal government to sanction the states. And, perhaps most important, he restrained future congressional power.

Over the years, the commerce clause in the Constitution has been distorted beyond recognition, giving Congress power to regulate all manner of activity (or inactivity). Roberts redefined the commerce clause in a way that limits the power of Washington. Congress is now going to have to be very careful when it tries to use the tax code and other measures to delve into areas that have, until now, been beyond its domain.

Roberts' modest stance is generally consistent with how he has behaved over the past several years. There's been a lot of overwrought and misleading liberal commentary on the supposed ideological activism of this court. In fact, with a couple obvious exceptions, this court has been remarkably modest. According to a 2010 analysis by The Times, the Warren, Burger and Rehnquist courts overturned an average of nine laws a term, while the Roberts court has overturned an average of three laws a term.

And here's the biggest gift Roberts gave to the nation: By restraining the power of the court to shape health care policy, he opened up space for the rest of us to shape that policy through the political process. By modestly refraining from rewriting health care laws himself, he has given voters and politicians more room to be audacious.

The decision doesn't end the health care debate; it accelerates it. I spoke to some conservatives Thursday. They were disappointed by the ruling, but they were delighted with the language on the commerce clause. Most of all, they were excited about the coming political debate. They remain sure that Obamacare is a fatally unpopular and flawed Rube Goldberg device and were energized to work harder for its repeal.

I spoke to some liberals Thursday, too. It was striking how quickly their comments moved from the past to the future — to the need to ramp up the exchanges, modernize delivery systems and build on the bundling experiments.

People in both camps seem to agree: We've had a big argument about health care over the past several years, yet we haven't tackled the big issues. We haven't tackled the end-of-life issues. We haven't fixed the medical malpractice system. We are only beginning to correct the antiquated administrative systems.

Crucially, we haven't addressed the structural perversities that are driving the health care system to bankruptcy. Obamacare or no Obamacare, American health care still is distorted by the fee-for-service system that rewards quantity over quality and creates a gigantic incentive for inefficiency and waste. Obamacare or no Obamacare, the system is still distorted by the tax exclusion for employer-provided plans that prevents transparency, hides the relationship between cost and value and encourages overspending.

Liberals tend to argue that major structural changes can be made within the framework of Obamacare. Republicans tend to believe that the perverse incentives can be corrected only if we repeal Obamacare and move to a defined-benefit plan — if we get rid of the employer tax credit and give people subsidies to select their own plans within regulated markets.

Personally, I think the Republicans' defined-contribution approach is compelling. It's a potentially effective way to expand coverage while aligning incentives so that people make cost-conscious, responsible decisions. But the truth is neither I nor anybody else really knows what works. We're going to have to go through a process of discovery. We're going to have to ride the period of rapid innovation that is now under way.

Roberts has made a period of innovation and change more likely. He did it by taking the court off center stage and by letting the political process play out.

Self-restraint. It's a good thing. More people should try it.

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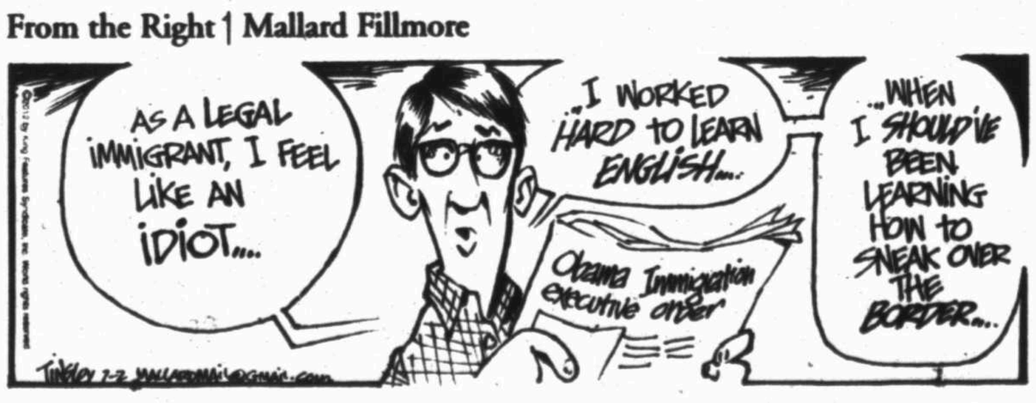

AROUNDTHEGLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IRAN

Officials acknowledge pinch of new oil sanctions

TEHRAN — As new European Union sanctions targeting Iran's vital oil industry took effect Sunday, Tehran acknowledged the measures aimed at reining in its disputed nuclear program were taking a toll. The vice president said authorities had stockpiled imported goods and hard currency to help cushion the blow to the economy.

The ban by the 27-member EU on the purchase of Iranian oil dealt the Islamic Republic its second economic setback in days, following fresh U.S. sanctions that prohibit the world's banks from completing oil transactions with Iranian banks. Combined, the measures significantly ratchet up the pressure on an Iranian economy already squeezed by previous rounds of sanctions.

"Today, we are facing the heaviest of sanctions, and we ask people to help officials in this battle," Vice President Mohammad Reza Rahimi was quoted as saying on state television's website.

He said the "dastardly sanctions" might cause "occasional confusion" in the domestic market. Iran reacted furiously when the U.S. and EU sanctions were announced, threatening to block the strategic Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway used to ship about one-fifth of the world's oil. On Sunday Iranian officials appeared to be backing away from that threat, which roiled international oil markets at the time.

NETHERLANDS

International Criminal Court turns 10

THE HAGUE — Ten years ago the treaty that created the International Criminal Court came into force, creating the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal.

But as the anniversary was marked Sunday, allegations of state-sponsored atrocities in Syria are piling up and the court stands powerless to intervene, while the first person it indicted, Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony, is still at large and his brutal militia, the Lord's Resistance Army, continues its reign of terror.

The court's founding treaty, the Rome Statute, came into force July 1, 2002. It says the Hague-based tribunal is "determined to put an end to impunity for the perpetrators" of atrocities.

Ad hoc tribunals set up to prosecute the perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity in individual conflicts such as the wars in the former Yugoslavia and Sierra Leone have succeeded in putting on trial the most senior political and military leaders — from Radovan Karadzic to Charles Taylor. But the permanent ICC has so far started just three trials and convicted only one person, Congolese warlord Thomas Lubanga.

Experts say give it time: The U.N.'s Yugoslav war crimes tribunal also started off prosecuting minor suspects and took more than a decade to get its hands on the likes of Karadzic and former Bosnian Serb military chief Ratko Mladic who are now standing trial in The Hague.

JOHANNESBURG

Texas student attacked by chimp improves

Doctors are reporting improvement in the condition of an American graduate student attacked by chimps he was studying in South Africa.

In a statement, Mediclinic Nelspruit said Andrew F. Oberle, who had been in critical condition since Thursday's attack, was stable enough Sunday for doctors to bring him into the operating room to clean and stitch his multiple bites and attend to fractures and other injuries.

Oberle remains in intensive care, but is no longer in critical condition.

Two chimpanzees at the Jane Goodall Institute Chimpanzee Eden in eastern South Africa pulled Oberle under a fence into their enclosure.

Oberle, 26, is studying anthropology at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He was on his second study visit to the sanctuary for abused and orphaned chimpanzees.

ENGLAND

Sex grooming cases spark racial tensions

ROCHDALE — Roughly a dozen other cases of Asian Muslim men accused of grooming young white girls for sex are slowly moving to trial across northern England, involving up to several hundred girls in all.

In today's Britain, which prides itself on being a tolerant and integrated society, the case has stripped away the skin to expose the racial sores festering beneath. It is also feeding an already raw anger against the country's Asian Muslim minority, in a movement led by far right groups at a time when the economy is stalled.

Mexico old ruling party leads in early exit polls

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Presidential candidate Enrique Pena Nieto led Mexico's elections with about 40 percent of the vote, exit polls showed Sunday, signaling a return of his long-ruling party to power after a 12-year hiatus.

Conservative National Action Party candidate Josefina Vazquez Mota conceded almost immediately, saying none of the exit polls favor the first woman candidate for a major party in Mexico. Her party held the presidency for 12 years after kicking out Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, in 2000.

But she garnered little more than 23 percent in exit polls released by Milenio and TV Azteca networks. Former Mexico City Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has about 30 percent of the vote.

The PRI held a strong lead throughout the campaign. The party, voted out of the presidency in 2000 after 71 years in power, also appeared likely to retake at least a plurality in the two houses of Congress and some governorship.

"Enrique Pena Nieto appears to be accomplishing what many thought would never happen again: the return of a strong and dynamic PRI," said Eric Olson of the Washington-based Mexico Institute. "The question: How will they govern?"

The party has been bolstered by voter fatigue with a sluggish economy and the sharp escalation of a drug war that has killed roughly 50,000 Mexicans over the past six years. The desire for change suddenly works to benefit the PRI, which ran Mexico from 1929 to 2000, and many see their victory as inevitable.

At the PRI headquarters in Mexico City, a party atmosphere was building as sound technicians, waiters and an army of reporters waited in a large white tent in the party complex patio.

"If I vote for someone else, it's still a vote for Pena Nieto. We know he's going to win," said Marma Teresa Alva Cornejo, 60, a housewife in Mexico City. "I hope he does things well."

There were very few reports of problems, though some polling stations ran out of ballots and at least nine people are arrested in the southern state of Chiapas for trying to pass ballots pre-marked the PRI.

Interior Secretary Alejandro Poire said that across the country federal security forces were working closely with local and state authorities, as well as electoral officials, to guard the peace during the vote.

Christian Palma/AP

Presidential candidate Enrique Pena Nieto, of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), greets supporters Wednesday as he campaigns in Toluca, Mexico. The former ruling PRI, led by telegenic former Mexico State Gov. Enrique Pena Nieto, holds a strong lead in the race.

Sergio Ortega, a 31 year old businessman from the city of Guadalajara, said he would vote against Pena Nieto to try to prevent return of the PRI.

"He had too much favoritism. They played many tricks," Ortega said.

Pena Nieto has cast himself as a pragmatic economic moderate in the tradition of the last three PRI presidents. He has called for greater private investment in Mexico's state-controlled oil industry, and has said he will try to reduce violence by attacking crimes that hurt ordinary citizens while deemphasizing the pursuit of drug kingpins.

The 45-year-old Pena Nieto, who is married to a soap opera star, also has been dogged by allegations that he overspent his $330 million campaign funding limit and has received favorable coverage from Mexico's television giant, Televisa.

University students launched a series of anti-Pena Nieto marches in the final weeks of the campaign, arguing that his party hasn't changed since its days in power.

Pena Nieto says his party has abandoned the heavy-handed ways of the past and will govern in an open and pluralistic manner, and many say the PRI would not be able to re-impose its once near-total control even if it wanted to because of changes in society, the judiciary and Congress.

"The context has changed dramatically," said Rodrigo Salazar, a professor at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences in Mexico City. "Society isn't the same. It's a very critical society, a very demanding society, with a strong division of powers."

All of the parties were accusing rivals of emulating the traditional PRI tactic of offering voters money, food or benefits in return for votes. Lopez Obrador's Democratic Revolution Party says Pena Nieto's campaign has handed supporters prepaid money cards worth nearly $5.2 million.

"Where do they get so many resources to conduct the PRI campaign, so many billboards?" asked voter Marilu Carrasco, a 57-year-old actress who was lined up to cast her vote for Lopez Obrador in southern Mexico City's Copilco neighborhood. The PRI's return to the presidency "could be the worst thing that could happen to us," Carrasco said.

PRI activists, meanwhile, had published photographs of truckloads of handouts they say were given out by Democratic Revolution backers.

But electoral officials have repeatedly insisted that outright fraud is almost impossible under the country's elaborate, costly electoral machinery.

Lopez Obrador, 58, was a center-leftist as Mexico City mayor and pioneered some programs that Pena Nieto emulated in the neighboring State of Mexico, such as local pensions for the elderly. But he alienated many voters with his refusal to recognize the narrow victory of National Action's Felipe Calderon in 2006, declaring himself "legitimate president" and mounting protests that gridlocked much of the capital for weeks.

He remained confident Sunday. "We are going to win the election," Lopez Obrador said before voting in southern Mexico City. "Tonight, there will be a national civic celebration."

"Mexico is no longer for moving backward," he said. "People want a real change."

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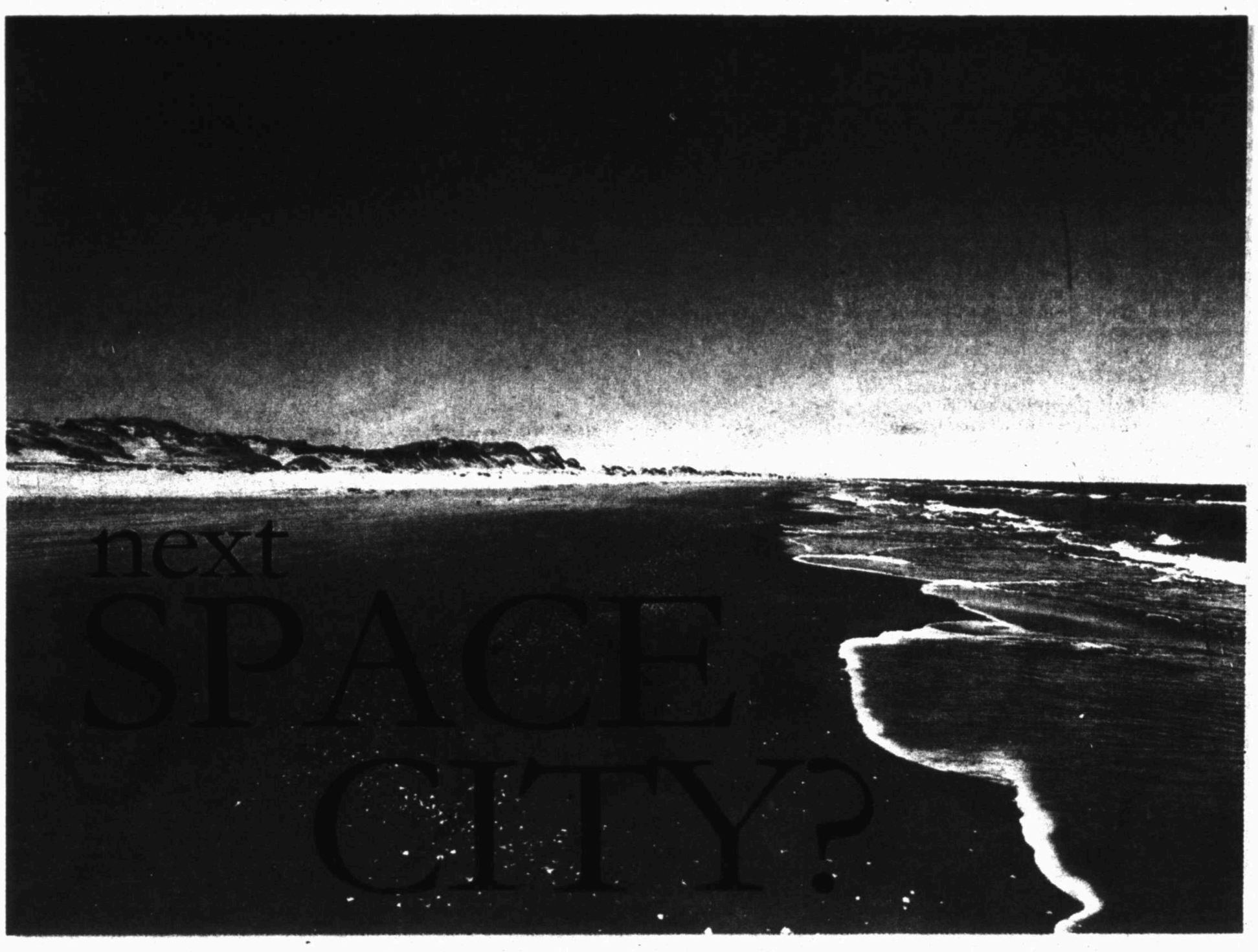

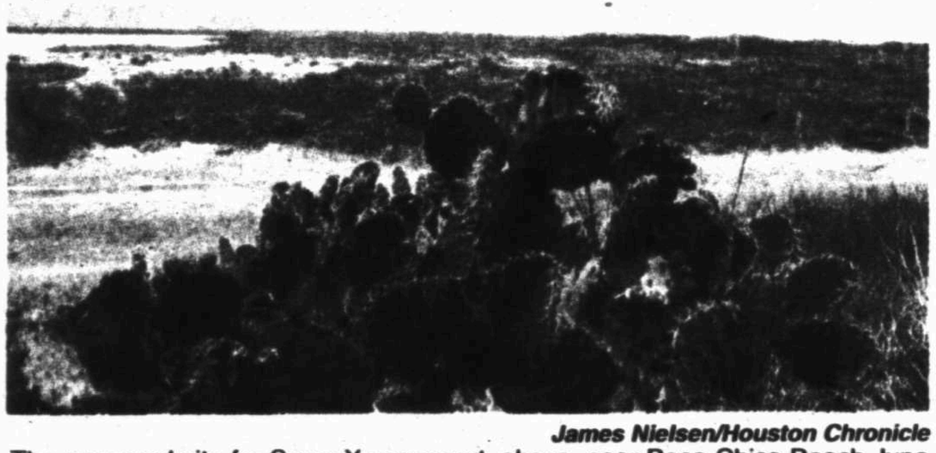

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The proposed site for SpaceX spaceport, above, near Boca Chica Beach June 19 in Brownsville. BOTTOM RIGHT This is an artist rendering from Space X of a proposed spaceport at Boca Chica Beach in Cameron, County near Brownsville.

Terry Heaton left in photo at top left, and his wife Bonnie Heaton, are residents of Kopernik Shores neighborhood near Boca Chica Beach. They stand in front of the main street in the neighborhood near the proposed site for SpaceX spaceport in Brownsville on June 19. The Heatons are opposed to the proposed spaceport. LEFT CENTER Judy Stanley, a resident of Kopernik Shores neighborhood, stands in front of her home near the proposed site for SpaceX spaceport. Stanley also is opposed to the proposed spaceport. LEFT BELOW Twelve-year-old Marissa Warren left, her great-aunt, Celia Garcia, center and her grandmother, Elida Garcia, stand in front of Elida Garcia's second home in the Kopernik Shores neighborhood near the proposed site for SpaceX spaceport June 20. The three are all opposed to the proposed spaceport.

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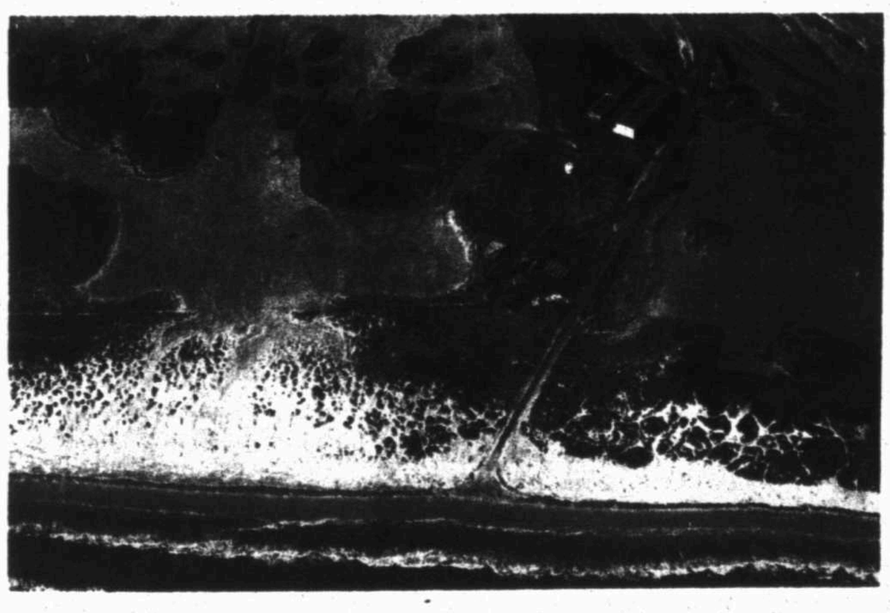

Not everyone wants spaceport

By Tony Freemantle
Houston Chronicle

BOCA CHICA BEACH — Schemes, dreams and sheer folly are buried beneath the shifting sands of Boca Chica Beach.

For more than 100 years people have tried to coax a fortune from this desolate, wildly beautiful stretch of South Texas coast that begins at the Brownsville Ship Channel and ends at the mouth of the Rio Grande. Some saw golf courses and resorts, marinas and cabins on the beach; some saw mineral wealth, ports and military power.

None who were lured into Boca Chica's seductive web, however, has succeeded. The beach swallowed their roads and parking lots, their plans and their dreams. Hurricanes blew away their buildings. All that remains are a few hardy settlers warily eying the next one to try his luck.

That would be Elon Musk, a pioneer of online commerce, a builder of super-expensive electric sports cars, an audacious dot.com millionaire and the verifiable leader in the race to commercialize space travel who thinks the splendid isolation of Boca Chica is a good place to launch his rockets.

But that isolation — as well as the fishing — is precisely why Terry Heaton, a retiree from Wisconsin, chose to live here, and the main reason why he doesn't want it disturbed by the roar of rockets heading for the stars, the rumble of trucks helping them do it, or the "gawkers" who turn out to see it happen.

Heaton, his wife, Bonnie, and four other families are the permanent residents of Kopernik Shores (which they call Boca Chica Village), a subdivision of small 1960s ranch houses two miles away from where Musk's company, SpaceX, plans to build a launch pad if everything falls into place.

If it does, and Musk chooses Boca Chica Beach over sites in Florida and Puerto Rico for his spaceport, Heaton thinks he actually may be able to succeed where others have failed.

"Everybody else has relied on people to come out here and support their developments," Heaton said. "Rocket man is not relying on anybody except for his own business and the U.S. government."

There is not much opposition to be found to a spaceport rising from the dunes and marshes at Boca Chica Beach. At a public meeting called by the Federal Avi-

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Powerful interests with stake in status quo keep Mexico from getting ahead

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

QUERETARO, Mexico — At a modern factory set amid cactus fields in this central Mexican city, workers wielding pneumatic tools carefully attach rudders, elevators and horizontal stabilizers to the aft fuselages of state-of-the-art jets.

The plant, owned by Canada's Bombardier Aerospace, the world's third-largest civil aircraft manufacturer, embodies Mexico's growing industrial prowess and a vision of its future — prosperous and modern, where workers and their families enjoy a standard of living befitting one of the world's most populous countries, sitting next door to the world's largest economic power.

But the image is far from the Mexico of today, and many here now wonder if it will ever be the Mexico of tomorrow.

Twelve years ago, Mexicans thought their country had been given a fresh start . For the first time in seven decades, the political party that had been identified with a do-nothing bureaucracy, crony capitalism and a corrupt government lost its hold on the presidency. The defeat of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, known here as the PRI, opened the door, many hoped, to better government, fairer distribution of the country's wealth, and a real start toward remaking Mexico into a booming nation of middle-class consumers, instead of its long-standing role as a source of cheap and often illegal migrant labor.

When Mexican voters went to the polls on Sunday, however, the PRI's candidate held a strong lead, possibly exiling from power the business-friendly National Action Party, the PAN, whose two terms in the presidency ushered in scant beneficial change. Instead, the optimism that pervaded Mexico when Coca-Cola executive Vicente Fox took power in 2000 has turned into a persistent malaise, where a drug war filled with public executions and horrific beheadings is the overriding image.

Why this resource-rich nation has become trapped in low growth is a story of political paralysis where enfrenched monopolies remain in control, the schools fail to educate, and the development policies all but enslave workers in a cycle of poverty that threatens to trap future generations as well.

For the United States, Mexico's future is more than just an idle curiosity. A booming Mexico could be an enormous boon for the United States as well. Its citizens would buy more U.S. products and services, demand better governance from their own leaders and not flee their country looking for better prospects north of the border.

"Compared to the rest of the world, Mexico has essentially been at a standstill during the past 30 years," said a report issued in April, "A New Vision for Mexico 2042: Achieving Prosperity for All," produced by Centennial Group International, a strategic consulting firm in Washington, and Mexico Evalua, a public policy think

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ation Administration in Brownsville last month, more than 500 citizens turned out, virtually all of whom supported the proposal.

The Brownsville Economic Development Council has a fact sheet touting the project's economic impact on the area -- $80 million in capital investment by SpaceX; at least 600 jobs created; as many as 12,000 visitors per launch; Brownsville becomes Space City; local educational institutions benefit from increased awareness of science and technology.

Next Space City?

The SpaceX facility, where at least 12 Falcon rockets a year will be prepared for flight and launched into the heavens, has risen to the top of the Brownsville area's wish list of capital investment projects.

"This is our opportunity to take a page out of Houston's book and become the next Space City, U.S.A.," said Gilbert Salinas, executive vice president of the Brownsville Economic Development Council. "We badly want this project, and need this project. Just the prestige of possibly having the most successful startup in the commercial aerospace industry launching rockets from Brownsville, Texas ... that in itself will just change the perception of our community and our region."

SpaceX, which last month became the first private space company to successfully dock a spacecraft with the International Space Station and return it safely to Earth, has a $1.6 billion contract with NASA to fly at least 12 resupply missions to the station. The company hopes to eventually launch astronauts in its Dragon capsule.

Following his company's mission to the space station, Musk declared the Cameron County site was the preferred location for the construction of its spaceport, despite somewhat tepid initial support from the state, which has since begun developing a multi-million dollar incentive package for SpaceX.

Florida is aggressively promoting itself to the commercial space industry through a state-sponsored office with a $10 million budget, and Salinas clearly sees it as Texas' chief competitor.

"There's pros and cons with each of the three sites, and Florida being Florida, they're not going to let this one go easily, especially to Texas," he said. "But I think what we have going for us in my opinion is we have the best site to offer for this particular project. There's a whole lot of nothing out there."

Other than the few residents close to the proposed launch site, the only other opposition so far has come from environmental organizations concerned about the impact on nearby public parks and a wildlife refuge.

Coyotes roam street

Kopernik Shores was developed in the late 1960s by a Chicago businessman and marketed as a retirement village to Polish immigrants who were lured to South Texas with the promise of a lush tropical paradise.

There was a motel, a restaurant with a huge swimming pool, a sand-filtered water treatment plant and a massive concrete water cistern to supply water.

Today, only 32 houses remain. Only five couples are permanent residents. The cistern is abandoned and water is trucked in by Cameron County. There is no store or school. The houses are worth between $20,000 and $30,000.

Hundreds of roseate spoonbills feed in the nearby marshes. Bobcats, ocelots and jaguarundis are often seen. Coyotes roam the main street of the neighborhood.

The last thing the people who live here want is a spaceport in their backyards.

"This is a little, quiet, tightly knit community," said Judy Stanley, who moved to Kopernik Shores from Missouri to be close to her elderly mother in Brownsville. "If they build that thing, we're going to have people out here out the ying yang. They're going to screw it up."

Twelve-year-old Marissa Warren from Austin, who was spending some vacation time at the beach at her grandmother's house in Kopernik Shores is interested in space as a possible career, but she opposes the SpaceX launch site.

"I think it will affect the atmosphere and the ozone, so I think they should look somewhere else."

Terry Heaton, who is the unofficial "mayor" of Kopernik Shores, understands that his and his neighbors' opposition to the proposed spaceport is largely based on the fact that it is in their backyards and that it could be beneficial to Cameron County and Brownsville.

"It's personal for us," he said. "I don't want it developed. If I lived 20 miles west of here I would want to see it, of course I would. But I don't live 20 miles west of here. I live here."

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A sand crab in the sand dunes at Boca Chica Beach near the proposed site for SpaceX spaceport June 19, in Brownsville.

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tank in Mexico City.

If Mexico takes bold steps to unleash its potential, striving to match the growth of successful Asian nations, the report said, it could aspire "to become a country with an average per-capita income equivalent to that of Germany or France."

That means elevating per-capita annual output from $13,800 today to around $50,000 in 2042 in constant dollars, the report said. If Mexico muddles through with the kind of recent subpar growth that has been the norm, its per-capita output will reach a little less than $30,000, it added.

But getting there will require a complete retooling of the way Mexico operates, emphasizing opportunity for the 52 million of Mexico's 113 million people who live in poverty, instead of policies that enforce inequality and the lack of social mobility.

"You end up in the social strata where you were born," said Alejandro Hope, an analyst at the Mexican Institute for Competitiveness, a nonpartisan think tank. "People need to believe they can make it to the top. Right now, they don't think they can."

Mexico's malaise comes despite conditions that ought to foster a boom. The market economy is open and stable. A champion of global commerce, Mexico has free-trade agreements with 43 countries, among the most of any country on Earth. The autonomous Banco de Mexico keeps a tight lid on inflation. Mexico's beaches and Mayan ruins draw a steady flow of tourists despite crime elsewhere in the nation. The country also has made decisive steps toward the sharing of power. Indeed, Mexico today is what it never really was before — a democracy.

But analysts say Mexico lacks a sense of purpose and is torn by the seeming relentlessness of the drug war, which was the dominant feature of Felipe Calderon's government.

"There seems to be in Mexico today a nostalgia for a Mexico that no longer exists and that we fought against, and at the same time a disappointment in the democratic Mexico we now have and that we fought for," Arturo Sarukhan, the Mexican ambassador to Washington, said in a talk in early April.

Sarukhan said Mexico needs a clearer vision and sense of purpose, and a map with a path to follow.

"Where do we want to be in 20 years? What do we want to look like?" Sarukhan asked. "And how do we get there?"

Mexico "carries a chronic culture of lawlessness and impunity and faces a grave crisis of public security, with a political system that is often the obstacle rather than the solution," said Gerardo Gutierrez Candiani, head of the Business Coordinating Council, a business umbrella group.

An array of powerful interests with a stake in the status quo have kept the economy from expanding more than a paltry average 2.4 percent a year for three decades, Gutierrez said. He asked why it couldn't grow at double or more that pace.

Nearly everyone cites the drug violence as a major drag on Mexico's economic and political hopes. Under Calderon, who took office in late 2006, crime gangs embraced ever-more terrifying tactics — beheading rivals and hanging slain enemies from bridges. The death toll surged from 2,826 in 2007 to an estimated 12,539 in 2011. Calderon will leave office Dec. 1 with well over 50,000 homicides on his watch.

But experts say the crime problem may sort itself out. Cocaine use is falling in the United States — White House drug czar Gil Kerlikowske recently said the number of cocaine users had dropped by 40 percent in recent years — and Mexican authorities are better trained than they were in the past.

"My guess is that drug trafficking will decline over the next 10 to 15 years," Hope said.

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> Mexico's ambassador to Washington

More intractable are the political forces that block reforms. They include political parties, trade unions, private-sector monopolies in areas such as telecommunications, banking and transportation, and, perhaps surprisingly, state governors.

Santiago Levy, an economist who is a former chief of Mexico's social security institute, said these forces have formed a "sturdy political equilibrium."

Political parties and trade unions receive huge sums of money funneled through federal and state coffers and use the cash freely to protect their interests. Under decentralization efforts dating to 1997, state governors receive revenue from Mexico City for which they barely have to account. They do not raise state taxes and thus do not make promises to voters about services they will offer.

"The governors control the local media. They have a great deal of influence over the local election boards, (and) a lot of influence over state legislatures and state judicial systems," said Joy Langston Hawkes, a political scientist at the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics, a Mexico City think tank.

"You need stronger institutions at the state level to act as a brake on the powers of the governors," she added.

Monopolistic companies avoid competition and charge Mexicans premium prices, exacting a surcharge on the poorest citizens, experts say.

"The greatest tragedy of the PAN's 12 years (in power) was not taking on public and private monopolies," Langston said.

Lack of competition is partly why Mexico scores lowly on the most recent Global Competitiveness Report, landing at No. 58 behind Brazil, Panama and Chile.

Those who thrive on Mexico's status quo — through privilege, corruption or by living off state largesse — betray the hopes of the majority of Mexicans who would work harder if given a fair shake.

"There is a sense of complacency in some segments of Mexican society, where people are not trying harder. People are not hungry," said Harinder Kohli, a former senior World Bank official who co-authored the "New Vision for Mexico" report. "That is a big difference with Asia."

Mexico also scores poorly in rankings of corruption, languishing at No. 100 of 183 nations in the nonprofit group Transparency International's latest survey.

"Mexico is worse than the Latin American average in terms of perceived corruption in the executive branch, judiciary, and military, ranking 10th out of 12 Latin American countries in overall corruption," the report said.

The roadblocks have made some Mexicans feel as if they are running in place or, worse, even falling behind.

"In the 1970s, we teachers were well paid. Now we are paid as if we are unskilled workers," said Carlos Dorantes, a sociologist at the Jesuit-run Iberoamericana University on the outskirts of Mexico City. He said professors earn an average of $1,600 a month. "We call ourselves 'taxi professors,' because we go from one place to another trying to earn extra money."

To unleash private enterprise, experts say, policymakers should harness the energy of Mexicans — who long ago left the "siesta" behind — and set free the armies of semi-hidden, informal businesses embedded in the economy.

About half of the labor force toils in informal jobs — a high rate for a semi-developed country like Mexico — at businesses that stay small to avoid being noticed, adapt late to technology, shun credit and offer little training to employees.

Informal businesses also avoid taxes. In all of Latin America, only Guatemala to Mexico's south collects a lower percentage of taxes on economic activity, meaning officials have less money to build roads, improve schools and retool the economy.

Despite the problems, pockets of manufacturing strength dot the country. Mexico this year will become the globe's fifth biggest exporter of automobiles, topping 3 million units. Production of medical diagnostic equipment also soars.

The Bombardier plant here in Queretaro shows what can be accomplished if the will exists. To woo Bombardier, Queretaro built an aeronautical university to provide engineers and helped promote an industrial center for the company's suppliers. Bombardier's Queretaro operations now employ 1,800 engineers and technical people working on Learjet 85s and Global Express long-range aircraft.

"Mexico has developed very quickly in the aerospace industry for many reasons," said Real Gervais, a vice president for Bombardier Aerospace at its Mexican manufacturing center.

And behind companies like Bombardier, the aerospace sector booms. Mexico now tallies 249 companies in five major clusters making parts or engines for aircraft. Exports hit $4.3 billion last year.

"If Mexico can make airplanes, what can't it make?" asked Manuel Sandoval Rios, head of the business intelligence unit at ProMexico, an export promotion agency.

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Court of public opinion prevails in frequent flyer deaf student lawsuit

The court of public opinion, having reached a verdict, will now come to order in the case of the mom who wanted the Rapid Rewards points from the plane tickets the Texas School for the Deaf bought for her daughter. The verdict against the mom was loud and clear; loud and clear enough for her lawyer to hear it and recommend dropping the federal lawsuit stemming from the battle.

I convened the court of public opinion last week and sought reader input. Some of you took the responsibility pretty seriously. Some of you are kind of scary.

The verdict was pretty much unanimous and summed up in the subject line of one reader's email to me: "Rapid Rewards nutcase lady." Another reader said, "The person who filed the lawsuit sounds wacky, unreasonable and obdurate."

Background: A woman identified in the litigation as T.H.C. has been in a prolonged battle with the school over the Southwest Airlines Rapid Rewards points accrued in her daughter's name for tickets the school purchased for the daughter (and a chaperone) to go home to El Paso on weekends. It's part of the school's program to get students home to their families on weekends. State money pays for the plane tickets.

All the school requires in return is the use of frequent flier program points earned on those trips. The school saves about $30,000 a year by using the points to get free tickets for students and chaperones.

Attorney Karen Dalglish Seal told me last week she is going to recommend that her client T.H.C. drop her lawsuit filed against the school last month. A state hearing officer previously OK'd the School for the Deaf's frequent flier awards policy. The mom's lawsuit sought damages from the school for "malicious civil prosecution" resulting from the school's request for the hearing officer's ruling.

Among other things, the lawsuit sought recovery for "emotional pain," "inconvenience," "injury to reputation" and "loss of enjoyment of life."

"There is no real reason to go forward with it," Seal told me, citing, in part, emails she's fielded from the public about the case.

"It's already been tried by the court of public opinion by you and the newspaper, so I don't know that we would have much of a chance because of that. People have already formulated their opinions and sent me emails."

Seal also noted that her client's daughter now is receiving the "free appropriate public education" to which she is legally entitled. The now 19-year-old, who had been transferred by her mom to El Paso public schools, now is back at the School for the Deaf. The family moved to Killeen, eliminating the need for and the controversy surrounding the plane tickets.

"Right now, she is in school and making progress, and her mother feels she is doing really well," Seal said.

I'm sure the court of public opinion is happy to hear that. We wish the young lady well.

"Based upon the fact that it's been kind of tried in the newspaper and the radio and by this time the federal court judges are going to know about it," Seal said, "I don't see (pursuing the lawsuit) as being in her best interest."

Seal expects her client to agree to drop the suit, but that decision has not yet been made. She still wants a meeting with the school to discuss the policy. The School for the Deaf, insisting there have been discussions, sees nothing further to discuss.

In fact, after I told school officials about Seal's recommendation for dismissal of the lawsuit, the school moved quickly to file a response to the lawsuit. By doing so, the school cut off the other side's ability to unilaterally get it dismissed. The school wants the plaintiff to agree to dismissal "with prejudice," a move that would preclude any attempts to revive the matter. The school also wants the other side to agree to shut up about the school's Rapid Rewards policy and the legal battle over it.

The school's answer to the lawsuit says T.H.C. (identified in the latest filing as Tiffany H.) has acted "out of pure greed."

"All along, we believed we were right," Leonard Schwartz, the school's lawyer, said of the other side's new plan, "and this just confirms that position."

He also thinks the other side's reasons for dropping the lawsuit might include the possibility that the mom could be ordered to pay the state's legal fees.

Whatever the reason, I'm glad it seems the lawsuit will go away. Looks like the court of public opinion is a powerful thing. That kind of scares me.

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Environmental groups clash over cleanliness of Texas beaches

By Allen Essex
Associated Press

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — Two environmental organizations give conflicting ratings of the cleanliness of Padre Island beaches.

The Natural Resources Defense Council report rates Island beaches as some of the cleanest in the nation.

It has been challenged by a group called Environment Texas that said 2011 ratings were affected by drought, which reduced the amount of runoff pollution from upstream of the Rio Grande, falsely showing a dramatic decrease in beach water runoff pollution.

The NRDC report states some of the nation's most popular beaches were contaminated by storm water runoff and sewage that could cause stomach flu, skin rashes, pink eye and ear nose and throat problems.

While beaches in California, the Chicago area, New Jersey and Louisiana were rated the dirtiest, South Padre Island made the list of cleanest beaches, the report states.

But Environment Texas said the good ratings for South Padre beaches were caused by a lack of rain, rather than an increase in cleanliness.

Beaches are a source of pride of Texas and are places people across the region come to visit during the summer, Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, said. There were fewer health advisories last year due to the lack of rain, but unless more is done to keep beaches clean, that number is likely going to jump back up again.

But Tony Reisinger, Texas Sea Grant and Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Cameron County, who specializes in marine wildlife issues, said last year's drought skewed pollution readings downward. In 2010, the enormous amount of water drained from the mountains in Mexico after Hurricane Alex and Tropical Depression No. 2 into the Rio Grande, Arroyo Colorado and floodway increased pollution readings upward to levels not seen for decades.

I think the last time we had that much water in the Arroyo (and floodway) was after Hurricane Beulah (in 1967), Reisinger said.

Reisinger said his son went swimming in the Laguna Madre (in 2010) right after all that water was draining down the Arroyo Colorado from Mexico and got very ill, he said. He had to be put on antibiotics.

But local environmental groups have been working hard to reduce the pollution going into the Arroyo, Reisinger said.

A watchdog group recently received an award for its efforts to clean up the Arroyo, he said.

The output of the Arroyo Colorado, which receives a lot of water from municipal sewage treatment plants, has a great affect on pollution readings in the Rio Grande, the Laguna Madre and along the Gulf Coast in South Texas, Reisinger said.

Another vital part of clean beaches is the clean-up of trash, debris and items that wash up on the beach, ranging from dead fish to normal flotsam and jetsam that is dumped by ships or offshore oil platforms, debris from storms and floating plastic such as beach bottles and flip-flop sandals, Cameron County Parks Director Javier Mendez said.

Plastic items can sometimes drift for hundreds or thousands of miles before coming to rest on the island, he said.

Mendez said three annual beach clean-up drives in which hundreds or thousands of volunteers pick up trash make a big difference on South Padre Island.

In February 2011, a drive with 1,174 volunteers, including winter Texans, brought in 16.35 tons of trash, the report states.

Despite the report stating South Padre Island rates among the cleanest beaches, Texas beaches had an overall 385 health advisory days in 2011, Environment Texas said in its statement, and cited many of the same water-borne maladies the NRDC identified.

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Millions still will go without insurance after law implemented

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

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In this May 30 photo, Angela Laws poses for a photo in Leesburg, Va. Laws, 58, runs a small business that cleans and maintains commercial buildings and figures that she'll remain uninsured if she can't find an affordable coverage option that fits a monthly budget already crammed with payments of $1,203 for rent and $530 toward her car.

One of the biggest misconceptions about President Obama's health care overhaul isn't who the law will cover, but rather who it won't.

The landmark overhaul will expand coverage to about 30 million uninsured people, according to government figures. But an estimated 26 million U.S. residents will remain without coverage — a population that's roughly the size of Texas and includes illegal immigrants and those who can't afford to pay out-of-pocket for health insurance.

"Many people think that this health care law is going to cover everyone, and it's not," says Nicole Lamoureux, executive director of the Alexandria, Va.-based National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics, which represents about 1,200 clinics nationally.

To be sure, it's estimated that the Affordable Care Act would greatly increase the number of insured Americans. The law has a provision that requires most Americans to be insured or face a tax penalty. It also calls for an expansion of Medicaid, a government-funded program that covers the health care costs of low-income and disabled Americans. Additionally, starting in 2014, there will be tax credits to help middle-class Americans buy coverage.

About 93 percent of all non-elderly, legal U.S. residents will be covered by 2016. That's up from 82 percent this year.

Still, millions of illegal immigrants won't qualify for coverage. This population will account for roughly 26 percent of those who will remain uninsured, according to Urban Institute, a nonpartisan think tank.

And many legal U.S. residents will go without insurance, too. About 36 percent of the population that remains uninsured will qualify for Medicaid but won't sign up for various reasons. Others likely will make too much money to qualify for assistance but be unable to afford coverage.

Here's a look at some of the groups that likely will remain uninsured:

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

More than 11 million unauthorized immigrants live in the United States, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a nonpartisan research center. That amounts to nearly 4 percent of the total population. But there are no provisions that address illegal immigrants in the health care law.

They won't be able to sign up for Medicaid. They won't be eligible for the tax credits to help buy coverage. And they won't be able to use online marketplaces that the government will set up in order for people to get coverage in a process that's similar to buying plane tickets on travel web sites. Those online exchanges, much like the tax credits, will require proof of citizenship.

"They will still need to find alternative ways to seek care because nothing in the law really expands coverage and affordable coverage options for undocumented immigrants," says Sonal Ambegaokar, a health policy attorney with the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles.

The topic is a politically divisive issue. On one side, there are people who say that the government should provide health care for all U.S. residents — legal or not. The other side contends that doing so could take valuable resources away from U.S. citizens.

"Because of the limited supply of health care, we're almost in a sociological triage," says Bob Dane, spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a national group that calls for stricter immigration laws. "It begs the question, 'Who do we serve, who do we serve first and who is not entitled?'"

Researchers have found that immigrants tend to use the health care system less than legal residents. Illegal immigrants, in particular, tend to avoid using the health care system until they have to, favoring home remedies first or making cash payments to providers when they need care. That population also is younger, so it generally has fewer health care needs, says Timothy Waidmann, a researcher with Urban Institute.

The think tank, using federal government survey data, estimates that illegal immigrants accounted for an estimated $18 billion of the $1.4 trillion spent on health care in the United States in 2007. That adds up to less than 2 percent of total spending.

Some say excluding illegal immigrants from the overhaul will keep some legal residents uninsured, too. Ambegaokar, the Los Angeles attorney, points to parents who are illegal immigrants but have children who are legal citizens because they were born in the United States.

If the parents are not eligible, they may not know that their kids qualify. And in other instances, if one child is legal and the other is not, the parents may decide not to sign up either to avoid playing favorites.

"The goal is to enroll everybody who is eligible," Ambegaokar says. "But when you make systems complicated and require proof of ID, you're going to inevitably keep out people who should be in."

LOST IN TRANSLATION

Medicaid, which currently covers more than 60 million people, is expected to add about 17 million more people to its program by 2016 if the law is upheld, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, which researches budgetary issues for Congress.

But people are still expected to fall through the cracks. That's because the requirements and process for signing up for Medicaid can be confusing. And while the overhaul aims to make the process easier, it won't smooth out all the wrinkles.

The problem? Many people don't realize that they qualify for coverage. And that likely will still be the case, albeit to a lesser extent, after Medicaid expands.

Coverage depends on how someone's income stacks up to federal poverty guidelines, which can be obscure to the average person. Plus, because income can fluctuate, someone could qualify one year but not the next.

"Regardless of how much outreach you do ... you're never going to get perfect enrollment," Matthew Buettgens, another Urban Institute researcher, says.

Staying enrolled can be another hurdle. Medicaid recipients have to re-enroll, sometimes more than once a year. They can be dropped if they miss deadlines, submit incomplete forms or if paperwork doesn't catch up with them after they move — something poor families tend to do more frequently than the average American household.

Leeanna Herman learned this when an unexpected $300 doctor bill arrived in the mail. The Bakersfield, Calif., resident was pregnant and unemployed and didn't know her government-funded health coverage had lapsed.

"I was freaking out," says Herman, 23, who went a month without coverage because she missed the deadline to re-enroll. "How do you expect me to pay that?"

Experts say online applications and electronic verification of income levels and other things will make this process easier. But deadlines will still matter and some people don't have easy access to the Internet. And there will still be some people who simply won't enroll.

"There will always be that segment that says, 'Aw, the heck with it, I will just wait until I get sick and go to the ER,'" says Stephen Schilling, CEO of Clinica Sierra Vista, a nonprofit that has a network of 27 community health centers in California.

Schilling expects to still see a lot of uninsured patients at the nonprofit group's health centers. The center sits in an agricultural area in California's San Joaquin Valley, populated with migrant workers and saddled with an unemployment rate of around 15 percent.

It cares for about 60,000 uninsured people annually, thanks in part to grants and a sliding fee scale for patients based on their family size and income. Schilling says he still expects between 20,000 and 40,000 uninsured patients after the overhaul is implemented.

LIVING IN THE GAP

The overhaul calls for tax credits to help middle-class Americans buy coverage. But some people who make too much money to qualify for the tax credits may have a hard time finding an affordable option for private health insurance

The subsidies can pay a large chunk of the insurance bill. For instance, a 40-year-old person who makes $50,000 in 2014 and needs coverage for a family of four might receive a government tax credit of more than $8,000.

That would cover more than 70 percent of the premium, or the cost of coverage, according to a subsidy calculator on the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation's website. Of course, that estimate depends on the type of coverage the person choses, where they live and whether they can get coverage through work.

But the tax credits will go to people with incomes up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level, or $44,680 for an individual this year. People just above that level may have a hard time finding affordable health insurance.

Angela Agnew Laws worries that she might remain uninsured like she has been for the past eight years.

Laws, who lives in Leesburg, Va., runs a small business that cleans and maintains commercial buildings. She hopes her income will climb to about $60,000 by 2014, which would be too high for tax credit help.

A plan that offers more than just basic protection against big medical expenses could cost as much as $10,000 annually for Laws. She could find less extensive coverage for a lower premium, but that may only save about $1,000.

Laws, 58, figures she'll remain uninsured if she can't find an affordable coverage option that fits a monthly budget already crammed with payments of $1,203 for rent and $530 toward her car.

"It's a scary prospect for me," she says.

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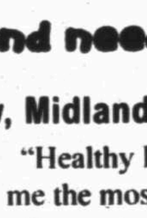

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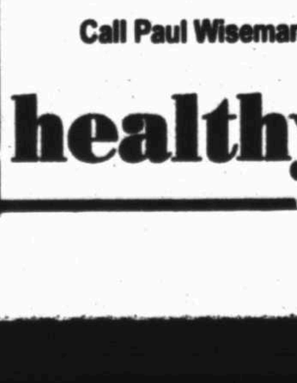

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Texas' Leonys Martin (27) high-fives Josh Hamilton, right, after Hamilton's two-run home run June 25 against the Detroit Tigers in Arlington. Hamilton had a record 11 million votes for the All-Star game.

Hamilton leads Texas parade of All-Stars

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Josh Hamilton is set to lead a Texas parade to the All-Star game. Now, fans will decide if Chipper Jones gets one final appearance or whether it's time for teen sensation Bryce Harper.

Hamilton drew a record total of more than 11 million votes, and the slugger was among seven Rangers chosen Sunday as All-Stars. A trio of San Francisco Giants rallied in the last week to claim spots while three Yankees also made the starting lineup.

"I don't think the Texas Rangers have to apologize because we've got good players," AL manager Ron Washington of Texas said. "I certainly didn't pick my guys being selfish, I picked them very deserving of being All-Stars, bottom line."

Washington fastballer Stephen Strasburg and Mets knuckleballer R.A. Dickey were two of the 66 players chosen by fans, managers and big leaguers for the showcase July 10 in Kansas City. So was 20-year-old Angels rookie outfielder Mike Trout, who leads the majors in hitting and drew more than 800,000 write-in votes.

Few of the races for starting spots were close and there seemed to be little complaining about the fans' choices. OK, sure, David Wright could've gotten the nod over Pablo Sandoval.

But there certainly will be campaigning this week when it comes to Jones and Harper after they were left off — for now, anyway.

The NL and AL each have one spot left, with fans voting online through Thursday can select one of five candidates in both leagues. Jones and Harper are two of the NL possibilities.

At 40, Jones is a seven-time All-Star and plans to retire after this season. Banged up, the Atlanta third baseman has managed to hit near .300

At 19, Harper started the season in Triple-A. The Washington outfielder has dazzled since his promotion with his bat, arm and flat-out hustle.

"I'm an old-timer, so I'd probably lean toward Chipper," NL manager Tony La Russa said on the TBS selection show.

The league that wins the All-Star game gains home-field advantage in the World Series. The NL won last year, then St. Louis became the ninth straight home team to win Game 7 in the Series.

Sandoval was picked for the NL at third base despite missing a month with a broken hand and not matching the stats of Wright.

"I'm surprised I made it," said Sandoval, popular for his "Kung Fu Panda" persona. "He's been having a great year but the fans gave me the votes. I can't thank them enough."

Buster Posey, back from a devastating injury last season, was the NL's top vote-

Please see **ALL-STARS**/2C

Oakland hands Darvish first home loss

Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish finally lost a game at home for the Texas Rangers.

Except for a couple of pitches, it was still an All-Star worthy performance. Now fans will determine if the Japanese ace gets to go to Kansas City with seven of his teammates and his manager.

Darvish threw a wild pitch that allowed the tiebreaking run and gave up a long homer as Texas lost 3-1 to the Oakland Athletics despite his 11 strikeouts Sunday night.

"Before tonight, winning those seven games at home, it's not like I pitched great every single time, automatically win games," he said through his translator. "There's some games maybe I should have lost, but the hitters picked me up, the relievers picked me up, kind of help me accomplish that. It's a very unfortunate loss."

The fifth 10-strikeout game for Darvish (10-5) matched NL All-Star pitcher R.A. Dickey for the most in the majors this year. The 11 Ks equaled his season high for Darvish, who had been only the second major leaguer in a half-century to win his first seven career home starts.

Brandon Moss homered for Oakland and Travis Blackley (2-2), the left-hander claimed off waivers in mid-May, picked off two runners while holding a lineup loaded All-Stars to one run over seven innings.

"For him to be pitching as well as he is at the big-league level is really a testament to a guy who has persevered," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "It's good to see a guy who's gone through a lot and worked so hard and now having success."

Ryan Cook, Oakland's only All-

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Texas' Yorvit Torrealba, bottom, is tagged out by Oakland Athletics second baseman and former Midland RockHound Jemile Weeks on Sunday during the second inning in Arlington. The Athletics beat the Rangers, 3-1.

Nick Wass/AP

Tiger Woods reacts on the 18th green after winning the AT&T National on Sunday at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md.

Woods squeaks out a win at Congressional

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — Congressional reopened its gates Sunday to thousands of spectators who got what they expected in the AT&T National — another win by Tiger Woods.

Only this win didn't follow a typical script.

Caught in a tense duel with Bo Van Pelt on another sweltering day, it looked as though Woods blinked first until Van Pelt matched him with mistakes of his own. Woods closed with a 2-under 69 and won by two shots when Van Pelt finished with his third straight bogey and had to settle for a 71.

Woods won for the third time this year, the most of anyone on the PGA Tour, and it was the 74th win of his career. That moved him past Jack Nicklaus into second place on the tour list, eight short of the record set by Sam Snead.

Woods, who finished at 8-under 276, moved to the top of the PGA Tour money list and the FedEx Cup standings for the first time since September 2009.

He effectively clinched the win with a 9-iron down the hill toward the peninsula green on the 18th, a shot so pure that Woods started walking and twirled the club moments after he made contact.

And so ended a wild week in Washington — record heat Friday, followed by a wind storm that topped dozens of trees at Congressional and forced the tournament to keep spectators out Saturday. They were back in force for the final round, and they were treated to some pretty good theater.

"What an incredible week," said Woods, the host of the AT&T National and a winner for the second straight time it has come to Congressional. "Everybody, thank you for being patient with us. Yesterday was a silent day. I think everyone saved up for today. What an atmosphere to play in front of."

There wasn't much to cheer in the final hour except for the 15th hole, when Woods holed a 20-foot birdie putt that crawled into the front of the cup, and Van Pelt matched that birdie with a 10-footer as the pressure was building.

Van Pelt had him on the ropes on the par-5 16th by ripping a 345-yard tee shot and having only a 6-iron into the green. Woods hit a spectator in the left rough with his tee shot, laid up, and then attacked a back flag only to see the ball tumble over the green and down an 8-foot slope.

That's when Van Pelt answered

Please see **WOODS**/5C

Jones makes triumphant return to the octagon with TKO win

By Ruben Ochoa
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — It took Jarret Jones 2 minutes,32 seconds, to make a triumphant return to Mixed Martial Arts, defeating Alejandro "The Physicist" Siller by first round TKO in Saturday night's "America's Most Wanted" at the Far West Events Center in Odessa.

The victory evened Jones' record (6-6) and he credited the hometown crowd for the adrenaline rush that he got during the fight.

"This was my 12th professional fight and may have been my favorite. The reaction from the crowd really fueled me to get the first-round finish," Jones said. "When I got the takedown off the cage, I could hear my name being chanted from the crowd. It was an awesome feeling. I trained hard for this fight and I'm in the best condition I've ever been. I'll be back in the gym training on Monday. I'll be competing in the Chicago open (BJJ) in August and then back in the cage in Odessa in October."

Jones added that his long-term goal is to continue to compete in MMA.

"I definitely plan on pursuing my career as a fighter," Jones said. "I'm always working to get better and hope for recognition from the bigger venues like UFC and Bellator, but the sport is finally growing in popularity in our area. 24/7 Entertainment is doing a good job at putting on these local events, and as long as it keeps growing in our area and people want to see me fight I'm gonna keep putting on a show."

In other action involving local fighters, Midland's Caleb Hudson avenged a previous loss to Samuel Trevino in a bout that pitted "Midland vs. Odessa."

Hudson (1-1) delivered a second-round TKO at the 38-second mark. Rhino BJJ's Brad Barnes cornered Hudson and said that the game plan was adjusted on the fly against Trevino (1-1).

"He got caught up in a firefight with the guy exchanging punches and we switched gears in the corner for the second round and he made the adjustments perfectly to execute the game plan," Barnes said. "He got a solid takedown, passed the guard effortlessly, and then maintained top position dropping elbows and hammer fists. The guy he fought didn't show any signs of intelligent defense and Caleb won by TKO. He did an awesome job and I think felt a little bit of validation after a rocky start."

Neal Ewing (3-0) remained undefeated with a second round TKO of Armando Herrera at 1:35.

Barnes also cornered Ewing and said his foe is known for his punching ability but Ewing was able to take the fight to the ground.

"Neal fought a very tough striker but was able to close the distance and get the fight on the ground and showed good control and finished it with a cut from some vicious elbows in the second round," Barnes said.

Matthew Hobar also remained undefeated (5-0) with a ground-and-pound decision victory against Aaron Cerda.

Evan Martinez used a rear-naked choke in the second round to defeat Jonathan Voth at the 1:24 mark.

Odessa's Anthony Tatum won his pro debut with a second round TKO of Aldo Davila at the 1:33 mark.

Jeremy Valderaz took a decision victory from Jonathan Lopez in a 125-pound fight.

In the main event Abilene's Mitchell Hale took a split decision (29-28, 29-28, 28-29) victory from Seminole's Luis Luna. The fight had plenty of back-and-forth action with lots of punches and takedowns.

RockHounds pick up 2nd straight win

From staff reports

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Midland RockHounds used a four-run fifth inning to bust open a tie game and coast to their first consecutive wins since June 14 in a 6-2 victory against the Arkansas Travelers at Dickey-Stephens Park.

The win also clinched the series for Midland as it begins a three-game series against the Springfield Cardinals at 7:08 p.m. today at Hammons Field before returning home.

Midland was on the board first thanks to a Josh Horton RBI single in the top of the fourth, but Arkansas responded later in the frame on a Casey Haerther RBI single that tied it at one.

But the RockHounds were just getting started, as Anthony Aliotti lined a two-out RBI single to left to help his team regain the lead in the next inning.

Michael Choice followed that by launching a two-run shot to left to put Midland up, 4-1.

The next batter, Miles Head, then stepped to the plate and hit his first home run in a RockHound uniform to give his team a 5-1 lead.

Midland added a run to its lead on an Aliotti RBI double in the seventh to all but put the game away.

Aliotti was 3-for-5 in the game with two RBI, two doubles and two runs scored.

Arkansas got a run in the ninth when Roberto Lopez scored on a Haerther groundout, but the play also killed all likelihood of a rally as it was the Travelers' second out.

RockHounds starter Murphy Smith rebounded from a disappointing showing in his last start by never allowing the Travelers to get going, giving up just one run on six hits in 6 2/3 innings while striking out four and walking just one.

The Midland bullpen took it from there, as Jose Guzman and Jonathan Ortiz combined to allow just one run on three hits.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, TRAVELERS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss rf	3	0	0	0	Witherspoon cf-lf	2	0	0	0
Ladendorf 2b	4	1	0	0	Auer lf	4	0	0	0
Aliotti 1b	5	2	3	2	Segura ss	3	0	0	0
Choice cf	4	1	1	2	Lopez dh	4	1	2	0
Head 3b	4	1	2	1	Osuna 2b	4	1	2	0
Horton dh	4	0	2	1	Mount rf	4	0	0	0
Peterson rf	3	0	0	0	Haerther 1b	4	0	2	2
Ortiz c	4	0	0	0	Hernandez 3b	4	0	1	0
Coleman ss	4	1	1	0	Rosario c	3	0	0	0
Totals	35	6	9	6	Totals	34	2	9	2

Midland 000 140 100 —6
Arkansas 000 100 001 —2

DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 6, Arkansas 6. 2B — Aliotti 2 (12), Coleman (8), Hernandez (1). 3B — Witherspoon (2). HR — Choice (7), Head (1). SB — Segura (29), Osuna (11). CS — Crumbliss (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Smith W, 5-5	6 2/3	6	1	1	1	4
Guzman	1 2/3	3	1	1	0	0
Ortiz	0 2/3	0	0	0	0	0
Arkansas						
Oye L, 2-5	5 0/3	8	5	5	2	3
Chaffee	2 0/3	1	1	1	1	3
Graham	1 0/3	0	0	0	0	1
Johnson	1 0/3	0	0	0	0	2

HBP — by Chaffee (Ladendorf)
T — 2:39. A — 3,289

RockHounds 6
Travelers 2

TL Standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	7	2	.778	—
Arkansas	4	5	.444	3
NW Arkansas	4	5	.444	3
Tulsa	2	6	.250	4 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	7	1	.875	—
Corpus Christi	6	3	.667	1 1/2
Midland	3	6	.333	4 1/2
Frisco	2	7	.222	5 1/2

Sunday's Scores
Midland 6, Arkansas 2
NW Arkansas 2, Corpus Christi 1
Tulsa at San Antonio, ppd., rain
Springfield 8, Frisco 3

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

Super 20s team draws with Texas FC

From staff reports

The FC Dallas West Texas Super 20s team was unable to protect a slim lead against Texas FC on Saturday, leading to a 1-1 draw at Grande Communications Stadium.

FC Dallas West Texas went up 1-0 in the first half when Sammy Ibarra assisted on an Aidan Hamman goal and held that lead for nearly the rest of the game.

But Texas FC evened the score at 1-1 with eight minutes left in the game, and Ibarra saw an attempt to win it go off the post with a minute left in the game.

FC Dallas West Texas will now hit the road for its final two games of the season as it it next plays at 7 p.m. Friday at Texas Football Club at McKinney Boyd High School.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TWO ACES AT GREEN TREE COUNTRY CLUB

The last weekend in June saw two holes-in-one on six West at Green Tree Country Club.

Cary Billingsley was the first of the two, making a hole-in-one from 143 yards out Friday with an eight-iron.

Phil Ryan made a hole-in-one from 110 yards out Sunday with an eight-iron. Ryan's ace was witnessed by Cahd Jordan, Jeff Ryan and Heath Edwards.

2012 STROKE PLAY RESULTS

2012 Stroke Play Results
Midland Country Club
Sunday
Blue Flight One

Gross — 1. Andrew Wyatt, 140; 2. Terence Begnel; 3. Mac McGee; 4. Jason Lindgren

Net — 1. John Philbeck; 2. Ben Griffin; 3. Rick Houston; 4. Scott Bailey

Blue Flight Two

Gross — 1. Cody Childers; 2. Austin Wallace; 3. Michael Baum; 4. Keith Skaar

Net — 1. Cody Armstrong; 2. Devin Phiffer; 3. Trey Butler; 4. Matt Weatherly

Gold Flight

Gross — 1. Jerod Padgett; 2. Kelly Leonard; 3. Ed Anderson

Net — 1. Leroy Peterson; 2. Eric Bayley; 3. Mike Mahan

No runs, and no answer from Lee for Astros

Associated Press

CHICAGO — No runs, no answers from Carlos Lee.

The Houston Astros are still struggling, and still waiting for an answer from their slugger, who is keeping them in limbo on whether he will accept a trade to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Astros have lost four straight and were swept in a three-game weekend series in Chicago, culminating with a 3-0 loss on Sunday.

After the game, Lee said he was still undecided on whether he will accept a deal to the Dodgers. He was 1 for 4 with a double in the ninth.

"It's frustrating," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "When we do get opportunities we haven't been able to cash those in. And today we really didn't get any opportunities."

J.D. Martinez got the Astros' first hit of the day against Cubs starter Travis Wood (3-3) in the fifth inning, a ground ball double down the third-base line, one of only four hits on the day.

"Right now we've got away from our plan a little bit. I feel like we're going up there and swinging at a lot of pitchers' pitches," Martinez said. "We're not making the pitchers come to us. It's been a struggle."

Wood retired the first 12 batters he faced.

"That was another pretty dominating outing," Cubs manager Dale Sveum said. "It was impressive how he kept the ball inside as well as making all of his pitches."

Wandy Rodriguez (6-6) matched Wood through the first five innings, allowing only two singles. Rodriguez gave up three runs on five hits, with three strikeouts and one walk in his seven innings.

It was scoreless in the sixth when Wood led off with a double against Rodriguez.

"He's actually an offensive asset when he is up there. His athleticism and things like that change a game around. It was the Travis Wood show today, no doubt about it." Sveum said.

Reed Johnson followed with a grounder to third baseman Matt Downs, who made a sliding stop. Downs didn't look Wood back, and the pitcher took third as Johnson was thrown out.

After an intentional walk to Starlin Castro, Rizzo singled. Jeff Baker followed with a two-run double to left.

"One mistake to the pitcher. He's leading off and I think he's going to take one strike and I threw a fastball and he hit it for a double. After that I tried to put the ball down for a ground ball (Rizzo). That's my big mistake today," said Rodriguez.

ALL-STARS

From 1C

getter and beat out Philadelphia catcher Carlo Ruiz, the league's leading hitter. Wright and Ruiz made the NL team as reserves.

"This is hard to wrap my head around," Posey said. "I watched all the All-Star games and home run derbies when I was a kid. It's surreal I get to play in one and get to watch the home run derby."

Hamilton hit four homers in a game earlier this season and leads the majors in RBI.

"How can you not love Josh Hamilton?" Washington said.

Texas will have a team-record three starters — Hamilton in the outfield, Adrian Beltre at third base and Mike Napoli at catcher. A postseason star last year, Napoli has started only about half the time at that spot this year, but still easily outdistanced Minnesota's Joe Mauer.

"No, it's not awkward, the fans voted for him," Washington said. "He's an All-Star, he's going to go to the All-Star game. Who's to say that Napoli may not be the MVP?"

Second baseman Ian Kinsler, shortstop Elvis Andrus, starter Matt Harrison and reliever Joe Nathan also made the AL roster from Texas. The two-time AL champions began the day with a major league-best 50 wins.

Derek Jeter became a 13-time All-Star shortstop and will start for the AL with Yankees teammates Robinson Cano at second base and Curtis Granderson in the outfield. New York pitcher CC Sabathia was picked, too, but is injured.

Posey, Sandoval and San Francisco outfielder Melky Cabrera overcame deficits to win starting spots. Giants ace Matt Cain, who pitched a perfect game in June, made the NL pitching staff.

Prince Fielder of Detroit will start at first base. He was the MVP of last year's All-Star game while playing in the NL for Milwaukee.

Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp edged Milwaukee's Ryan Braun by 100,000 votes for the third spot in the NL outfield — Kemp, beaten out by Braun for the NL MVP award last year, is on the disabled list with a strained left hamstring and looks doubtful to play.

Braun leads the NL in home runs. He was the league's top vote-getter last year, but may have been hurt by drug allegations.

Braun or perhaps Pittsburgh center fielder Andrew McCutchen could wind up starting in Kemp's place.

"I've always been a person that wanted something because I earned it and that's what people wanted," McCutchen said. "It would be awesome to get that but for me I'd still be feeling like I took someone else's place because someone got hurt."

Dickey, at 37, made his first All-Star team. He leads the majors with 12 wins and could become just the second knuckleballer to start an All-Star game. Dutch Leonard did it in 1943, STATS LLC said.

Strasburg is 9-3 with a 2.81 ERA and tops the majors in strikeouts for the NL East-leading Nationals. Last season at this time, he was working his way back to the big leagues while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

"It's going to be a tremendous experience, and it's a huge honor for me. It's amazing to think where I was a year ago, so it's great to see all the hard work has paid off, but it's not done," he said in Atlanta. "It's only the halfway point of the year. We've still got a long ways to go."

RANGERS

From 1C

Star pick, worked a perfect ninth for his seventh save in 10 chances.

The A's got Blackley after he was designated for assignment by San Francisco. He is 2-0 with a 1.93 ERA his last four starts, including his win June 15 against San Diego that was his first in the majors since July 1, 2004.

Though Darvish was left off the initial AL All-Star roster announced earlier Sunday, the right-hander is one of five pitchers who are candidates for the final spot that will be determined by fans voting online through Thursday.

Texas (50-30), still with the best record in the majors, had its five-game winning streak snapped. The Rangers have won seven consecutive series after winning the first three games against Oakland.

After Darvish got his 10th strikeout in the sixth, and before his 11th to end the inning, Yoenis Cespedes doubled down the right-field line before a wild pitch on a strange play that put Oakland up 2-1.

"I made a very good pitch, location was very good, he just hit it, he's a very good hitter," Darvish said. "After that, the wild pitch that scored a run, that's a very important at-bat where I have to give it my all. I didn't make the pitch and the wild pitch was kind of unfortunate."

The speedy Jemile Weeks, who reached on a fielder's choice, stopped at third. But Darvish threw a pitch that bounced under the feet of a hopping batter Seth Smith and the mitt of catcher Yorvit Torrealba then bounced off umpire Manny Gonzalez and in front of the plate.

Weeks slid home safely while Darvish unsuccessfully tried to scoop the ball with his glove toward the plate.

"His off-speed had been his go-to pitch and so I knew he was going to use it at some point during that at-bat," Weeks said. "I was looking for a down off-speed pitch, and if it kicked away, that's a big run against this team. So as soon as I seen it kick, I was gone. ... Any opportunity to score a run, you've got to take."

Moss hit the first pitch of the seventh into the second deck of seats in right field, his eighth homer making it 3-1.

Oakland was the first team Darvish has faced three times, and has lost the last two against the AL West rival.

In the Texas sixth, No. 9 hitter Craig Gentry led off with a drive to straightaway center that bounced off the wall and then the foot of Cespedes. The ball went over the wall and umpires ruled it a double even though Gentry got to third.

Blackley got out of that inning retiring All-Star selections Ian Kinsler, Elvis Andrus and Josh Hamilton on popups.

Hamilton, Adrian Beltre and Mike Napoli, the three Rangers selected by the fans as All-Star starters, were a combined 0-for-9 against Blackley.

SUNDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANGELS 10, BLUE JAYS 6
TORONTO — Rookie Mike Trout hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning, Mark Trumbo and Alberto Callaspo added two-run shots and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Toronto Blue Jays 10-6.

YANKEES 4, WHITE SOX 2
NEW YORK — Robinson Cano hit a tiebreaking two-run homer after wasting a chance with the bases loaded his first time up against Gavin Floyd and New York beat the White Sox for a series split between division leaders.

INDIANS 6, ORIOLES 2
BALTIMORE — Justin Masterson pitched seven innings of five-hit ball and Shelley Duncan homered and hit two doubles for Cleveland.

TIGERS 6, RAYS 2
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Rick Porcello allowed four hits in seven shutout innings and Austin Jackson hit a three-run homer.

RED SOX 2, MARINERS 1, 10 INNINGS
SEATTLE — David Ortiz hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning to help Boston beat Seattle and split a four-game series.

TWINS 10, ROYALS 8
MINNEAPOLIS — Trevor Plouffe homered twice, Josh Willingham and Drew Butera had one each for Minnesota.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

GIANTS 4, REDS 3
SAN FRANCISCO — Angel Pagan hit a game-ending double that right fielder Jay Bruce misplayed in the wind with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, giving the San Franoisco Giants a four-game series split with a 4-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

BREWERS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1
MILWAUKEE — Pinch runner Carlos Gomez raced home following two throwing errors after he stole second base in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Milwaukee Brewers over Arizona.

NATIONALS 8, BRAVES 4
ATLANTA — Ryan Zimmerman homered and drove in four runs and Gio Gonzalez scuffled for his sixth straight road victory to help Washington beat Atlanta in 105-degree heat.

CARDINALS 5, PIRATES 4
ST. LOUIS — Allen Craig homered for the second time in three days and All-Star Yadier Molina also connected for the Cardinals. Pittsburgh was trying to sweep a series of at least three games in St. Louis for the first time since 1997.

MARLINS 5, PHILLIES 2
MIAMI — Ricky Nolasco pitched seven strong innings, Hanley Ramirez hit a two-run home run, and the Miami Marlins completed a three-game sweep of struggling Philadelphia..

PADRES 2, ROCKIES 0
DENVER — Kip Wells tossed seven strong innings for his first win in nearly three years, Chris Denorfia and Alexi Amarista had two hits apiece and the San Diego Padres beat Colorado.

DODGERS 8, METS 3
LOS ANGELES — James Loney had two RBI, and the offensively challenged Los Angeles Dodgers parlayed three errors by the New York Mets into six unearned runs to help Clayton Kershaw win 8-3 on Sunday night.

LITTLE LEAGUE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 3 Little League Tournaments
9-10 Year Olds
At Northern Little League, Butler Park
Monday, June 25
Game 1: Eastern 8, South Odessa 6
Game 2: Big Spring 15, North Ector 5
Game 3: Northern 11, Mid City 3
Game 4: Jim Parker 16, Sherwood 10
Tuesday, June 26
Winner's Bracket
Game 5: Floyd Gwin 8, Eastern 1
Loser's Bracket
Game 6: North Ector 5, Odessa 4
Wednesday, June 27
Winner's Bracket
Game 9: Northern 13, Big Spring 3
Game 10: Floyd Gwin 8, Jim Parker 5
Loser's Bracket
Game 7: Mid City 3, North Ector 1
Game 8: Sherwood 15, Eastern 13
Thursday, June 28
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 13: Northern 12, Floyd Gwin 2
Loser's Bracket
Game 11: Mid City 10, Jim Parker 5
Game 12: Big Spring 12, Sherwood 11
Friday, June 29
Loser's Bracket Final
Game 14: Mid City vs. Big Spring, late
Saturday, June 30
Elimination Game
Game 15: Game 13 loser vs. Game 14, late
Sunday, July 1
Championship
Game 16: Northern vs. Game 15 winner, late
Monday, July 2
Game 17: If Game 15 winner beats Game 13 winner, 7 p.m. Field 1

10-11 Year Olds
At North Ector Little League, Odessa
Monday, June 25
Game 1: Jim Parker 12, Sherwood 2
Game 2: Mid City 10, Floyd Gwin 8
Game 3: Big Spring 10, North Ector 8
Game 4: Northern 13, Tower 3
Tuesday, June 26
Winner's Bracket
Game 5: Jim Parker 16, Mid City 4
Game 6: Northern 18, Big Spring 7
Loser's Bracket
Game 7: Floyd Gwin 5, Sherwood 1
Game 8: North Ector 12, Tower 8
Wednesday, June 27
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 11: Northern 13, Jim Parker 3
Loser's Bracket
Game 9: Floyd Gwin 5, Big Spring 4
Game 10: North Ector 21, Mid City 12
Thursday, June 28
Loser's Bracket
Game 12: Floyd Gwin 15, North Ector 5
Friday, June 29
Elimination Game
Game 13: Jim Parker vs. Floyd Gwin, late
Saturday, June 30
Championship
Game 14: Northern vs. Game 13 winner, late
Sunday, July 1
Game 15: If Game 13 winner beats Game 11 winner, late

Little League
At Sherwood Little League, Odessa
Monday, June 25
Game 1: Eastern 13, South Odessa 2
Game 2: Floyd Gwin 11, Jim Parker 1
Game 3: Tower 4, Sherwood 3
Game 5: North Ector 22, Eastern 0
Tuesday, June 26
Winner's Bracket
Game 4: Northern 10, Big Spring 0
Game 6: Floyd Gwin 9, Mid City 6
Loser's Bracket
Game 7: Jim Parker 4, South Odessa 2
Game 8: Sherwood def Big Spring
Wednesday, June 27
Winner's Bracket
Game 9: North Ector 14, Tower 8
Game 10: Northern 7, Floyed Gwin 5
Loser's Bracket
Game 11: Jim Parker 12, Eastern 1
Game 12: Mid City 11, Sherwood 7
Thursday, June 28
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 15: Northern 14, North Ector 1
Loser's bracket
Game 13: Tower 12, Jim Parker 2
Game 14: Mid City 11, Floyd Gwin 8
Friday, June 29
Loser's Bracket Final
Game 16: Tower vs. Mid City, late
Saturday, June 30
Elimination Game
Game 17: North Ector vs. Game 16 winner, late
Sunday, July 1
Championship
Game 18: Northern vs. Game 17 winner, late
Monday, July 2
Game 19: If Game 17 winner beats Game 15 winner, 7 p.m. Field 1

Junior League
At Christensen Stadium
Monday, June 25
Game 1: Odessa East 12, Odessa West 6
Game 2: Big Spring 7, Lee 2
Tuesday, June 26
Game 3: Odessa East 13, Midland High 12
Game 4: Odessa West 9 Lee 8
Wednesday, June 27
Game 6: Odessa West 16, Midland High 3
Thursday, June 28
Game 5: Big Spring 14, Odessa East 6
Friday, June 29
Game 7: Odessa East vs. Odessa West, late
Saturday, June 30
Game 8: Big Spring vs. Game 7 winner, late
TBA
Game 9: If Game 7 winner beats Game 5 late

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Boxes

ATHLETICS 3, RANGERS 1

Oakland — **Texas**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	3	0	1	0	Kinsler 2b	4	1	1	0
JWeeks 2b	4	1	0	0	Andrus ss	4	0	2	1
Reddick of	4	1	1	0	Rizzo 1b-lf	4	0	0	0
Cespds cf	4	0	1	0	Beltre dh	4	0	0	0
S.Smith lf	3	1	1	0	MYong 3b	4	0	0	0
DNorris c	4	0	1	0	N.Cruz rf	4	0	2	0
Moss 1b	3	1	1	1	Napoli 1b	3	0	0	0
Inge 3b	3	0	0	0	Torreal c	3	0	2	0
Pringle ss	3	0	0	0	Gentry cf	2	0	1	0
					DMdlp ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**31**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**33**	**1**	**8**	**1**

Oakland 000 011 100 — 3
Texas 001 000 000 — 1

E—Inge (6). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Oakland 6, Texas 5. 2B—Reddick (13), Cespedes (11), S.Smith (12), Kinsler (26), N.Cruz (18), Gentry (6), HR—Moss (8). CS—Andrus (6), Torrealba (1). S—Pennington.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Blackley W,2-2	7	7	1	1	0	3
Balfour	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Blevins	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
R.Cook S,7-10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Darvish L,10-5	7	5	3	3	3	11
R.Rossi	2	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Darvish (Moss). WP—Darvish.
PB—D.Norris.
T—3:01. A—45,741 (48,194).

INDIANS 6, ORIOLES 2

Cleveland — **Baltimore**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	0	0	0	BRorts 2b	4	0	0	0
ACarer dh	5	1	2	0	Hardy ss	4	1	1	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	1	1	C.Davis rf	4	0	0	0
JoLopz 3b	4	1	1	0	AJdons cf	4	1	2	1
Hannhn 3b	0	0	0	0	Thome dh	4	0	0	0
Duncan lf	4	2	3	2	Betemit 1b	4	0	1	0
Brantly pr-cf	0	0	0	0	Fahrny lf	3	0	1	1
Kitchn 1b	4	1	1	1	PRalph c	3	0	1	0
Donald ss	2	0	1	0	Andino 3b	3	0	0	0
Marson c	3	0	1	1					
Crghtn cf-rf	4	1	1	1					
Totals	**34**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**Totals**	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**

Cleveland 011 300 001 — 6
Baltimore 000 011 000 — 2

E—Donald (3). DP—Cleveland 1. Baltimore 3. LOB—Cleveland 9. Baltimore 4. 2B—A.Cabrera (19), JoLopez (10), Duncan 2 (8), Kotchman (9), Donald (11), AJdons (19). HR—Duncan (6), Cunningham (1). SB—Kipnis (20), Marson (3). Ad.Jones (11). SF—Marson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Masterson W,5-7	7	5	2	1	0	7
Pestano	1	0	0	0	0	2
C.Perez	1	1	0	0	0	2
Baltimore						
Matusz L,5-10	4	7	5	4	3	2
Mig.Gonzalez	4 1-3	4	1	1	3	5
Gregg	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

Matusz pitched to 2 batters in the 5th
WP—Masterson. PB—R.Paulino 2.
T—2:40. A—16,689 (45,971).

YANKEES 4, WHITE SOX 2

Chicago — **New York**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	4	1	1	0	Jeter ss	5	0	1	0
Youkils 3b	4	1	1	1	Gardnr cf	3	0	0	0
A.Dunn dh	4	0	0	0	Texeir 1b	2	1	0	2
Konerko 1b	4	0	1	0	Cano 2b	4	1	2	0
Rios rf	4	0	2	1	Swisher rf	4	1	0	1
Przyns c	4	0	1	0	Ibanez dh	4	1	1	0
Vicedo lf	3	0	0	0	Ellsbry cf	3	0	0	0
AIRmrz ss	3	0	0	0	RMartn c	4	0	0	0
Bckhm 2b	3	0	0	0	Wise lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**34**	**4**	**4**	**4**

Chicago 200 000 000 — 2
New York 022 000 00x — 4

E—Youkilis (4). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Chicago 6, New York 9. 2B—De Aza (15), Rios (15). HR—Cano (20), Er.Chavez (6). SB—Al.Ramirez (10), Ibanez (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Floyd L,6-8	5 1-3	8	4	4	5	3
Septimo	2 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
N.Jones	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
New York						
Phughes W,9-6	8	6	2	2	1	8
R.Soriano S,18-19	1	0	0	0	2	2

WP—Floyd.
T—2:48. A—48,324 (50,291).

TIGERS 5, RAYS 3

Detroit — **Tampa Bay**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Ajdckn cf	5	1	1	1	Zunino dh	3	1	0	0
Berry lf	4	1	0	0	SRdrgz 2b	3	0	0	0
McCarr 3b	4	1	1	0	Pena 1b	3	1	1	2
Fielder 1b	4	1	2	1	BUpton dh	3	0	0	1
Dthrng dh	4	0	1	1	Kpngr 1b-2b	4	0	0	0
Avila c	4	0	2	1	Zobrist rf	4	1	2	0
Raburn 2b	3	0	1	1	Rutchm 3b	3	0	0	0
Worth 2b	0	0	0	0	Matsui lf	3	1	2	1
D.Kelly rf	4	1	1	0	JMolin c	4	0	1	0
RSantg ss	3	0	1	0	Ellrsn ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	**35**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**Totals**	**30**	**3**	**5**	**3**

Detroit 000 132 000 — 5
Tampa Bay 100 020 000 — 3

E—Connor (2). LOB—Detroit 10, Tampa Bay 2. 2B—D.Kelly (1), R.Santiago (5), Zobrist (17), J.Molina (6). SB—De.Jennings (13). S—R.Santiago. SF—D.Young, Avila, B.Upton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Smyly W,3-3	5	3	3	3	1	4
Villarreal	1	0	0	0	0	3
Coke	1	2	0	0	0	0
Benoit	1	0	0	0	0	2
Valverde S,15-18	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tampa Bay						
Cobb L,3-5	5 1-3	8	5	4	2	3
McGee	1-3	1	0	0	1	3
W.Davis	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Rodney	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Cobb (Fielder). WP—Smyly.
McGee.
T—3:12. A—21,874 (34,078).

TWINS 10, ROYALS 8

Kansas City — **Minnesota**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
AGordn lf	4	0	1	0	Span cf	3	0	1	2
AEscor ss	3	0	0	0	JCarr 3b	3	1	1	0
Butler dh	4	1	1	0	Mauer dh	4	1	0	0
Francr rf	5	0	1	0	Wingh lf	4	1	1	3
YSnchz 3b	4	1	1	0	Morneau 1b	4	1	1	0
Hosmer 1b	4	2	3	0	Plouffe 3b	4	2	2	2
B.Pena c	4	2	2	2	Mstrnnl rf	3	1	0	1
Bourgs cf	3	1	0	0	Butera c	4	1	1	0
Dyson pr-cf	1	0	0	0	Dozier ss	3	2	1	0
S.Perez ph	1	1	1	0					

Fontent 2b 4 0 1 0 J.Buck c 3 0 1 0
Blanton p 2 0 0 0 Nolasco p 2 0 0 0
Pedro ph 1 0 0 0 Keams ph 1 0 0 0
Schwrm p 0 0 0 0 MDunn p 0 0 0 0
Bastrd p 0 0 0 0 Clshek p 0 0 0 0
— — — — Cousins cf 1 0 0 0
Totals **35 2 7 1** **Totals** **29 5 7 5**

Philadelphia 100 001 000 — 2
Miami 000 000 02x — 5

E—Reyes (9). DP—Miami 1. LOB—Philadelphia 6, Miami 3. 2B—Infante (21), J.Buck (6). 3B—Pierre (4). HR—H.Ramirez (12), Stanton (19), SB—Reyes (19), Dobbs (3). CS—Ruggiano (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Blanton L,7-7	6	6	3	3	2	7
Schwimer	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bastardo	1	1	2	2	1	2
Miami						
Nolasco W,7-6	7	5	2	2	0	6
M.Dunn	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Cishek	2-3	2	0	0	1	1

H.Bell S,17-21 1 0 0 0 0 0
WP—Nolasco 2.
T—2:47. A—31,727 (37,442).

NATIONALS 8, BRAVES 4

Washington — **Atlanta**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Lmrdez 2b-ss	4	2	1	0	Bourn cf	5	0	0	0
Harper rf	4	2	1	0	Prado lf	5	1	2	0
Zimrmn 3b	3	2	3	4	Heyward rf	5	1	2	0
Morse lf	3	0	0	0	C.Jones 3b	3	1	1	1
Bernadn pr-lf	0	0	0	0	Uggla 2b	3	1	0	0
Werth 1b	5	0	1	1	F.Frrrs 1b	4	1	2	0
Clipprd p	0	0	0	0	Simmns ss	3	0	1	0
LaRoch 1b	4	0	1	1	D.Ross c	4	0	1	0
Ankiel cf	4	1	1	0	Hudson p	1	0	0	0
JSolano c	4	0	1	1	J.Frncs ph	1	0	0	0
G.Gnzlez 2b	2	0	0	0	M.Diaz ph	1	0	0	0
Stmmn p	0	0	0	0	Venters p	0	0	0	0
SBurnett p	0	0	0	0	CMrtnz p	0	0	0	0
Espinos ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**8**	**9**	**7**	**Totals**	**35**	**4**	**8**	**4**

Washington 400 011 002 — 8
Atlanta 001 003 000 — 4

E—Bourn (2). LOB—Washington 6, Atlanta 8. 2B—Lombardozzi (11), Zimmerman (14), Desmond (24), Prado (22), C.Jones (7). HR—Zimmerman (6), F.Freeman (10). SB—Lombardozzi (1). SF—LaRoche.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
G.Gonzalez W,11-3	5	5	4	4	4	4
Stammen	2	1	0	0	0	3
S.Burnett	1	2	0	0	0	0
Clippard	1	0	0	0	0	1
Atlanta						
T.Hudson L,6-4	6	8	6	5	2	4
Varvaro	2	0	0	0	1	3
Venters	1-3	1	2	2	1	1
C.Martinez	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

G.Gonzalez pitched to 3 batters in the 6th
HBP—by Venters (Lombardozzi). WP—T.Hudson.
T—3:02 A—18,796 (49,586).

BREWERS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Arizona — **Milwaukee**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bmazzi 3b	5	0	1	0	Aoki rf	4	1	2	0
Pollock cf	4	0	1	0	Mcoquin cf	3	0	0	1
J.Upton rf	4	0	0	0	Braun lf	4	0	0	0
Kubel lf	3	1	2	1	ArRmrz 3b	3	0	1	0
MMnntr c	2	0	0	0	CGomez pr	0	1	0	0
A.Hill 2b	4	1	1	0	Hart 1b	4	0	0	0
Overay 1b	3	0	0	0	RWeks 2b	3	0	1	0
GParra cf	4	0	1	0	Ransm ss	3	0	1	0
Ktchm ss	4	0	1	0	MGmez c	3	0	0	0
C.Young ph	0	0	0	0	Gall ard p	2	0	0	0
Shaw p	0	0	0	0	Veras p	0	0	0	0
Ferrnndz p	0	0	0	0	FFrldz p	0	0	0	0
Gldsch ph	1	0	0	0	Kottars ph	1	0	0	0
Corbin p	0	0	0	0	Axford p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**29**	**2**	**4**	**1**

Arizona 000 000 000 — 0
Milwaukee 000 100 001 — 2

One out when winning run scored
E—M.Montero (5). G.Parra (2). R.Weeks 2 (9). DP—Milwaukee 1. LOB—Arizona 9, Milwaukee 5. 2B—Aoki (13). R.Weeks (12). HR—Aoki (12). SB—C.Gomez (9). CS—Bloomquist (8). S—Collmenter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Collmenter	6	3	1	1	0	5
Shaw	1	1	0	0	1	0
D.Hernandez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Corbin L,2-4	1-3	1	1	0	1	0
Milwaukee						
Gallardo	6 2-3	3	0	0	5	6
Veras	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Fr.Rodriguez	1	1	1	1	1	0
Axford W,2-5	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Collmenter. Gallardo.
T—3:14 A—38,605 (41,900).

GIANTS 4, REDS 3

Cincinnati — **San Francisco**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Cozart ss	5	0	0	0	GBlanc rf	5	0	0	0
Stubbs cf	4	0	0	0	Theriot 2b	3	3	2	0
BPhllps 2b	4	0	1	0	McCarr lf	4	0	2	1
Bruce rf	4	1	1	0	Posey c	4	1	3	2
Ludwck lf	4	1	3	0	Sandovl 3b	4	0	0	0
Rolen 3b	4	0	0	0	Pagan cf	4	0	1	1
Frazier 3b	3	1	2	2	Belt 1b	4	0	3	0
Cairo 1b	4	0	1	1	BCrwfrd ss	4	0	1	0
Hanigr c	2	0	0	0	Vogelsng p	2	0	0	0
Arroyo p	2	0	0	0	Romo p	0	0	0	0
Ondrusk p	0	0	0	0	Arias ph	1	0	0	0
Heisey ph	0	0	0	0	Lopez p	0	0	0	0
Marshll p	0	0	0	0	CSasll p	0	0	0	0
Valdez ph	1	0	0	0					
Arredndo p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**34**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**35**	**4**	**12**	**4**

Cincinnati 000 020 001 — 3
San Francisco 001 010 102 — 4

Two outs when winning run scored
DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 12. 2B—Theriot (7), Posey (15), Pagan (14), Belt (13). HR—Frazier (8). SB—Heisey (3), Pagan (15), Belt (5). S—Me.Cabrera. Vogelsong.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Arroyo	6	7	2	2	2	2
Ondrusek	1	1	1	1	1	1
Marshall	1	2	0	0	0	0
Arredondo L,4-2	2-3	2	1	1	1	1
San Francisco						
Vogelsong	7	3	2	2	1	5
Romo	1	0	0	0	1	0
Lopez	0	1	1	1	0	0
S.Casilla W,2-3	1	3	0	0	0	2

Ja.Lopez pitched to 1 batter in the 9th
HBP—by Arroyo (Posey), by Vogelsong (B.Phillips). WP—Ondrusek.
T—3:14. A—42,039 (41,915).

DODGERS 8, METS 3

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	48	30	.615	—	—	7-3	W-2	25-16	23-14
Baltimore	42	35	.538	6	—	3-7	L-2	22-20	20-16
Boston	42	37	.532	6 1/2	1/2	6-4	W-1	21-21	21-16
Tampa Bay	41	38	.519	7 1/2	1 1/2	3-7	L-2	22-18	19-20
Toronto	40	39	.506	8 1/2	2 1/2	5-5	L-1	21-17	19-22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	42	37	.532	—	—	6-4	L-2	19-21	23-16
Cleveland	40	38	.513	1 1/2	2	4-6	W-2	20-18	20-20
Detroit	39	40	.494	3	3 1/2	5-5	W-2	17-18	22-22
Kansas City	35	42	.455	6	6 1/2	4-6	L-3	14-23	21-19
Minnesota	33	45	.423	8 1/2	9	6-4	W-3	17-25	16-20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	50	30	.625	—	—	7-3	L-1	27-15	23-15
Los Angeles	44	35	.557	5 1/2	—	7-3	W-1	22-17	22-18
Oakland	38	42	.475	12	5	4-6	W-1	19-19	19-23
Seattle	34	47	.420	16 1/2	9 1/2	4-6	L-1	15-23	19-24

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	45	32	.584	—	—	5-5	W-1	20-14	25-18
New York	43	37	.538	3 1/2	—	5-5	L-1	23-17	20-20
Atlanta	41	37	.526	4 1/2	1	5-5	L-1	18-20	23-17
Miami	38	40	.487	7 1/2	4	5-5	W-4	22-22	16-18
Philadelphia	36	45	.444	11 1/2	3	7-3	L-5	17-24	19-21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	43	35	.551	—	—	5-5	L-1	23-16	20-19
Pittsburgh	42	36	.538	1	—	6-4	L-1	23-13	19-23
St. Louis	41	38	.519	2 1/2	1 1/2	6-4	W-1	18-18	23-20
Milwaukee	36	42	.462	7	6	5-5	W-2	20-19	16-23
Houston	32	47	.405	11 1/2	10 1/2	4-6	L-4	23-19	9-28
Chicago	29	49	.372	14	13	5-5	W-3	19-20	10-29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	45	35	.563	—	—	7-3	W-1	26-16	19-19
Los Angeles	44	36	.550	1	2-8	4-6	W-1	25-15	19-21
Arizona	39	39	.500	5	3	6-4	L-2	20-17	19-22
Colorado	30	48	.385	14	12	4-6	L-2	18-25	12-23
San Diego	30	50	.375	15	13	6-4	W-2	16-24	14-26

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Scores

Cleveland 6, Baltimore 2
Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 3
N Y Yankees 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Minnesota 10, Kansas City 8
L.A. Angels 10, Toronto 6
Boston 2, Seattle 1, 10 innings
Oakland 3, Texas 1

Today's Games

L.A. Angels (Weaver 8-1) at Cleveland (Jimenez 7-6), 6:05 p.m
Minnesota (Hendrks 0-5) at Detroit (Fister 1-5), 6:05 p.m
Kansas City (Teaford 0-1) at Toronto (R.Romano 8-2), 6:07 p.m
N Y Yankees (F.Garcia 2-2) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 4-5), 6:10 p.m
Boston (Matsuzaka 0-2) at Oakland (J.Parker 4-3), 9:05 p.m
Baltimore (Hammel 8-3) at Seattle (Iwakuma 1-1), 9:10 p.m

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Scores

Miami 5, Philadelphia 2
Washington 8, Atlanta 4
Milwaukee 2, Arizona 1
St Louis 5, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 0
San Diego 2, Colorado 0
San Francisco 4, Cincinnati 3
L.A. Dodgers 8, N Y Mets 3

Today's Games

Houston (Lyles 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 7-3), 6:05 p.m
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 5-7) at Atlanta (Hanson 9-4), 6:10 p.m
Miami (Zambrano 4-6) at Milwaukee (Grenke 9-2), 7:10 p.m
Colorado (Outman 0-3) at St. Louis (Lohse 7-2), 7:15 p.m
San Diego (Richard 5-8) at Arizona (Cahill 6-6), 8:40 p.m
Cincinnati (Bailey 5-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 4-7), 9:10 p.m

'Hounds Watch

Sunday's Score
Midland 6, Arkansas 2

Today's Game
Midland at Arkansas, 6 p.m
Hammons Field
Springfield, Mo.

Records
Midland 3-6, Springfield 7-2

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Saturday	Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Midland 9, Arkansas 4	Midland 6, Arkansas 2	Springfield	Midland at Springfield, 7:08 p.m.	Midland at Springfield, 5:08 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
World Cup, championship game, teams TBD, at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m., ESPN2

CYCLING
Tour de France, stage 2, Vise to Tournai, Belgium, 7 a.m., NBC Sports

MAJOR LEAGUE

BASEBALL
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., ESPN

SWIMMING
Olympic Trials, finals, at Omaha, Neb., 7 p.m., NBC

TENNIS
The Championships, round of 16, at Wimbledon, England, 6 a.m., ESPN2
The Championships, round of 16, at Wimbledon, England, 7 a.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

LSFL FOOTBALL
Roughnecks at Laredo, 7:15 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Added DH Jim Thome to the 25-man roster. Recalled RHP Miguel Gonzalez from Norfolk (IL). Optioned RHP Tommy Hunter and OF Xavier Avery to Norfolk.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Acquired RHP Chad Qualls from Philadelphia for a player to be named or cash.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chase DeJong.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Signed RHP Ben Sheets to a minor-league contract and assigned him to Mississippi (SL).

COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled LHP Drew Pomeranz from Colorado Springs (PCL). Optioned RHP Guillermo Moscoso to Colorado Springs.

Eastern League

TRENTON THUNDER—Announced RHP Danny Farquhar has been assigned to the team.

American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed RHP Freddy Flores.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—Signed LHP Tyler Deeren.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed LHP Moises Melendez and RHP Ricardo Estevez.

WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed Edgar R Martinez released INF Juan M Richard son and LHP Shawn Leeck.

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES—Signed OF Josh Garton. Released OF Nick Santomauro.

Frontier League

ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Released RHP Artie Clyde and LHP Jack Crawford.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS—Signed RHP Patrick Lacy and RHP Alex Rivers. Released RHP Robbie Penny.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed D Sheldon Souray to a three-year contract. RW Brad Staubitz to a two-year contract and D Jordan Hendry to a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with D Bryan Allen on a three-year contract.

BUFFALO SABRES—Signed F John Scott to a one-year contract.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Signed C Jordan Staal to a 10-year contract extension through the 2022-23 season. Re-signed F Brett Sutter to a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with G Justin Peters on a two-year contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Agreed to terms with D Sheldon Brookbank on a two-year contract.

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed F PA Parenteau to a four-year contract.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Traded D Marc Methot to Ottawa for LW Nick Foligno. Signed D Adrian Aucoin. G Curtis McElhinney and LW Jonathan Audy-Marchessault.

DALLAS STARS—Signed D Aaron Rome to a three-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Agreed to terms with G Jonas Gustavsson on a two-year contract and F Jordin Tootoo on a three-year contract. Signed F Damien Brunner to a one-year contract.

EDMONTON OILERS—Signed F Ryan Smyth to a two-year contract. Signed D Justin Schultz to a two-year entry-level contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with G Scott Clemmensen on a two-year contract extension and G Greg Rallo. RW Jon Pheault and S Dov Grumet-Morris on one-year contracts. Signed D Filip Kuba to a two-year contract.

MINNESOTA WILD—Signed C Zenon Konopka and C Torey Mitchell.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed LW Brandon Prust to a four-year contract and D Francis Bouillon. F Colby Armstrong, G Cedrick Desjardins and F Michael Blunden to one-year contracts.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed F Kevin Henderson to a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with D Ryan Mason and F Brian McGrattigan on one-year contracts.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Agreed to terms with F Brian Boyle. F Matt Watkins and C Jon Landry on one-year contracts and C Matt Carkner on a three-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with D Stu Bickel and F Micheal Haley.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Acquired D Marc Methot from Columbus for C Nick Foligno. Signed F Shane Prince to a three-year entry-level extension and D Mike Lundin to a one-year contracts.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Re-signed G Michael Leighton.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed RW David Moss to a two-year contract and G Chad Johnson to a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed C Sidney Crosby to a 12-year contract extension.

SAN JOSE SHARK—Signed F Adam Burish to a four-year contract.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed G Mike McKenna. D Scott Ford and D Taylor Chorney.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Re-signed D Evan Oberg to a one-year contract. Signed F Benoit Pouliot to a one-year contract. D Sami Salo to a two-year contract and D Artem Sergeev to a three-year entry level contract.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed F Jay McClement and F Matt Frattin to two-year contracts.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed D Jason Garrison to a six-year contract.

WINNIPEG JETS—Agreed to terms with D Derek Meech and F Alexei Ponikarovsky. Agreed to terms with F Jason King on an AHL contract.

COLLEGE

NEW MEXICO—Named Brandon Mason video administrator for men's basketball.

Late Box

MARINERS 3, RED SOX 2, 11 INNINGS

Boston — **Seattle**

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Nava lf	4	0	0	0	Suzuki rf	5	1	2	0
Pedroia 2b	5	0	1	0	C Wells cf	4	1	0	0
Ortiz dh	5	0	1	0	Seager 3b	5	0	1	0
Ad.Gnzlz 1b	5	1	3	0	Smoak 1b	4	0	0	0
Mdlrks 3b	5	1	1	0	Ackley 2b	5	0	2	0
Kalsch cf	5	0	1	1	Figgins lf	4	0	0	1
Avilés ss	5	0	1	0	Kawsk ss	3	0	1	0
Ross c	4	0	1	0	JWDsyk rf	0	0	0	0
Lestejr lf	4	0	1	0	J.Rivrs c	3	2	1	1
Lueiqe	1	1	1	0	Ryan ss	0	0	0	0

Spain crushes Italy to take Euro 2012 final

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Spain swept to a majestic 4-0 victory over Italy in the European Championship final on Sunday, retaining its title and extending its reign as the best team in world football.

After critics had called this Spain team boring at Euro 2012, the most one-sided final in the tournament's history was a perfect response.

Goals from David Silva and Jordi Alba in the first half gave Spain a convincing lead. Fernando Torres and fellow substitute Juan Mata scored in the last six minutes to turn victory into a rout.

Italy's task was tough enough with 11 players, and it became impossible with just 10 after the 64th minute. All its substitutes were used when midfielder Thiago Motta, who had only been on the pitch for seven minutes, was taken off due to injury.

"We respect (Italy) very much. They were a great rival, but we took control of the game as time went by," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said.

The victory lifted Spain to a record third straight major title, after winning Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup. The hat trick of titles is an unprecedented feat for a European team, as is successfully defending the championship.

Spain even allowed Italy the majority of first-half possession, yet its trademark quick passing game was lethal when required. The second was almost entirely one-way traffic.

"Tonight, there was no contest, they were too superior — so the bitterness at losing this final is only relative," Italy's captain and goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon said.

His Spanish counterpart as keeper and skipper, Iker Casillas, also was outstanding in keeping Italy's attack at bay for his 10th consecutive clean sheet in tournament knockout matches.

The victory was the most comprehensive in a European Championship final, beating West Germany's 3-0 win over the Soviet Union in 1972.

Gregorio Borgia/AP

Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas lifts the trophy after Spain won the Euro 2012 championship over Italy on Sunday in Kiev, Ukraine.

Critics of Spain's style had said the world and European champions were boring — keeping possession with endless back-and-forth passes to stifle games, not win them.

But Spain answered by playing its best and slickest football at Euro 2012 when most was at stake.

"You could tell right away that they were fresher physically," said Italy coach Cesare Prandelli, whose team played in the semifinals on Thursday, one day after Spain.

"We didn't have time to recuperate, especially against players like these. It became very, very difficult indeed to come back from 2-0 down."

Italy playmaker Andrea Pirlo could not orchestrate play like he had when Germany and England were eliminated. Pirlo looked up with teary red eyes as Spain lifted the trophy.

When the final whistle was blown, Spain's players rushed to each other and huddled in a circle, jumping and spinning in celebration. Of course, they did it deep in Italy's half.

Sergio Ramos and Xavi Hernandez had already threatened Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon's goal when Spain took the lead in the 14th minute.

Andres Iniesta's incisive forward pass to find Cesc Fabregas was superb. Fabregas drifted behind defender Giorgio Chiellini and surged to the byline, drawing Buffon to his near post. Silva waited eight yards (meters) out to head a crisp chip back from Fabregas into the net.

Spain then increased its lead just four minutes before the break.

Hernandez had been below his usual high standard at Euro 2012, but he put a weighted pass into Alba's stride as the left-back burst past four Italian defenders to slip his shot past Buffon.

US 100-meter tiebreaker runoff set for today

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — The tie for third place in the women's 100 meters at the U.S. track trials will be decided by a runoff Monday.

Allyson Felix and Jeneba Tarmoh will race to determine the third member of the Olympic team for London, officials confirmed Sunday.

Felix and Tarmoh finished in a dead heat for third place in the women's 100 more than a week ago. Track officials had no policy in place to resolve it but devised a tiebreaker that included the options of a runoff or a coin flip.

The coach of both athletes said they wanted to wait to make a decision until after Saturday night's 200 meters so they could focus on that race.

The runoff will be held at 5 p.m. local time — 8 p.m. EDT — at Hayward Field.

"They both feel they deserve a spot on the team and they're willing to do it in a competitive manner and a competitive fashion," said Stephanie Hightower, president of USA Track and Field. "I think it's good for the sport and it's good for them to show their level of competitiveness and passion and drive for what they've been working so hard to accomplish.

"The bottom line is that this is, in my opinion, the best way to be able to resolve this issue."

Sagan youngest since Armstrong to win tour stage

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

SERAING, Belgium — Peter Sagan blushed, giggled and eventually brushed off comparisons to Lance Armstrong on Sunday after becoming the youngest rider to win a Tour de France stage since the Texan nearly a generation ago.

The 22-year-old Slovak gave a command performance in his debut in a full Tour stage by outsprinting Swiss rider Fabian Cancellara, who mounted a spirited and successful defense of his yellow jersey over a hilly ride in eastern Belgium in Stage 1.

The standings among the top contenders to win the three-week race didn't change much after the 123-mile loop from Liege to suburban Seraing featuring five low-grade climbs. Bradley Wiggins of Britain and defending champion Cadel Evans trailed close behind in a splintered pack.

Overall, Wiggins is second behind Cancellara, seven seconds back, and Evans is another 10 seconds slower in eighth.

Sagan, who won five of eight stages in this year's Tour of California among the 13 stage victories he has this year, placed his hands on his shoulders after edging out Cancellara and Norway's Edvald Boasson Hagen. It was the culmination of a tricky uphill patch with cobblestones right before the finish.

The promising Slovak becomes the youngest rider to capture a Tour stage since Armstrong won his first of his 22 career Tour stage victories at age 21 — in Stage 8 in 1993. The youngest of all time is Italy's Fabio Battesini, who was 19 when he won one in the 1931 Tour.

Sagan landed another spot in the history books: No other Tour debutant has won the first Tour road stage since Fabio Baldato of Italy 17 years ago, according to Infostrada, a Dutch sports information service. David Zabriskie of the United States won the opening time-trial in his first Tour in 2005, but that wasn't a full road stage.

Asked whether he has the potential to be the next Armstrong, Sagan cautioned that such talk was a bit premature: "I would like to be, but I'm so young it's impossible to know what the future will be."

"If that could be true, it would be great," the Liquigas-Cannondale rider said with a nervous laugh.

He rose to 23th place overall, 24 seconds behind Cancellara, after entering the day in 56th place — 3:49 behind — after the prologue that Sagan said wasn't suited to his talents.

To have a chance to achieve Armstrong's stature, Sagan will have to prove that he's a complete rider who can excel in time-trials and the mountains — not just a "puncher" who can burst ahead late on flatter stages.

He'll get that chance in two time-trials ahead and as the race veers to the Alps in Week 2 and down into the Pyrenees mountains before the July 22 finish on Paris' Champs-Elysees.

Cancellara, the 31-year-old veteran who won Saturday's prologue, offered racing panache with an aggressive final attack — an unusual move because the bearer of the yellow jersey generally spends more effort trying to defend it than going on the offensive himself.

"We got absolutely no help from other teams, so I said the best defense is to attack," he said, referring to his RadioShack squad. "I saw the last turn with a little stretch of cobbles and I said, 'Here, full gas.'"

"I'm not the kind of rider that gives up with 500 meters left," said the Swiss veteran. "That's not me. If I try something I go all the way — and if I finish second, that's just how it goes."

Sagan hugged the wheel of Cancellara, who was doing the hard work of leading into the wind, then whipped around him with less than 150 yards left to win in 4 hours, 58 minutes, 19 seconds.

At least two crashes marred Sunday's stage amid escalating tensions within the pack near the finish, where roadside crowds drew in to get a glimpse of the whirring bicycles.

High-profile riders including Spain's Luis Leon Sanchez and Michael Rogers of Australia went down in one late spill, but got back up. Bad luck continued to plague Germany's Tony Martin, who went down in a crash early Sunday before recovering. The world time-trial champion popped a flat and lost time in the prologue the day before.

OLYMPIC TRIALS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BLAKE WINS 200 METERS, GOES 2 FOR 2 VS BOLT: At Kingston, Jamaica, Yohan Blake made it 2 for 2 against Usain Bolt, winning the 200 meters at the Jamaican Olympic trials in 19.80 seconds Sunday night to edge the world-record holder by 0.03.

In a result that can no longer be considered a surprise, Blake started edging into the lead near the turn, then burst past Bolt for the narrow victory.

The win came two days after Blake, the reigning world 100 champion, beat Bolt in the 100 by running a 9.75.

If everything goes to form, their next meeting will be at the London Olympics.

PHELPS LOCKS UP ANOTHER 8-RACE PROGRAM IN LONDON: At Omaha, Neb., Michael Phelps has earned a chance to swim eight Olympic races, rallying to win the 100-meter butterfly at the U.S. trials.

Phelps was slow off the blocks and made the turn in sixth place Sunday night. But he caught Tyler McGill on the return lap and surged to the wall to win 51.14 seconds, well off his world-record pace (49.82) but fastest in the world this year.

McGill hung on for the second Olympic spot in 51.32. Ryan Lochte, swimming an event he normally doesn't in major competitions, just missed adding another race to his already busy program. He was third, 33-hundreths behind McGill.

FRANKLIN 1ST US FEMALE TO GET IN 7 OLYMPICS RACES: At Omaha, Neb., Missy Franklin will become the first American female to swim seven events at the Olympics.

The 17-year-old Franklin locked up her fourth individual event with a dominating win in the 200-meter backstroke Sunday night at the U.S. Olympic trials. She touched in 2 minutes, 06.12 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year and nearly 1 1/2 seconds ahead of runner-up Elizabeth Beisel, who secured the second spot in London at 2:07.58.

Franklin had already earned spots in the 100 and 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke. She's also assured of swimming on all three relays.

JONATHAN HORTON MAKES 2ND OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS TEAM: At San Jose, Calif., Jonathan Horton is heading back to the Olympics with a bunch of rookies in tow.

The two-time Beijing medalist was picked for the U.S. men's gymnastics team for the London Games on Sunday, joined by Jake Dalton and Sam Mikulak. Danell Leyva and reigning national champion John Orozco automatically qualified for the five-man squad after the conclusion of Olympic trials Saturday night.

Chris Brooks, Steven Legendre and Alex Naddour are the alternates.

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Keselowski's 3rd Cup win shakes things up

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — Brad Keselowski was the only driver at Kentucky Speedway to compete in all three NASCAR races.

Late on a hot Saturday night in the Bluegrass countryside, he also was the only one to pick up a third Sprint Cup win of the season.

"I wanted all three, but sometimes that ain't meant to happen," a happy Keselowski said about his starts in the Truck, Nationwide and Cup races at the 1.5-mile oval. "But second, seventh and a first ain't bad at all."

It sure isn't.

Now Keselowski is elbowing his way into the season-ending Chase picture and making more than a couple of other drivers nervous about their own chances.

As the Cup series builds to its climactic stretch run, Keselowski, who also won at Bristol and Talladega and is now 10th in the standings, is making a lot of people take notice.

Kyle Busch stands 12th with the top 12 through the first 26 races making the Chase "playoffs." He realizes that 10th-place finishes — like he had at Kentucky — might not be good enough.

"We're still within reach and everything," he said in the din of the postrace bustle, before adding, "We're certainly not running the way we need to be running."

Kasey Kahne, who used a late rally to close to second in Kentucky, climbed into the final wild-card position at 14th.

"A top-five (finish) is good, but it's probably not going to get us in the Chase," he said. "We need to win a race or two more to make the Chase."

Kahne rallied from a lap down to squeeze Keselowski's final advantage to 4.399 seconds. Kahne had finished higher than 19th just once in the season's first six races. Crashes at Pocono and Michigan put a damper on his hopes before he started picking off cars in the final few laps on the bumpy track in Kentucky.

"We've got to keep working on it and got to be a little stronger throughout," he said. "But my car was fast. The longer the run went, the better we seemed to get."

Because Carl Edwards, 11th in the standings, and 13th-place Paul Menard have yet to win, Kahne has an advantage thanks to his win at Charlotte.

"It's time for us to get it in gear," Edwards said. "I am real frustrated. (Crew chief) Bob (Osborne) is real frustrated. I know we can do this."

Heading into this weekend's Cup race at Daytona, Matt Kenseth is first in the standings, followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jimmie Johnson, Greg Biffle, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Clint Bowyer, Martin Truex Jr., Tony Stewart and Keselowski.

While the Chase sublots were accumulating, Keselowski was adding to an extraordinary year. In three of his first seven starts, he finished near the bottom. He also had not cracked the top 10 in his four previous starts before coming to Kentucky.

Keselowski conceded that his team had "reliability issues" early in the year.

But he has had his Penske Dodge in contention in almost all the rest of the 17 races so far. With just nine races left before the Chase, the 28-year-old Michigan native is just confident enough to believe he can create even more havoc.

Wimbledon provides eventful Week 1

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Whew.

Good thing Wimbledon schedules its middle Sunday as a day off. This year, that gave everyone a chance to catch their breath after an eventful Week 1.

Really, when action resumes today with all 16 men's and women's fourth-round matches, what could Week 2 possibly have in store to equal what the first six days offered?

There was two-time champion Rafael Nadal's loss in the second round to an unknown guy ranked 100th — a guy who was beaten in his next match. A day after Nadal's exit, ending his streak of reaching five consecutive Grand Slam finals, Roger Federer, owner of six titles at the All England Club and a record 16 major trophies overall, dropped the first two sets of his third-round match ... before coming back to win.

There was five-time champion Venus Williams' departure on Day 1; the only other time in 16 appearances at Wimbledon that she lost in the first round came during her debut in 1997 at age 17. Her younger sister, four-time champion Serena, is still around, but only barely. She pounded a tournament-record 23 aces to escape the third round with a 9-7 third-set victory.

As superb as both of the Williams siblings are, neither has pulled off what Serena's next opponent managed to do Saturday: a perfect set. No woman had ever won all 24 points in a set in a professional match — and only one man had done it — until 65th-ranked Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan began that way against 10th-seeded Sara Errani of Italy, who was the runner-up at the French Open.

"Hopefully I'll be able to win a point in the set," Williams said, looking ahead and keeping a straight face. "That will be my first goal, and then I'll go from there."

On and on and on it went last week.

American qualifier Brian Baker, who wasn't even ranked a year ago because he was forced off tour for more than half a decade by a series of operations, made it to the fourth round. So did 10th-seeded Mardy Fish, playing in his first tournament in about 2 1/2 months after being treated for an accelerated heartbeat.

Another U.S. man, three-time Wimbledon finalist Andy Roddick, wouldn't say whether he plans to be back after blowing a kiss to the Centre Court crowd after his third-round loss to No. 7-seeded David Ferrer. And yet another, Sam Querrey, lost a 17-15 fifth set to 16th-seeded Marin Cilic after 5 1/2 hours, the second-longest match in tournament history.

Errani was on the good side of another oddity, when she and her second-round opponent, CoCo Vandweghe of the U.S., were sent home at match point one evening because it was too dark to play. When they returned the next day, Vandeweghe double-faulted right away, allowing Errani to wrap up a victory after seven seconds of "action" — and not a single swing of her racket.

There was more, too.

The tournament seemed to become enamored of its retractable roof, pulling it shut over Centre Court so much that defending champion Novak Djokovic remarked: "I was a little bit surprised, when I saw sunshine, that the roof is closed. Obviously, they're relying on a forecast that I don't think is very reliable here."

Woods

From 1C

with unforced errors of his own. His 6-iron was heavy and didn't quite reach the bunker, meaning he had to plant his feet in the sand and grip the wedge on the shaft. He moved it only a few yards, still in the collar of the rough, and chipped about 12 feet by the hole. Woods' chip up the slope rolled 15 feet by, and he missed the putt to end his streak of 41 straight holes without a bogey.

Van Pelt also missed his par putt, and they walked away from that mess still tied for the lead.

On the 17th, Van Pelt caught a flier from the first cut of rough and the ball shot over the green and near the grandstand, leaving him an impossible chip. He hit through the green and had to scramble to make bogey, and Woods took the outright lead for the third time all day — this time for good.

He made a 6-foot par putt, taking a one-shot lead to the 18th, and played it to perfection.

Brendon de Jonge of Zimbabwe, who had a one-shot lead going into the final round, didn't make birdie and closed with a 77.

Adam Scott went out in 31 and was briefly tied for the lead until a few bogeys on the back nine. He had to settle for a 67, which put him alone in third at 5 under.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Champions

SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP: At Pittsburgh, Joe Daley won the Senior Players Championship for his first Champions Tour title, closing with a 2-under 68 for a two-stroke victory over Tom Lehman.

The 51-year-old Daley, winless in his brief PGA Tour career, had a 14-under 266 total at Fox Chapel. He earned $405,000 and full Champions Tour status for a calendar year.

LPGA

NW ARKANSAS CHAMPIONSHIP: At Rogers, Ark., Ai Miyazato shot a 6-under 65 to overcome a five-shot deficit and win the NW Arkansas Championship for her second LPGA Tour victory of the year and ninth overall.

The Japanese star made a 5-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to reach 12 under for the tournament, and her victory at Pinnacle Country Club was secured when Mika Miyazato missed a 15-foot birdie attempt on No. 18. Ai Miyazato had seven birdies and one bogey in the final round to finish a stroke ahead of Mika Miyazato and Azahara Munoz.

PGA European

IRISH OPEN: At Portbrush, Northern Ireland, Wales' Jamie Donaldson won the Irish Open for his first European Tour title, shooting a 6-under 66 for a four-stroke victory at historic Royal Portrush.

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UNITED LEASING CHAMPIONSHIP: At Newburgh, Ind., Peter Tomasulo won the United Leasing Championship for his third Web.com Tour victory, beating David Lingmerth with a par on the fourth hole of a playoff in triple-digit heat.

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Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 93, a low around 71 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 94 and a low around 72.

The high on Sunday reached 90 while the low dropped to 71. The record high for July 1 is 107 set in 1994. The record low is 60 set in 1967.

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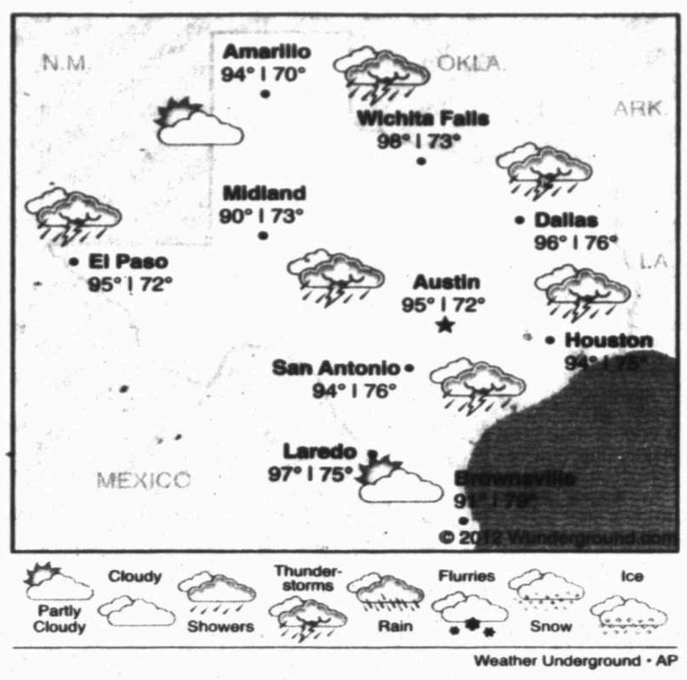
Widespread, record-breaking heat will continue today from the central Plains through the Mississippi Valley and all the way to the Middle Atlantic States and the Southeast. Many of the cities within these areas will also be under intense sunshine with high humidity, leading it to feel even hotter. High temperatures will rise to near or above 100 degrees within this corridor.

Spotty and gusty thunderstorms will occur across the northern Plains and western Great Lakes, as well as portions of the Middle Atlantic States.



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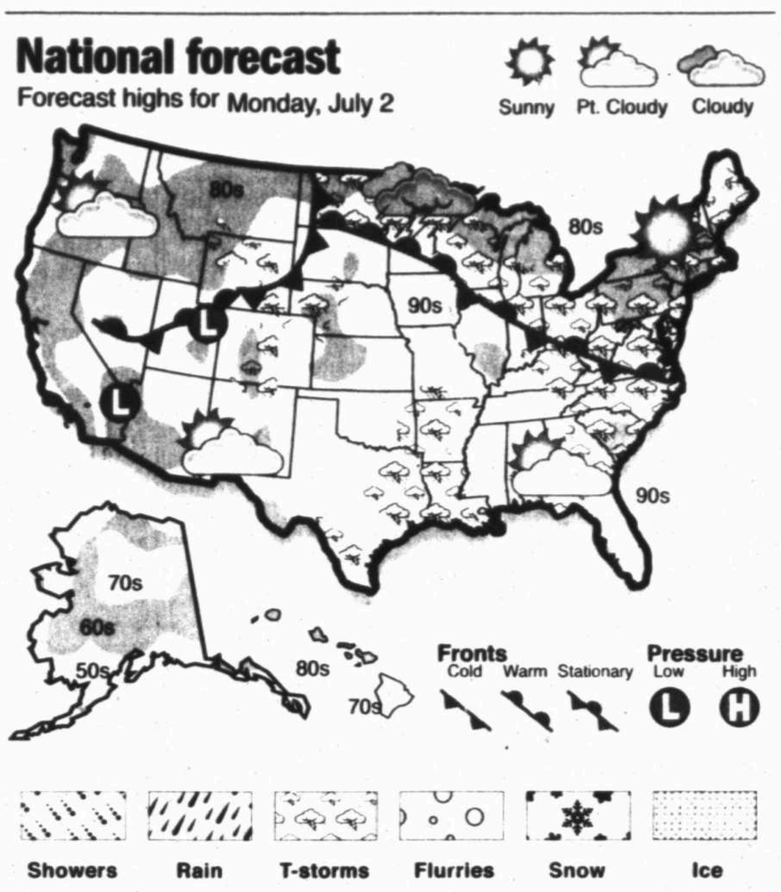

Distant mom now reaching out refuses to admit past abuse

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: When I was a child, my mother — a bipolar schizophrenic — abused me. At 12, I decided I had had enough of her mental and physical abuse. A family friend helped me to leave and be placed with my father. I am now 35 and haven't seen my mother since then.

A few years ago, I wrote her a letter. In it, I included pictures of my children, saying I would like her to know her grandchildren. She ripped the photos into pieces and sent them back with a note telling me to leave her alone and that I had "made my choice in life."

Last month, I received a letter from her saying she regretted destroying the pictures and would now like me to send more and she could meet us all. She also asked me for $6,000. She claims I "know" she never abused me and that she isn't mentally ill.

It has taken a long time for me to overcome the things she did to me. Even now, when I drive through the old neighborhoods where we lived — a different one for every grade I went to school — I break down in tears from the memories of her abuse.

Should I write my mother back or just let it go? — ON AN EMOTIONAL ROLLER COASTER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ON AN EMOTIONAL ROLLER COASTER: Let it go. Until your mother is well enough to admit what she did to you — and she ISN'T — do not expose your children to her. And as to the $6,000, if you can afford to spend that kind of money, spend it on therapy to overcome the sadness that still lingers from your abusive childhood. If you give it to your mother, she will only ask you for more and more.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Diane," and her youngest sister, "Jenny," have grown closer in recent years. Jenny and her husband have been married as long as Diane and I have. Our children are close in age, and none of us is wealthy.

We live in different states. In her attempt to stay connected to Diane, Jenny sends gifts on every conceivable occasion and non-occasion. She sends boxes of cheap items she picks up at her local dollar store — household knickknacks, toys, kitchen gadgets, plastic trinkets and costume jewelry. It's always things we neither need nor use, and the postage probably costs more than the items in those boxes.

Abby, I don't like it. Our home already is jammed with too much stuff. I have told my wife I want her sister to stop sending all that junk. Of course, she doesn't want to hurt her sister's feelings, so she says nothing. I have threatened to tell Jenny myself, but I know that would be a mistake. I don't interact with her and her husband anyway, and we don't communicate well. What can I do? — STUFFED WITH STUFF IN OREGON

DEAR STUFFED: You can't "do" anything because this is something your wife is going to have to deal with. Diane should tell Jenny that the two of you have reached a point in life where you are no longer able to accept things because you have nowhere to put them, and are now in the process of clearing out items you no longer use. She should tell her sister that when she wants to reach out, please do so on the Internet or pick up the phone.

However, if Sissy refuses to take the hint, you and your wife should look for somewhere to donate the unwanted items. A thrift shop, church sale, women's shelter or children's hospital would be ideal — if Diane agrees, that is.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 7 ♡ A K 10 9 5 ◇ A J 9 6 3 ♣ J 8
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

A — If you have a way of showing a red two-suiter, by all means bid it. If not, making a takeout double with a two-suiter can be a sure-fire way of letting the opponents pre-empt you out of your best spot. Overcall with two hearts and see what develops.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K Q J 9 5 ♡ Q 8 7 3 2 ◇ 7 ♣ J 8
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one club. What action do you take?

A — You would like to tell partner about both your major suits in one fell swoop, but there's no way to do that unless you play Michaels cue-bids. So overcall one spade and hope you can get your hearts in at a low level later.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 8 7 ♡ 7 ◇ A J 8 6 ♣ A 10 6 5
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

A — You quite possibly have the best hand at the table, but there is nothing you can do at the moment. There is an old truism that covers this situation: When you are fixed, stay fixed. Pass.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K J 10 5 ♡ K 9 5 4 ◇ 8 3 ♣ A 8
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?

A — Because of the great disparity between the two suits, it is tempting to overcall one spade, but that could easily result in your losing a heart fit and so landing in an inferior contract. Double for takeout.

Today's Crossword Puzzle brought to you by Quiroz Custom Home Builders
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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 Monday, July 2, 2012:

This year much of your energy will focus on making your daily life better. An interest in a hobby that keeps you moving helps your physical well-being. If you are single, you might find yourself attracted to someone very different from you. You will meet this person through travel or some mind-opening activity. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from traveling more together, alone as a couple. You might find that the embers of your love reignite. CAPRICORN approaches security in a very different manner from you. Both styles work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Follow your instincts. You actually know what you want, even if others don't. Let friends or loved ones slow you down, but only for a limited amount of time. If you find yourself getting angry, go for a walk or take a break. Tonight: Up late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Realize what is going on behind the scenes with a child or loved one. You need to slow down and understand what is going on with a partner. Work through an issue rather than ignore it. You need to resolve the matter and bridge the gap. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ A child or loved one cares enormously but cannot express his or her feelings that easily. Your energy level could be too high for some people. A partner or associate could be aggravating at best. Try to get clarity when someone you look up to comes up with an idea that seems vague. Tonight: A long-overdue talk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Clear out as much work as possible. You could be overtired and dragging until later today, when you suddenly have a surge of energy. Reach out for someone at a distance. You have a lot to say. Share — but listen, too. Tonight: Just do not be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ A serious conversation opens up your creativity. You have a way that attracts many people and, at the same time, controversy. Your imagination takes someone's ideas and makes them even more workable. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Getting going takes extra energy and drive. You might want to be more centered than others before making an important decision. You see its importance. Use care with your finances; you easily could overspend. Tonight: Why not add some summer fun?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You have many opinions and might be challenged not to share them today. Ultimately, you could tumble into a problem that you don't want to deal with. Confirm plans and times. An underlying element of confusion marks the day. Tonight: Head home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Be willing to find a solution to a money matter. You might not be so creative when your anger seems to bubble up. As soon as you can, clear up a disagreement or hurtful situation. Your imagination will flow more easily. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Be more cheerful and direct with a friend who tends to be negative of late. You can make or break this person's day. Your imagination might be a bit negative when dealing with your finances. Visualize less. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Stop pushing so hard to get your way. In the afternoon, you will find a different path to the same end. Someone you look up to could be difficult at best, and he or she might be pushing you very hard. Say little and remain positive. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Meetings and get-togethers with others go well most of the day. You enjoy people more than usual, until you get a certain message or call. Are you having trouble juggling some parts of your life? Listen to your instincts. Tonight: Do what you feel is workable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Many people follow your lead. You might want to rethink a personal decision, but not now. Someone obviously cares a lot about you. If it is hot mutual, you might need to let this person down kindly. Tonight: Where the fun is.

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BORN TODAY

Professional wrestler Bret Hart (1957), Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Thurgood Marshall (1908), novelist Hermann Hesse (1877)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Nile slitherers
5 Melodies featuring sitars
10 "Girl!"
14 Enjoy some gum
15 Disappear slowly but surely
16 Soft throw
17 Ocean motion
18 Winger of "Black Widow"
19 Bumped knee, to a tot
20 Venerable woman of literature
23 With 24-Across, voguish woman of bridal fashion
24 See 23-Across
25 Supermodel Bundchen
28 Flirty giggle
32 Coffee vessel
33 Hatches evil plans
37 Networking connections
38 Minimum-range 17-Across
40 Eiffel creation
41 A/C units
42 Finalize, as a tattoo
44 Jettas and Beetles, or an apt title for this puzzle
45 More than eccentric
46 Tribal tent
48 Gets unruly in a crowd, say
49 With 51-Across, vivacious woman of game show fame
51 See 49-Across
52 Bar order
54 "SNL" alum Cheri
56 Once existed
59 Voluptuous woman of stage and screen
64 Call to mind
65 Problem in old wood
66 Do-or-die poker bet
67 College dinner staple
68 '50s presidential nickname
69 Joins with a torch

DOWN
1 Perform on stage
2 Hood's blade
3 Feet pampering, briefly
4 Sudden turn
5 Forward, as to an updated website
6 Gladiator's realm
7 Asian desert
8 Play to ___: tie
9 Ocean makeup
10 Larry, Curly or Moe
11 Monastic hood
12 "Ain't gonna happen!"
13 "The Waste Land" poet's initials
21 Hair tamers
22 Bills not found in ATMs
25 Put the pedal to the metal
26 "Fame" star Cara
27 Cobra's weapon
29 Reach one's endurance limit, in a marathon
30 Accustom (to)
31 Slalom curves
34 Carpool lane letters
35 "Yuck!"
36 Enero o febrero, por ejemplo
39 Stage in a bug's life
41 Head-and-shoulders sculpture
43 Ink-filled tool
45 Yvette's yes
47 Grandson of Adam
48 Rizzuto of the Yankees
50 Video game pioneer
51 Drop a line
52 Affirm as true
53 Molten rock
55 "Star Wars" furball
57 Within
58 IDs with two hyphens
60 ___ out: barely manage
61 Six-yr.-term holder
62 Barrister's field
63 Suffix with project

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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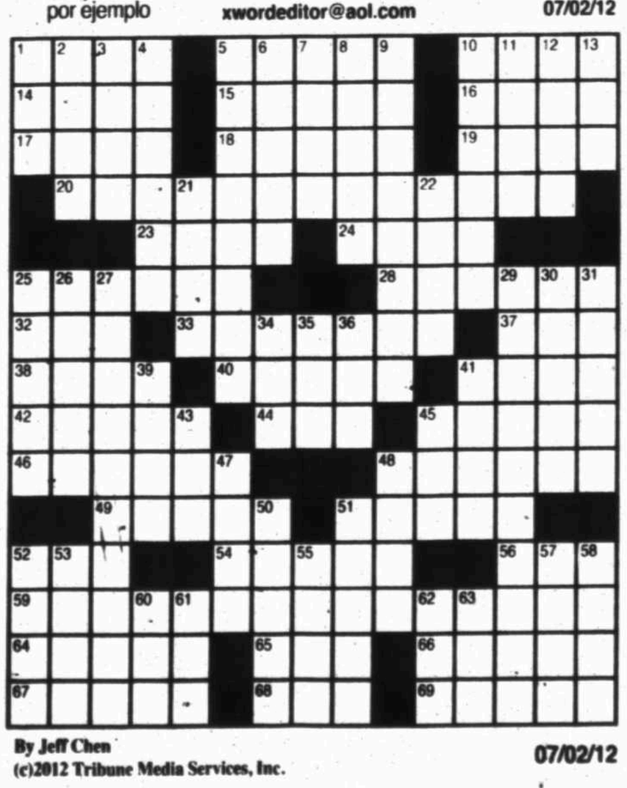

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Legal & Public Notices

Notice of PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Metro Self Storage Midland will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Statutes - Property Code). The sale will take place at 315 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79703 on July 23, 2012 at 9:30am. The sale will be conducted by Legacy Auction Services LLC (#16850) on behalf of the facility's management. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 10% buyers premium will be charged. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at anytime before the sale or to refuse any bids. No one under the age of 16 years old is permitted. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants:

G002 Diana Swinney - Piano, Tv, and Stove
K007 Cindy Navarro - End tables, Boxes, And Misc.
K013 Melinda D. Sanford - Chest Drawers, Love seat, and Cedar chest
N009 Norma Arredondo -Tote, Bedframe, and Mattress
O003 Dacia Lee - Recliner, Boxes, and Headboard
O004 Wesley T. Sainz - 2 Bike and Air hockey table
O015 Timothy Hayes - Compressor, Shop vac, Camping supplies
S011 Glenda Falkner - Headboard
S012 Patrick Calhoun - 2 Mattress
S023 Norma Arredondo - Totes, Toys, and Misc.
V001 Christy Chappell - Stove and Mattress
Y04 Julio Armando Reyes - 2 End tables, Boxes, and Misc.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

TRACKING NO. 35183
OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 08 0276539.

IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION
OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE
OF TEXAS

Rescheduled to allow for publication

Austin, Texas
June 22, 2012

(RESCHEDULED)
NOTICE OF HEARING
ON THE APPLICATION OF NABORS WELL SERVICES CO.
PURSUANT TO STATEWIDE RULE 9
FOR A COMMERCIAL PERMIT TO DISPOSE OF
OIL AND GAS WASTE BY INJECTION INTO A
POROUS FORMATION NOT PRODUCTIVE OF OIL OR GAS
FOR THE NWS MIDLAND LEASE, WELL NO. 1
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD
MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

CAUTION: TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING IN OPPOSITION TO THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND FILE WITH THE COMMISSION THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST AT LEAST FIVE WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST IN RESPONSE TO A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED NOTICE OF APPLICATION. [Please read this entire Notice of Hearing for further instructions.]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. ' 2001 et seq. (2012), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on **JULY 25, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.** at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in compliance with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. ' 2001 et seq. (2012). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Nabors Well Services Co. for a commercial permit to dispose of oil and gas waste by injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas pursuant to Statewide Rule 9 for the NWS Midland Lease, Well No. 1 in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, Midland County, Texas. The disposal well location is 4.6 miles in a northeasterly direction from Midland, Texas.

The applicant seeks a permit for a commercial disposal well. Technical Permitting requests that, should the examiners recommend approval of the application, the following provisions be included as conditions of the commercial disposal well authority. These provisions are designed to prevent pollution from activities associated with the surface facilities:

A. Prior to beginning operation, all collecting pits, skimming pits, or washout pits shall be permitted under the requirements of Statewide Rule 8;

B. A catch basin constructed of concrete, steel, or fiberglass must be installed to catch oil and gas waste which may spill as a result of connecting and disconnecting hoses or other apparatus while transferring oil and gas waste from tank trucks to the disposal facility;

C. All fabricated waste storage and pretreatment facilities (tanks, separators, or flow lines) shall be constructed of steel, concrete, fiberglass, or other materials approved by the Director or Director=s delegate and shall be maintained so as to prevent discharges of oil and gas waste;

D. Dikes shall be placed around all waste storage, pretreatment, or disposal facilities. The containment area shall be dewatered within 24 hours by being disposed of in an authorized disposal facility;

E. The facility shall have security to prevent unauthorized access. Access shall be secured by 24-hour attendant, fence and locked gate when unattended, or key controlled access system. For a facility without a 24-hour attendant, fencing shall be required unless terrain or vegetation prevents truck access except through entrances with lockable gates;

F. Each storage tank shall be equipped with a device (visual gauge or alarm) to alert drivers when each tank is within 130 barrels from being full; and

G. Operators of commercial oil and gas waste disposal facilities must comply with Statewide Rule 56 in regard to the reporting of skim oil on Form P-18.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Clay Nance, at (512) 477 7543. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463 6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file a notice of intent to appear at the hearing, even if the party has previously filed a notice of intent to appear in protest in response to the Notice of Application. The notice of intent to appear at the hearing must be filed with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a party in opposition appears at the hearing without having filed a timely notice of intent to appear in response to this Notice of Hearing, the hearing may be postponed and re set for a later date at the applicant's request or on the examiner's own motion. If the applicant fails to appear at the noticed hearing, the application may be dismissed without further notice or opportunity for hearing. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. **If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties.** Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 2967, or by telephone at (512) 463 7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

AUCTION GAMING MACHINES. RENEBATES.COM/ MIDLAND COUNTY JULY 2- JULY 24.

LOST 4 mth old (registered) light brown golden retriever. 1200 Block East Dormard. REWARD! 685-4028.

FOUND 2 sets of Toyota keys w/alarm & several other keys. On Cuthbert St. 661-2083

FOUND A small to medium brown & white dog. 4500 block of Monty Dr., 425-7161.

FOUND SIBERIAN Husky. Please call to identify. Please call 432-238-5327.

FOUND YOUNG male Pit Bull with collar around J Long area. Call 432-352-0174.

LOST RAINBOW Lori---vicinity of Shell and A st. Saturday 23. She has a special diet ----comes to colorful clothes ---BITES!! call 682-7047.

FOUND A small to medium brown & white dog. 4500 block of Monty Dr., 425-7161.

Lost & Found

LOST SMALL chocolate Yorkie Has been missing for 4 months now. Has been seen in the Mockingbird Heights area. No questions asked. $2500 cash for the rescue of this small animal. God is good all the time! Call **432-352-5845** day or night.

Legal & Public Notices

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Paul D. Chambliss, Case No.: 11-14927 (MG)
Chapter 7 Case

Debtor.

NOTICE OF SOLICITATION OF HIGHER OR BETTER OFFER FOR THE DEBTOR'S MINERAL RIGHTS IN KELLER AND WEST BRAHANEY, PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. SECTION 363

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Angela Tese-Milner, the Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee") for Paul D. Chambliss ("Debtor") has filed an application with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York for an order authorizing the Trustee to sell the rights, title and interest in and to the Debtor's interest in Keller – C – Finley Resources, Inc. ("Keller") and the Debtor's interest in the W. Brahaney Unit, Walsh Petroleum, Inc. ("West Brahaney"), located in Yoakum County, Texas (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Mineral Right Assets"), subject to higher and better offers, free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, with said liens, claims and encumbrances to attach to the proceeds of sale, "as-is," "where-is," and without representations or warranties save as to title. The Trustee has received an offer from Finley Resources to purchase the Mineral Right Assets for the amount of $26,316.40.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any party desiring to submit a higher or better offer must submit an offer, so as to be received on or before July 10, 2012, in the amount of not less than $28,000.00, accompanied by an earnest money deposit by certified check in the amount of $7,000.00 made payable to Angela Tese-Milner, as Chapter 7 Trustee to the Trustee at One Minetta lane, New York, New York 10012. In the event that a bid is not accepted, the offer will be refunded and the earnest money deposit will be returned. In the event that the Court approves a sale based on an offer and the party fails to close the transaction, the earnest money deposit will be forfeited. The balance of the purchase price is due within 15 days of the entry of the Bankruptcy Court order approving the Sale. Any sale is subject to authorization by the Bankruptcy Court, at a hearing to take place on July 16, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., and is subject to higher or better offers. Any party may contact the Office of the Trustee at 212-475-3673 for a copy of the terms of sale and information concerning the Mineral Right Assets, for the terms of sale, and for any other information relating to the Mineral Right Assets.

Dated: New York, New York
June 21, 2012

Law Office of Tese-Milner

By:_/s/ Angela Tese-Milner
Angela Tese-Milner (ATM-9110)
Attorney for Trustee
One Minetta Lane
New York, New York 10012
(212) 475-3673

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0277098
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 29, 2012 Status/Permit No.742948
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 3, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 2, Blk. N, HE&WT RR CO/GARNER, J. W. Survey, A-708, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 20.9 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRE PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	GARNER, JACK	
Lease/Unit Well No.:	5	
Lease/Unit Acres:	320.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	659.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1321.0	
Lease Lines:	660.0 F North L.	659.0 F East L.
Survey Lines:	660.0 F South L.	1980.0 F West L.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN), (2) NEAL RANCH. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA):	Special rules 467/0, 80.0 acres
DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN):	Special rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres
NEAL RANCH:	Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11900 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

Attention Readers
In Observance Of
Independence Day

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed
Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Advertising Deadlines

Classified Word Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., July 4th	Tues., July 3rd, 12 PM
Thurs., July 5th	Tues., July 3rd, 5 PM

Classified Display Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., July 4th	Mon., July 2nd, 3 PM
Thurs., July 5th	Tues., July 3rd, 12 PM

Retail Display Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Sun., July 8th (Oil Report/Lifestyles, Arts & Entertainment)	Tues., July 2nd, 12 PM
Wed., July 4th	Mon., July 1st, 12 PM
Thurs., July 5th	Mon., July 1st, 5 PM

CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken July 4th from 7 AM to 11 AM only.
We will re-open Thursday, July 5th for regular business hours.

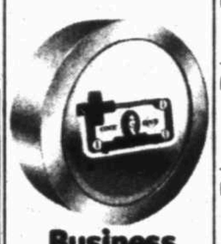
Masonic Lodges

Communications 1600 W. Wall 462-557-6041
Stated Meetings Acacia Lodge #1414 1st & 3rd Tues. @ 7:30pm, Midland Lodge #623 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30pm Centennial Lodge #1448 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30am
Did you know Paul Revere was a Master Mason?

Personals

Armando P. Garcia or Andy Monahan, call James 432-210-8710

CAREGIVER NEEDED for weekend night shifts 11pm-7am. And for various other shifts when needed. Must be dependable and very caring for the elderly. There will be a background check. Will train. $10.00 hrly. Call 432-213-1448



Business Opportunity

GET YOUR real estate lic. short state accredited course, South-West College. 697-7277.

GREAT INVESTMENT property. 15 acres, 4 houses on Hwy 307. Call 432-685-3532 or 432-425-1326.

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

1991 MERCEDES, 62,000 miles, red. See at 1501 W. Illinois. Call Bill Jackson 557-3366. Only $14,950.

Lost & Found

FOUND AN ITEM?

If you are trying to return an item to its rightful owner, let us help you. Call 432-682-6222 For Your Complimentary Ad!

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CHEVY 2005 TAHOE LS, tan, AM/FM/CD, 1 owner, air, 5.3L, auto, 160k miles, $9,500, 432-352-7393, 432-686-9366.

CHEVY 2009 Cobalt 43k miles, $9,995. Call Matt @ 557-4474

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NEW TODAY!

FORD 1999 sedan /escort, 4dr, auto, blue interior, 4 new tires plus full-size spare /manual, current inspection, OD-117,240, cold AC/heater, roomy, dings, $3000 OBO. 432-528-1040

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HUYNDAI 2009 Accent 4 door. 27k miles, excellent condition, $11,000 432-230-1272

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INFINITI 2007 G35 2 door coupe. Light blue exterior with tan leather interior. Only 1 owner, and in very good condition. 84,000 miles with automatic transmission. $16,500. Call 432-556-2091

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MAZDA 2006 MX5, great condition, 74K, $11,500. Call 432-687-4422 or 349-6355

NISSAN 2004 Maxima 118k miles, $7,995. Call Matt @ 557-4474

NISSAN 2008 350Z, auto, air, AM/FM/CD, silver, 1 owner, 24k miles, like new, $19,999, 432-352-7393, 432-686-9366.

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Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick-up. 432-685-4078

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1999 FORD F250 Super Duty 4x4 pickup with 2003 gasoline engine in it. Four door, grill guard, trailer hitch, tool box, red in color. $10,000 firm. 432-631-4387

2001 DT466 International 4300 Gang Truck rigged out, asking $50,000. 1998 Ford Double Cab 3 Ton Gang Truck rigged out, asking $20,000 Will make good deal if you buy both. Please call James 325-450-3507 Michael 325-450-3295

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DODGE 2002 Ram 1500, 4x4, quad cab, 5.9L, 70k mi, good condition. $10,500. Call 432-689-0553

DODGE 2006 Ram 2500 Megacab, SLT, 4X4, 5.9 diesel, 20" Rims, Grill Guard, 74,680 Miles, Extended Warranty, Sirius, Call (432) 349-6305.

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Legal & Public Notices

ACCEPTING BIDS for 11'x11' Walk In Kooler Freezer Model #WICD 3478. Good condition. Purchaser responsible for disassembly and removal. Cooler located in Big Spring. If interested call 325-672-2846 ext. 3114, 3127 or 3124.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY JO PARMER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Mary Jo Parmer deceased, were issued to Debra Jo Parmer Elder, Independent Executrix, on June 28, 2012, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Mary Jo Parmer, Deceased," Cause No. P 17086 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix, at 4404 Stillmeadow Drive, Midland, Texas 79707 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Debra Jo Parmer Elder, Independent
Executrix of the Estate of Mary Jo Parmer,
Deceased, Cause No. P17086 in the County
Court of Midland County, Texas

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John J. Smith, Jr., Deceased, were issued on June 28, 2012, in Cause No. P17082, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Rebecca Smith Wallis

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: L. SHANE STOKES
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 28th day of June, 2012

/s L. SHANE STOKES
Attorney for Rebecca Smith Wallis
State Bar No.: 19273500
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-8346

Notice of Election
for Texas Pecan Board

The Texas Pecan Board will conduct an election ending on Aug. 23, 2012, for the purpose of electing three (3) board members. There are a total of nine (9) voting board members. These elections are being held pursuant to the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, Texas Agriculture Code, Title 3, Subchapter A, Section 41.032.

The basics of the election are as follows:

•Nomination forms for candidates who wish to have their names included on the ballot may be obtained from Texas Pecan Board, P.O. Box 5976, Bryan, TX 77805, and from county AgriLife Extension offices. Nomination forms will be available after June 21, 2012. Nomination forms must be filed with TPB no later than July 23, 2012.

•Any eligible voter-producer may place his or her name in nomination to serve as a director on the TPB. Nomination forms must be signed by the applicant and 10 other eligible voters.

•Eligible voters are those pecan producers in Texas who are subject to the one-half cent pecan assessment; i.e. pecan producers with at least 500 trees on a minimum of 15 acres.

•Ballots containing the names of all persons who have validly filed petitions will be available from TPB on Aug. 9, 2012. Ballots will be mailed to county Extension offices on Aug. 9, 2012, and to all known, eligible voters in Texas on Aug. 9, 2012.

•Voting will be by mail. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Aug. 23, 2012, in order to be counted.

•In 1998, the Texas pecan industry voted to implement a pecan assessment in order to fund promotion and research. The Texas Pecan Board administers the collection and expenditure of these assessment funds. This election is the biennial election required by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

For more information, contact
Texas Pecan Board,
P.O. Box 5976, Bryan, TX 77805;
Phone toll-free: 877-873-2287

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http://www.mywesttexas.com/jobs

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AUTOMOTIVE

Auto Mechanic
Littlefield Automotive FT
Auto Mechanic needed with foreign car experience. Salary depending on experience. Make as much as $50 per hour. Must have own tools and tool box. Call 423-683-8611.

Pre-Owned and New Volvo Sales
Alderson European Motors FT
We are currently seeking to expand our Pre-Owned and New Volvo sales team at our newly constructed Mercedes-Benz and Volvo dealership. We are seeking confident and professional individuals with excellent customer service skills. If you take pride in your work, are enthusiastic, and looking for a career with the Permian Basin's largest luxury automobile dealership, then we would like to speak with you. Experience is not necessary. We will train. We offer a competitive pay plan, health insurance, and 401k. Call 432.699.7993 or stop by 5801 Andrews Highway to apply.

BANKING & MORTGAGE

West Texas National Bank
MEMBER FDIC

West Texas National Bank is seeking a **Retail Branch Manager**.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated leadership and team building skills, demonstrated ability to lead a sales organization and train employees to sell and cross-sell Banking products and services, have in-depth knowledge of Retail Bank operations and, advanced interpersonal, oral, and written communications skills with ability to supervise employees and make persuasive presentations. This position requires a bachelor's degree and 2 yrs bank experience, preferable in a management role.

Interested applicants may apply in person at **6 Desta Drive, Suite 2400 Midland** or by email to **jtaylor@wtnb.com**.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Carpenters
Confidential FT
Commercial construction company now hiring finished carpenters, Drug test and pre employment physical required. Must be willing to travel and have good transportation. Apply at 2800 Windecker (by Midland airport) or call 432-638-2920. Send resume to General Superintendent at P.O. Box 60708 Midland, Tx, 79711.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Reps
Fred Loya FT
Immediate opening for customer service rep. in Midland. Must be able to work M-F 8am-7p Sat. 9am-2pm. Bilingual a plus. Computer skills required. Candidates must be energetic, organized and independent. Pleasant personality and professional appearance are a must. We offer comprehensive benefits such as health insurance & 401K. Must have at least one year experience in customer service. Apply in person at: 407 Andrews Hwy.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Pipeline Operator
West Texas Gas, Inc. FT
West Texas Gas, Inc. has an immediate opening for a natural gas liquids (NGL) Pipeline Operator for the Big Spring/Midland area. Primary responsibilities require experience in pipeline operations including measurement, regulation, pump stations, line locates, routine maintenance, computer skills and cathodic protection systems. Duties also include pipeline regulatory compliance responsibilities. Benefits include group health insurance & 401K Plan. Salary DOE. Interested applicant can forward resume to West Texas Gas, Inc., 211 N. Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

HEALTHCARE

Admissions/Marketing Position
Crane Nursing & Rehabilitation Center FT
Crane Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is seeking a dynamic candidate for our Admissions/Marketing position, great pay and excellent benefits available! Qualifications must include valid drivers license, dependable transportation and great outgoing personality! LVN/RN preferred but not required. Please contact Clint Slayton, Administrator or Ashley Toothman, Human Resource for further details @ 432.558.3400 or fax resume to 432.558.7059.

LVN & CNA
Crane Nursing & Rehabilitation Center PT
Crane Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is accepting applications for LVN and CNA positions, both shifts, Benefits available. Please send resumes or come by and pick up an application: 699 Campus Dr. Crane, Texas 79731, or fax 432.558.7059 Attn: Clint Slayton

LVNs
Come join our growing team! Busy, growing, Health Care Company has an immediate opening for **LVNs**. We are seeking Patient oriented and Team member employees with excellent communication skills. Must be self-motivated and able to work independently as well as part of a team. Must be very detail oriented and analytical. Reliable car a requirement. We offer Full time or part time, Flexible Schedule, Excellent Benefits: Vacation, Health Insurance, Life, Dental, and 401K, and Above Average Pay. Spanish Speaking a PLUS! **CALL GAIL @ 432-684-7118.**

Medical Billing
HomeCare Plus FT
Hiring immediately Professional, dependable person for medical billing for home care agency. Must have knowledge in Medicare billing rules as well as private insurance billing. P-136, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Now Hiring
Confidential FT
Medical office looking for specialist in the area of coding and insurance billing. Experience required. Coding certification preferred. Normal business hours with excellent benefits. Please send resume to P- 134 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

QA Position
Confidential FT
Now hiring Full-time QA person for home health care agency. Must have knowledge of Medicare guidelines, coding & OASIS. Send resume to: P- 136, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

Receptionist/Medical Assistant
Confidential FT
A busy doctors office is looking for a receptionist and medical assistant. Medical office experience required. Please mail resume to P.O. Box 8729 Midland, Tx 79708.

Sitters/CNA'S
Nurses Unlimited, INC FT
Nurses Unlimited, INC is seeking experienced Sitters/CNA'S to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. All shifts available. Call 522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904. E.O.E.

Surgical Technician - Full Time
Texas Surgical Center FT
Exciting opportunity as a Surgical Technician in an ambulatory surgery center without having to take call, work holidays, or work weekends! Experience preferred. Medical, dental, vision, and 401k.
Send resume to:
TEXAS SURGICAL CENTER
5609 DEAUVILLE BLVD.
MIDLAND, TX 79706
Fax: 432-699-8110

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
SEMINOLE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Texas Licensed Nursing Facility Administrator needed for a 79 bed facility.

- Bachelor's degree, and three years of nursing facility experience desired.
- FT position w/benefits including PTO, holidays, health/dental/life insurance, fully funded pension plan, gym membership, and hospital service discounts.

Apply online at:
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or email
acornelius@seminolehospitaldistrict.com

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.

Starting pay is $10.00 hourly.

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

PT Front Desk/FT Housekeeping
Confidential FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Seeking FT Houskeeping and PT Front Desk. Apply at: 3100 West Wall St. or call 432-699-4144.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Make Ready Tech and Maintenance Assistant
NOW HIRING a Make Ready Tech and Maintenance Assistant for The Dakotas Apartments. Apply online at **www.dhmanagement.com** or in person at **5101 North "A" Street, Midland, TX. 79705.** EOE

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Officers
AlliedBarton Security Services FT
SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED ASAP in the Midland/Odessa area. Contact Danielle Barnett at ALLIEDBARTON SECURITY SERVICES for consideration. (423) 685-3235 EOE M/D/F/V

OTHER JOBS

CDL Truck Driver, Trepanner, Warehouse Help
Immediate positions open. Please apply in person at: 11524 County Rosd. 128 West, Midland, TX 79711.

CINDY CLEAN NOW HIRING FOR PART TIME
$11 per hr. Must be over 18, non-smoker, available 8am to 5pm, have a car, and a cell phone. Call (800) 914-4670 ext. 5, leave message and mention Midland or online at www.cindyclean.net.

DELIVERY DRIVER
The Kent Companies
Truck Driver CDL not necessary
Local delivery with occasional travel outside Midland/Odessa
Operating fork lift
Full time up to $3K monthly
Great Benefits! Please apply at corporate office 2408 N Big Spring St or fax resumes to 432-620-0005

Detailers
UNISEAL FT
Detailers needed for Local new car dealership. Used experience is helpful. Good pay. Please call 832-499-9574

ENTRY LEVEL MAINTENANCE
The Kent Companies
Entry Level Maintenance
Construction work helpful but not necessary
Weekly Pay and Great Benefits
Please apply at 2408 N Big Spring St

Hair Stylist
ClubCuts FT
ClubCuts is pleased to announce an opening for a Hair Stylist. The position offers a sign-on bonus with paid vacation and other benefits. We offer a flexible work schedule. Earn over $60k per year. Call Alondra at 978-9737 or apply in person at either Midland locations.

Installer
Rhino Linings & Truck Accessories FT
Experienced Installer or will train right person to install Ranch Hands grill guards, BMW hitches, etc. Top wages for right person. Weekends off, health insurance. Apply in person at: 5306 W. Wall, 432-262-6463.

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES
Midland Reporter-Telegram

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD SUNDAYS ONLY IF INTERESTED CALL TOMMY 967-2267

Part-Time Instructors
First United Methodist Church PT
The Dollye Neal Worship Arts Academy is taking applications for part-time instructors in these areas: art, photography, piano, guitar, and voice. For more information call 432-682-3701 ext. 238 or email lauraholleman@firstmethodistmidland.com

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at 12 noon
Please be sure to call 682-6222, by 11:30 am, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N-1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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REAL ESTATE

Onsite Property Manager & Leasing Agent
Santa Fe Apartmanets FT
Wanted experienced onsite property manager and Leasing Agent. Please apply at Santa Fe Apartments. 5010 W Loop 250 N. 79707.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Dishwasher, Line Cooks & All Positions
Lori's Cafe is looking for dishwasher $9.00 hr. Also hiring all positions including Line Cooks, experienced only, breakfast preferred from $10-$14/hour based on experience. Insurance benefits, attendance bonuses, etc. 432-570-1701, hours 6 - 2.

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!
•**Drivers:** Make cash everyday. Great part time & full time shifts. Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. •**CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts. Starting wage of $8.25 an hour. Bright & Friendly people only! •**Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts. Starting wage of $9 an hour. Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume: **cassie@clearwire.net** Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

MIDLAND'S PREMIER COUNTRY CLUB
Has openings for **Banquet Manager**. *We hire attitude and personality over experience.* Position is Full time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: **Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.**

MIDLAND'S PREMIER COUNTRY CLUB
Is looking for outstanding people for **servers** and **maintenance staff**. We hire personality over experience. Full time employees are offered a full benefits package and competitive pay. Please apply in person: **6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.**

RETAIL JOBS

Cashier
Now hiring dependable and outgoing Cashiers to work in a fun environment. Must have stable work history, flexible hours and reliable transportation. Apply in person 7am-2pm, Monday-Friday at 312 N Midland Dr.

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RETAIL JOBS

Retail Sales Associates & Keyholders

JoS. A. Bank seeking a Retail Sales Associates and Keyholders for our store in Midland. Call the Store Manager at 432-685-9087. EOE

J.S.A. BANK

SALES JOBS

Sales Associate

Now Hiring Full-time Sales Associates!
We are looking for dedicated and responsible individuals to work at a upscale adult boutique. Applicants should have a strong retail background and great customer service. Must have reliable transportation.
Please apply in person and ask for the manager.
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Odessa, TX 79761
432-552-0055

SALES POSITION

TitanLiner is in search of a qualified person to join our Sales Dept: in the West Texas Area. A minimum experience of 5 yr. Sales and 2 yr. Oilfield (production construction) required. Transportation provided. Pay D.O.E and D.O.S. Please email resumes to **hr@titanliner.com**. Visit our website @ **www.titanliner.com** to learn about our company.

Service Manager

Carboline Company FT
Carboline Company, a leading manufacturer of protective paints and coatings, has an immediate opening for a full time Service Center Manager in our Odessa facility. Responsibilities include the overall management of the facility, including inventory, warehousing, and customer service.
We offer a competitive compensation package commensurate with experience and a comprehensive benefits program including health, dental, and life insurance. The store hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00am-5:00pm.
Please send resume with salary requirements to:
Carboline Company
Apply online: www.carboline.com
Email: resumes@carboline.com
An Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V

SKILLED LABOR

Carpenters & Carpenters Helpers

Anderson Construction FT
Carpenters & Carpenters Helpers needed. Apply in person @ 10716 Hwy 191 Suite #1.

Clerical Position

Diamond D Slickline Service Co. Inc.
Established slickline company in Midland is looking for a part time person for a clerical position with experience in Microsoft Office & Quickbooks. Please send resumes to our main office: P.O. Box 216, Snyder, TX. 79550.

NOW HIRING

Slingshot Supply, Inc. FT
Slingshot Supply Inc. now hiring for the following positions. Field Service, BOP & Annular Mechanic, Accumulator Mechanic. Need prior knowledge on teardown, reassemble, and testing of bops, annulars, and accumulators.
Excellent pay and full benefits after 90 days. Company truck for field service mechanics. Pay is D.O.E. Come join this fast growing company and start your career today! Join a company that is family oriented and enjoy weekends off and regular hours during the week without sacrificing on your pay check! Please come by in person to apply or fax an application or resume to 5381 w. 42nd st. Odessa, Texas 79763. Fax 432-385-7693.

SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Mechanic

Alan Ritchey, Inc. FT
Alan Ritchey, Inc. has the following opening:

Diesel Mechanic
Primary responsibility is performing preventative maintenance work on trucks and trailers.

Benefits include Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance, 401K, Cafeteria Plan, Holiday, Vacation, and Sick Pay.

If you are interested please apply online at www.alanritchey.com.

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Landscape Mainteance Foreman

Arbor-Tech Horticulture
International Society of Arboriculture
Weekly pay with benefits. Experienced individuals only. Please call 432-682-8222.

Local Welders in Midland, TX

Structural & Pipe Weldersneeded. Must be able to pass required weld test and provide references. Top pay for experienced quality capable welders. No contractors or rig welders need apply. Call for appointment at 432-697-7400. Please leave name, telephone number, a brief description of weld capabilities. Your call will be returned promptly.

Metal Shop Foreman

Charles Terry Construction FT or PT
Must pass drug test and be familiar with role forming, metal bending, metal sheer. Lite welding ß plus. Salary depending on experience. Willing to train the right person. Call 432-520-6943.

WEIDNER APARTMENT HOMES

Service Technicians Needed! We are offering a $2000.00 hiring bonus and another $2000.00 after your 1st year! Weidner Apartment Homes is currently seeking **Service Technicians** to care for a few of our apartment communities.

Responsibilities: assist in the preparation of apartments for occupancy, respond to service requests, and perform maintenance and repairs on electrical, plumbing, HVAC systems, as well as small and large appliances.

Qualifications: Experience in apartment maintenance or related field preferred, strong verbal communication skills, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Weidner offers competitive salaries, excellent benefits and generous apartment discounts.

Candidates must pass background checks for employment.
Please apply on-line at www.weidnercareers.com or fax your resume to 877-399-9012.

Warehouse Manager

Basin Engine and Pump FT
Warehouse Manager for a busy fast pace warehouse, to oversee inventory activity, ordering, receiving, purchasing and product control. Surface Pump experience preffered. Please submit resume to: shawn@basinengine.com or fax resume to 432-570-1115 or applications being accepted at 1914 South County Rd. 1083.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL DRIVERS and Dispatcher

B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers** and **Dispatcher.** Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Please come by 2823 S. Rankin Hwy, Midland, TX.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.silverlinetx.com

Gin Truck Operators

Confidential FT
Rig moving company now hiring Gin truck operators with 3 years minimum rig moving experience. Starting pay at $28 per hour. Please call 432-770-2426.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACT DRIVERS

Celerity Logistics has immediate openings for **independent contractors** in the Midland, TX area. Must have cargo van or box Truck! Great earning potential! E-mail contact information and type of vehicle to **michael.wendt@celeritylogistics.com**.

Treater Truck Driver

X-Chem FT
X-Chem is seeking a Treater Truck Driver for our Midland location. The Treater Truck Driver is responsible for delivering chemical to customer locations, treating wells, monitoring raw material inventory supply, and other duties, as needed.

The ideal candidate will have 1-3 years experience in a similar role, a high school diploma (or equivalent), and a current Class A CDL with Tanker and Hazmat endorsements.

We offer competitive salary and outstanding benefits including 401(K) with matching funds, major medical, dental, vision, life, long and short term disability. Additionally, we offer an employee credit union, tuition reimbursement, paid vacation and holiday policy, and much more!

Qualified candidates, please contact Jenny Johnson in Human Resources at 972-721-6712 or jenny.johnson@nch.com

Vacuum Truck Driver

Midkiff Transports, Inc. Class A CDL Req.
6601 FM 715, Midland Apply in Person
Must have good driving record and be able to pass drug test. Experienced applicants only. 432-682-2405

Winch Truck Driver & Operations Manager/Sales Rep

Lucky Rental Tool FT
Lucky Rental Tool is now hiring a winch truck driver and an operations manager/sales person in our Midland, Texas yard. For winch truck driver, you must have a valid CDL. For operations manager/sales person you must have 3 to 5 year experience with sales, and administrative duties, as well as down-hole knowledge.

We'll pay you top wages, a monthly safety bonus, and mid-year and year-end bonuses. You'll also receive a retirement plan and 100% paid health insurance. Call Ralph at (575) 433-7777 or Zach at (432) 563-9777, or apply in person at 10210 Highway 191 in Midland. Lucky Rental Tool is an equal opportunity employer.

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Pickup Trucks

DODGE 2008 Ram 1500, 4 door, 5.7 Hemi, fully loaded, 71,000 miles. $15,500 Call 432-425-6075

Fax Your Classified Ad In Today! 682-6999

FORD 2000 F250 XLT Supercab V10. White with tan interior, very clean, good condition, 30k miles, Grill guard & Flowmasters. $15,500 Please call 432-352-3157

FORD 2007 F350 Super Duty Crew Pick-up, diesel. 4WD, 52K miles, many options. $25,000 Call 432-413-8114

FORD F-350 V-10 Gas Extended Cab Long Bed 4x4, 180,000 miles. Runs excellent. Great body. Below Blue Book value!! $8,500 obo. Call 432-528-8994

TOYOTA 2006 Tundra DC Limited. Towing Package, 18" XD wheels, Toyo tires, 72K miles, clean. $19,200. Please call 432-661-9505

Passenger Cars

FORD 2007 Super Duty F-250 XLT Crew Cab, diesel, 4WD, 52K miles, many options. $25,000 Call 432-413-8114

Vans & Minivans

TOYOTA 2005 Sienna 93k miles, $8,880 Call Matt @ 557-4474

4WD & SUV

CHEVROLET 2003 Trailblazer, 132k, good condition. $5200. Call 432-853-3757

CHEVY 2003 Tahoe LT $9100 OBO. White w/ tan leather interior, 126k mi., good condition, premium sound & towing package, 5.3L V8. Call 432-349-3760

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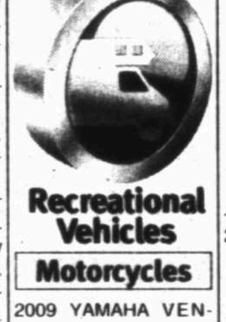

Recreational Vehicles

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RVs

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Watercraft

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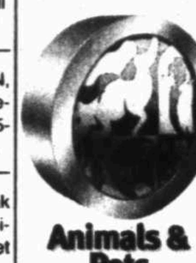

Animals & Pets

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HOUSE FOR sale- Sterling City, 3 bed, 3 bath, huge kitchen, over 2025 sq ft, 2 car garage on 4 city lots with well. Extensive remodel just completed. 325-223-2492

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