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Conaway: Senate needs to follow House's lead

Legislators approve extension of Bush-era tax cuts; Midland rep. says more must be done

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Although the House approval on Wednesday of an extension to the Bush-era tax cuts is a step, Rep. Mike Conaway said a similar bill also needs to be passed in the Senate.

House representatives passed in a 256-171 vote a one-year extension to the current tax structure. The measure was approved after a plan sent over from the Senate that would have limited the tax cuts was voted down.

Democrats had proposed limiting the tax cuts to those making $250,000 a year or less. The measure would increase revenue, Democrats argue, and still allow for tax cuts among those in other brackets.

Conaway, and other Republicans, argue cuts need to remain for all levels if elected officials want to foster growth amid what, in some areas, is still a stunted economy.

"We have not recovered," Conaway said.

Because the two sides disagree on the issue, Conaway said they'll now need to continue negotiating. However, with a summer break starting after the close of this week, September is the earliest the issue will be resolved.

Realistically, it could be December before a tax structure is agreed to, Conaway said.

"I don't think they'll react today or tomorrow," Conaway said, of the Senate.

In not making a decision sooner, Conaway said elected officials are creating a climate that makes it difficult for business leaders to plan for expansion.

"That further exacerbates the problems because the closer you get to a change in tax policy like that, the more unsettling it becomes," Conaway said. "The closer we get to that time frame, the more on the sidelines people sit. It more limits their ability to make business decisions."

President Barack Obama made the same argument a few years ago, Conaway said, but now has changed his tune.

"They're really the Obama tax cuts," he said, alluding to the fact that the tax structure most recently was approved while Obama was in office.

Democrats say the tax cuts are not needed at all levels. With a growing

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Rep. Mike Conaway: Is among members of the US House who voted to extend tax cuts.

MUSIC IS IN THE AIR

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Professional skateboarder Anthony Carney, from Costa Mesa, Calif., skates and talks with area youth Thursday on the half pipe at Rock the Desert. Micah Kinard, with Oh Sleeper, performs Thursday. Dominic Balli sings his reggae infused Christian rock.

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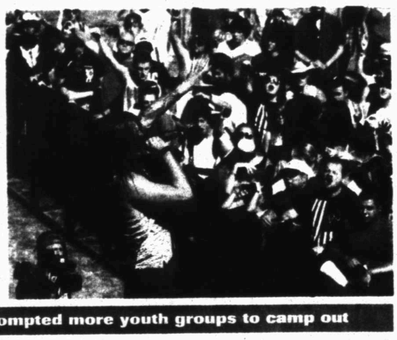

Coming Saturday: Lack of hotels has prompted more youth groups to camp out

17-hour standoff in Big Lake ends with 1 arrest

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A nearly 17-hour standoff in Big Lake between law officers and a man suspected of fatally shooting a West Texas deputy ended Thursday morning with the alleged gunman's capture.

Marcus Wade Madison, 42, was arrested at 11:30 a.m. on a warrant for attempted capital murder. He had an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to his face, said Texas Highway Patrol senior trooper Sparky Dean.

Madison was transported to a local hospital for treatment, Dean added.

On Wednesday, Reagan County Sheriff's deputy Josh Mitchell was following up on a complaint regarding Madison when he allegedly was shot and killed by Madison, Dean said.

Madison then barricaded himself in a residence about 6:20 p.m. Wednesday. Reagan County Sheriff Jeff Garner told the Associated Press multiple firearms were found inside the home.

Several nearby homes were evacuated as a safety precaution, Dean said.

On Thursday, the Abilene Reporter-News reported records show Madison was charged on July 7 by the Brown County Sheriff's Office on charges of obstruction or retaliation, assault family violence and resisting arrest.

Madison is reported to have bonded out of the Brown County Jail on July 14, authorities said.

Both the Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland Police Department sent officers to assist with the standoff.

MPD Chief Price Robinson said the Texas Rangers requested the use of the department's hostage negotiation equip-

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Report: Hospital admits more men for drug, alcohol abuse

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The number of Midland males admitted this spring to Midland Memorial Hospital with tobacco abuse disorders and alcohol- and drug-related diagnoses outnumbered females, according to a Midland Coalition substance abuse report.

The new monthly report for inpatient and outpatient encounters will give coalition members a chance to better assess the needs in the community.

Only the substance abuse statistics are reported, said Midland Coalition coordinator Kim Henderson, and the report does not list any names or information other than gender and age for privacy reasons.

May's monthly report showed there were 597 patients admitted for tobacco abuse disorders (322 of those were males). Eighty-four patients were admitted for alcohol-related incidents (59 of those were males), and 91 were admitted for drug-related diagnoses (62 of those were males).

"I was not really surprised by the numbers," Henderson said. "I honestly thought the numbers were low."

Henderson added the coalition members will use the reports each month to help determine a plan to target local residents and help.

"That's what our mission is, to reduce substance abuse in the community and we can do that by discussing ways there is use and abuse and bring it to the public's awareness,"

Please see **REPORT**/4A

Kids get firefighter workout

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Savannah Cox, 6, drags a hose line during the obstacle course Thursday morning at the first MFD Kids Boot Camp at Grande Communications Stadium. Midland-based NHC Oilfield Services provided the water. The firefighters were assisted by students in Lee High School's ROTC program. Snacks were provided by Albertsons, H-E-B and Walmart.

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MPD: Theft prevented; vehicle items recovered

From staff reports

Two teens were arrested this week after they were linked to at least nine vehicle burglaries.

Dustin Pertile, 17, of Midland, is being held on a $5,000 bond for a third-degree felony of evading arrest with previous convictions.

The Midland Police Department's spokesperson Persephone Dakololos said burglary of a motor vehicle charges had been filed, but as of press time Thursday night, Pertile had not been charged for the burglaries, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office. The other suspect allegedly involved with the burglaries is a minor. The suspect's identity will not be released.

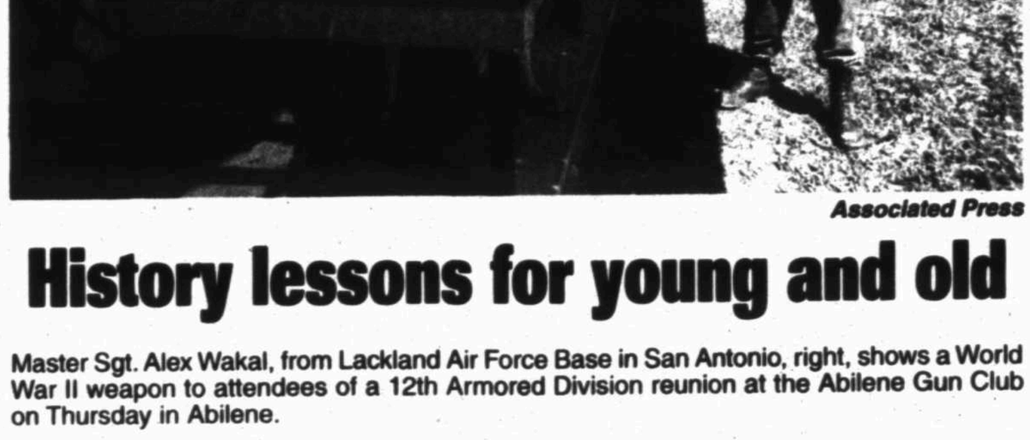
Several detectives with MPD were conducting investigations in northwest Midland around 1:30 a.m. Tuesday because a rash of auto burglaries had been reported when they witnessed a suspicious person run from officers, Dakopolos said.

The suspect saw the detective and quickly disappeared from view. The detective pursued the subject to Flare Court, where he lost the suspect once more.

Patrol officers and a K-9 officer were then called to assist in the search. The subject was located by the police K-9 in the backyard of a residence in the 2400 block of Flare Court. A second subject was apprehended later.

One subject was uncooperative with police, while the other cooperated and led detectives to nine other vehicles at seven different houses that they allegedly burglarized. The burglarized items recovered currently are being processed.

Owners will be contacted, and items will be returned, Dakopolos said.



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History lessons for young and old

Master Sgt. Alex Wakal, from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, right, shows a World War II weapon to attendees of a 12th Armored Division reunion at the Abilene Gun Club on Thursday in Abilene.

Susan Graham to perform in Santa Fe

From staff reports

SANTA FE, N.M. — Former Midlander Susan Graham on Saturday will host the first concert by the Santa Fe Opera since the 50th anniversary celebration in 2006.

Graham, a mezzo-soprano, will sing an evening of arias, duets and songs. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

Festivities begin with champagne before the concert and continue with music that runs the gamut from Mozart to Bernstein to Rossini, Verdi, Lehár and a variety of American composers.

Tickets are $25 to $125 and are on sale online www.santafeopera.org, 505-986-5900 and 800-280-4654, and at the box office. There is a party afterward in Dapples Pavilion with the singers and orchestra.

Tickets are $375 for this special performance package ($195 tax-deductible) and include a front orchestra seat, reserved parking and buffet supper. The package is available online.

Senate committee vote keeps C-130s in Texas

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A Senate panel voted Thursday to keep eight Texas Air National Guard cargo transport planes on the Gulf Coast for post-hurricane evacuations until at least 2014.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a $604 billion defense spending bill that reverses proposed Pentagon cuts in Air Force personnel and equipment. The legislation provides $800 million to halt the Air Force's planned cuts. They included moving the C-130 Hercules planes from Fort Worth's Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base to Montana in two years.

The Gulf Coast states' governors and Texas' congressional delegation fought the proposal fiercely. They said responding to Gulf Coast disasters would take longer if the aircraft were in Montana.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison says the bill gives the committee time to develop a long-term plan with the Defense Department.

"This is another important step in preserving the strategic deployment of C-130s in Fort Worth, but the effort will continue," Hutchison said in a statement. "This legislation gives us time to work with the Department of Defense on a long-term plan.

Hutchison, who leaves the Senate early next year, said: "I will continue to make the case that there is no military advantage to moving these planes from their current location and that building a new facility to base them elsewhere takes funds from other vital defense need."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniel Arciga, 30, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

Breana A. Barfield, 17, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

Lila S. Castillo, 29, of Stanton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Mark A. Duran, 22, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

Lionel T. Jones, 25, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Kagan W. Maxcey, 22, of Iraan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

Edward R. Morales, 31, of Cleburne, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Virginia L. Ormsby, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARLINGTON

2 rides closing next month at Six Flags over Texas

Six Flags Over Texas will be closing two long-time rides as summer winds down.

A statement Thursday from the Arlington amusement park said the Texas Chute Out and Flashback will be open through Labor Day. Spokeswoman Sharon Parker declined to elaborate on the pending closure or say whether any new rides are planned.

The Texas Chute Out opened in 1976 and was modeled after the old parachute drop at Coney Island. Park officials estimate more than 29 million people have tried the ride.

Flashback, which opened in 1989, is a boomerang-style steel coaster with a corkscrew-spiraled layout that flips riders. An estimated 17 million people have ridden Flashback.

Six Flags Over Texas is operated by Six Flags Entertainment Corp.

SAN ANTONIO

Lackland instructor gets 30 days' confinement

A military jury has sentenced a Texas Air Force basic training instructor to 30 days' confinement and reduction in rank for his part in a sex scandal surrounding instructors at the base.

The seven-member jury sentenced Tech Sgt. Christopher Smith on Thursday after five hours' deliberation. The sentencing, including a reduction in rank to airman first class, caps a three-day trial at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He was convicted Wednesday of wooing one female trainee and fraternizing with another at Lackland. He was acquitted of making sexual advances on the female trainee he wooed and of obstructing justice.

Investigators said at least 38 female trainees were victimized and 15 instructors implicated.

Staff Sgt. Luis Walker got a 20-year prison term last month for rape and sexual assault.

GALVESTON

Judge strikes down parts of voter registration law

A federal judge has blocked the state from enforcing five provisions of new voter registration laws that a national nonpartisan group said make it harder to register people to vote.

Voting for America complained to the federal court in Galveston that the new laws unconstitutionally restrict voter registration drives from gathering public voter information. The new laws also limit who can hand out voter registration cards and who can collect the completed registration forms.

In a 94-page opinion filed Thursday in Galveston, U.S. District Judge Gregg Costa blocked the state from enforcing most of those restrictions.

Secretary of State spokesman Rich Parsons said the ruling is being reviewed and no decision has been made on appealing.

GOP lawmakers said the new rules are necessary to prevent voter registration fraud.

BEAUMONT

Texas courthouse shooting suspect faces death

A grand jury has amended the charges against the suspect in a fatal shooting outside a Texas courthouse to make him eligible for the death penalty.

Bartholomew Granger, of Jefferson County, is accused of the March 14 death of 79-year-old Minnie Sebolt. He was set for trial later this month on nine felony charges. A grand jury Thursday elevated the charges to include capital murder.

Associated Press

Actors Ron Cephas Jones, as Richard III, left, and Michael Crane, as Buckingham, perform Shakespeare's "Richard III" at the Taconic Correctional Facility in Bedford Hills, N.Y., in July. The medium-security prison was one stop The Public Theater's Mobile Shakespeare Unit has made across the city over the past several weeks.

'Richard III' goes to prisons, senior centers

Associated Press

BEDFORD HILLS, N.Y. — It got a standing ovation. Then again, it was a captive audience.

William Shakespeare's "Richard III," the hair-raising tale of one man's murderous pursuit of power, was performed this week for about 75 inmates at the Taconic Correctional Facility, leaving many wide-eyed spectators in the medium-security women's prison.

"It was phenomenal," said 23-year-old Lorraine Bennett, serving time for attempted robbery. Another prisoner, Jessica Lazore, 29, convicted of vehicular manslaughter, gave it a thumbs up: "I actually think I would pick up the play."

Mission accomplished for The Public Theater, which is wrapping up a three-week tour of its "Richard III" after more than 15 stops across New York City and surrounding areas, including a recreation center on Staten Island and an army base in Brooklyn to Rikers Island prison in Queens and a facility for homeless adults with mental illness in Manhattan.

Ron Cephas Jones, who plays the physically deformed title monarch with a brace on his left leg and a fingerless glove on his left hand, leads a stripped-down production performed by a nine-member cast that plays some 20 roles.

There are no lights, no makeup, no backstage and only a few props — a mirror, a bedsheet, a few metal folding chairs, coils of rope, five wooden boxes and a few wooden sticks that double for swords.

"There's nothing to hide behind," said Suzanne Bertish, a former member of the Royal Shakespeare Company who plays three characters in "Richard III," including Queen Margaret. "In one way, it's very liberating. But it does mean you have to concentrate 110 percent."

The mobile Shakespeare unit is a reinvention of a push in the late 1950s by legendary theatrical producer Joseph Papp to bring Shakespeare to the masses, which evolved into the New York Shakespeare Festival and ultimately became The Public Theater.

Exposing Shakespeare's power and relevance by taking his work to new audiences — from homeless shelters to prisons — has always been a core mission, said Oskar Eustis, the Public's artistic director.

"If our thesis is true that Shakespeare really is for everybody and that Shakespeare can be a binding force for society, these are the places we should be taking it," said Eustis.

He got a reminder of the Bard's genius while watching the troupe perform at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, the state's largest maximum-security prison for women, across the street from Taconic. The audience, he said, watched with rapt concentration. And it was, by definition, a tough crowd.

"You could tell they cared about issues of betrayal and the seeking of power over everything else. They were following that with absolute attention, absolute understanding," he said. "It's invigorating because you feel the truth of the proposition that Shakespeare really can speak to everybody."

The production, directed by Amanda Dehnert, lasts about 90 minutes without intermission, which has meant sections of the play have been excised and characters dropped. It is taut, almost guerrilla theater in which the actors sit among the audience between scenes and hisses are welcome.

The costumes are minimal, with heavy use of leather jackets and peacoats. The actors often must bellow over air conditioners and Alex Hernandez, who plays Richmond, Prince Edward and Lord Rivers, plays the violin.

The result is a blistering, at times very funny and always inventive production that arrives at the Public's downtown home from Aug. 6-25 after its unorthodox tour ends this week.

At the Taconic prison, inmates dressed in green jumpsuits fanned themselves with the show's programs in a sweltering common room but none wandered away as the play unwound. The actors had to perform over the crackle of corrections officers' radios.

"Who knows what impact this has on them," says Bertish, who has been deeply moved during each stop, especially the first one at a facility for homeless veterans. "If it has an impact on one person, then one's doing something worthwhile."

Richard III's venal nature wasn't hard to gather, despite the passage of 400 years and the play's thick, flowery language. "He's something else!" one inmate shouted after the newly crowned king slaughtered still more innocents. The inmates also recoiled when the king spit into a courtier's face and giggled at the Elizabethan insults such as "monstrous witch" and "hedgehog."

The watchful prison staff, metal detectors and rows of razor wire outside gave the production an added jolt of paranoia. A cardboard cutout of Barney the purple dinosaur on one wall added a dose of despair.

At the Theodora G. Jackson Adult Center in Queens, about 60 seniors gathered to see the play in the mustard-colored dining room with cinderblock walls, which competed for attention with ringing phones, the scraping of chair legs and the occasional thwack from a nearby game of pool.

The audience — either seated in rows surrounding the center of the room on three sides or lounging at plastic-covered tables further away — politely listened. There were ooohs when Richard successfully and improbably wooed Lady Anne, the wife of a man he had just killed.

"It was really something different. Really a change of pace," Queens native Cecelia Castillo said afterward before returning to the broiling city.

The king's murderous quest for power was somewhat undercut by the glittery stars and moons that dangled festively from the ceiling. Many of the women in attendance wore colorful sun hats.

Tracy Reaves, director of the center, which is part of the Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults, said it was the third consecutive year that Shakespeare has been performed at the center.

"We love it. The seniors look forward to it every year," she said. The general reaction was fitting: "A lot of them said that Richard III was crazy. That was pretty much the sentiment."

The play was performed during a month in which the center featured nutrition workshops, arthritis pain management workshops, a talk about diabetes and trips to the Bronx to play bingo.

"Richard III" is a supremely bloody play that ends with a high body count, and Castillo was asked if it wasn't too grim a diversion for an audience in their golden years.

She laughed and said it was no different than anything she'd seen in movies and TV shows lately: "It just goes to show that human nature hasn't changed much over centuries."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MIDLAND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Midland Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2013 fiscal year.

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The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 30 (full-time equivalent).

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 30 (full-time equivalent).

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■ Summer Mummers, "Scurrilous Among the Stars" or "May the Farce Be With You," at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Tickets: $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, $10 for the balcony and $5 for the gallery. Not recommended for those under 16. Reservations: 570-4111.

■ Comedy night at the Velvet Room, Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St. Tickets: $10.

■ Larry Shue's "The Nerd" presented by Mark 10 Theatricals, 7 p.m., 622 N. Lee Ave. at 7th Street, Odessa. Reservations can be made on line by visiting www.mark10theatricals.com, or by calling 432- 853-5249

■ Rick Smith's "Whenever it Rains" at The Globe Theatre, Odessa. Call: 580-3177. Buy tickets online at www.globesw.org.

Community calendar

■ Midland Park Mall is planning a celebration today and Saturday to mark the completion of its renovations.

The event includes fashions shows, "door busters" for the first 100 customers, Simon Kidgits activities with costume characters, caricature artists and balloon artists, a putting contest and shopper makeovers.

■ The Crime Prevention Unit of the Midland Police Department will be hosting its third women's self-defense class. It is geared toward young women and students.

The classes will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 9 and continuing until Aug. 28. The first session will be at the police department and will be classroom-based. Subsequent classes will focus on personal safety techniques; the site will be determined at the first session, according to the city's public information officer.

The class is open to 16 students. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register, call Officer John Kerrigan at 685-7963.

New movies

■ **At Tall City 14:** "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days" and "Total Recall"

■ **At Big Sky Drive-in:** "Total Recall" and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days"

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.

Wednesday's total: 14,703,000 gallons (CRMWD 10,857,000, Paul Davis 3,846,000)

Previous three Wednesdays:
July 25: 12,673,000 gallons
July 18: 13,079,000 gallons
July 11 total: 11,636,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 83,454 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 142,626 acre-feet. The average usage for July from CRMWD was 11,590,710. The average usage for August from CRMWD is 10,857,000.

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest gas in Midland: $3.21 (Murphy USA, Belmont St./Longview Ave.; Stripes, Rankin Highway/I-20)

Most expensive gas: $3.39 (across town)

Most common prices: $3.29, $3.33, $3.39

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $3.14, Abilene $3.19, Odessa $3.20, San Angelo $3.20, Midland $3.21

	Mid-Od	Texas
Thursday	$3.341	$3.356
Last week	$3.312	$3.342
Last month	$3.338	$3.147
Last year	$3.600	$3.610

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Happy birthday

Lona Wojeck, of Midland, turns 51 today.

Railroad crossing work in Stanton

A railroad crossing in Stanton will be closed for a few hours Sunday.

Starting at 7 a.m., the Texas Department of Transportation will be doing some pavement work on Highway 137 just south of the intersection of Business 20. The Highway 137 crossing over the railroads tracks (both southbound and northbound) will be closed. Business 20 will remain open.

The work should take less than three hours, so the impact on the traveling public on a Sunday morning will be minimized as much as possible.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 2-6-3
Pick 3 night: 1-9-1
Daily 4 day: 2-1-5-1
Daily 4 night: 6-7-2-1
Cash Five: 5-8-9-11-12
Texas Two Step: 7-21-22-34 BB: 31

Today in history

Today is Friday, Aug. 3, the 216th day of 2012. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-dayAmericas.

4 pertussis cases confirmed in Midland

From staff reports

Four cases of pertussis have been confirmed in Midland County since last week, officials said Thursday.

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, has made a resurgence in some areas of the U.S. this year, but according to officials had not been confirmed in Midland until recently.

Celestino "Sal" Garcia, manager at the city of Midland's Health & Senior Services Department, said as of Thursday the health department has confirmed four cases of pertussis in Midland. There are two additional cases pending confirmation, he said.

The department hopes that by alerting the public that pertussis has been diagnosed in Midland, other cases are detected early and the disease is prevented from spreading, Garcia said.

"We do that by educating everyone," Garcia said.

Pertussis is a bacterial disease that can transmit easily from person to person. It can be serious, particularly for young children.

Garcia said the early stages of pertussis can look like a minor upper respiratory infection and include symptoms such as a runny nose and cough.

Following that period, individuals with pertussis may experience severe coughing spasms that can become severe enough to cause vomiting.

The cases that have been confirmed in Midland were found in children and adults, Garcia said. Pertussis can occur at any age but for those who are older than 7 the result may be only a prolonged cough.

A vaccine is available for pertussis and is administered as part of the DTaP vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis).

The vaccine is available at the Midland Health & Senior Services as well as at local pharmacies.

Early identification of pertussis can help those who are unvaccinated or undervaccinated.

Parents are urged this week to check their children's shot records. Garcia said it's also advised to keep children younger than 1 away from people who are suffering from a cough. Infants are more likely to contract severe illnesses if they develop pertussis.

Anyone with an unexplained cough should contact their health care provider. Garcia said pertussis is being diagnosed locally at primary care offices and clinics.

Associated Press

Customers wait in a line outside to order at the Chick-fil-A location in Longview on Wednesday. Chick-fil-A supporters are eating at the chicken chain's restaurants as the company continues to be criticized for an executive taking a public position against same-sex marriage. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a Baptist minister, declared Wednesday "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day."

Chick-fil-A sets 1-day sales record amid flap

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Chick-fil-A set a one-day sales record on Wednesday amid an ongoing controversy over a company executive's public stance against same-sex marriage, company officials said Thursday.

The Atlanta-based company confirmed in a statement that the sales record was broken Wednesday after it was declared "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day" by former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a Baptist minister and Fox News talk-show host.

Chick-fil-A vice president Steve Robinson said the company won't release sales figures for Wednesday. Customers lined up outside restaurants and the Rev. Billy Graham, the 93-year-old evangelist, dined on a Chick-fil-A lunch on the record-setting day.

"We are very grateful and humbled by the incredible turnout of loyal Chick-fil-A customers on Aug. 1 at Chick-fil-A restaurants around the country," Robinson in the statement.

Restaurant chain president Dan Cathy told the Baptist Press last month that the company was "guilty as charged" for backing "the biblical definition of a family." Gay rights activists and others answered with calls for boycotts. They plan a national "Kiss In" at Chick-fil-A restaurants on Friday to protest the owners' position. They are asking people of the same sex to show up at Chick-fil-A locations and kiss one other.

"We understand from news reports that Friday may present yet another opportunity for us to serve with genuine hospitality, superior service and great food," Robinson said.

Widow of slain Georgia businessman charged in killing

Associated Press

DECATUR, Ga. — When a successful engineer was on trial for gunning down a businessman outside a suburban Atlanta preschool, much of the focus was on the victim's widow, who prosecutors suspected of having an affair with the gunman.

Four months after the gunman's conviction, Andrea Sneiderman, 36, is accused of helping orchestrate her husband Rusty's death, in part to collect the family's property, money and a life insurance policy.

She was charged Thursday with malice murder, criminal attempt to commit murder, racketeering, two counts of perjury and two counts of insurance fraud.

Suspicion surrounded Andrea Sneiderman during the trial of Hemy Neuman, who was also her boss. Russell "Rusty" Sneiderman was gunned down in November 2010, moments after dropping the couple's son off at a preschool in Dunwoody, a wealthy suburb north of Atlanta.

The trial included days of testimony on Andrea Sneiderman's actions before and after her husband's killing and whether she knew details of her husband's death before she was told.

Phone records presented showed she and Neuman exchanged three phone calls on the eve of her husband's death and that she called him six more times on the way to the hospital. She testified that she didn't know her husband had been shot until she reached the hospital about an hour after the shooting, though her father-in-law and a close friend both testified she told them he had been shot during calls made on her way to the hospital.

Andrea Sneiderman repeatedly denied an affair and denied knowing anything about the shooting. She said she was the victim of "masterful manipulation" from a stalker who weaseled his way into her life only to ambush her husband when she refused his advances.

Sneiderman's attorneys issued a statement Thursday reiterating her innocence and promising a vigorous defense "to ensure that Andrea is fully exonerated of these false accusations." Her attorneys include J. Tom Morgan, who spent 12 years as the DeKalb County district attorney.

At the time of Neuman's trial, Rusty Sneiderman's brother, Steve, said the family long suspected Andrea was involved in his death, and the trial only confirmed their suspicions.

The Sneiderman family said in a statement that Thursday's arrest brought no joy but called it "another important step in pursuit of justice for Rusty."

DeKalb County District Attorney Robert James declined to answer questions about the evidence, but the 19-page indictment alleged Sneiderman and Neuman were having an affair and conspired to kill Rusty Sneiderman with the intent of "acquiring property, money and life insurance proceeds."

Meningitis vaccine available for returning college students

From staff reports

Students heading to college this month will need a meningococcal vaccine before their first day of class.

A law passed in the 82nd Legislative session requires incoming students, transfer students and returning students who've taken a semester or more off to provide proof of the vaccine to their university, college or community college. Those who've already had the vaccine need to show proof of a booster dose during the five-year period before their enrollment date.

In Midland, vaccines are available at the city's Health & Senior Services Department, Walgreens, Graham's and other pharmacies.

Cost for the vaccine ranges from $110 at the city's health department to $139 at some pharmacies. Receipts can be submitted to insurance for reimbursement, though several insurance carriers don't cover the vaccine, area pharmacists said.

Students who are 18 years or younger who don't have insurance may be able to receive the vaccine through the Texas Vaccines for Children Program.

The law was passed as a protection for young adults since the disease can be spread easily in dorms and close living quarters.

The Meningococcal disease is not common but can be life threatening if contracted, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The bacteria spread through the disease can cause Meningitis, which is an infection of the brain and spinal cord.

Those with the disease can suffer brain damage, hearing loss, learning disabilities and death, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Vaccines must be received by students at least 10 days before class begins.

Students who are 30 years or older are not required to receive the vaccine. Other exemptions also may apply, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Celestino "Sal" Garcia, manager at the city of Midland's Health & Senior Services Department, said they saw a surge of students during Christmas break of 2011 needing the vaccine and expect to again be busy in the coming weeks.

"We're just trying to provide a service for our citizens," he said.

Appointments are not necessary at the city's Health & Senior Services Department or at area pharmacies, officials said.

Health & Senior Services, 3303 West Illinois Ave., will offer the vaccine from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday.

REPORT

From 1A

she said.

The report's findings will help staff prepare for this year's first community forum on Sept. 13 at Midland College. The forum will be held in the Carrasco Room from 7-9 p.m. and will feature MPD Deputy Chief Jeff Darr, District Attorney Teresa Clingman, Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter and MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren. Some local residents also will share their testimony and speak to those in attendance.

Henderson said the panel experts will address areas of concern, including the recent rise in bath salts abuse in Midland and Odessa along with prescription drug abuse. The experts also will answer questions and explain what the new monthly report information means for residents.

The Coalition also is preparing for Saturday's quarterly medication take-back event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3813 N. Midland Drive.

There, Midlanders are encouraged to drop off any unwanted and unused medicines, such as prescription medications in the form of pills, liquids and creams and over-the-counter medications, pet medications, vitamins, nebulizer solutions, medication supplies and inhalers.

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STANDOFF

From 1A

ment and three officers along with a bomb robot and a bomb specialist officer.

Chief Deputy Ed Krevit said the sheriff's office sent 10 deputies as part of the tactical team at the request of Garner along with the office's armored personnel carrier.

Krevit added that two deputies with the honor guard escorted Mitchell's body to Lubbock and that the sheriff's office is working in conjunction with Lubbock law enforcement to help provide an around-the-clock watch over the body until they escort it back to Big Lake.

The honor guard also will take part in Mitchell's funeral, Krevit said, which is expected either Monday or Tuesday.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

65K rounds of ammo found at home

Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — A New Mexico man is in federal custody after authorities seized more than 65,000 rounds of ammunition from his home.

Authorities said 25-year-old Carlos Guadalupe Morales allegedly was buying large amounts of ammunition and shipping them to Mexican drug cartels.

FAA: 3 jets over DC never on collision course

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — None of the commuter jets that flew too close together near Washington on Tuesday was ever on course to collide head-on with the others, federal officials said Thursday.

During a news conference, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood strongly disputed media reports characterizing what happened near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport as a near-miss.

"At no point were the three aircraft on a head-to-head course. They were not on a collision course," said Michael Huerta, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The FAA said in a statement it "is investigating the incident and will take appropriate action to address the miscommunication." The National Transportation Safety Board said it, too, is investigating.

The jet problem occurred Tuesday afternoon after a miscommunication between a manager at Potomac Consolidated Terminal Radar Approach Control and two traffic management coordinators at the airport, Huerta said. The exact nature of the miscommunication was not immediately clear, but there was apparently a failure on both ends to follow standard procedure.

Air traffic controllers at the time had been changing the direction planes were landing and taking off at the airport because of bad weather including several thunderstorms, the closest about 6 miles south. Controllers cleared two outbound flights to head in the direction of an incoming plane.

Both LaHood and Huerta praised the work of air traffic controllers to quickly set the US Airways-operated commuter planes on another path once they learned they were too close together. Huerta said the planes, which were carrying 192 passengers and crew members, were on different headings at different altitudes and thus never would have crashed.

All of the planes were equipped with collision avoidance systems, but none was activated Tuesday, Huerta said.

When asked by a reporter, LaHood refused to discuss what may have happened if the planes had not been diverted by the air traffic controller.

Federal guidelines require that commercial jets remain separated by at least 1,000 vertical feet and 3.5 lateral miles.

The agency said the landing plane, which departed from Portland, Maine, came within 800 vertical feet and about nine-tenths of a lateral mile of one departing plane and 800 vertical feet and 2.4 lateral miles of a second outbound plane. The outbound planes were bound for Kansas City and Columbus, Ohio.

A former pilot and air traffic controller, who now heads the non-profit Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va., said the fact that onboard collision-avoidance alarm systems did not go off is "telling." If two planes are on an imminent collision course, that alarm would have sounded, and that system is very reliable, William Voss said.

"It's kind of like the difference between a speeding ticket and reckless driving. It's definitely more in the speeding ticket category," Voss said of Tuesday's incident.

Voss said changing the arrival and departure directions at an airport is a "complicated situation," one of the most difficult procedures air traffic control does. That's especially so at Reagan National, in part because it's such a busy airport.

In fiscal year 2010, the latest year for which statistics were available, the FAA recorded 1,887 operational errors, which it defines as a "situation in which an air traffic controller fails to maintain a safe distance between two or more aircraft, in the air or on the ground, or a safe distance from terrain, obstructions and certain airspace not designated for routine air travel." That was an increase from fiscal year 2009, in which the FAA recorded 1,234 such errors.

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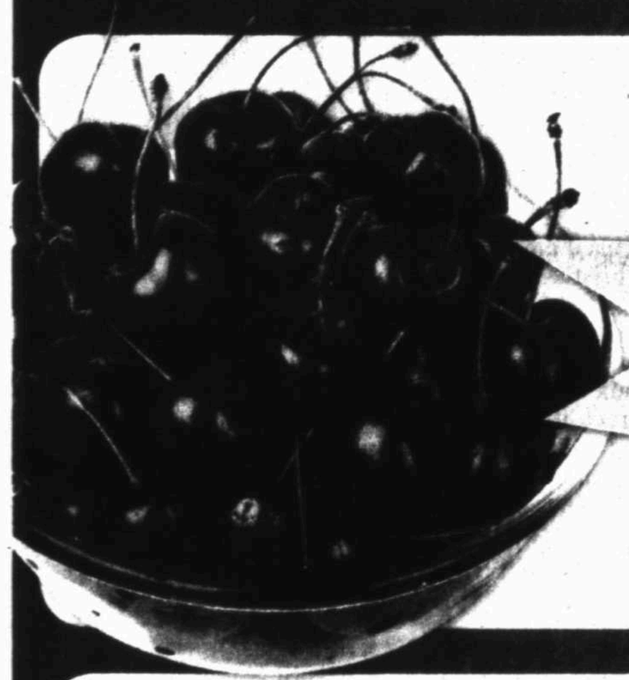
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Media misses substance of Romney's trip

■ Romney's European report card should have demonstrated successful grade.

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER
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At the outset of his recent foreign trip, Mitt Romney committed a gaffe. In answer to a question about the Olympics, he expressed skepticism about London's preparations. The response confounded and agitated Romney supporters because it was such an unforced error. The question invited a simple paean to Olympic spirit and British grit, not the critical analysis of a former Olympic organizer.

Soon that initial stumble was transmuted into a metaphor for everything that followed. The mainstream media decided with near unanimity that the rest of the trip amounted to a gaffe-prone disaster.

Really? The Warsaw leg was a triumph. Romney's speech warmly embraced Poland's post-communist experiment as a stirring example of a nation committed to limited government at home and a close alliance with America abroad, even unto such godforsaken war zones as Afghanistan and Iraq, at great cost to itself and with little thanks.

There is especially little from the Obama administration, which unilaterally canceled a Bush(43)-era missile-defense agreement with Poland to appease Russia. Without any overt criticism of the current president, Romney set out a foreign policy of radically greater appreciation of and fidelity to American allies.

Yet all we hear about Warsaw is the "gaffe": two phrases uttered by an aide, both best described as microscopically rude. At The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a pack of reporters hurled questions of such journalistic sophistication as, "What about your gaffes?" To which Rick Gorka suggested that the reporters kiss his posterior, a rather charming invitation that would have made a superb photo op.

The other offense against human decency was Gorka's correlative directive to "shove it."

The horror! On the eve of the 2004 Democratic Convention, Teresa Heinz Kerry offered precisely that anatomically risky suggestion to an insistent Pittsburgh journalist. Not only did she not express any regret, but Hillary Clinton reacted with: "Good for you, you go girl."

So where's the Romney gaffe? Is what's good for the Heinz not good for the Gorka?

And at his previous stop in Jerusalem, Romney's speech was a masterpiece of nuance and restraint. Without directly criticizing Obama, Romney drew pointed distinctions deftly expressed in the code words and curlicued diction of Middle East diplomacy.

He declared flatly that Jerusalem is Israel's capital. The official Obama position is that Israel's capital is to be determined in negotiations with the Palestinians. On Iran, Romney asserted that Israel has the right to defend itself. Obama says this as boilerplate. Romney made clear he means it — that if Israel has to attack, the U.S. won't flash the red light before or punish Israel afterward.

What about the alleged gaffe that dominated reporting from Israel? Romney averred that Israeli and Palestinian economic development might be related to culture. A Palestinian Authority spokesman obligingly jumped forth to accuse Romney of racism, among other thought crimes.

The American media bought it whole, despite the fact that Romney's assertion was a direct echo of the U.N. Arab Human Development Report, written by Arab intellectuals and commissioned by the U.N. It unambiguously asserted that "culture and values are the soul of development." And it went on to report how existing cultural norms — "including traditional Arab culture and values" — are among the major impediments to Arab economic progress.

The report deplores the rampant corruption, repressive governance and lack of women's (and human) rights as major contributors to backwardness in the Arab world. (In the Palestinian case, it faults Israeli "occupation," but a U.N. document that doesn't blame Israel for every Palestinian sorrow, if not the world's, has yet to be written. Moreover, that excuse doesn't work for today's occupation-free, Palestinian-run Gaza.)

Is there any question about Romney's assertion? PLO/PA corruption is a legend. Palestinians are repelled by it. Why do you think the PA lost the 2006 (and last) free election?

Romney's point about "culture" was to highlight the improbable emergence of Israel from resourceless semi-desert to First World "startup nation," a tribute to its freedom and openness.

Look at how Romney was received. In Israel, its popular prime minister lavished on him a welcome so warm as to be a near-endorsement. In Poland, Romney received an *actual* endorsement from Lech Walesa, former dissident, former president, Cold War giant, Polish hero. Yet the headlines were "shove it" and "culture."

Scorecard? Romney's trip was a major substantive success: one gaffe (Britain), two triumphs (Israel and Poland) and a fine demonstration of foreign policy fluency and command — wrapped, however, in a media narrative of surpassing triviality.

GUEST VIEW

Energy future demands safety, transparency

Houston Chronicle

We are strong and faithful supporters of the domestic energy industry, most especially the inspired efforts to expand oil and gas resources found in abundance in shale formations in Texas and across the country. These have the clear potential to change the future of the national and global economies. They augur for prosperity.

Our advocacy comes with the territory; speaking of which, we like the way UH oil historian Joe Pratt defines "Greater Houston" as a state of mind focused on oil and gas that extends from New Orleans to Corpus Christi. It is every bit of that — and growing.

Pratt also has a compelling explanation for this town's distinctive, often zany and out-of-control persona. It comes, the folksy UH scholar explains, from the mix of wildcatters — those "bet the ranch" entrepreneurs who struck it rich and whose names are on buildings all over town — and the hundreds of thousands of anonymous roughnecks who came here to make better lives for themselves and their families. What a raucous demographic potion! It explains so much about Houston.

But back to our subject, which is an utterly serious one: Our advocacy for energy is founded, not just on geography, but on a non-negotiable insistence on the highest standards for safety, the environment and the integrity of the research that allows us to use processes such as deep offshore drilling and hydraulic fracturing with confidence. That confidence has been called into question in two ways, both reported in the Chronicle in the past several days.

One is the report by federal regulators that little substantive change has occurred to improve plant safety since the 2005 explosion at BP's Texas City Refinery that killed 15 workers and injured scores of others. Jordan Barab, an official with the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, said, "We were disappointed at the low level of learning" in the refining business. He further suggested that you'd find "the exact same hazards, the exact same violations, and pretty much the exact same lack of learning" in the chemical industry as well. The remarks, reported last week by the Chronicle's Zain Shauk, were made at a two-day public hearing held here by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, an independent federal agency. The board has emphasized greater focus on what is called "process safety" rather than relatively minor "slip and fall" incidents.

The criticism of industry's slow learning curve in refineries and chemical plants was followed by a report that the University of Texas professor who led a task force that concluded fracturing was safe had a conflict of interest. He serves as a director of a Houston-based company in which he also held 40,000 shares worth $1.6 million.

Professor Charles "Chip" Groat, who led the study on hydraulic fracturing by UT's Energy Research Institute, held the director position and shares in Plains Exploration and Production, Co. The university's provost, the chief academic officer, has called for an independent review of the panel's work. That is the appropriate action.

There's a thread that links these two otherwise unrelated situations. That is the self-inflicted damage that can be done to the energy industry by the industry itself. After the Texas City refinery tragedy, there's no excuse for a slow learning curve anywhere in the chemical and refinery industries. And Professor Groat's apparent failure to disclose such an obvious conflict of interest is even harder to comprehend.

Both threaten to undo what we have always taken to be sincere promises on the part of industry to gain and hold public trust for its commendable efforts to change America's future safely and with the utmost concern for the environment.

There is no room for less than full attention to safety and com-

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THE UGLY AMERICAN

Maybe media needed to 'shove it'

■ Mitt Romney's trip wasn't a high-water mark for journalism.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

During his overseas trip, Mitt Romney traveled to some of our closest allies accompanied by some of his most merciless enemies — the media.

If you don't know that Romney's foreign jaunt was the worst diplomatic fiasco since the Zimmermann telegram or the XYZ Affair, you haven't been reading his press clips.

In Poland, when a few reporters shouted thoughtlessly hostile questions at Romney near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, they nicely encapsulated the tenor of the coverage. A Romney aide, Rick Gorka, told them to "shove it" — a perfectly apt sentiment.

The press can say, like it or not, it simply played its role. Which is true, if it's supposed to be querulous, unfair and self-obsessed.

In London, the U.S. press covered the British press' manufactured outrage over Romney's Olympics comments. Romney didn't say anything about the shaky preparations that you couldn't have read in a British newspaper. That didn't stop Fleet Street's gleefully nationalistic piling-on, which gave the accompanying U.S. media its narrative for the trip. In one word: fiasco.

On gaffe high alert in Israel, the press fastened on Romney's observation at a Jerusalem fundraiser that culture has a large hand in Israel's economic success. Two-for-two, the press needed just one more gaffe in Poland to achieve the "mistake-ridden trip" trifecta. Pay dirt came in the "shove it" exchange.

Notice the steadily diminishing quality of the Romney miscues. The Romney trip started with the candidate supposedly offending an entire nation; it ended with his traveling press secretary offending three reporters.

No matter. Gorka got nearly as much play as Lech Walesa, the legendary Polish human-rights activist and former president, who, unaccountably, endorsed Romney despite his "gaffe-plagued" foreign trip.

The shouted questions in Poland were instructive — all emanating from deep within the media's own narrative. There was: "Do you have a statement for the Palestinians?" Then there was: "What about your gaffes?" Finally, that original follow-up: "Do you feel that your gaffes have overshadowed your foreign trip?"

Seriously, we send people to journalism school for this?

The reporters were said to be boiling over with frustration from lack of access to Romney. But Romney did interviews with Brian Williams and Matt Lauer of NBC, David Muir of ABC, Jan Crawford of CBS, Greta Van Susteren and Carl Cameron of Fox, and Wolf Blitzer and Piers Morgan of CNN.

It's true that there was a gross imbalance on the trip between the access for TV journalists and for the traveling print reporters. This might make fascinating fodder for a Columbia Journalism Review symposium one day. Outside of media and political professionals, though, it interests precisely ... no one.

The fact is that the press doesn't need any excuse to be either superficial or unfriendly to Romney. Back here at home, Newsweek ran a cover calling the former Massachusetts governor a "wimp." A publicity stunt with a stitched-together excuse for an article attached, the cover nonetheless made "NBC Nightly News" on Sunday — one of the few segments on the broadcast not related to beach volleyball.

Despite all the conservative energy devoted to monitoring and critiquing media bias, it is as bad as ever. Why? The answer goes back to Romney's comment in Jerusalem: the enduring importance of culture.

Imagine if a cadre of journalists were recruited to cover the Obama campaign from 100 devoted Rush Limbaugh listeners living in the 230-mile corridor from Midland to Amarillo. Imagine they were overwhelmingly pro-life and heavily evangelical, owned five firearms each and largely socialized with one another and other conservative Republicans.

They could try their damnedest to be fair to the president whose politics they disdain. Still, their own predilections inevitably would show through.

In the real world, journalists tend to have the opposite of all these qualities, and on top of that they are usually self-important and willfully blind to their own biases. It's a wonder they aren't told to "shove it" more often.

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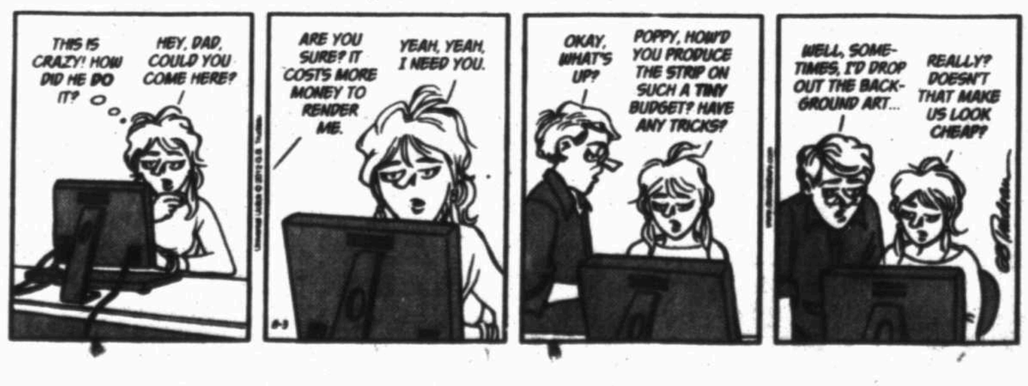

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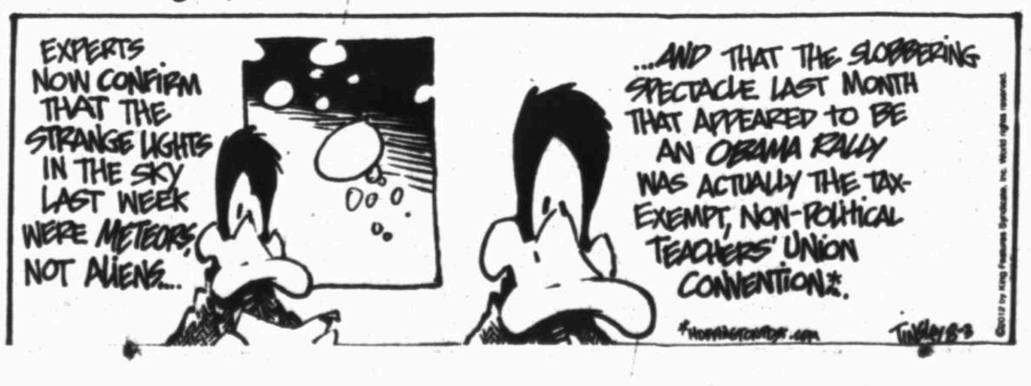

Annan quits as Syrian envoy, blames lack of unity

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Kofi Annan announced his resignation Thursday as peace envoy to Syria and issued a blistering critique of world powers, bringing to a dramatic end a frustrating six-month effort that failed to achieve even a temporary cease-fire as the country plunged into civil war.

Annan also had harsh words for the Syrian regime, saying it was clear President Bashar Assad "must leave office."

As the violence escalated on the ground, rebels used a captured tank to shell a military air base near Aleppo — one of the first known uses of heavy weapons by the insurgents.

Speaking to reporters in Geneva, Annan blamed the Syrian government's intransigence, the growing militancy of Syrian rebels and a divided Security Council that failed to forcefully back his effort. Since he took on the job, Russia and China have twice used their veto power to block strong Western- and Arab-backed action against President Bashar Assad's regime.

The White House said Annan's resignation highlighted the failure of Russia and China to support action against Assad and called the regime's continued violence against its own people "disgusting."

Associated Press

Kofi Annan, Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the Arab League for Syria, speaks during a press briefing at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, on Thursday. Annan is stepping down as UN Arab League mediator in the 17-month-old Syria conflict at the end of the month, U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon said in a statement on Thursday.

"It is impossible for me or anyone to compel the Syrian government and also the opposition to take the steps to bring about the political process," said Annan, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former U.N. secretary general.

"You have to understand: As an envoy, I can't want peace more than the protagonists, more than the Security Council or the international community for that matter."

Annan singled out the regime for blame for the violence. But he also said the opposition's increasing militarization had contributed to dooming his six-point peace plan, which included a cease-fire and a Syrian-led political process to end the crisis.

"The bloodshed continues, most of all because of the Syrian government's intransigence, and continuing refusal to implement the six-point plan, and also because of the escalating military campaign of the opposition — all of which is compounded by the disunity of the international community," he said.

"At a time when we need — when the Syrian people desperately need action — there continues to be finger-pointing and name-calling in the Security Council."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he accepted the resignation with deep regret, adding that the search was under way for a successor to Annan, who will stay on until Aug. 31. Diplomacy can succeed only when "the parties to the violence make a firm commitment to dialogue, and when the international community is strongly united in support," Ban said in a statement.

In an opinion piece published by the Financial Times on Thursday under the headline "My Departing Advice on How to Save Syria," Annan had harsh words for all parties in the conflict. But he appeared to reserve particular criticism for the Assad regime, asserting in his strongest statement to date about the Syrian leader: "It is clear that President Bashar al-Assad must leave office."

During his six-month tenure, Annan managed, at least in theory, to get world powers behind his plan — including the Syrian government and its allies in Iran, Russia and China — although his appeals for peace were ignored on the ground.

The regime and the rebels blamed each other for the violence, and Russia and China said attempts to sanction the regime ignored violations by the opposition.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton praised Annan for working "tirelessly" to try to end the bloodshed in Syria. "Unfortunately, the Security Council was blocked from giving him key tools to advance his efforts," she said.

Asked about Annan's resignation, the White House again called for Assad to step aside. The Syrian leader "continues to brutally murder his own people, to use heavy weapons in assaults on civilian population centers, to call on his military leaders to kill the Syrian people in his name," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

Russia's U.N. envoy Vitaly Churkin said Moscow regrets Annan's decision and Syria's Foreign Ministry also expressed "dismay."

New Egypt government puts Brotherhood in key posts

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's Islamist president swore in his first new government Thursday, led by a devout Muslim and including five members of his Muslim Brotherhood in unglamorous but ideal ministries for a group whose long-term aim is to Islamize the most populous Arab nation.

The Cabinet is a far cry from the inclusive administration that President Mohammed Morsi has repeatedly promised. No other political factions came on board to join. Women and Christians received only token representation, and figures from the uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak last year were left out.

The choices seemed aimed at playing down fears that the country's first ever government formed under the Muslim Brotherhood's aegis will seek to impose quick and radical change. Seven members of the outgoing, military-backed government, including the foreign, finance and culture ministers, have also kept their jobs, a move by Morsi and Prime Minister Hesham Kandil that may have been designed to inspire stability.

Also keeping his post as defense minister is Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, who served in the role for 20 years under Mubarak and was Egypt's military ruler for 17 months after Muabrak's ouster. The military said several weeks ago that it will decide who serves in the post, and Morsi and Kandil made no move to resist, a reflection of the overwhelming powers retained by the military after Morsi took office June 30.

Kandil, the obscure water and irrigation minister that Morsi picked to lead the new government as prime minister, sought to defend the makeup of his Cabinet. He called on Egyptians to rally behind it, promising it would represent all the people.

"We are all Egyptians in the Arab Republic of Egypt. The coming period is not easy, to say the least, and we are all in the same boat," he told a news conference hours ahead of the swearing-in ceremony.

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WASHINGTON

Republicans grill IRS commissioner on health care

House Republicans on Thursday grilled the head of the Internal Revenue Service on the agency's decision to apply the health care law's tax credits in states that decide not to carry out a key provision of the statute.

Commissioner Douglas Shulman defended the IRS rule that applies the tax credits to federal insurance exchanges, which are the bodies that will be developed to allow those without health insurance to buy it. He testified at a House hearing.

The issue is a new controversy over President Barack Obama's health care law. Several states already have decided not to establish their own insurance exchanges. In those states, federal exchanges would be created.

The credits would help consumers pay for private insurance beginning in 2014.

The IRS had to decide whether the credits would be available in the entire country regardless of whether states or the federal government ran the exchanges.

FLORIDA

New Romney ad calls Obama record a disappointment

A new TV spot from Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney calls President Barack Obama's economic record a disappointment.

The ad is targeting Florida voters on Thursday, the same day Obama campaigns in Orlando, in the center of the state.

The spot says Obama expressed concerned about Florida's economy when he ran for president four years ago but suggests he was too focused on his health care bill to reduce unemployment, home foreclosures or poverty.

Obama released an ad Thursday that says Romney's economic proposals would mean bigger tax bills for everyone but the wealthiest Americans.

Romney's campaign won't say where its new ad is running. Obama's ad will air in eight states, including Florida.

FLORIDA

Obama: Electoral votes make nice birthday gifts

President Barack Obama has a simple wish for his upcoming 51st birthday: Florida's 29 electoral votes.

Obama was serenaded to the tune of "Happy Birthday" on Thursday during the start of a campaign rally in battleground Florida, an early nod to his birthday on Saturday. The Democratic president was not too bashful about suggesting potential gifts.

"If I had known you guys were going to sing we would have had a cake. And then I would have blown out the candles, I would have made a wish, that probably would have to do with electoral votes," Obama said. "Winning Florida wouldn't be a bad birthday present."

Obama is expected to keep a low profile on his birthday, spending the weekend at Camp David, the private presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains.

But presidential politics will get into the act. Obama is holding a birthday-themed fundraiser at his family home on Chicago's South Side on Aug. 12. His campaign used the birthday event to drum up small-dollar donations before the end of the July fundraising deadline, offering two lucky winners the chance of attending the fundraiser.

Obama said in suburban Orlando that he's taking his age in stride — and getting frequent reminders about it from first lady Michelle Obama.

"I'm going to be 51 on Saturday — 51. Michelle says I look 50," Obama said. "So that's not bad."

Senate panel revives dozens of tax breaks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate's tax-writing panel voted to renew dozens of tax breaks for businesses like biodiesel and wind energy producers, even as the GOP-controlled House passed symbolic legislation to erase them and create a new tax code with lower rates and fewer special interest tax breaks.

The $200 billion-plus package was approved by the Senate Finance Committee on Thursday on a bipartisan 19-5 vote. It was anchored by a two-year provision to protect middle- and upper-income taxpayers from being hit by the alternative minimum tax, shielding them from higher levies originally meant to prevent the rich from escaping taxes altogether.

The bill faces an uncertain future and is likely to get lumped into a year-end debate in which lawmakers tackle the so-called fiscal cliff — a combination of the expiration of Bush-era tax cuts and $110 billion in automatic spending cuts to the Pentagon and domestic programs that, taken together, have the potential to drive the economy back into recession.

The action came as Congress began a five-week vacation. The House also passed drought relief legislation and reprimanded one of its members, while a cybersecurity bill ran aground in the Senate. The Senate Appropriations panel approved a $604 billion Pentagon spending bill while rejecting a bid by Republicans to require defense contractors to send out notices of possible job layoffs due to the possible cuts.

The cost of Thursday's package ballooned by more than $50 billion since its release on Wednesday, including a production tax credit for wind and other renewable energy producers of electricity criticized by presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney. That provision was initially targeted for elimination, but garnered critical support from Republicans.

The tax breaks package is advancing even as efforts to prevent the expiration of numerous Bush-era tax cuts have come to an election year impasse over whether to extend the full range of Bush tax cuts or allow expiration of those enjoyed by people earning more than $200,000 a year and couples making more than $250,000. President Barack Obama has demanded that these tax cuts be terminated.

The House voted to fully renew the Bush tax cuts on Wednesday. On Thursday, it voted along party lines 232-189 to pass legislation. The tax reform effort wouldn't begin until next year.

A look at tax break extensions

Highlights of $205 billion Senate Finance panel measure extending tax breaks for individuals and businesses:

- Alternative minimum tax: Extends for 2012 and 2013 relief from the alternative minimum tax for middle- and upper-income taxpayers. Cost: $132 billion.
- Sales tax deduction: Extends through 2013 the deduction for state and local sales taxes in states without an income tax. Cost: $4 billion.
- Tuition tax deduction: Extends a tax deduction of up to $4,000 for college tuition and related expenses. Cost: $4 billion.
- Wind production tax credit: Extends and broadens to other renewable energy sources a 2.2 cent-per-kilowatt hour tax credit for wind electricity production. Cost: $12 billion.
- Energy efficient appliances: Extends tax credits to manufacturers of energy-efficient dishwashers, refrigerators and washing machines.
- Research and development: Extends through 2013 a tax credit for business investments in research and development. Cost: $14 billion.
- Small business "expensing": Extends through 2013 the ability of small businesses to write off purchases of equipment. Cost: $2 billion.

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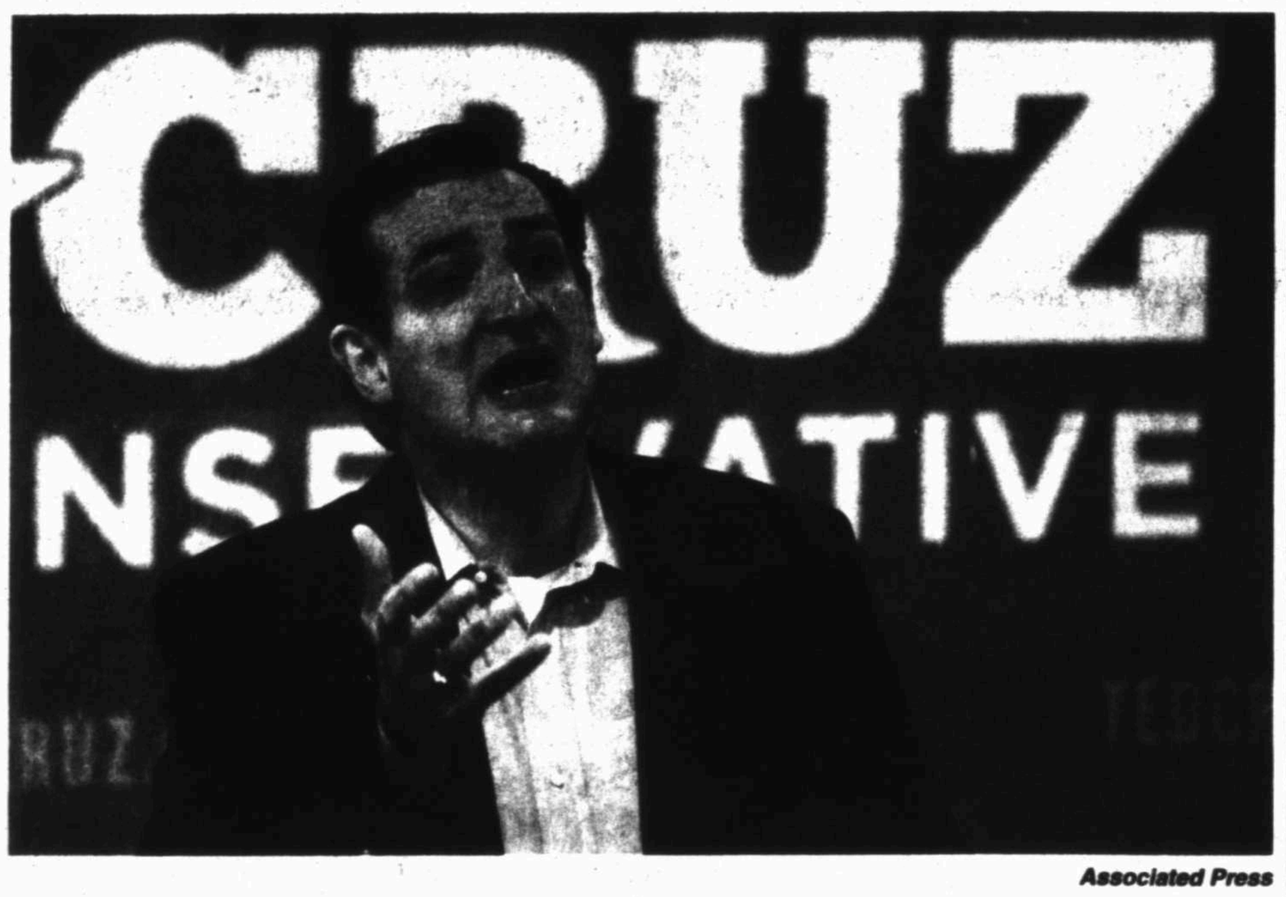

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Ted Cruz, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, speaks to the media, the day after defeating Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in a runoff primary election Wednesday in Houston. Cruz says his tea party supporters who helped him pull off an upset in the Republican primary runoff are "everyday Texans" who want common sense answers to problems plaguing the country.

Cruz's outsiders topped Dewhurst's Texas support

Associated Press

AUSTIN — David Dewhurst had many of Texas' brightest political stars in his corner for his U.S. Senate campaign, from Republican Gov. Rick Perry to baseball icon Nolan Ryan. The lieutenant governor's endorsement list read like a directory of statewide offices: comptroller, land commissioner, agricultural commissioner, a railroad commissioner and a parade of state senators.

Ted Cruz countered with outside firepower, tea party superstars such as U.S. Sens. Jim DeMint of South Carolina and Kentucky's Rand Paul; talk show personalities Glen Beck and Sean Hannity; and even former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who roared into suburban Houston five days before Texas' runoff election to help put Cruz over the top.

In the end, big names and big dollars from faraway places generated a fervor Texas' home-turf big guns could not. The state famous for the 1830s Texas Revolution-era motto "Come and Take It" let political outsiders do just that — overwhelmingly choosing Cruz as the Republican nominee to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The Cruz victory was perhaps the biggest achievement yet for national conservative groups that have poured large amounts of cash into other campaigns across the country in hopes of reshaping America's political landscape. And it could be a sign of more to come in key future races — even where the odds are stacked against them.

"There's no doubt you'll see it again," said Chris Chocola, president of the Washington-based, free-market advocacy group Club for Growth, which spent $5.5 million backing Cruz, it's largest investment to-date in one race. "The model works. And it works kind of almost anywhere."

Club for Growth spent $1.5 million on the Indiana Republican primary where state Treasurer Richard Mourdock ousted veteran Sen. Richard Lugar in May and has contributed more than $1 million in races in Arizona and Wisconsin.

In Texas, Cruz got still more funding and volunteer support from the Tea Party Express, ex-Texas U.S. Rep. Dick Armey's FreedomWorks and DeMint's Senate Conservatives Fund. They successfully cast Dewhurst as a moderate — even though he spent nine years as lieutenant governor presiding over some the most-conservative legislative sessions in Texas history.

Chocola called Club for Growth's support of Cruz "in every way the steepest hill we've ever taken on" because Dewhurst "was not a reviled character" who was easy to vilify like other entrenched Republicans the group had targeted.

"It was harder in almost every respect," he said. "And that fact that you had to educate people on why they shouldn't vote for Dewhurst, we started at much lower levels than some of those other races."

But a closer look at the race reveals it wasn't so much a question of outsiders trouncing Texan political muscle as it was voters' angry rebuke of politics as usual — even the homegrown kind. Dewhurst's embracing of the GOP Texas establishment reinforced the idea that he was part of the status quo, while Cruz and his band of out-of-state champions seized the insurgency mantle and clobbered the lieutenant governor with it.

"It was less a 'Texas vs. the rest of the country' race and it was instead establishment versus grass-roots," said Mark P. Jones, a political science professor at Rice University in Houston. "The Dewhurst group, albeit Texans, were seen as the establishment."

Added Austin-based political strategist Bill Miller: "This was an anti-incumbent vote and everyone who endorsed Dewhurst was an incumbent, so beware."

The owner of a lucrative energy company, Dewhurst lent his campaign $24.5 million — though he used contributions to pay back at least $5.5 million of that. His ads dismissed Cruz as a Washington-trained lawyer who would be co-opted by his "D.C. Insider" benefactors.

But that backfired because it was hard to paint Palin — who quit before finishing her gubernatorial term — and other rhetorical bomb-throwers as champions of politics-as-usual. Miller said that "Cruz was viewed as the outsider, and trying to sell him as an insider was lunacy."

Still, the Texas roots of Dewhurst's campaign ran deeper than simple endorsements or ads. The lieutenant governor turned to a key architect of Perry's unsuccessful Republican presidential bid, political strategist Dave Carney, and brought in former Perry spokesman Mark Miner. Carney said of Tuesday's result, "I don't think there's any way to say it was endorsements, good or bad."

Cruz, by contrast, was fond of saying that the political insiders in the Texas Capitol would be just as scared of him as Washington Democrats. Asked if he would be beholden to those who helped get him elected, Cruz said, "The groups that supported me in this race are not looking for special favors."

Judge strikes down Dallas suburb's voting plan

Associated Press

FARMERS BRANCH — A federal judge struck down a Dallas suburb's decades-old municipal election system Thursday, finding that its practice of city-wide voting for council seats discriminates against Hispanics, who make up more than 45 percent of the population.

U.S. District Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater ruled that Farmers Branch must replace its at-large voting process because it violates the Voting Rights Act. Under the law, Texas and other states with a history of discrimination must get pre-clearance from the federal government to alter its election laws, but the system in Farmers Branch predated the 1965 federal law.

Farmers Branch has repeatedly made national headlines for trying to ban illegal immigrants from renting housing. Ten Hispanic voters filed suit in July 2010, alleging the at-large system for electing the five City Council members denies Hispanic residents representation.

According to court documents, Hispanics make up 45 percent of the city's 2010 population of more than 28,000 and nearly 24 percent of its electorate. No Hispanic has ever been elected mayor or councilman.

Conaway's district director dies following cancer battle

From staff reports

Ricky Wright never met a stranger.

The congressional district director who died Wednesday after a battle of cancer was the ultimate friendly face, said Rep. Conaway, R-Midland. Wright was 53.

"He'd walk into a room and the room immediately got friendlier by his presence," Conaway said. "He had blue eyes and sparkling smile. He just really was a fun guy."

Wright joined Conaway's staff in 2005 and handled a myriad of activities. He supervised five offices within Conaway's 36-county district and often was the one who interacted with residents, both through constituent services and at district events.

Conaway said Wright took pride in visiting various counties within the district and always being able to meet with someone he'd already come to know through a previous trip.

"He and I had kind of a running battle. We would go some place and it was always a badge of honor for him to find someone he knew already," Conaway said.

Wright was born in Stephenville and grew up in Comanche. He was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2010.

Before working with Conaway, Wright was employed for more than 20 years in business marketing and sales.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Tarleton State University.

"He was 110 percent purple, and it was always evident that he loved Tarleton," said Dan Hunter, a friend and director of Tarleton's Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research, in a statement. "He always said to me that he stayed at Tarleton as long as he could to make sure that he could spend the maximum time allowed. He was one of the really good guys."

Conaway said Wright was a valuable team member, both in working with the public and in allowing Conaway to continue serving.

"I can't overstate the value of his work in getting me to win four elections," Conaway said. "He'll be missed all over the district."

Visitors will be received by Wright's family from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Comanche Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Comanche Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Comanche Public Library.

CONAWAY

From 1A

U.S. deficit, the shift would be helpful in generating revenue.

Conaway disagrees and said the deficit needs to be addressed through cuts to government spending.

"We've got a spending problem, not a tax revenue problem," he said. "We need to address it through the reduction in the size of government."

The tax rates that have become known as the Bush-era tax cuts were first approved in 2001.

Kathleen Petty can be reached at kpetty@mrt.com.

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4:30 p.m.: The Afters
6 p.m.: Shawn McDonald
7:30 p.m.: Don Piper
8:30 p.m.: Ben Rector
10 p.m.: Needtobreathe

TEEN TENT
1:30 p.m.: Thirty-Nine Thoughts
3 p.m.: Rhett Walker Band
5 p.m.: Abandon
6:30 p.m.: Tedashii
8:30 p.m.: Shonlock
11:15 pm.: Icon for Hire

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MAIN TENT
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1:30 p.m.: SAMESTATE
3 p.m.: Dara MacLean
4:30 p.m.: Chris August
6 p.m.: Peter Furler w/ Phil Joel
7 p.m.: Bob Lenz
8:30 p.m.: Chris Tomlin
10 p.m.: Relient K

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3 p.m.: The Advice
4 p.m.: Phil Joel
5:15 p.m.: Jaymay
6 p.m.: Flame
8:30 pm.: Manafest

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Q&A WITH RELIENT K

Punk-influenced rockers hit the road, studio again

By Sara Higgins
Staff writer

Relient K has come a long way since lead singer Matthew Thiessen and guitarist Matt Hoopes were highschoolers writing songs in Hoopes' Plymouth Reliant K — hence the name. With eight studio albums, a string of hit singles and a Grammy nomination behind them, the group of punk-influenced modern rockers have begun recording an unnamed album and recently set out on a new tour with Hello Goodbye, William Beckett and House of Heroes. The band will close out the Rock the Desert festival this weekend with a performance on the main stage at 10 p.m. Saturday. Here's what lead singer Thiessen had to say about touring, getting back into the studio and his Christian identity:

MRT: How does it feel to be back on the road again?
RK: It's been refreshing to play these shows; we missed touring. It's such a gift to be able to do a run of shows like this and see new and familiar faces in the crowd every night.

MRT: What can concertgoers expect to hear from you guys this time around?
RK: Plenty of old and new stuff — no covers.

MRT: You each have individual Twitter accounts that fans can follow you through during the tour. How has social media influenced the way you connect with fans?
RK: Twitter is really nice. I love being able to have an open window where I can see any message a fan wants me to see. I probably don't tweet "enough," but that's not a bad thing.

MRT: You've recently posted a few videos online of studio updates for your upcoming untitled album, including one of a recording session inside your house. Is there anything you can tell us about the upcoming album and what you're hoping to accomplish with it?
RK: The new record is different. It's melodic and fun. There are moments of heart, but overall, it doesn't have a serious tone. We hope people enjoy it.

MRT: There was a bit of a tongue-in-cheek comment in your second studio update video about adding dubstep and apps while recording. Obviously a lot has changed in the music industry since you guys started out more than a

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Holleman

First United Methodist reopens worship arts academy

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

The halls of First United Methodist Church soon will be filled with the sound of laughter and music as the Dollye Neal Worship Arts Academy reopens with a new director, auditioned children's chorus and piano lab.

This fall, the academy will feature private, group and seminar instruction in voice, piano, organ and guitar, as well as visual arts and photography for all ages. New executive director Laura Holleman, who holds Master of Music degrees in church music and organ performance, has taught music to students of all ages in a private studio for 30 years and been involved with church music for 35 years.

"I absolutely love the whole idea of being able to do music within a worship context," she said.

In addition to overseeing the operations of the academy, Holleman will be the accompanist for the Children's Chorus, which aims to provide music education and vocal training to kids in fourth through sixth grades. The group will meet Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and hold community concerts throughout the year.

"I think it's such an important facet of a child's upbringing to be exposed to the arts," Holleman said.

A variety of once-a-week Kindermusik programs will be available for children from birth up to age 7. In the Village class, which is for newborns through 18-month-olds, parents and babies participate in developmentally appropriate curriculum together that expose little ones to a variety of music, instrument play and dance. The oldest group, called For the Young Child for kids between 4 1/2 and 7 years old, prepares children with musical symbols and instrument discovery before entering them into formal lessons and traditional music reading with an instrument.

The academy now also is home to a Kawai Piano Lab, which is aimed toward both beginning adults and

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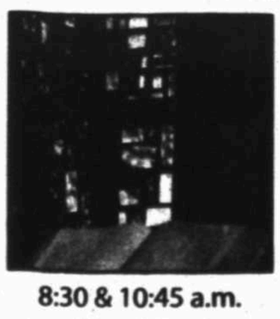

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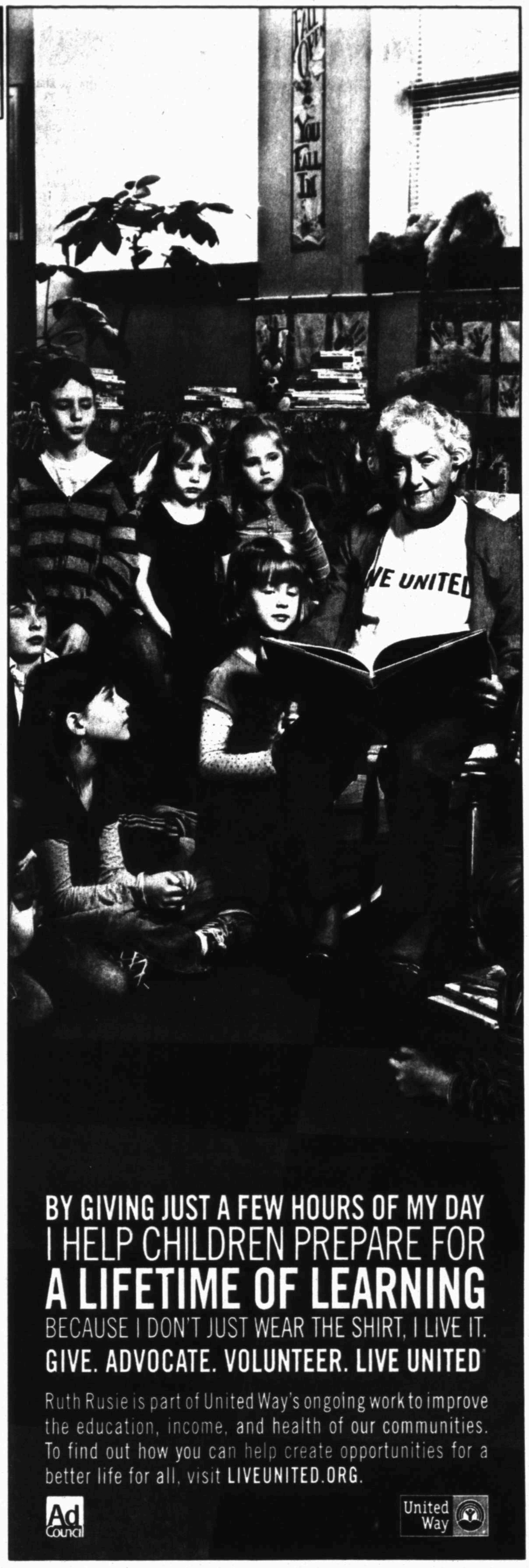

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US nuns will consider Vatican censure

Associated Press

American nuns accused of straying far from Roman Catholic doctrine will decide at a national meeting next week whether they should accept or resist a Vatican-ordered overhaul.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious, which represents about 80 percent of the 57,000 U.S. sisters, will gather for the first time since the Vatican said the sisters have been promoting "radical feminist themes" about the priesthood, artificial contraception and homosexuality. The report, issued in April, prompted an outpouring of support for the sisters nationwide, including parish vigils, protests outside the Vatican embassy in Washington and a resolution in Congress commending the sisters for their service to the country.

The nuns will discuss their next steps in private sessions at the assembly, which starts Tuesday in St. Louis.

"One of our concerns is that questioning is seen as defiance. It's not healthy as a church," Sister Pat Farrell, president of the Leadership Conference, said in a phone interview with reporters. "Our intention, our sense of our own fidelity, is that we continue raising and responding to questions according to our own consciences and according to new information arising."

The Vatican's orthodoxy watchdog, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, began its review of the religious sisters' organization in 2008, following years of complaints from theological conservatives that the nuns' group had become secular and political while abandoning traditional faith and ignoring key issues, such as abortion.

After the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, many religious sisters shed their habits and traditional roles as they sought to more fully engage the modern world. The nuns said prayer and Christ remained central to their work as they focused increasingly on Catholic social justice teaching, such as fighting poverty and advocating for civil rights.

Vatican investigators praised the nuns' humanitarian work, but said the conference had "serious doctrinal problems." Seattle Archbishop Peter Sartain has been appointed to oversee a full-scale reform of the conference, including rewriting the groups' statutes, reviewing its plans and programs, approving assembly speakers and ensuring the group properly follows Catholic ritual.

Bishop Leonard Blair of Toledo, Ohio, who oversaw the Vatican doctrinal review and will help with the overhaul, has said "there's been a lot of just denial" by the conference about its problems. In an interview last week with National Public Radio's "Fresh Air" program, he said there was no "middle ground" on core church teaching.

The sisters face a limited range of options for how they can respond since the Vatican created the organization. Farrell would not discuss details of what the sisters will consider, since the conference makes decisions as a group.

Sartain offered to travel to the meeting but was told "it would not be helpful," said a spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Sister Mary Ann Walsh. As is customary, a representative of the Vatican office for religious orders, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, will attend. Sartain is expected at a board meeting of the sisters' organization immediately after the full meeting.

Obituaries

Daniel Martin Christoffel

Daniel Martin Christoffel of Spicewood, TX was born July 19, 1963, in Galveston, TX and passed way July 28, 2012, in Houston, TX.

Post-heart transplant patient extraordinaire, loving husband, dedicated father, son, brother, uncle, and most of all faithful servant, Dan, is in communion with our Lord Jesus, all the angels, and saints! He joins his grandfather and grandmother, Walter "Swede" and Ola Mae"Jo" Clason. He also joins his niece, Kaitlyn Norinne Christoffel.

Awaiting in joyful hope to join Dan is a huge loving family: his wife, Priscilla Kay Christoffel; his daughters, Hannah ' and Shelby Ruiz; his mother, Karen Sue Christoffel and his father, Roy Christoffel; his father, Louis Ripoll and his wife, Pat Ripoll; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jesse and Corina Munoz; his brothers and sisters, Coy and Kerry Christoffel; Chris and Wren Ripoll; Justin and Missy Ripoll; Cathy and Robbie Bland; Tina and Scott Gates; Zoe and Jimmy Carbo; and twelve nieces and nephews; his uncle, Jack and aunt, Trish Clason; and cousins, Kirstin Clason; Susan and her husband, Bubba Adams.

Services will be held at the following times and locations, Rosary and memorial will be Friday, August 3, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 411 Ranch Road 620 S., Lakeway, TX 78734, 512-263-1511.

Funeral mass and reception will be Saturday, August 4, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at the Emmaus Catholic Parish, 1718 Lohman's Crossing, Lakeway, TX 78734.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in the name of Daniel Martin Christoffel in support of the Transplant Program Fund: The Methodist Hospital Foundation P.O. Box 4384 Houston, TX 77210.

G. Dean Starritt

G. Dean Starritt, 84, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

Dean was born August 18, 1927, to John Charles Smith and Vera Josephine Gilbert in Strawn, TX. She was raised and educated primarily in Palo Pinto County, TX. She had a lifetime of service to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. She was a proud member of the AFL-CIO union in CWA (Communications Workers of America) and the Telephone Pioneers.

Dean married LB "Lewis" Starritt in 1944 and they remained married until his death in March of 1997.

She is preceded in death by her sons, Charles A. "Pete" Starritt and Marion Lynn Starritt; her sister, Johnnie Marie Smith-Bell; her brothers, Jimmy Gilbert, KG Smith, and RC Smith; and her granddaughter, Shelly Moton.

She is survived by her sons, Billy Lewis Starritt and wife, Anita of Azle, TX; and Randal "Scooter" Starritt and wife, Belinda of Midland, TX; her daughter, Debi Crouchman and husband, Ken of Van Alstyne, TX.

She is survived by her grandchildren: Rita Shafer, Lisa Truett, Zach Starritt, Cari Starritt-Burnett, Christi Starritt-Walker, Candi Shanks, Cindi Starritt Mughelli, Tia Heady, Jeff Starritt, Vannessa Hurst, and John David Hurst. She is also survived by 23 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and others that she would claim as her own.

Visitation will be on Friday, August 3, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services are planned for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2012, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

Dean would want to be known as a loving, doting, active grandparent and great grandparent; it is how she lived her life. She was active politically in her union and as a life-long Democrat. She was known for taking care of others above herself for as long as her body allowed. She had a complete fondness for her family, friends, and fellow retirees at the telephone company. She never hid her feelings for those she loved.

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Ida Viola "Vi" Byrom

Ida Viola "Vi" Byrom, 79, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2012. Vi was born in Okra, Texas, on June 19, 1933, to Mr. Thomas Paul Hearn and Mrs. Johnnie Mae Hearn.

Vi is preceded in death by both of her parents; her sons, Dewayne Lavon Young and Dennis Dale Byrom; her grandson, Jacob Dean Hamilton; great-granddaughter, April Reneé Hamilton; and her brother, Tommy Hearn.

She is survived by her daughters, Sue Hamilton and Tressa Kerley; and her grandchildren, John Hamilton and wife, Kerri; Jason Hamilton and wife, Lara; Mike Edwards, and Jodi Hamilton; and great-grandchildren, Hailee, Taylor, Cody, Alyssa, Carson, Madison, and Bruce. Other survivors include her brothers, Henry Hearn and wife, Coleen and Charles Hearn, and; her sisters, Doris Hadaway and husband, Speedy and Charleen Haggard.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Danna, Beverly, and Brandon who work with Manor Park.

Family will welcome friends at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 3, 2012. A funeral service is planned for Saturday, August 4, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home, with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Von Dean Heairren Lawson

Von Dean Heairren Lawson, of Andrews, Texas, died Wednesday, August 1, 2012, after a sudden and brief illness.

Services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, at First Baptist Church, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home, Rev. Bryan Johnson will officiate. Visitation will be Friday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Von Dean was born on March 9, 1939, to Frankie Lee and Orbie Lee Heairren in Eden, TX. The family moved to Midland, TX in 1942, where she graduated from Midland High School. Von Dean attended Texas Tech for one year. After her marriage to Ted Lawson, she attended Sul Ross University, where she received a BA in education. Von Dean began her teaching career in Marathon, TX. After a few years of moving around Texas, she and Ted settled in Andrews, where she began teaching fifth grade. Von Dean taught elementary for over 30 years. She loved all of her students and they loved her. She was a shining example of how school teachers should dress and conduct themselves when trying to set a good example for children.

Von Dean is preceded in death by both her parents, and two sisters, LaMoyne Bass and Dephane "Daffy" Tabor. She is survived by her sister, Agatha Culpepper of Midland; nieces and nephews: Vance and Margo Bass of Albuquerque, NM, Gregg and Donna Bass of Oak Ridge, TN, Scott and Kim Bass of Sabetha, KS, Reed Bass of Austin, TX, Linda and Brad Avery of Garden City, TX, Cullie and Robyn Culpepper of Burnet, TX, Gloria and Tom LeBleu of Lafayette, LA, Jennifer and Phillip Coleman of San Angelo, TX, and Sandy Culpepper of Dallas, TX. Everyone will miss her great sense of humor and laughter.

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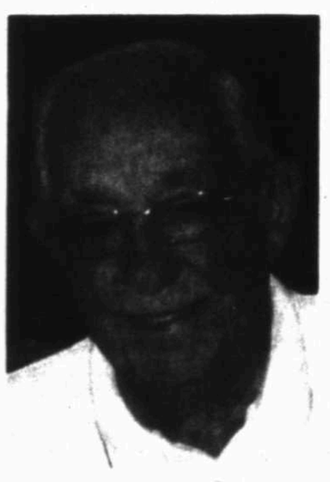

Charles Ray "Charlie" Herring

Charles Ray "Charlie" Herring went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, July 31, 2012. He was born May 14, 1928, in Ralls, TX to James and Johnnie Herring.

Charlie married Chris Barrington, his long time sweetheart, on September 29, 1946, in Lubbock, TX. She preceded Charlie in death on February 18, 2010. He was an active member of Crestview Baptist Church. He served on several committees through the years and loved his church family. He was one of the owners of Mid-West Glass Company in Midland. He was an avid golfer and loved nothing more than playing with his group of good friends. He was able to play until he was 82 and regularly shot his age or below.

Charlie was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Herring; his brother, Tommy Herring; and his sister, Helen Jean Moyers.

He is survived by one brother, Jimmy Herring of Nacogdoches, TX; his daughter, Cheryl Dolph; son, Dwayne Herring and wife, Lana; daughter-in-law, Lawana Herring, all of Midland; grandchildren, Monty Dolph and wife, Michelle; Ginger Sterling and husband, Tim, all of Edmond, OK; Jamie Dolph and wife, Jennifer of Norman, OK; Misty Baker and husband, David; Brandon Herring and wife, Tara; Erin Herring; and Casey Herring and wife, Aimee, all of Midland; twelve great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2012, at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crestview Baptist Church, Forward by Faith Building Fund, 301 N Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79703 or to Buckner Family Place, 425 W. Pecan Ave., Midland, TX 79705.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Dorothy Hawkins

Dorothy Hawkins, 89, of Midland, passed away Sunday, July 29, 2012, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 4, 2012, at Old Southland Cemetery in Grand Prairie, TX with Jason Hawkins, officiating.

Dorothy was born June 14, 1923, in Grand Prairie to Edna and James Webb.

Survivors include son, Tommy Hawkins and wife, Connie of Midland; grandson, Jason Hawkins and wife, Caprice of Frisco, TX; granddaughter, Stacy Crowe and husband, Jeff of Frisco, TX; step grandson, Blair Kemp and wife, Kaylynn of Hobbs, NM; and great grandchildren, Annie Hawkins, Mary Hawkins, Jackson Crowe, Allison Crowe, Waverly Kemp, and Tristian Kemp.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Edna Webb; and three sisters, Paulene Thompson, Chris Fuller, and Bertha Nash.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to First Christian Church, 1301 W Louisiana Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

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

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Death Notices

Bettie Collins Twitchell

Bettie Collins Twitchell, 81, passed away peacefully, in her home, on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, with Rev. Steven Hill, officiating.

Survivors include four children, Donna T. Cecil (Don), Barbara A. Kidd (Lee), Donald D. Twitchell, Jr., and Lourie T. Zachry (Howard); eight grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; sister, Patricia Larson (Wayne); and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Beverly Nell Pharr

Beverly Nell Pharr, 82, passed away Friday, July 27, 2012, in Midland.

Beverly is survived by her sons, Keith (Cindy) Pharr, Steve (Peggy) Pharr, and Richard (Diane) Pharr; twelve grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Beverly's final resting place will be at the Eternal Love Mausoleum at Resthaven Memorial Park, in Midland.

Services will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Saturday, August 4, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., with Rev. David Johnson officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Catherine "Sue" Johnston

Catherine "Sue" Johnston, 63, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, in Midland.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 11, 2012, at First Southern Baptist Church of Gardendale, with Rev. Terry Easley officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Johnston; son, Brad Johnston; three sisters, Janet Evans, Dianna Hardman, and Shannon Freeman; three brothers, Larry, Stephen, and Michael McGilvray; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

Maria Holguin Chavarria

Maria Holguin Chavarria, 48, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She is survived by two daughters: Erica Holguin (Martin) and Emily Holguin (Jeremy Gomez); four sons: Albert Chavarria, Jr., Felix Chavarria, David Chavarria, and Rey Chavarria; eighteen grandchildren; mother: Teresa Booth; three brothers; and two sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mark Anthony Varela

Mark Anthony Varela, 19, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, July 28, 2012.

He is survived by his mother, Ann Margaret Sandate; his father, Tony Varela; sisters, Yvonne Nicole Varela and Lauren Danielle Yharte; brother, Nathan Isaiah Varela; maternal grandparents, Carlos Madrid, Sr. and Sheila Sandate-Madrid; paternal grandfather, Marcos Varela; maternal great grandmother, Andrea Menchaca-Sandate; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral Service will be held today at 11:00 a.m., at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 W. Hwy 191, Midland, Texas 79707. Pastor Daniel Stephens will officiate. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

Mary Mildred Stinebaugh McGuire

Mary Mildred Stinebaugh McGuire, passed from this world to her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at her home in Bronte, Texas, with family holding her hands.

Mildred is survived by her children, Modene Yocham (Jim), Laura Fountain (Jerry), Charles McGuire (Carolyn), and Mary Brazeal (Kerry); sister-in-law, Jo Stinebaugh; brother-in-law, Edwin McGuire (Jean); ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; and other family members, including her nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be all day, Friday, August 3, 2012, at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 4, 2012, in Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Ricky Wright

Ricky Wright, 53, passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, in Comanche, TX.

Ricky is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Israel) Medina; son, Jeremy Wright; three grandchildren, Ryland, Emory, and Carley Medina; mother, Anita Wright; brother, Ronny Wright (Dee Dee); sister, Rhonda Roberts (Marty); and numerous nephews.

Family will receive friends at Comanche Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2012, at Comanche Funeral Home Chapel, with Minister Kevin Brown and Elder Mike McMahan officiating and Congressman Mike Conaway assisting.

Funeral arrangements by Comanche Funeral Home, Comanche, TX.

Robin Savage Whitworth

Robin Savage Whitworth was born January 9, 1955, to Frank and June Savage, in Andrews, She passed away from this life on Thursday, August 2, 2012, in Odessa.

Left to cherish her memories are her father, Frank Savage; sisters, Dorothy Holland, Amy Czarnikow, and Silvia McRee; and grandchild, Sophie York.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery, Funeral Home and Crematory at West Texas Memorial Park.

MUSIC

From 1B

youth looking to transition from the Kindermusik program. The group setting is meant to supplement private instruction, and students can play along with pianos, guitars and drum kits through headphones at each of the eight stations.

The Dollye Neal Worship Arts Academy originally launched about four years ago with the help of a significant contribution from its late namesake, Dollye Neal, who was a longtime member of the congregation and taught Sunday School. The Rev. Tim Walker said the funds have helped the congregation recommit itself to the arts ministry both within the church and the community.

"To me, worship is always evolving for the next generation," Walker said. "We wanted to have opportunities for the children of our church and community to find ways to express their talent in worship."

Holleman hopes to offer classes in the future that explore lighting within a worship context and integrating dance in worship.

"The idea is to promote higher awareness of the arts, especially as they fit into the worship scenario," Holleman said.

Kids are welcome to audition for the Children's Chorus from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 28 and 30 as well as Sept. 4 and 6. The audition song will be the first verse of "America" ("My Country, 'Tis of Thee").

The academy will host an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 20, during which families will be able to tour the new Kawai Piano Lab and meet faculty. The following week, the academy will host free demo Kindermusick classes for newborns through 7-year-olds. Classes begin Sept. 10. For more information, visit www.dollyeneal.com.

Sara Higgins can be reached at shiggins@mrt.com.

RELIENT K

From 1B

decade ago. How do you balance remaining true to yourselves while staying relevant?

RK: It's hard. I keep trying to imagine how Tom Petty felt in the 80s. "Don't Come Around Here No More" was a great blend of his style and the 1984 sound. We're trying to make our own blend of us and now. No dubsteps.

MRT: How do you maintain creative flow in spite of the daily grind and stresses of recording a new album and touring?

RK: Having a positive attitude usually leads to some sort of creativity. When the desire to express it strikes, a song is born.

MRT: How does your Christian identity fit in with what you do on stage and in the studio?

RK : We don't pretend to know all the answers, but we strive to conduct ourselves in a way that pleases God. On stage we have fun. When we talk to our fans we are happy. We hope the spirit of God shines through us.

MRT: Keeping in mind that Rock the Desert is geared toward a bit of a younger crowd, what do you hope to leave with each audience as you perform on the road?

RK: We just want to leave 'em with a grin.

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For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank		20/20 Interviews and hard-hitting investigative reports.			KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss "Taylormade"		CSI: NY "Get Me Out of Here!"		Blue Bloods "A Night on the Town"	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Jane Fonda, Jimmy Cliff	Letterman	(:35) Late (N)
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Stranded"	Seinfeld	Nikita "Sanctuary"		Nikita "Clean Sweep"		Cops	'Til Death	'Til Death	'70s "First Date"	That '70s Show	South Park
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	House "Everybody Dies"		Bones "The Prince in the Plastic"		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray "No Roll"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical Israel	Update News	Doorways to Wisdom		Light of the Southwest				Update News	Dr. Alewine	Walking	Y.Salamanca
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	London 2012 Summer Olympics								News-West 9	Summer Olympics
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Washington Week	Need to Know	The Barnes Collection (N)		Golf's Grand Design (N)		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Un Refugio Para El Amor		For ella soy eva		Abismo De Pasion		La Que No Podia Amar		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Hasta que el dinero nos separe	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Kansas City Royals (L)						My News	Monk		Monk
FLIX		340	65		165		(5:00) Finding God		★ Return to Paradise Vince Vaughn.		★★★ The Believer				(:05) ★ Passion Victor S. Rasp Nevaeh			
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:00) ★ The Sitter		Newsroom "Bullies"		★★ Due Date			(:45) Empire	★★ The Art of War Wesley Snipes.			
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) ★ Legend (:) Keanu Reeves.				★★ The A-Team ('10, Act) Liam Neeson.			True Blood			Newsroom "Bullies"	
HBOS		304	70	16	102		(5:00) ★★★ Hitman		★★★ The Kids Are All Right				Boardwalk Empire					
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) ★★ Cars (:) ★ Cars Toon ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.						Strike Back		Femme	StrikeBk	(:25) ★ Baby Doll...	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(5:00) ★★★ Bruce Almighty Jim Carrey.				★★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone						(:25) SanGm	(:55) ★ DOA: Dead or Alive
PLEX				96			(5:00) ★★★ Pride and Prejudice Keira Knightley.				★★★ Guarding Tess				(:20) ★★ Mimic Hats		(:20) ★ Taking Chances	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ Hot Rods		★★★★ Rod ('10, Act) Bruce Willis.				Doug Stanhope		Franchise	Weeds	Episodes	Polyamor
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ The Deceivers		★ Dead Man Running 50 Cent.		(:35) ★ Drive Angry ('11, Act) Nicolas Cage.						★ The Grind C. Thomas Howell.	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Ship War "Bullship"	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Ship War "Pilot"	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Ship War "Bullship"	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Donnie Brasco...		★★★ The Untouchables ('87, Act) Kevin Costner.						(:45) ★★ Cop Land ('97, Dra) Sylvester Stallone.			
BET		58	26		40		(5:00) 106&		★★ The Cookout ('04, Com) Ja Rule.						★★ Seventeen Again ('00, Fan) Taki Mowry.		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		(5:00) ★★ Starship Troopers Denise Richards.								★★ Mission: Impossible ('96, Spy) Tom Cruise.		★★ Mission: Impossible	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	(4:00) Olympics		The Costco Craze		Apocalypse 2012		American Greed		Mad Money		The Costco Craze	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Survivorman		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival		Dual Survival	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Code 9	★★★ Toy Story 3 ('10, Ani) Tom Hanks.				(:55) Gravity	GoodLuck	Jessie	Shake Up	Austin	A.N.T.
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NFL Live		NFL Kickoff (L)		First Take	Baseball Tonight (L)			SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	(4:00) ATP Tennis Citi Open (L)				Karate	Karate	Boxing Friday Night Fights		Gesta vs. Barnett (L)		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ The Princess Diaries		★★ The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement						The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	BestAte	BestAte	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	3 Days to Open (N)		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Atlanta, Ga. (L)	Houston Astros vs. Atlanta Braves Site: Turner Field --					Astros Live (L)	Cowboy (L) /Sports	(:45) Gold Age	Action Sports Tour Best of Championship	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Rush Hour ('98, Act) Jackie Chan.		★★★ Rush Hour 2 ('01, Act) Jackie Chan.						★★★ Rush Hour 2 ('01, Act) Jackie Chan.			
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00) A Wedding on...		Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	House	My Yard	HH Vaca	Live in What? (N)		HouseH	House (N)	House	House	You Live in What?	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pickers "Mole Man"		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	America Most Wanted		America Most Wanted		America Most Wanted		America Most Wanted		America Most Wanted		America Most Wanted	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NBCSN		38	39				(5:00) Olympics (L)		MLS Soccer New York Red Bulls vs. Houston Dynamo				Sports Illustrated		Indy 36		Poker After Dark	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Figure	Figure Out	Victori.	Victori.	Hollywood Heights		Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Gangland "Street Law"		★★★ Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Will Smith.						★★★ Independence Day Will Smith.			
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Category 7...		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Lost Girl (N)		Warehouse 13		Lost Girl	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Shoes"	Seinf. "The Doorman"	House of Payne (N)	House of Payne (N)	For Better (N)	For Better (N)	★★ 17 Again (2009, Comedy/Drama) Leslie Mann, Thomas Lennon, Zac Efron.		(:20) The Office	(:50) ★ Coll. Road Trip		
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) Tarzan: Silver...		★★★ Tarzan, The Ape Man						★★★ Tarzan and His Mate		★ Tarzan Escapes	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Rosa Diamante (N)		Corazon valiente		Pablo Escobar: El		Al rojo	Titulares	Juegos Olimpicos	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Yes to the Dress	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress (N)	Say Yes-Dress (N)	Randy to the Rescue "Boston" (N)		Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Randy to the Rescue "Boston"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "The Fire This Time"		★ The Bourne Ultimatum As government agents continue to track him down, Jason Bourne searches for his identity.						★ The Bourne Identity An amnesiac tries to piece together his mysterious past while eluding unknown assassins.			
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Home I.	Home I.	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hammered"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Confidential"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Delinquent"		Common Law "Hot For Teacher" (N)		Burn Notice "Reunion"		Political Animals "The Woman Problem"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Los Angeles Dodgers Site: Dodger Stadium -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)					

THE WEEK AHEAD

Religion opportunities in the Permian Basin Aug. 3-9

SATURDAY

Speakers

Beit HaDerekh, 13370 Hwy. 191, will host speakers Daniel and Deborah Calic of God's Everlasting Covenant 2 p.m. Saturday. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Marilyn at 561-8486 or visit www.godseverlastingcovenant.com/our-story.

SUNDAY

Activities

Midland Center for Spiritual Living, 2311 Elizabeth Ave., will host the following activities Sunday:

10 a.m.: Visioning

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.: Meditation service

11a.m.: Children's/youth program

11a.m.: Sunday service. August's theme is "Seeing with the Perfect Vision of God." The Rev. Jerry Fetterly's talk is titled, "Handling More Positive Energy." Musician is Mrs. Marty Banner. Fellowship and refreshments following service.

For more information, contact the Rev. Jerry Fetterly, 301-3205 or Kitt Merritt, 553-1031 or visit http://Midland.csl.org.

Classes

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 West Illinois Ave., will offer Sunday education classes for children and adults 9 a.m. throughout the summer. Each session will be a stand alone lesson based on the Lectionary readings for the worship service that follows at 10 a.m. For more information, call the parish office at 683-4207 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Dance camp

Beit HaDerekh, 13370 Hwy. 191, will host a dance camp conducted by Messianic Dance Camps International 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and includes workshops, dance rotations, bottled water and snacks. There is a $10 donation for the camp. For more information, email colleenpierce@hotmail.com or kalliesmith@grande-com.net.

TUESDAY

Luncheon

Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Connection's "Flying Through Time" luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, at First Baptist Church's fellowship hall. The program will be a retro fashion show called "Everything Old Is New Again." Those attending are asked to wear the oldest outfit in their closets that fits to see how close the outfits are to current styles. Wanda Williams of Lubbock will speak about "Wings to Fly: When things go wrong — learning the meaning of love, loss and grief." Tickets are $16 at the door and reservations are essential. To RSVP, call Alva at 520-4502 or email jehillredibrd@aol.com.

THURSDAY

Revival

Living Hope Church, 2911 North County Road 1140, is hosting a revival Thursday trough Aug. 12 with the Rev. Raymond Wright of Harrison, Ark. For more information, call the Rev. G.O. Wade at 693-6398 or assistant pastor Ann Brian at 967-1551.

FUTURE

Party

St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave., is hosting its fourth annual Party at the Parish for high school students 6-10 p.m. Aug. 25. The back-to-school party includes food, a rock-climbing wall, mechanical bull and bungee jump. The event will conclude with a concert by Ike Ndolo band of Phoenix. The event is free. For more information about Ike Ndolo band, visit www.ikendoloband.com.

Music class registration

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will offer Musikgarten classes beginning Sept. 5. Registration cards will be mailed out in August and should be returned with $30 registration fee to the church office. The fee covers materials for the 15-week course. Classes include: Family Music with Baby, 0 through 14 months, 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Family Music with Toddlers, 16 months through 2 years, 5:45-6:15 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information call Bert Bostic at 682-4207 or 349-7882.

Choir program

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will begin its choir program Sept. 5. Choir programs include: Trinity Cherubs, 4 years through Kindergarten, 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays; Junior Choristers, first through sixth grades, 5-5:40 p.m. Wednesdays; Holy Trinity Handbells Adults 6-6:45 p.m. Wednesdays; and Adult Choristers, 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information call Bert Bostic at 682-4207 or 349-7882.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

LIVING WAY CHURCH, 415 ALTA AVE.
When: 6 - 8:30 p.m. Aug. 5-8
Theme: Lava Lava Island
Info: For children in preschool (potty trained) through sixth grade. For more information, call 683-1750.

CUTHBERT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 3308 W. CUTHBERT AVE.
When: 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 6-10
Theme: Space Camp
Info: For children age 3 through those in sixth grade. For more information, call 694-6075.

ST. NICHOLAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4000 W. LOOP 250 N.
When: 9 a.m. - noon Aug. 6-9
Theme: Faith Through the Arts
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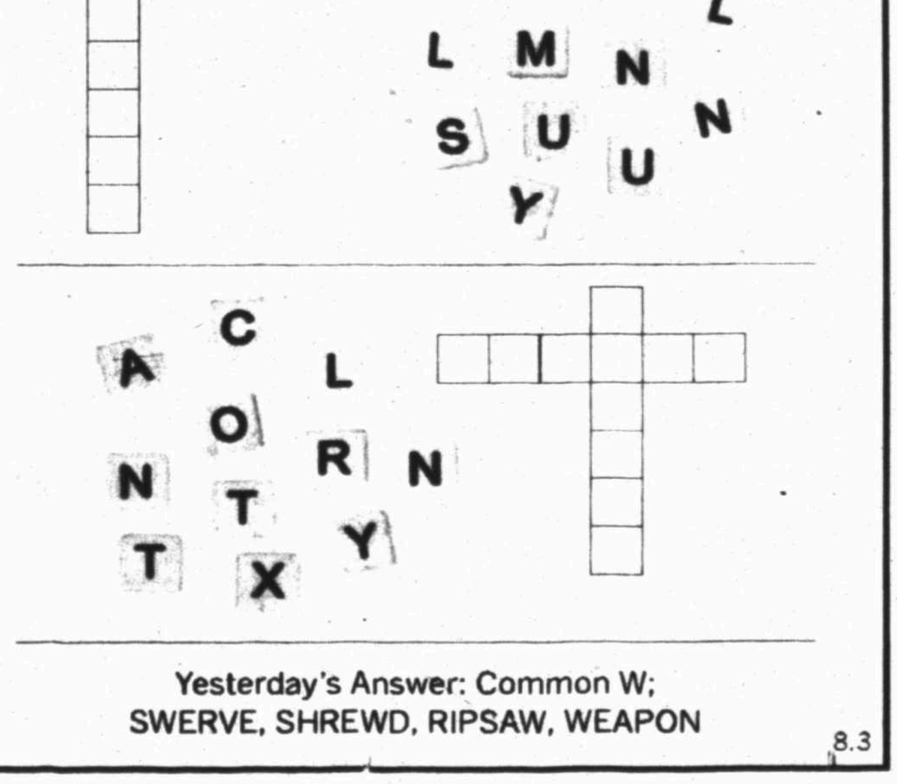

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Talmud celebration in NJ both serious, joyous

Katie Zezima
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — In a sports stadium transformed into what was called the world's largest synagogue, tens of thousands of people celebrated the completion of the reading of the Talmud, the book of Jewish laws and traditions.

The program at MetLife Stadium on Wednesday night combined a festive atmosphere of singing and dancing with more serious pursuits of prayer and reflection; it was dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust.

"Tonight is a night of inspiration and opportunity," Rabbi Elly Kleimnan told the gathering.

Rabbis from around the world addressed the audience during the five-hour program, and speeches and prayers in Hebrew and English were streamed by audio and video throughout the stadium's concourses.

The celebration, called Siyum HaShas, marks the completion of the Daf Yomi, or daily reading and study of one page of the 2,711-page book. The cycle takes about seven and a half years to finish.

Organizers marked the start of the 13th cycle of study and reading. The event was organized by Agudath Israel of America, an Orthodox Jewish organization. It started celebrating the cycle of study in Europe in 1923.

Thousands of folding chairs and white plastic flooring transformed the stadium's playing field. A dais was built for about 500 rabbis.

A massive mechitzah, or divider that separates men and women during prayers, encircled the upper deck of the stadium, where women were seated. Its curtains were drawn during prayers and opened when they were over.

Women in the upper deck prayed from prayer books, listened intently to speeches and took cell phone videos of the gathering. Men rushed around the stadium's hallways and field when not praying.

A little more than midway through the celebration, the rabbis sang Siman Tov and Mazel Tov, a song of celebration. Attendees danced, swayed in the stands and formed large circles on the field. Rabbis on the dais draped their arms around one another and sang into microphones while rocking from side to side.

The celebration was the largest celebration to date, officials said, with more than 90,000 tickets sold and simulcasts taking place at more than 100 locations worldwide.

It cost about $4 million, said Rabbi Yosef C. Golding, executive director of the Rofeh Cholim Cancer Society in Brooklyn, N.Y., who was in charge of logistics. Most of the money was raised from sales of tickets, which ranged from $18 to $1,000.

The program helped unite thousands of people worldwide who are studying the same page each day, said Rabbi Gedaliah Weinberger, chairman of the Daf Yomi Commission at Agudath Israel.

"In a certain sense it helps unite everyone, because you have these many thousands of people, tens of thousands of people, who are each studying the same page at any given day," Rabbi Weinberger said. "Someone could be from a different city, a different school, a different country. They have a lot to talk about. That was part of the original intent."

Col. Rick Fuentes, superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, said about 600 state police and members of 71 agencies worked at the event.

Fuentes said troopers completed an eight-hour course where they were familiarized with the stadium and learned about the customs of the Jewish community.

Mel Evans/AP

A large crowd of Orthodox Jewish men stand at MetLife stadium in East Rutherford, N.J, Wednesday, during the celebration Siyum HaShas. The Siyum HaShas marks the completion of the Daf Yomi, or daily reading and study of one page of the 2,711 page book. The cycle takes about 7½ years to finish.This is the 12th put on by Agudath Israel of America, an Orthodox Jewish organization based in New York.

Scientists, seminarians debate evolution online

By Travis Loller
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Public discussion of evolution often turns into a nasty debate between young-earth creationists on one side and atheists who believe science disproves the existence of God on the other. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Witness the gracious dialogue taking place between Southern Baptist seminary professors and evangelical scientists on the BioLogos website.

In a series of essays titled "Southern Baptist Voices," the two groups consider questions such as whether the existence of a historical Adam and Eve created in the image of God is compatible with the gradual development of humans through evolution.

While there is disagreement, the authors are quick to emphasize places where they do agree, such as the reality of the miracles described in the Bible, including the bodily resurrection of Jesus. And there is room for give-and-take on both sides.

The series came about after Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Academic Dean Kenneth Keathley and BioLogos President Darrel Falk met at a Christian scholars conference last year. Keathley agreed to invite seminary professors to contribute essays describing their disagreements with BioLogos, a nonprofit foundation "committed to exploring and celebrating the compatibility of evolutionary creation and biblical faith," according to its website.

Keathley begins the first essay by noting that the Southern Baptist statement of faith is silent on how God created the universe. But he goes on to say Southern Baptists' very literal interpretation of Scripture leads many in the denomination to hold the view God created the world in six, 24-hour days less than 10,000 years ago.

Many Roman Catholic and mainline Protestant Christians today see parts of the Bible such as the creation as metaphorical, but for many evangelical Christians such a belief is untenable.

Southern Baptist Seminary President Albert Mohler, a young-earth creationist, has called the attempt to reconcile evangelicals to evolution a "direct attack upon biblical authority."

Keathley, meanwhile, calls himself an old-earth creationist who accepts that the universe is billions of years old, but also believes God directly intervened at certain points in natural history.

In an introductory essay to the series, Keathley lays out several points where he believes Southern Baptists are at odds with the BioLogos model. Among them is whether Adam and Eve were real people who experienced a real fall from grace with God that brought sin into the world. The concept is also central to the idea that Jesus saved the world from sin through his death on the cross.

Falk and two other writers respond that science tells us "there was never a time when the human population from which all modern humans descended was as small as two individuals." Instead, they suggest the possibility that "God began a covenantal relationship with a real, historical first couple who brought about spiritual death as a result of their disobedience."

Keathley also points out for some Christians, evolution presents a problem because it implies that suffering and death have been with the world from the beginning, rather than resulting from rebellion against God.

"Young-earth creationists ask, 'What does this do to the nature of God if God created the world with pain and suffering from the beginning?'" Keathley said in an interview.

Another essayist, Bill Dembski, who is a research fellow at the Discovery Institute and one of the leaders of the Intelligent Design movement, takes it a stretch further when he says, "In terms of strict logic, nothing takes you from natural selection to atheism, but, as a practical matter, many people find that Darwin makes atheism seem plausible."

Falk and others say in their essay that the problem of evil is a challenge, but that "Scripture does not take a universally negative view of suffering and death in the present age. Rather it is recognized as being both a tragedy and a creative force."

So far, BioLogos has published four essays and responses with three more planned. Writers on both sides say the dialogue has been useful. Keathley said the response he has heard from other Southern Baptists has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I think everybody recognizes this is an important topic and it's not going to do any good to simply yell at each other across the fence," he said. "They need to hear from us on the nature of Scripture, the nature of the fall and of salvation. And we need to hear from them on the nature of modern science."

Falk, who teaches biology at Biology at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, said the dialogue has given BioLogos members a chance to clarify some of their positions.

"I don't think our differences are anywhere near as great as people might have thought," he said.

Because he teaches at a Christian college, Falk is very familiar with the types of questions evolution raises for other evangelicals, he said. But for him, the many developments he has seen in the field of evolutionary biology over the years have only strengthened his faith.

"To see how life works in all its majestic details truly is a worship experience," he said.

Megachurch fires pastor amid police investigation into church, college

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — A northwestern Indiana megachurch has fired its pastor amid a police investigation into the independent Baptist congregation and a college it operates.

The First Baptist Church of Hammond said in a news release Tueday that pastor Jack Schaap committed "a sin that has caused him to forfeit his right to be our pastor." Church representatives said they were cooperating with police, but offered no specifics on the allegations against Schaap.

Lake County Sheriff John Buncich told The Times of Munster that his department began a criminal investigation of the church and Hyles Anderson College after talking with high-ranking representatives of the congregation. He declined to identify the target of the investigation or other details.

First Baptist elected Schaap its pastor in February 2001, a month after the late Rev. Jack Hyles died of a heart attack.

Schaap, now 54, is a Holland, Mich., native who came to northwestern Indiana in 1977 to attend and graduate from Hyles-Anderson College, which Hyles founded four decades ago. He met and married Hyles' youngest daughter, Cindy, and served the church early in his career as an assistant youth director, bus captain and mentor to young students. He preached and taught in the college, and was its vice president for four years before becoming pastor. Schaap committed himself to carrying on Hyles' fundamentalist view of the Christian faith.

Hyles' charismatic leadership as pastor of the church beginning in 1959 helped it grow into a megachurch with hundreds of church buses transporting thousands of worshippers across northwest Indiana and Chicago's south suburbs to what it bills as the "World's Largest Sunday School."

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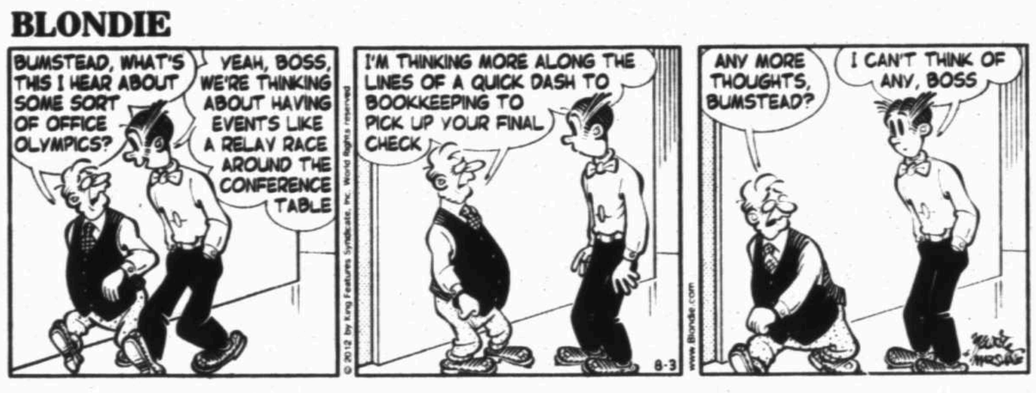

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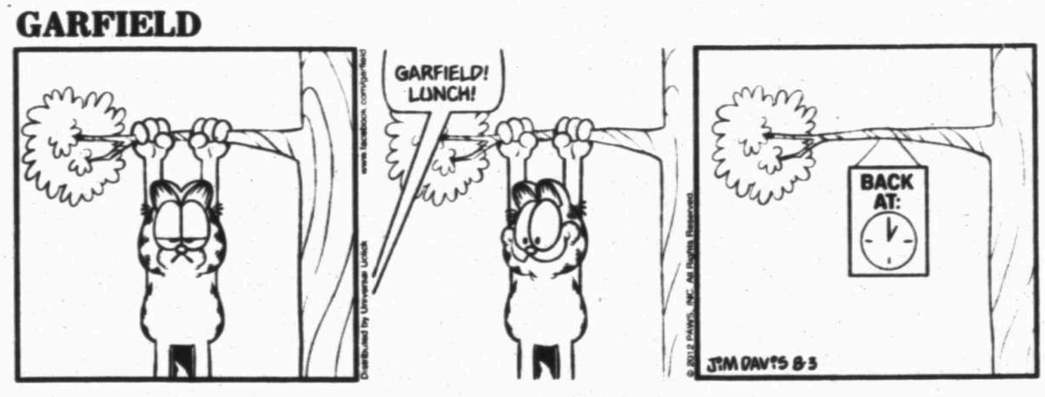

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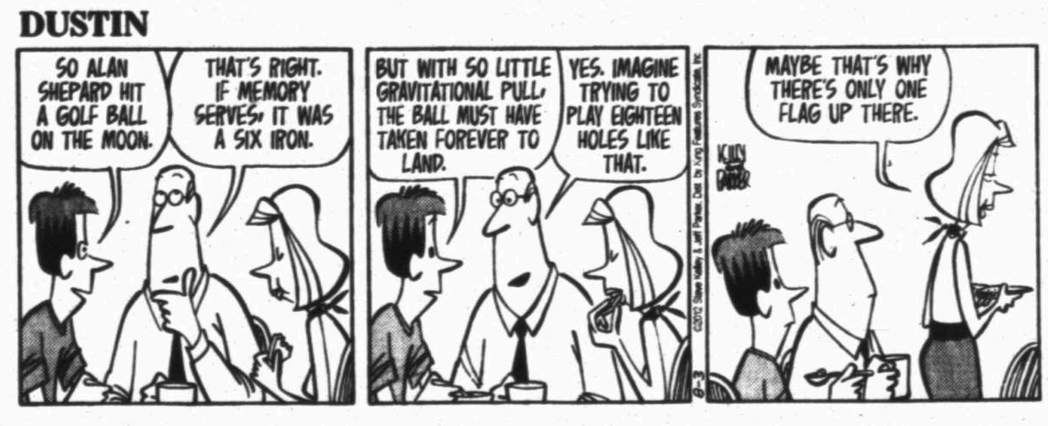

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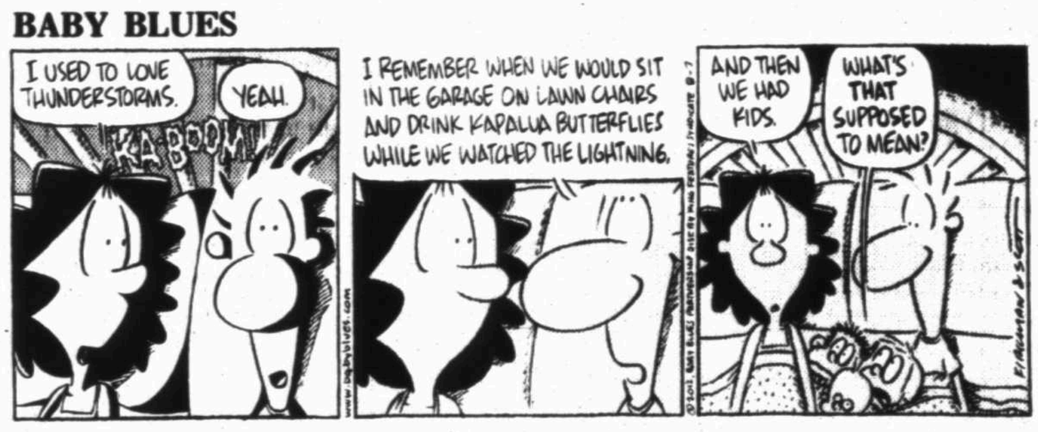

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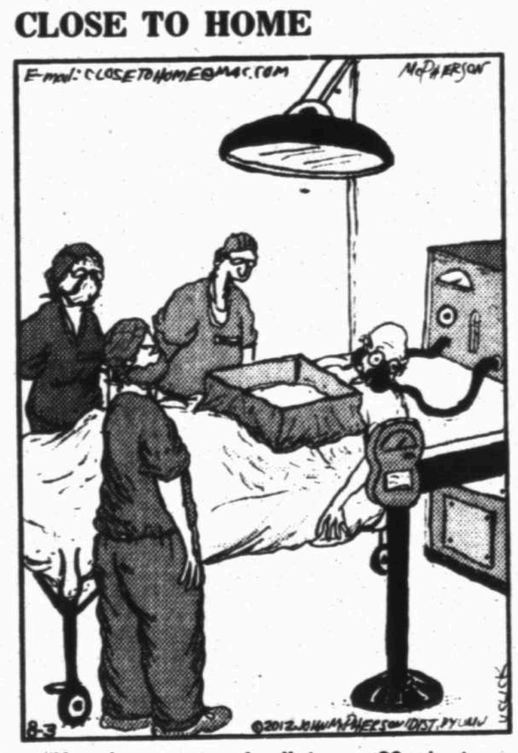

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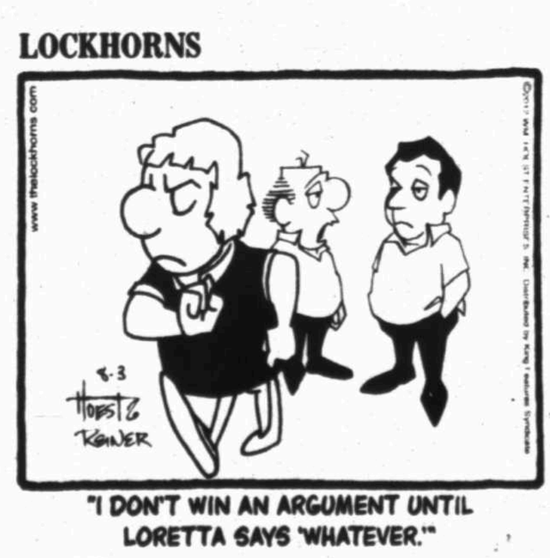

"I DON'T WIN AN ARGUMENT UNTIL LORETTA SAYS 'WHATEVER.'"

'Total Recall' is a total makeover of 1990 film

By John Horn
Los Angeles Times (MCT)

LOS ANGELES — The remake is called "Total Recall," but many moviegoers have zero memory of the 1990 film starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. And that, according to the filmmaking team behind Sony's $125 million reboot of the sci-fi action adventure, actually might be a good thing.

"The majority of people under 35 don't even know about the original," said Neal Moritz, who produced the "Total Recall" update opening today. "It was so cheesy... the tone of it was so much different from what I wanted to do."

Set several decades in the future, the new film stars Colin Farrell, Jessica Biel and Kate Beckinsale and takes place on an Earth that has been rendered largely uninhabitable by chemical warfare. Farrell plays an assembly line worker named Quaid, who decides to visit Rekall, where through medical injections visitors can experience exciting lives they've never led.

Yet as soon as Quaid sits down for the procedure, soldiers burst in to arrest him. Is Quaid really a criminal, as the authorities insist, or are their accusations part of Quaid's fantasy? Beckinsale, who plays Quaid's wife, and Biel, who co-stars as a member of a resistance movement, try to assist Quaid in finding the answers.

Like its predecessor, the film is loosely based on the short story "We Can Remember It For You Wholesale" by Philip K. Dick, whose writings were the source material for "Blade Runner," "Minority Report" and "Paycheck." But unlike the earlier film, this "Total Recall" eschews corny dialogue and cartoonish violence in an attempt to play the premise fairly straight.

"There's a difference between fun and funny. We made a fun movie, but not necessarily a funny movie," said director Len Wiseman. "I didn't want this film to be jokey."

One of Hollywood's top action producers with credits on "I Am Legend" and the "Fast and the Furious" films, Moritz said he was initially reluctant to consider updating "Total Recall" because his recollection of the first film was not entirely favorable.

Still, he loved the story's central conceit of becoming — or, as the plot suggests, at least thinking you have become — a different person.

"That's a great wish-fulfillment idea," he said, adding that the challenge was to make "Total Recall" less tongue-in-cheek and more in keeping with the more grounded superhero tales of today. "We wanted to get back more to the tone of the book. In (Dick's) version of the future, there was a reality to it."

Wiseman, best known for the four "Underworld" films (which also star Beckinsale, who happens to be his wife), said that when he became involved he wanted to shift the story and screenplay — which owing to countless revisions is credited to Kurt Wimmer, Mark Bomback, Ronald Shusett, Dan O'Bannon and Jon Povill — away from science fiction toward human drama.

"I wanted to make it much more of a character thriller that involved sci-fi themes," Wiseman said. "How would somebody really react to being told that even though you think you're inherently good, you're being told you're a bad guy? You want to feel you could imagine yourself in Quaid's predicament."

Rather than rely too heavily on visual effects, Wiseman shot much of the film's action practically. And despite heavy pressure, he refused to shoot the film in 3-D, feeling the stereoscopic technique would add a layer of artificiality he wanted to avoid.

"I didn't want it to feel like a video game," the director said.

Over the last several years, August has proven to be a good month to release action films, with the list of recent hits including 2009's "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" ($302.5 million worldwide), 2010's "The Expendables" ($274.5 million worldwide) and last year's "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" ($481.8 million worldwide).

Sony is hopeful "Total Recall" could gross as much as $30 million in its opening weekend, which would put it in a tight race for the No. 1 spot against Warner Bros.' "The Dark Knight Rises."

The studio is optimistic it can bring in enough people who have fond memories of Schwarzenegger's corny forerunner to boost "Total Recall's" box office take — previews for the new movie have included many scenes similar to those from the 1990s effort.

In addition to drawing in some older moviegoers and women, though, "Total Recall" also will have to move beyond some fanboy detractors, who have been quick to condemn the film based only on its trailer.

Sony courted the hard-core sci-fi enthusiast crowd with a panel at San Diego's Comic-Con International last month, where it trotted out the actress who plays a three-breasted prostitute (a character who memorably appeared in the first "Total Recall" as well).

"I'm sure there are going to be a lot of haters out there, people who think the first movie was the greatest movie ever made," Moritz said. "But we think we made a really good movie that stands on its own."

New 'Total Recall' won't make you forget original

By Roger Moore
McClatchy-Tribune News Service (MCT)

TOTAL RECALL
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Columbia Pictures
116 minutes

★★☆☆

The almost non-stop chase of the new "Total Recall" isn't enough, by itself, to make one forget the earlier take on this Philip K. Dick story back in the last century. And for all the effects, the action and the showcase performance provided for his wife, Kate Beckinsale, "Underworld" Spandex salesman Len Wiseman never lets us forget he's no Paul Verhoeven, who directed the original film.

Verhoeven ("Basic Instinct") brought a demented, visceral and sexual energy to a high-minded sci-fi "B" movie saddled with the Teutonic bore, Arnie Schwarzenegger, as his star. His not-entirely-forgettable "Recall" is remembered for images, jokes and jolts in between the effects. Wiseman doesn't have Verhoeven's (limited) inventiveness, his kinky and wicked wit.

But he does have Beckinsale, whose years of vampire pictures have taught her how to lean into the camera, how to keep her mop of hair tossed over one scowling eye, just the right level of sneer to slip into her open-mouthed hypersexual pout. Here, she's the villain, the adoring wife Doug Quaid (Colin Farrell) thinks he's been waking up to these past seven years. And she's terrific.

We're 100 years in the future. Memories can be invented, introduced, changed, bought and sold.

"We Can Remember It For You Wholesale" was the title of the story this is based on. And the folks at Rekall are all about tinkering with your memory, your reality.

"Tell us your fantasy, we'll give you the memory," a Rekall guru (John Cho) purrs. "What is life but our brain's perception of it?"

Exactly. It's a measure of this movie's mediocrity that the many credited screenwriters and the director cannot make more of that possibility. We never are made to doubt Doug's reality, any more than he does.

"If I'm not me, then who the hell am I?"

Doug has been waking up with Lori (Beckinsale), but dreaming of Melina (Jessica Biel). And it turns out, those dreams are his real past — an agent mixed up with a rebellion, a sexy rebel agent (Biel) working for the rebel leader (Bill Nighy) or perhaps for the fearless leader, played by with generic villainy by Bryan Cranston of TV's "Breaking Bad."

Humanity has barely survived a chemical world war and we're living in two enclaves — Euromerica and New Shanghai. And we're living in layers, stacked up from the surface, where futuristic Mini Coopers and Fiats remain, way up in the sky, where futuristic hovercars and rotor-less helicopters roam.

And keeping the peace — "Synthetic Federal Police," who take their fashion cues from the armored Storm Troopers of "Star Wars."

In this future, cell phones are implanted in your hand (neat), paper money still exists (check out the face on the bills), guns still use bullets and darned if those bullets still don't miss when the hero and his re-discovered heroine are dodging them. Not a lot of room for acting in between the sprints.

It's a "Blade Runner" world of dark and rain, a "Fifth Element" future of stacked up "levels" of humanity and traffic. No doubt about it, there's a lot to take in, visually, during the endless chase that runs Doug through skylights, awnings, crowded streets, subway cars and this vast shuttle that shoots people through the center of the Earth from Britain to Australia. So, kudos where they're due — to production designer Patrick Tatopolous.

But it adds nothing to this "Recall," which is not quite totally different from the last "Recall" — yes, a three-breasted woman shows up, no, we don't travel to Mars — to note that the last "Recall" wasn't all that. This one isn't either.

The Class Of 2025

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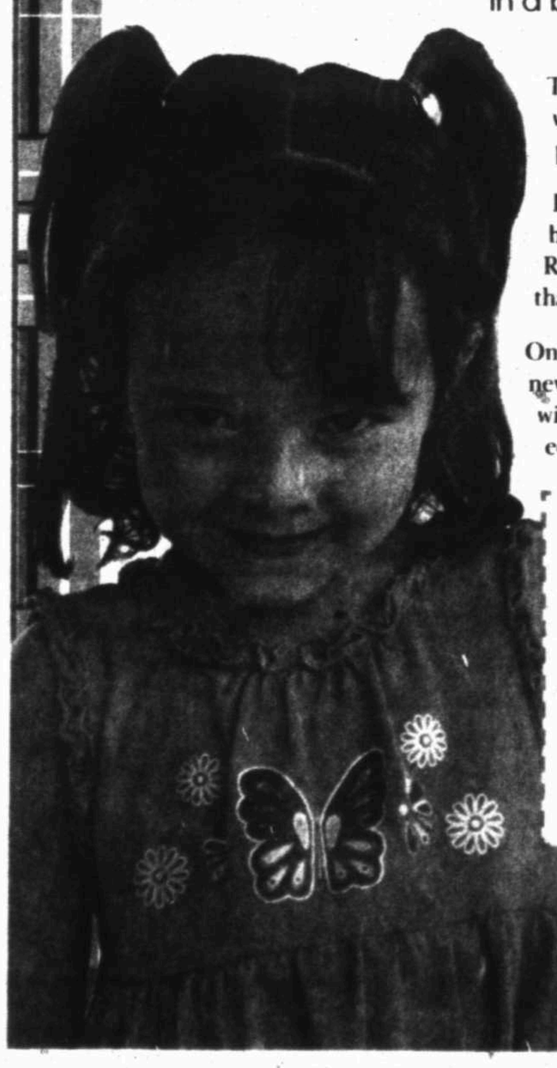

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Phelps, Douglas add to medal collections

'The Flying Squirrel' wins gymnastics All-Around gold

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By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

LONDON — Might be time to get Gabby Douglas a new nickname.

Olympic champ works.

Known as "The Flying Squirrel," Douglas won the women's all-around title Thursday night, becoming the third straight American to win gymnastics' biggest prize and the first African-American. It's her second gold medal of the London Games, coming two nights after she and her "Fierce Five" teammates gave the United States its first Olympic title since 1996.

"I wanted to seize the moment," Douglas said. "It hasn't sunk in yet. Team finals hasn't sunk in yet. But it will."

In the lead from the first event, Douglas finished the night by rocking the O2 Arena with her electric floor routine, flashing a dazzling smile and lots of pizzazz. When her score posted

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Phelps earns 20th career medal, 16th gold

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

LONDON — Michael Phelps spent the day thinking about all the things he's doing for the final time at the pool. It turns out that included one last win over Ryan Lochte.

Phelps finally has a gold all his own at his final Olympics.

Adding to an already unprecedented medal collection, he claimed his first individual victory of the London Games and handed Lochte a double disappointment on his rival's final night in the pool Thursday.

Phelps set the tone right from the start with a dominating butterfly leg to become the first male swimmer to win the same individual event at three straight Olympics in the 200-meter individual medley. He claimed his 20th career medal — and 16th gold — in 1 minute, 54.27 seconds, just off his

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Championship chase

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High grad Chris Hubbard, seen here during a golf tournament on July 22, 2011, is looking to win his first Midland Men's City Championship.

MHS grad Hubbard seeks first Men's City title

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

There was no doubt that Chris Hubbard had the game and talent to play golf in college.

But Hubbard, a 2008 Midland High graduate, also had a talent for engineering, petroleum engineering to be exact, and chose to head north to Lubbock and Texas Tech University to pursue his degree instead of playing golf.

He did have offers to play in college but for Hubbard earning that degree was what he wanted most. However, that doesn't mean that he stopped playing golf.

In fact, Hubbard has continued to play well during his time in college and finished second in two of the last three SC Fuels Midland Men's City Championship. This year, he's hoping to win his first city title.

The three-day tournament begins today at Hogan Park Golf Course's 36 holes with the Championship Flight scheduled to begin teeing off at 1 p.m. on the Quail Course.

"I still feel pretty comfortable with my game, and a lot of time is devoted to school during the year," said Hubbard, 22, who has one semester remaining in college. "I guess it takes a little bit to get it back at the start of the summer, but hopefully I'll be rounded into shape come the city tournament."

A year ago, Hubbard found himself virtually out of contention entering the final day after struggling to a 73 on the Quail Course on Saturday and was eight strokes out of the lead.

But Hubbard put together a 4-under 68 during Sunday's final round on the Roadrunner Course and finished in second, three strokes behind winner Jon Mark Peterson.

"The first and third rounds were

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Frisco gets enough to nip RockHounds

From staff reports

FRISCO — Hits and runs were hard to come by on Thursday night at Dr Pepper Ballpark, but the Frisco RoughRiders strung together enough in the second inning to score two runs and then hold on for a 2-0 victory against the Midland RockHounds.

Neither team produced much offense on Thursday as the two teams combined for seven hits. Frisco had four and Midland had three on the night.

The RoughRiders (19-22), though, used a pair of doubles to score two runs off Midland starter Sonny Gray in the second inning. Jared Hoying hit a one-out double and one batter later Jared Prince followed with a single to center that scored Hoying.

'Riders.....2
'Hounds.....0

After a wild pitch and Gray inducing Tommy Mendonca into a ground out to second, former Oakland A's farmhand and former RockHound Val Majewski slapped a double to center that scored Prince.

Gray

Gray, though, came back to not allow a Frisco run over the next four innings and only gave up one more hit, a single to Majewski in the bottom of the sixth inning. Overall, Gray pitched six innings, giving up two earned runs on four hits with four strikeouts and two walks. Gray fell to 5-8 this season.

Meanwhile, a total of four Frisco pitchers held the RockHounds (17-22) to three hits and only allowed Midland to really threaten to score in the fourth inning.

During the top of the fourth inning, Matt Rizzotti led off with a double to left and Josh Horton followed by

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TL Standings

Second Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	27	12	.692	—
Arkansas	20	20	.500	7 1/2
Tulsa	17	23	.425	10 1/2
NW Arkansas	11	29	.275	16 1/2

South Division

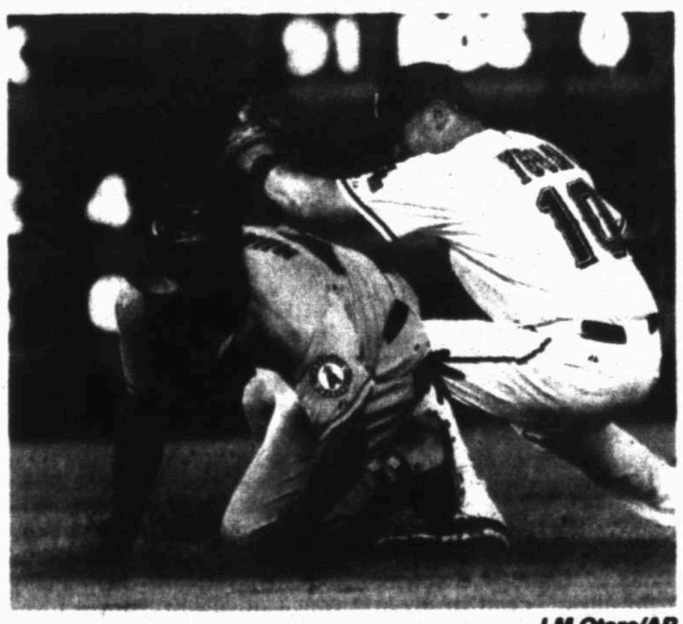
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	27	13	.675	—
San Antonio	21	19	.525	6
Frisco	19	21	.475	8
Midland	**17**	**22**	**.436**	**9 1/2**

Thursday's Scores

Frisco 2, Midland 0
San Antonio 8, Corpus Christi 7
Northwest Arkansas 6, Tulsa 3
Springfield 5, Arkansas 0

Friday's Games

Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 7:08 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.


LM Otero/AP

Los Angeles' Torii Hunter, left, is tagged out at second base by Texas second baseman Michael Young (10) when Hunter attempted to complete a double Thursday during the fourth inning in Arlington.

Hamilton, Rangers outlast Angels

■ Texas' offense bailed out a rough outing by its pitchers in its win.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Josh Hamilton drove in four runs and the Rangers offense bailed out Ryan Dempster in his Texas debut in a 15-9 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Thursday night.

The Rangers broke an 8-8 tie after six innings when they scored four runs in the seventh, including Hamilton's two-run double, and added three in the eighth.

Dempster allowed eight runs and nine hits in 4 2/3 innings. The Rangers acquired Dempster from the Cubs minutes before Tuesday's non-waiver trade deadline.

Roy Oswalt (4-2) threw two scoreless innings in relief for the win.

C.J. Wilson gave up eight runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings. David Carpenter (0-1) took the loss for the Angels.

Texas leads Los Angeles by five games in the AL West.

Ian Kinsler went 3 for 5 and scored four runs and Elvis Andrus and Michael Young also had two hits and two RBIs as Texas finished with 18 hits.

Mitch Moreland and David Murphy hit back-to-back pinch-hit singles before Hamilton's double in the seventh.

Rangers.....15
Angels.....9

Outfielder Torii Hunter led the Angels with three hits, two RBIs and a run scored. Kendrys Morales went 2 for 5 with a homer and two RBIs. Albert Pujols, Alberto Callaspo and Howie Kendrick added two hits each for Los Angeles.

The Rangers earned a split of the four-game series after Wednesday's night's 11-10 win in 10 innings. It was the Rangers first time scoring in double figures in consecutive games since May 7-8.

Besides Dempster, catcher Geovany Soto and rookie first baseman Mike Olt made their Texas Rangers debuts.

Soto went 2 for 5 with two RBI and two runs scored, and Olt, a rookie from the University of Connecticut, went 1 for 3 with a run scored.

THURSDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TWINS 5, RED SOX 0

BOSTON — Samuel Deduno allowed two hits in six innings in his third straight strong performance and the Minnesota Twins spoiled a rare solid outing by Jon Lester and beat the Boston Red Sox 5-0 on Thursday night.

Brian Dozier had three hits for Minnesota, including a two-run homer in the ninth.

Deduno, making his sixth major league start, has given up just two earned runs and 10 hits in 19 1-3 innings.

Lester (5-9) had allowed 25 earned runs over his previous four starts and gave up only three runs and seven hits in eight innings on Thursday but was backed by just two hits against Deduno (3-0) and two relievers.

Adrian Gonzalez got both hits — a single and double — off Deduno, a minor-leaguer from 2005 until being called up by Colorado in 2010. Casey Fien retired the side in order in the seventh and Glen Perkins pitched two perfect innings for his sixth save in nine opportunities.

ROYALS 7, INDIANS 6, 11 INNINGS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alcides Escobar's RBI single with two outs in the 11th inning gave the Kansas City Royals a 7-6 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night.

Escobar's two-strike hit scored Eric Hosmer, who led off the inning with a single.

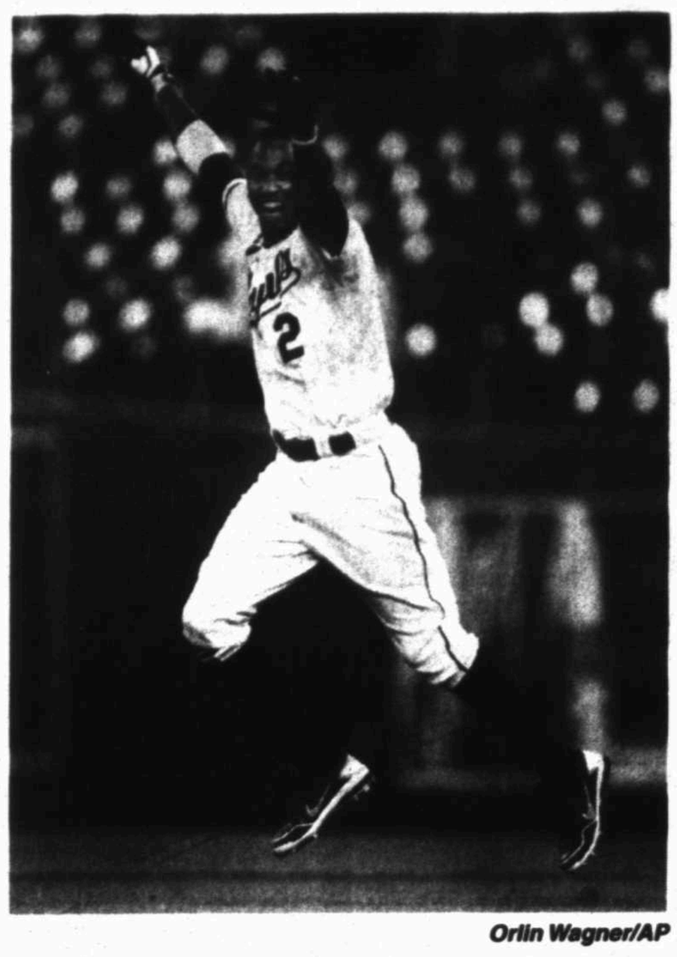
The Indians rallied from a six-run first-inning deficit, but lost their sixth straight, their longest losing streak since dropping seven in a row from June 19-26, 2010.

Aaron Crow (2-1), the sixth Royals pitcher, worked a spotless 11th inning to pick up the victory.

Reliever Esmil Rogers (1-1), the fifth of six Indians pitchers, took the loss. Carlos Santana homered and drove in four runs for Cleveland.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
REDS 9 PADRES 4

CINCINNATI — Todd Frazier hit a two-run homer and Johnny Cueto overcame a pair of rare long balls to pitch into the eighth inning Thursday and lead the surging Cincinnati Reds to their 13th win in 14 games, 9-4 over the San Diego Padres.



Orlin Wagner/AP

Kansas City's Alcides Escobar celebrates after driving in the winning run during the 11th inning against the Cleveland Indians on Thursday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

Scott Rolen had three hits, Frazier had three RBI and Jay Bruce drove in two runs, helping push the Reds to 23 games over .500 (64-41) for the first time since Sept. 4, 2010.

Cueto (14-5), who gave up home runs for the first time in more than two months, allowed eight hits and four runs with one walk and nine strikeouts in 7 1-3 innings.

METS 9, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Ronny Cedeno drove in five runs to match his career high, Jason Bay had only his second multi-RBI game this year and the Mets beat San Francisco to take three of four from the Giants and win their first series in a month.

Bay had two RBI as Mets won for the fourth time in five games following a 2-14 slide. His only other multi-RBI game was April 13, when he hit a two-run homer against Philadelphia.

Chris Young (3-5) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings.

Hunter Pence had a fourth-inning sacrifice fly for San Francisco.

NATIONALS 3, PHILLIES 0

WASHINGTON — Ross Detwiler pitched three-hit ball for seven innings and Adam LaRoche homered in Washington's victory over Philadelphia.

LaRoche had three hits and two RBI. Jayson Werth also drove in a run for the NL East leaders in his first game back from a broken wrist.

Detwiler (6-4) won for the second time in his last 11 starts. He gave up three singles and retired his final 14 batters.

Sean Burnett tossed a perfect eighth and Tyler Clippard worked a hitless ninth for his 21st save in 23 chances. He walked two but struck out pinch-hitter Ryan Howard for the third out.

BRAVES 6, MARLINS 1

ATLANTA — Chipper Jones and Freddie Freeman each hit a two-run double, and Atlanta scored six runs in the first two innings to beat Miami.

Jason Heyward had three hits and drove in a run for the Braves, 6-1 on their 10-game homestand. They won three times in the four-game series and remained 2 1/2 games behind first-place Washington.

Cristhian Martinez (5-2) took over for starter Mike Minor in the fourth following a 42-minute rain delay. Martinez allowed one run in three innings.

ROCKIES 8, CARDINALS 2

DENVER — Tyler Colvin hit a tiebreaking double and rookie Josh Rutledge homered in his fourth straight game, lifting the Colorado Rockies over the St. Louis Cardinals 8-2 Thursday night to avert a three-game sweep.

Wilin Rosario hit his first career pinch-hit homer, a two-run shot off reliever Brian Fuentes in the eighth inning, and Jordan Pacheco went 3 for 3 with two doubles and two RBI to help the Rockies snap a five-game losing streak. It was their first win in their last eight games at Coors Field.

A's to call up Straily to start today

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics plan to call up right-hander Dan Straily, who has more strikeouts than any other pitcher in professional baseball, to start Friday against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Straily

Straily has 175 strikeouts in 138 1-3 innings while splitting time between Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento this season. The 23-year-old also has a 2.60 ERA in 22 minor league games.

A fourth-round draft pick by Oakland in 2009, Straily has 21 more strikeouts than the major league leader, Stephen Strasburg of the Washington Nationals. Strasburg, the top player selected in the 2009 draft, has 154.

Straily was in Oakland to watch Thursday night's game against the Blue Jays but won't be added to the A's 40-man roster until Friday.

RockHounds

From 1C

drawing a walk. But Dusty Coleman, Beau Taylor and Leonardo Gil all went down in order to end the threat.

After that inning, the RockHounds struggled to put base runners on, and when they did reach they could not capitalize.

Recent call up Eliezar Mesa was 2 for 3 and Rizzotti had the only other hit for the RockHounds.

Frisco reliever Miguel De Los Santos picked up the pitching victory, striking out five in three innings as Ross Wolf recorded his fourth save of the year.

Midland will return home to begin a four-game series with Corpus Christi at 7 p.m. today at Citibank Ballpark.

ROSTER MOVE: The RockHounds announced on Thursday two roster moves heading into Thursday night's game. Pitcher James Simmons has been promoted to Triple-A Sacramento, and infielder Miles Head has been placed on the disabled list retroactive to Monday.

ROUGHRIDERS 2, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Crumbliss lf	3	0	0	0	Beltrecl	3	0	0	0
Ladendorf cf	4	0	0	0	Strausbrgr 2b	4	0	0	0
Aliotti 1b	4	0	0	0	Profar ss	4	0	0	0
Rizzotti dh	3	0	1	0	McGuiness 1b	3	0	0	0
Horton 2b	3	0	0	0	Hoying lf	3	1	1	0
Coleman ss	3	0	0	0	Prince rf	3	1	1	1
Taylor c	3	0	0	0	Mendonca 3b	3	0	0	0
Gil 3b	3	0	0	0	Majewski dh	3	0	2	1
Mesa rf	3	0	2	0	Felix c	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	0	3	0	Totals	29	2	4	2

Midland	000	000	000	—0
Frisco	020	000	00x	—2

E — Mesa (1), Strausburger (1). DP — Frisco 2. LOB — Midland 5, Frisco 5. 2B — Rizzotti (6), Hoying (5), Majewski (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Gray L, 5-8	6.0	4	2	2	2	4
Hunter	2.0	0	0	0	0	3
Frisco						
Pimentel	3.0	1	0	0	2	5
Lowe	2.0	1	0	0	1	2
De Los Santos W, 2-2	3.0	1	0	0	0	5
Wolf S, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

WP — Gray, Pimentel.
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NCAA committee endorses new penalty structure

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Nearly a year after promising to impose harsher sanctions on the most egregious rule-breakers, NCAA leaders endorsed a proposal Thursday that would make schools subject to the same crippling penalties just handed to Penn State.

The measure includes postseason bans of up to four years, fines that could stretch into the millions and suspensions for head coaches. A final vote on the sweeping overhaul will not occur before the board of directors' October meeting.

"Coaches come to me and say, 'I feel like a chump. I'm trying to do things the right way and I have peers who laugh at me because I don't play the game and bend the rules the way they do,'" board chairman Ed Ray said in a statement released by the NCAA. "That's got to stop ... Most coaches are terrific people who love their student-athletes, try to do it the right way, try to have the right values and succeed. They're very frustrated. This has got to stop. I think most coaches are saying it's about time. We want a level playing field."

The plan calls for changing the current two-tiered penalty structure of major and secondary violations to a four-tiered concept, increasing the size of the infractions committee from 10 up to 24 in an effort to speed up the enforcement process and holding coaches individually accountable for any violations that occur in their program.

But it's the penalties that will make school leaders take notice.

A program found to have made a "serious breach of conduct" with aggravating circumstances could face postseason bans of two to four years. In addition, the program may have to return money from specific events or a series of events or the amount of gross revenue generated by the sport during the years in which sanctions occurred — fines that could cost a school millions of dollars.

If this sounds familiar, it should. After the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal at Penn State, the NCAA barred Penn State from playing in a bowl game or the college football playoff until after the 2016 season and levied a $60 million fine — the rough equivalent to a year of gross revenue from the football program.

Coaches, too, would face new guidelines. They would be presumed responsible for any violations committed by their staffs. If they cannot prove they were unaware, the head coach could be suspended from 10 percent of the season to the full season.

The board also approved a provision that would publicly identify individuals responsible for the violations if there is a finding of lack of institutional control or failure to monitor.

The changes are the next step for university leaders nearly a year after they met with NCAA President Mark Emmert at a two-day retreat in Indianapolis. Afterward, presidents said they unanimously supported stronger sanctions and promised to make significant changes over the next 12 to 18 months.

Ray, the Oregon State president, and former Penn State President Graham Spanier were two of the leaders who spoke after the meeting. Also in attendance was University of Miami President Donna Shalala, whose football and basketball programs were accused of major violations just a few weeks later. The Miami investigation is ongoing.

With so many major scandals over the past 20 months, NCAA leaders not only wanted to put teeth in the sanctions — they want them in place before the end of this year.

"Our intention is to make this real in October," Ray said. "We want the membership to have a final review. We will listen to compelling arguments for additional changes, but this is the recommendation with all the feedback we've gathered since our first report in January and second detailed report in April."

Staggs, Martin earn gold medals for COM

From staff reports

GREENSBORO, N.C. — City of Midland Aquatics divers Garrett Martin and Jon Staggs each won gold medals at the 2012 USA Diving Age Group Nationals this week.

Martin won the boys 12-13-year-old 3-meter springboard on Wednesday, scoring 322.05 points to win.

Staggs won the boys 14-15-year-old 1-meter springboard competition with a score of 380.25 on Thursday. Staggs also picked up a bronze medal in the 3-meter competition on Wednesday, scoring 346.40.

On the girls side, Charlye Campbell finished second in the girls 14-15-year-old 3-meter springboard on Thursday with a score of 321.30. Campbell also was a finalist in the 1-meter springboard on Wednesday, and Kristin Hepfer was a finalist in the 1-meter springboard in the 11-and-under girls division.

Staggs, Campbell and Toree Eastwood will compete today in platform events.

Penn State kicker Fera transferring to Texas

By Genaro C. Armas and Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State lost a special teams ace to Texas, while two more Nittany Lions have left Happy Valley without ever playing a game for first-year coach Bill O'Brien.

Just days before the start of training camp, Penn State's roster remained in flux Thursday after the NCAA allowed players to explore transfers in light of strict sanctions against the program for the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal. It set up a collegiate version of free agency in which opposing teams could cherry-pick players off the NIttany Lions' roster.

Anthony Fera was the second starter to leave after the kicker-punter announced Thursday he would be booming kicks for Texas this year. The junior, who is from the Houston area, will have two years of eligibility left.

Fera said the last few weeks had been difficult. His mother was recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, which also factored into Fera's decision.

"Shortly before I arrived on campus, the most important person in my life was diagnosed with MS (multiple sclerosis), making it more and more difficult to travel each weekend from Texas to see me play," Fera said in a statement released by the Longhorns. "I've been afforded the opportunity to give back to my family and make their lives a little easier by transferring to a university much closer to home, The University of Texas."

Fera's powerful right leg made him one of the top specialists in the Big Ten after hitting 14 of 17 field-goal tries and averaging 42 yards a punt last season. He said he loved Penn State, teammates, the fans and coaches — both past and present.

As of Thursday afternoon, eight players have left Penn State since the NCAA imposed penalties on July 23 , including a four-year bowl ban and significant scholarship reductions. One of those departing players, though — backup quarterback Rob Bolden — was given permission to look at other schools before the punishments were announced.

Despite the defections, Penn State noted that of the 117 players on the team's roster on July 23, 109 players, or 93 percent, had stayed as of Thursday afternoon. The count would include scholarship players and walk-ons.

The entire starting defense, including standout tackle Jordan Hill and linebackers Gerald Hodges and Mike Mauti, is expected to remain intact. Otherwise, the team has lost just two starters — though tailback Silas Redd and Fera were two of the most important players as O'Brien embarked on his rookie season as coach.

Redd, a 1,200-yard rusher, is the most crushing loss after defecting to Southern California on Tuesday. A revamped offense patterned after the potent attack at O'Brien's previous employer — the New England Patriots — may have to rely on converted wideout Bill Belton to carry the load at tailback.

LSU tops USA Today coaches poll over Alabama

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Despite its lopsided loss to Alabama in last January's BCS national title game, LSU will open the 2012 season ranked No. 1 in at least one poll.

LSU sits atop the USA Today Top 25 coaches poll released on Thursday, with Alabama second and Southern California third.

LSU received 18 first-place votes, slightly fewer that the 20 first-place votes for the Crimson Tide and 19 first-place votes for the Trojans. Still, the Tigers narrowly had the most overall points in the poll, which awards 25 points for a No. 1 vote down to one point for 25th.

Oklahoma and Oregon round out the top five, followed by Georgia, Florida State, Michigan, South Carolina and Arkansas.

LSU and Alabama, rivals in the Southeastern Conference, meet Nov. 3 in Baton Rouge.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MEHRINGER ACES AT RANCHLAND HILLS

Aaron Mehringer recorded a hole-in-one on the 16th hole at Ranchland Hills Golf Club on Thursday.

Mehringer aced the hole from 161 yards.

Witnesses were Landon Hayes, Ty Taylor and Chris Kemp.

MARIN RECORDS HOLE-IN-ONE AT HOGAN

Anthony Marin aced the par-3 No. 6 hole on the Quail Course at Hogan Park Golf Course on Tuesday.

Marin used a 5-iron. Witnesses were Cecil Maxey and Ector Marin.

JIMENEZ NOMINATED FOR PDL KEEPER AWARD

West Texas Sockers goalkeeper Alonso Jimenez was one of three PDL players nominated for the league's Goalkeeper of the Year Award.

Jimenez was nominated for the award along with the Michigan Bucks Adam Grinwis and the Ocean City Nor'easters John McCarthy.

Jimenez was recently named to the PDL's Southern Conference postseason team.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL: At Akron, Ohio, Jim Furyk made a detour to Florida to sit on his back porch and hang out with his kids as he tried to figure out why decent golf was producing ordinary scores. The short break appeared to do him a world of good Thursday in the Bridgestone Invitational.

With seven birdies and a 30-foot eagle putt, Furyk had a 7-under 63 for his best score ever at Firestone and a two-shot lead over Lee Slattery of England.

The conditions could not have been more ideal with sunshine, heat and very little wind, along with carpet for fairways and smooth greens. It showed in some of the tee shots on the South Course — 58 drives of at least 350 yards, and a 427-yarder by Branden Grace of South Africa — and mostly in the scoring.

Luke Donald, the world's No. 1 player, and Masters champion Bubba Watson were among those at 66. Thirty players in the 78-man field at this World Golf Championship managed to break par.

Tiger Woods was not among them. He was 3 under after back-to-back birdies to start the back nine, but had to lay up with his third shot on the par-5 16th after driving into the trees and ended his round with a three-putt bogey from 25 feet for a 70. It was his second-worst start at Firestone, a course where he has won seven times. The other was a 74 in 2010, his last week without a swing coach.

RENO-TAHOE OPEN: At Reno, Nev., Andres Romero had seven birdies in a bogey-free first round at the Reno-Tahoe Open to take a one-point lead over South Korean rookie Seung-Yul Noh.

Romero, from Argentina, had 14 points under the modified Stableford scoring system that puts a premium on aggressive play. Players receive eight points for double eagle, five for eagle, two for birdie, zero for par, minus-one for bogey and minus-three for double bogey or worse. It's the first time the scoring system has been used on the PGA Tour since the 2006 International in Colorado.

Golf

WGC-Bridgestone Invitational Scores
Thursday
At Firestone Country Club
(South Course)
Akron, Ohio
Purse: $9.5 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par: 70 (35-35)
First Round

Jim Furyk 32-31 — 63
Lee Slattery 31-34 — 65
Bubba Watson 34-31 — 65
Ben Crane 34-32 — 66
Luke Donald 32-34 — 66
Rafael Cabrera Bello 34-32 — 66
Simon Dyson 33-33 — 66
John Senden 31-35 — 66
Retief Goosen 33-33 — 66
Carl Pettersson 35-32 — 67
Bill Haas 36-31 — 67
K.T. Kim 33-35 — 68
Keegan Bradley 34-34 — 68
Jason Dufner 34-34 — 68
Sergio Garcia 35-33 — 68
Jonas Dreyfruiden 35-33 — 68
Geoff Ogilvy 31-37 — 68
Jamie Donaldson 35-33 — 68
Zach Johnson 35-33 — 68
Lee Westwood 35-33 — 68
Martin Laird 34-34 — 68
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Steve Stricker 34-34 — 68
David Toms 35-33 — 68
Chad Schwartzel 35-33 — 68
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Nick Watney 34-35 — 69
Y.E. Yang 35-34 — 69
Kyle Stanley 35-34 — 69
Dustin Johnson 34-35 — 69
Bernd Wiesberger 36-34 — 70
Marc Leishman 36-34 — 70
Matt Kuchar 32-38 — 70
Justin Rose 37-33 — 70
Bo Van Pelt 35-35 — 70
Rickie Fowler 33-37 — 70
Rory McIlroy 37-33 — 70
Alvaro Quiros 36-34 — 70
Tiger Woods 34-36 — 70
Graeme McDowell 34-36 — 70
Fredrik Jacobson 35-35 — 70
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano 35-35 — 70
Greg Chalmers 35-35 — 70
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Paul Lawrie 36-35 — 71
Kevin Na 35-37 — 72
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Danny Willett 36-36 — 72
Toru Taniguchi 37-35 — 72
Joost Luiten 38-34 — 72
Mark Wilson 35-37 — 72
Branden Grace 36-36 — 72
Toshinori Muto 36-37 — 73
Yoshinori Fujimoto 36-37 — 73
Peter Hanson 36-37 — 73
Robert Allenby 36-37 — 73
Ernie Els 37-36 — 73
Jaev Milkha Singh 36-37 — 73
Thongchai Jaidee 37-36 — 73
Nicolas Colsaerts 37-36 — 73
Aaron Baddeley 37-36 — 73
Hunter Mahan 34-39 — 73
Jonathan Byrd 35-38 — 73
Francesco Molinari 35-38 — 73
Ian Poulter 38-36 — 74
Jason Day 36-38 — 74
Marcel Siem 36-38 — 74
Robert Rock 38-36 — 74
Oliver Bekker 36-41 — 77
Tom Lewis 38-40 — 78
Michael Hoey 39-39 — 78

Reno-Tahoe Open Scores
Thursday
At Montreux Golf & Country Club
Reno, Nev.
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 7,472; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round

Note: Scoring is the modified stableford scoring system. Players receive eight points for double eagle, five for eagle, two for birdie, zero for par, minus-one for bogey and minus-three for double bogey or worse.

Andres Romero 14
Seung-Yul Noh 13
Josh Tester 11
Ricky Barnes 11
John Mallinger 11
Hunter Haas 10
J.J. Henry 10
John Daly 10
Patrick Cantlay 10
Danny Lee 10
Todd Hamilton 9
Chris Kirk 9
Harrison Frazar 9
Bryce Molder 9
Billy Mayfair 9
Stuart Appleby 8
John Rollins 8
Joe Durant 8
Brendon Todd 8
Alexandre Rocha 8
Matt Bettencourt 8

College Football

USA Today Top 25 Poll
The USA Today Top 25 football coaches preseason poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2011 records, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and 2011 final ranking.

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. LSU (18)	13-1	1403	2
2. Alabama (20)	12-1	1399	1
3. Southern Cal (19)	10-2	1388	—
4. Oklahoma (1)	10-3	1276	15
5. Oregon	12-2	1258	3
6. Georgia	10-4	1061	20
7. Florida State (1)	9-4	1055	23
8. Michigan	11-2	1023	9
9. South Carolina	11-2	981	8
10. Arkansas	11-2	948	5
11. West Virginia	10-3	833	18
12. Wisconsin	11-3	743	11
13. Michigan State	11-3	717	10
14. Clemson	10-4	598	22
15. Texas	8-5	396	—
16. Nebraska	9-4	501	24
17. TCU	11-2	499	13
18. Stanford	11-2	487	7
19. Oklahoma State	12-1	476	3
20. Virginia Tech	11-3	461	17
21. Kansas State	10-3	386	16
22. Boise State	12-1	271	6
23. Florida	7-6	250	—
24. Notre Dame	8-5	168	—
25. Auburn	8-5	66	—

Others receiving votes: Washington 64, Louisville 46, Georgia Tech 35, Cincinnati 32, Texas A&M 28, Baylor 24, Utah 22, Mississippi State 21, South Florida 12, N.C. State 11, BYU 10, Louisiana Tech 10, Virginia 9, Houston 7, Southern Mississippi 6, UCF 5, Rutgers 5, FIU 3, Missouri 3, Tennessee 3, Northern Illinois 2, Texas Tech 1.

Tennis

Citi Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Thursday
At William H.G. FitzGerald
Tennis Center
Washington
Purse: Men, $1.29 million (WT500); Women, $220,000 (Int'l.)
Surface: Hard/Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round
Kevin Anderson (3), South Africa, def. Florent Serra, France, 6-4, 6-4.
Sam Querrey (8), United States, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
Mardy Fish (1), United States, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, 6-3, 6-1.
Women
Quarterfinals
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (1), Russia, def. Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-4.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4.
Vania King (4), United States, def. CoCo Vandeweghe (7), United States, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	11	6	5	38	32	23
Houston	10	5	7	37	33	25
Sporting KC	11	7	4	37	27	21
D.C.	10	7	3	33	31	24
Chicago	7	7	6	27	32	23
Columbus	8	7	4	28	20	20
Montreal	8	13	3	27	33	43
Philadelphia	7	10	3	24	25	30
New England	6	10	5	23	26	27
Toronto FC	5	12	4	19	24	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	13	5	5	44	45	28
Real Salt Lake	13	7	3	42	35	27
Seattle	9	5	7	34	27	22
Vancouver	9	7	7	34	26	28
Los Angeles	10	10	3	33	39	35
Chivas USA	7	8	5	26	34	21
Colorado	7	14	1	22	28	32
FC Dallas	5	11	7	22	25	31
Portland	5	12	4	19	19	38

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

Today's Game
New York at Houston, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Columbus at D.C. United, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Games
FC Dallas at Portland, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Seattle FC, 8 p.m.

AL Boxes

RANGERS 15, ANGELS 9

Los Angeles	Texas

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Trout cf	4	2	1	0	Kinsler dh	5	4	3	2
Trnbw rf	4	1	3	2	Andrus ss	5	2	1	0
Pujols 1b	4	1	2	2	Hamltn lf-cf	6	1	2	4
Trumo lf	5	1	1	1	Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0
Wlkrsn dh	1	0	2	2	N Cruz rf	3	2	1	1
Callasp 3b	4	2	2	1	MrlWng 2b	5	2	2	2
Hkndrc 2b	4	1	2	0	Soto c	5	2	2	2
AnRorn ss	2	0	0	0	Oh 1b	1	0	0	0
Conger c	0	0	0	0	Morlnd ph-1b	2	1	2	1
Bo Wlsn c	3	0	0	1	Gentry cf	1	1	0	0
Mzzaro ph-ss	0	0	0	0	Oday ph-cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	37	9	13	9	Totals	42	15	18	15

Los Angeles	201	410	001	—	9
Texas	100	401	09x	—	15

E—M.Izturis (6), Mk.Trout (4). LOB—Los Angeles 9, Texas 9. 2B—Trout (21), Tor.Hunter (14), Pujols (29), K.Morales (12), Kinsler (30), Andrus (25), Hamilton (18), Beltre (21), Soto (1), Moreland (9). HR—Trumbo (28), K.Morales (12), Callaspo (8), Kinsler (13). SF—Trout (17). SB—Trout 2 (33), Mrw.Hart (1). CS—Tor.Hunter (1). Sn.Ronine. SF—Pujols.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
C.Wilson	5 1-3	10	8	6	3	7
Hawkins	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
D.Carpenter L,1-2	1-3	3	2	2	0	0
Williams	1-3	1	2	2	1	0
Takahashi	1 1-3	4	3	2	1	1
Texas						
Dempster	4 2-3	9	8	8	3	6
R.Ross	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Oviedt W,4-2	2	2	0	0	0	2
M.Adams	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nathan	1	2	1	1	0	1

HBP—by C.Wilson (Gentry), WP—Oswalt, Nathan. Balk—C.Wilson.
T—4:01. A—40,281 (48,194).

TWINS 5, RED SOX 0

Minnesota	Boston

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	4	1	1	1	Ellsury cf	4	0	0	0
Revere rf	4	0	1	1	Crwfrd lf	4	0	0	0
Wlngh dh	4	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	3	0	0	0
Mornea 1b	4	1	2	0	AdGnzl 1b	3	0	2	0
Doumit lf	3	0	1	1	C.Ross dh	3	0	0	0
Mstrnns pr-lf	0	0	0	0	Lvrnwy c	3	0	0	0
Valenci 3b	4	1	1	0	Mdlrks 3b	3	0	0	0
Dozier ss	4	2	3	2	Kalish rf	3	0	0	0
Butera c	4	0	0	0	Cnasco ss	3	0	0	0
A.Casill 2b	3	0	0	0					
Totals	34	5	9	5	Totals	29	0	2	0

Minnesota	002	001	002	—	5
Boston	000	000	000	—	0

DP—Boston 1. LOB—Minnesota 3, Boston 6. 2B—Span (28), Mornea (20), Doumit (21), Dozier (10), Ad.Gonzalez (29). HR—Dozier (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Deduno W,3-0	6	2	0	0	4	1
Fien	1	0	0	0	0	1
Perkins S,6-9	2	0	0	0	0	3
Boston						
Lester L,5-9	6	7	3	3	0	7
Aceves	1	2	2	2	1	1

T—2:35. A—37,191 (37,495).

ROWLS 7, INDIANS 6, 11 INNINGS

Cleveland	Kansas City

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	5	1	2	0	AGordn lf	5	1	2	1
Lillrdg 2b	5	2	2	0	AEscor ss	5	0	1	0
AsCarr ss	5	1	2	0	LCain rf	5	1	2	1
CSantn 1b	5	1	2	4	Butler dh	5	0	1	0
Brantly cf	4	1	1	1	Franc pr-dh	0	0	0	0
JoLopz 3b	4	0	2	0	Mostks 3b	5	0	2	0
Rottino lf	4	0	0	1	B.Pena c	4	1	0	0
Duncan dh	3	0	0	0	Hosmer 1b	5	1	2	3
Kipnis ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Getz 2b	3	1	1	0
Marson c	4	0	0	0	JDyson cf	5	0	2	1
Totals	45	6	11	6	Totals	43	7	13	7

Cleveland	013	030	000	00	—	6
Kansas City	000	000	000	01	—	7

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—Lillrdge (1). DP—Cleveland 2. LOB—Cleveland 4, Kansas City 8. 2B—Brantley (30), 3B—Getz (3). HR—C.Santana (11), A.Gordon (6), Hosmer (10). SB—Choo (12), Lillibridge (8), A.Gordon (5), A.Escobar (19), J.Dyson 2 (20). CS—Choo (6), Jo.Lopez (1). S—Getz. SF—Brantley, Rottino.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Kluber	4 1-3	9	6	6	1	4
Sipp	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	2
J.Smith	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pestano	2	0	0	0	0	1
C.Perez L,1-1	1 2-3	3	1	1	1	1
C.Perez	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
B.Chen	2 2-3	7	4	4	1	0
Teaford	3 1-3	3	2	2	0	2
K.Herrera	2	1	0	0	0	3
Collins	1	0	0	0	0	1
G.Holland	1	0	0	0	0	1
Crow W,2-1	1	0	0	0	1	0

C.Perez pitched to 1 batter in the 11th.
WP—E.Rogers. PB—Marson.
T—3:41. A—15,135 (37,903).

NL Boxes

NATIONALS 3, PHILLIES 0

Philadelphia	Washington

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	4	0	0	0	Espinos ss	4	0	0	0
Frndsn 3b	4	0	1	0	Harper rf	4	0	0	0
Utley 2b	2	0	0	0	Zmmrm 3b	2	1	1	0
Ruiz c	4	0	0	0	Morse lf	4	1	1	0
Wggntn 1b	3	0	0	0	Clippd p	0	0	0	0
L.Nix ph	1	0	0	0	LaRoch 1b	4	1	3	2
Mayorg rf	3	0	0	0	Werth cf	3	1	1	1
Schrdt ph	0	0	0	0	Leon c	4	0	2	0
DBrwn lf	2	0	0	0	Lmrdzz 2b	3	0	0	0
Howard ph	1	0	0	0	Desclfn ss	3	0	0	0
Mrtnz cf	3	0	1	0	TMoore ph	1	0	0	0
Hamels p	2	0	0	0	SBurntt p	0	0	0	0
Kndrck p	0	0	0	0	Bernds lf	0	0	0	0
Schwrtn p	0	0	0	0					
Total	30	0	3	0	Totals	31	3	8	3

Philadelphia	000	000	000	—	0
Washington	012	000	00x	—	3

E—Zimmerman (8). DP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Philadelphia 7, Washington 7. 2B—Leon (2). HR—LaRoche (20).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Hamels L,11-6	7	8	3	3	1	9
Schwimer	1	0	0	0	2	2
Kendrick						
Washington						
Detwiler W,6-4	7	3	0	0	2	3
S.Burnett	1	0	0	0	0	0
Clippard S,21-24	1	0	0	0	2	1

T—2:33. A—28,825 (41,487).

METS 9, GIANTS 1

New York	San Francisco

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Tejada ss	5	0	1	0	Scutaro 3b	4	0	0	0
AnTrrs cf	4	2	1	0	Theriot 2b	3	0	0	0
DWright 3b	3	1	1	1	Hndrcks p	0	0	0	0
D.Wright lf	4	3	1	1	Fontnt 1b	4	0	1	0
Duda rf	4	3	1	0	Romo p	0	0	0	0
DnMrp 1b	3	0	2	2	Pill ph	1	0	0	0
d'Arnd p	0	0	0	0	MeCarr lf	4	1	3	0
Vldspn ph	0	0	0	0	Pence rf	2	0	0	1

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Turner ph	1	0	0	0	Hnschz c	4	0	0	0
Bay lf	4	1	1	2	Pagan cf	2	0	0	0
RCeden 2b	5	0	3	5	Loux p	0	0	0	0
Rahnon c	5	0	0	0	Arias 2b	1	0	0	0
C'Young p	3	0	1	0	Belt 1b	3	0	1	0
I.Davis ph-1b	1	0	0	0	BCnwtr ss	3	0	0	0
					Zito p	1	0	0	0
					GBlanc cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	37	9	11	9	Totals	29	1	4	1

New York	410	030	200	—	9
San Francisco	000	000	100	—	1

DP—New York 1, San Francisco 1. LOB—New York 8, San Francisco 4. 2B—An.Torres (10), R.Ceden (29), Mo.Cabrera (31). 3B—Mo.Cabrera (9). Belt (4). SF—Pence.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
C.Young W,3-5	7	4	1	1	0	4
El.Ramirez	1	0	0	0	1	0
R.Ramirez	1	0	0	0	0	1
San Francisco						
Zito L,8-8	4 1-3	6	7	7	3	1
Loux	1 2-3	4	2	2	1	0
Hensley	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	2
Romo	2-3	0	0	0	1	2

HBP—by Zito (Dan.Murphy).
T—2:46. A—41,843 (41,915).

REDS 9, PADRES 4

San Diego	Cincinnati

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Amarist ss	4	1	1	0	Paul lf	5	0	0	0
Venale ph	1	0	0	0	Stubbs cf	4	2	0	0
Headly 3b	4	0	2	2	Bruce rf	4	2	2	2
Quentin lf	3	0	0	0	Rolen 3b	4	1	3	1
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	Frazier 1b	4	1	1	3
Forsyth 2b	4	0	1	0	Cozart ss	5	1	2	1
Maybin cf	4	1	1	1	Cairo 2b	4	1	2	0
ERdrgz c	3	1	1	1	Hanign c	4	1	2	1
Ohlndrf p	0	0	0	0	Cueto p	3	0	1	0
Stults p	2	1	1	0	Ondrsk p	0	0	0	0
Hinshw p	0	0	0	0	Arnsbrg p	0	0	0	0
Guzmn ph	1	0	0	0					
Ireach p	0	0	0	0					
Yotsuy ph	0	0	0	0					
Totals	34	4	8	4	Totals	37	9	13	8

San Diego	003	100	000	—	4
Cincinnati	000	200	01x	—	9

E—Headley (9). DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—San Diego 5, Cincinnati 9. 2B—Hanigan (11). HR—Maybin (6), E.Rodriguez (1), Frazier (13). SB—Stubbs (23). CS—Quentin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Ohlendorf L,3-2	1 2-3	6	6	6	3	3
Stults	3 1-3	3	2	1	1	3
Hinshaw	1	0	0	0	0	2
Brach	2	4	1	1	0	4
Cincinnati						
Cueto W,14-5	7 1-3	8	4	4	1	9
Ondrusek	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Arredondo	1	0	0	0	1	1

Balk—Ohlendorf.
T—3:00. A—22,396 (42,319).

BRAVES 6, MARLINS 1

Miami	Atlanta

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bonifac 2b	5	0	1	0	Bourn cf	4	1	1	0
GHrndz cf	4	0	0	0	Rhnsn lf	3	2	1	0
Reyes ss	4	1	1	0	Heywrd rf	5	2	3	1
Ca.Lee 1b	3	0	2	1	C.Jones 3b	4	1	2	2
Kearns rf	3	0	0	0	FFrmn 1b	4	0	1	2
Dobbs lf	4	0	1	0	McCnn c	2	0	0	0
DSolan 3b	4	0	2	0	Uggla 2b	4	0	1	1
J.Buck c	3	0	1	0	Janish ss	4	0	1	0
Eovaldi p	1	0	0	0	Minor p	2	0	0	0
Gaudin p	1	0	0	0	CMrtnz p	1	0	0	0
Coustns ph	1	0	0	0	Durbin p	0	0	0	0
DJnngs p	0	0	0	0	Gearin p	0	0	0	0
Petersn ph	0	0	0	0	Pstmck ph	0	0	0	0
					Kimrel p	0	0	0	0
Total	33	1	8	1	Totals	33	6	10	6

Miami	000	001	000	—	1
Atlanta	300	000	00x	—	6

DP—Miami 1, Atlanta 1. LOB—Miami 9, Atlanta 9. 2B—J.Buck (9), C.Jones (16), F.Freeman (25). 3B—Reyes (8). SF—Ca.Lee.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Miami						

BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	61	43	.587	—	—	6-4	W-1	32-18	29-25
Baltimore	55	50	.524	6 1/2	1 1/2	5-5	L-1	25-26	30-24
Tampa Bay	55	50	.524	6 1/2	1 1/2	6-4	W-2	28-25	27-25
Boston	53	53	.500	9	4	5-5	L-2	27-30	26-23
Toronto	51	53	.490	10	5	4-6	L-4	28-23	23-30
Central Division									
Chicago	57	47	.548	—	—	7-3	W-2	27-22	30-25
Detroit	55	50	.524	2 1/2	1 1/2	4-6	W-1	28-21	27-29
Cleveland	50	55	.476	7 1/2	6 1/2	3-7	L-6	27-25	23-30
Minnesota	45	60	.429	12 1/2	11 1/2	5-5	W-1	23-32	22-28
Kansas City	44	60	.423	13	12	4-6	W-3	20-30	24-30
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	61	43	.587	—	—	5-5	W-2	34-21	27-22
Oakland	56	48	.538	5	—	6-4	L-2	30-23	26-25
Los Angeles	57	49	.538	5	—	5-5	L-2	30-22	27-27
Seattle	50	57	.467	12 1/2	7 1/2	8-2	W-7	25-29	25-28

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
East Division									
Washington	62	42	.596	—	—	7-3	W-1	29-21	33-21
Atlanta	60	45	.571	2 1/2	—	8-2	W-1	30-25	30-20
New York	52	54	.491	11	8 1/2	5-5	W-2	26-26	26-28
Miami	48	57	.457	14 1/2	12	4-6	L-1	27-27	21-30
Philadelphia	47	58	.448	15 1/2	13	6-4	L-1	21-29	26-29
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	64	41	.610	—	—	9-1	W-3	34-19	30-22
Pittsburgh	60	44	.577	3 1/2	—	6-4	W-2	33-16	27-28
St. Louis	56	49	.533	8	4	6-4	L-1	29-21	27-28
Milwaukee	48	56	.462	15 1/2	11 1/2	4-6	W-3	30-26	18-30
Chicago	43	60	.417	20	16	5-5	L-2	27-24	16-36
Houston	35	71	.330	29 1/2	25 1/2	1-9	L-3	25-27	10-44
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	56	49	.533	—	—	3-7	L-2	32-23	24-26
Los Angeles	56	50	.528	1/2	4 1/2	4-6	L-3	29-23	27-27
Arizona	54	51	.514	2	6	7-3	W-3	30-24	24-27
San Diego	51	53	.490	3	7	4-6	L-1	28-26	23-27
Colorado	38	65	.369	17	21	2-8	W-1	21-34	17-31

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Thursday's Scores
Minnesota 5, Boston 0
Texas 15, L.A. Angels 9
Kansas City 7, Cleveland 6, 11 innings
Toronto at Oakland, late
Today's Games
Cleveland (Masterson 7-9) at Detroit (A.Sanchez 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Millwood 4-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 10-3), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 4-6) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 7-7), 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Duensing 2-6) at Boston (Doubront 10-5), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Greinke 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Humber 5-5), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 12-6) at Kansas City (Guthrie 9-8), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Cecil 2-4) at Oakland (Straily 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Thursday's Scores
Cincinnati 9, San Diego 4
N.Y. Mets 9, San Francisco 1
Washington 3, Philadelphia 0
Atlanta 6, Miami 1
Colorado 8, St. Louis 2
Today's Games
Miami (Hand 0-0) at Washington (Lannan 1-0), 3:05 p.m., 1st game
Arizona (I.Kennedy 9-8) at Philadelphia (Blanton 8-9), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 7-9) at Cincinnati (Latos 9-3), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Galarraga 0-0) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 10-4), 6:35 p.m.
Miami (Jo.Johnson 6-7) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 13-5), 6:35 p.m., 2nd game
Milwaukee (Wolf 3-7) at St. Louis (J.Kelly 1-4), 7:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Vogelsong 8-5) at Colorado (J.Sanchez 0-2), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 14-2) at San Diego (Richard 7-11), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago (J.Hamdzija 7-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 6-9), 9:10 p.m.

Late Boxes

MARINERS 5, BLUE JAYS 3

Toronto					Seattle				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0	Ackley 2b	4	1	2	1
Rasms cf	4	0	0	0	MSndrs cf	4	0	1	0
Encrnc dh	4	0	0	0	JMontr dh	4	0	0	0
KJhnsn 2b	4	1	1

OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Thursday's Medalists
ARCHERY
Women
Individual 70m
GOLD—Ki Bo Bae, South Korea.
SILVER—Aida Roman, Mexico.
BRONZE—Mariana Avitia, Mexico.
CANOE SLALOM
Men
Canoe Slalom Doubles
GOLD—Britain (Tim Baillie, Etienne Stott)
SILVER—Britain 2 (David Florence, Richard Hounslow)
BRONZE—Slovakia (Pavol Hochschorner, Peter Hochschorner)
Women
Kayak Slalom Singles
GOLD—Emilie Fer, France
SILVER—Jessica Fox, Australia.
BRONZE—Maialen Chourraut, Spain
CYCLING TRACK
Men
Team Sprint
GOLD—Britain (Philip Hindes, Chris Hoy, Chris Hoy, Jason Kenny)
SILVER—France (Gregory Bauge, Michael D'almeida, Kevin Sireau)
BRONZE—Germany (Rene Enders, Robert Forstemann, Maximilian Levy)
Women
Team Sprint
GOLD—Germany (Kristina Vogel, Miriam Welte)
SILVER—China (Gong Jinjie, Guo Shuang)
BRONZE—Australia (Kaarle McCulloch, Anna Meares)
FENCING
Women
Team Foil
GOLD—Italy (Elisa Di Francisca, Arianna Errigo, Valentina Vezzali, Ilaria Salvatori)
SILVER—Russia (Inna Deriglazova, Kamilla Gafurzianova, Aida Shanaeva, Larisa Korobeynikova)
BRONZE—South Korea (Jeon Hee Sook, Jung Gil Ok, Nam Hyun Hee, Oh Ha Na)
GYMNASTICS ARTISTIC
Women
All-Around
GOLD—Gabrielle Douglas, Virginia Beach, Va.
SILVER—Victoria Komova, Russia
BRONZE—Aliya Mustafina, Russia
JUDO
Men
100Kg
GOLD—Tagir Khaibulaev, Russia
SILVER—Tuvshintbayar Naidan, Mongolia
BRONZE—Dimitri Peters, Germany
BRONZE—Henk Grol, Netherlands
Women
78Kg
GOLD—Kayla Harrison, Middletown, Ohio
SILVER—Gemma Gibbons, Britain
BRONZE—Mayra Aguiar, Brazil
BRONZE—Audrey Tcheumeo, France
ROWING
Men
Double Sculls
GOLD—New Zealand (Nathan Cohen, Joseph Sullivan)
SILVER—Italy (Alessio Sartori, Romano Battisti)
BRONZE—Slovenia (Luka Spik, Iztok Cop)
Lightweight Fours
GOLD—South Africa (James Thompson, Matthew Brittain, John Smith, Sizwe Ndlovu)
SILVER—Britain (Peter Chambers, Rob Williams, Richard Chambers, Chris Bartley)
BRONZE—Denmark (Kasper Winther, Morten Jorgensen, Jacob Barsoe, Eskild Ebbesen)
Women
Eights
GOLD—United States (Erin Cafaro, Modesto, Calif. Zsuzsanna Francia, Abington, Pa., Esther Lofgren, Newport Beach, Calif. Taylor Ritzel, Larkspur Colo. Meghan Musnicki, Naples, N.Y. Eleanor Logan, Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Caroline Lind, Greensboro, N.C. Caryn Davies, Ithaca, N.Y. Mary Whipple, Orangevale, Calif.)
SILVER—Canada (Janine Hanson, Rachelle Viinberg, Krista Guloien, Lauren Wilkinson, Natalie Mastracci, Ashley Brzozowicz, Darcy Marquardt, Andreanne Morin, Lesley Thompson-Willie)
BRONZE—Netherlands (Jacobine Veenhoven, Nienke Kingma, Chantal Achterberg, Sytske de Groot, Roline Repelaer van Driel, Claudia Belder bos, Carline Bouw, Annemiek de Haan, Anne Schellekens)
SHOOTING
Men
Double Trap
GOLD—Peter Robert Russell Wilson, Britain
SILVER—Hakan Dahlby, Sweden
BRONZE—Vasily Mosin, Russia
SWIMMING
Men
200 Backstroke
GOLD—Tyler Clary, Riverside, Calif.
SILVER—Ryosuke Irie, Japan
BRONZE—Ryan Lochte, Daytona Beach, Fla
200 Individual Medley
GOLD—Michael Phelps, Baltimore
SILVER—Ryan Lochte, Daytona Beach, Fla
BRONZE—Laszlo Cseh, Hungary
Women
100 Freestyle
GOLD—Ranomi Kromowidjojo, Netherlands
SILVER—Aleksandra Herasimenia, Belarus
BRONZE—Tang Yi, China
200 Breaststroke
GOLD—Rebecca Soni, Plainsboro, N.J.
SILVER—Satomi Suzuki, Japan
BRONZE—Iuliia Efimova, Russia
TABLE TENNIS
Men
Singles
GOLD—Zhang Jike, China
SILVER—Wang Hao, China
BRONZE—Dimitrij Ovtcharov, Germany

Records fall in US men's hammering of Nigeria

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

LONDON — The U.S. team had scored 100 points by the middle of the third quarter. It was that kind of night for the Americans.

They broke a few records, shattered others. They hardly missed.

Carmelo Anthony scored 37 points, making 10 of 12 3-pointers, and the Americans rewrote the Olympic record book with a scintillating shooting performance and 156-73 win Thursday night, an epic blowout that seemed to send a message to the rest of the men's tournament field.

Anthony set the U.S. Olympic mark for points in a game — in less than three quarters. The U.S. also set the Olympic record for points in a game

United States	156
Nigeria	73

and points in a half (78). The Americans bettered the U.S. records as well for 3-pointers (26), field goals (59) and field-goal percentage (71).

Incredibly, they eclipsed the 100-point mark with 5 minutes left in the third.

And when Andre Iguodala hit a 3-pointer with 4:37 left, the Americans had surpassed the previous Olympic record of 138 points set by Brazil against Egypt in 1988. When the record was announced to the mesmerized crowd, all the players seated on the U.S. bench got up and slapped hands with coach Mike Krzyzewski and his coaching staff.

The last group in England with this many records was The Beatles.

"When we get hot, it's a big problem," Kobe Bryant said. "So you have all these guys on one team and then all get hot on the same night, it's tough."

Bryant scored 16 points — 14 in the first quarter — for the Americans, who scored 49 points in the first and didn't let up after scoring 78 in the first 20 minutes.

Russell Westbrook finished with 21 points and Kevin Durant had 14 for the U.S., which will play Lithuania on Saturday.

Ike Diogu scored 27 to lead Nigeria (1-2).

Bryant was mostly a non-factor in wins over France and Tunisia, playing just 21 minutes and getting into early foul trouble. But from the outset against Nigeria, the two-time Olympian nicknamed the Black Mamba was as deadly as ever. He set the tone by scoring seven quick points as the U.S. (3-0) raced to a 13-0 lead, a haymaker that stunned the Nigerians, some of whom had promised they wouldn't be intimidated by the Americans.

But the U.S. was scary indeed.

Durant buried three 3-pointers, Bryant and Anthony added two from long-range and when Kevin Love came off the bench and knocked down his first 3, the U.S. team's shooting gallery of stars had opened a 41-15 lead and made the p.a. announcer's pregame comment that "anything is possible" seem prophetic.

He was talking about a possible upset. The only surprise in the first quarter was when the U.S. missed.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Group A

Team	W	L	Pts
United States	2	0	5
Argentina	2	0	4
France	1	1	3
Lithuania	1	1	2
Nigeria	0	2	1
Tunisia	0	2	0

Group B

Team	W	L	Pts
Spain	2	0	4
Russia	2	0	4
Brazil	1	1	3
Brazil	1	1	3
Australia	0	2	2
Britain	0	2	2
China	0	2	0

At Olympic Basketball Arena
Thursday's Scores
France 82, Lithuania 76
Australia 91, China 61
Argentina 80, Tunisia 69
Russia 76, Brazil 74
Spain 79, Britain 59
United States 156, Nigeria 73
Saturday's Games
Tunisia vs. France, 7 a.m.
Russia vs. Spain, 8:15 a.m.
Lithuania vs. United States, 12:30 p.m.
China vs. Brazil, 2:45 p.m.
Britain vs. Australia, 6 p.m.
Nigeria vs. Argentina, 8:15 p.m.

OLYMPIC ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

US WINS BEIJING RE-MATCH AGAINST BRAZIL

LONDON — Captain Clay Stanley scored 19 points and the U.S. men's volleyball team defeated Brazil 3-1 at the London Olympics on Thursday in a preliminary-round rematch of the Beijing final.

The 23-25, 27-25, 25-19, 25-17 victory extends the U.S. team's Olympic winning streak to 11 matches, dating to Beijing.

The fifth-ranked U.S. team dropped the first set but rebounded to win the next two at London's Earls Court, where the Brazilian fans far outnumbered their U.S. counterparts.

KESSY AND ROSS, 4TH ON BEACH AND 4TH ON TEAM USA

LONDON (AP) — The stars of the U.S. basketball team come out at night to see Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings, whose matches are scheduled for 11 p.m. London time to maximize their exposure on American television.

April Ross and Jennifer Kessy are just fine with that.

Former world champions who came to the London Olympics as the No. 4 team in the world, Kessy and Ross beat Spain in three sets Thursday to remain unbeaten and advance to the knockout round of the beach volleyball tournament with a top seed.

The Americans beat Liliana Fernandez and Elsa Baquerizo 21-19, 19-21, 19-17.

SERENA, VENUS WILLIAMS REACH OLYMPIC DOUBLES SEMIS

WIMBLEDON, England — Venus and Serena Williams were so eager to reach the Olympics semifinals they collided and tumbled to the grass chasing a shot Thursday.

They won the point and the match, beating No. 2-seeded Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci of Italy, 6-1, 6-1.

The sisters, who have yet to lose a set through three rounds, seek their third gold medal in doubles. Serena is also into the semifinals in singles.

DOUGLAS

From 1C

62.232, coach Liang Chow told Douglas she had won the gold.

But she had to wait another five minutes until it was official because Viktoria Komova of Russia, runner-up at last year's world championships, was still to come.

Komova's floor routine was impressive, as well, and she stood at the center of the arena staring intently at the scoreboard, fingertips pressed to her lips, teammate Aliya Mustafina rubbing her shoulder. When the final standings flashed, Komova dropped her head and hurried to the sidelines, tears falling. She finished about three-tenths behind Douglas, with a score of 61.973.

"I'm still upset because I could have been gold and I didn't get it," said Komova, her silver medal buried in the pocket of her warm-up jacket.

Mustafina and Aly Raisman finished with identical scores of 59.566, but the Russian got the bronze on a tiebreak. The lowest scores for both gymnasts were dropped, and the remaining three were totaled. That gave Mustafina a total of 45.933 and Raisman 45.366.

"It's really disappointing, but I'm really happy for Gabby," said Raisman, captain of the U.S. team. "But it's definitely really frustrating because we tied for third place. I was so close."

Douglas, meanwhile, is poised to become the biggest star since Mary Lou Retton. That smile alone is enough to make Madison Avenue swoon, and her personality might just be bigger than she is. (She claims she used to be shy, but it doesn't seem possible listening to her chatter and giggle.) Throw in her sweet and sentimental backstory, and her two gold medals certainly won't be her only riches.

It was two years ago that Douglas told her mom, Natalie Hawkins, that she wanted to move from their home in Virginia Beach, Va., to train with Chow, who coached Shawn Johnson in 2008. Hawkins said absolutely not; there was no way she was allowing the youngest of her four children to move halfway across the country at 14.

But Douglas' two older sisters lobbied on her behalf, giving their mother a list of reasons why Gabby should be allowed to go. The only reason to stay: They would miss her.

Hawkins finally relented, but not without many second thoughts, including: "That I was crazy. I must have lost my marbles. But she wanted this more than anything."

Few could have imagined this result a year ago. Jordyn Wieber was the world champion and heavy favorite, while Douglas was the one who was a total mess at the national championships. But she gained confidence as part of the U.S. team that took gold at the 2011 world championships, and proved to herself she was as good as anyone when she beat Wieber at the American Cup in March, never mind that her scores didn't count because she was competing as an alternate.

After nearly beating Wieber at nationals, she came out on top three weeks later at the Olympic trials. And after Wieber failed to make the all-around because of a rule that limits countries to two gymnasts, Douglas became the one to beat.

PHELPS

From 1C

winning time in Beijing but still good enough for gold, just ahead of Lochte.

When it was done, there wasn't that water-pounding celebration we've seen so many times from Phelps — just a slight smile as he hung on the lane rope, gazing up at the stands and soaking it all in.

"Going into every call room, I said it's my last semifinal or my last prelim," Phelps said, reflecting on a busy day that included a morning swim, then two more races in the evening. "We're kind of chalking up all the lasts of certain things."

As he stepped on the medal podium — yep, that familiar top rung — Phelps' eyes were glassy and he whispered something to Lochte. Then, staring up at the U.S. flag while the nation anthem played, he bit his lip and seemed to be struggling to hold back the tears.

Phelps has never been too revealing with his emotions away from the pool.

But, with just two days to go in his swimming career, there's a definite chink in the facade.

He's starting to look as human out of the water as he is superhuman in it.

"To be able to win the gold medal and be the first to threepeat, it means something," said Phelps, whose first gold in London was swimming the anchor on the 4x200 freestyle relay. "It's pretty special and something that I'm very happy for."

So a farewell games that started as a bit of a disappointment is definitely looking up. He's now won two golds and two silvers in five races — not the eight golds in eight races in China, but a more-than-fitting capper to a brilliant career that still has two more races to go: the 100 butterfly Friday and the 4x100 medley relay Saturday.

Lochte settled for silver in 1:54.90 and Hungary's Laszlo Cseh took the bronze, well behind the Americans in 1:56.22.

"Always chasing Mike and Ryan," Cseh moaned. "It's really hard because those two swimmers are really good."

Ever the competitor, Phelps had hoped to go even faster, looking to not just win gold but take down Lochte's world record of 1:54.00 from last year's world championships.

"I wanted to push the first 100 as much as I could just to kind of see what would happen," Phelps said. "Somebody told me with like 25 to go I was under world-record pace, so it was kind of frustrating I fell a little short."

When Phelps was done with Lochte, he hopped out of the pool and dashed to the nearby diving well to warm down, preparing for a semifinal of the 100 fly. He was the top qualifier in that one at 50.86 — more than a half-second ahead of South African Chad le Clos, who upset Phelps in the 200 fly, and setting up an additional rematch with Milorad Cavic, the outspoken Serbian who still seems to think he got to the wall first when he lost to Phelps by a hundredth of a second four years ago.

Cavic is talking a different game now.

He doesn't think he — or anyone else — has a chance against Phelps in the last individual race of his Olympic career.

Win-or-else time for US Olympic soccer women

By Joseph White
Associated Press

NEWCASTLE, England — The coach of the U.S. women's soccer team wants her players in win-or-go-home mode. She just doesn't want them thinking too much about it.

The great mental shift, familiar in major soccer tournaments everywhere, has occurred in the last couple of days at the Olympics. The group stage is done. Eight of the 12 women's teams — including all the nations predicted to be medal contenders — have advanced to the so-called knockout stage, starting with Friday's quarterfinals.

Remember how the Americans slowed down the game against North Korea on Tuesday to save their legs? Remember how the Japanese deliberately didn't score against South Korea in a 0-0 draw so they didn't need to travel for a few days? There's no room for such tactics anymore: If your team doesn't win today, it's done.

"This is when the tournament starts," U.S. midfielder Lauren Cheney said Thursday. "It's knockout stage. There's no mess-ups in this."

That presents a psychological challenge, especially for a naturally upbeat leader like U.S. coach Pia Sundhage. Yes, she needs to have a game plan in case the Americans' game against New Zealand goes into extra time or penalty kicks, but she doesn't want to harp on it so much that it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

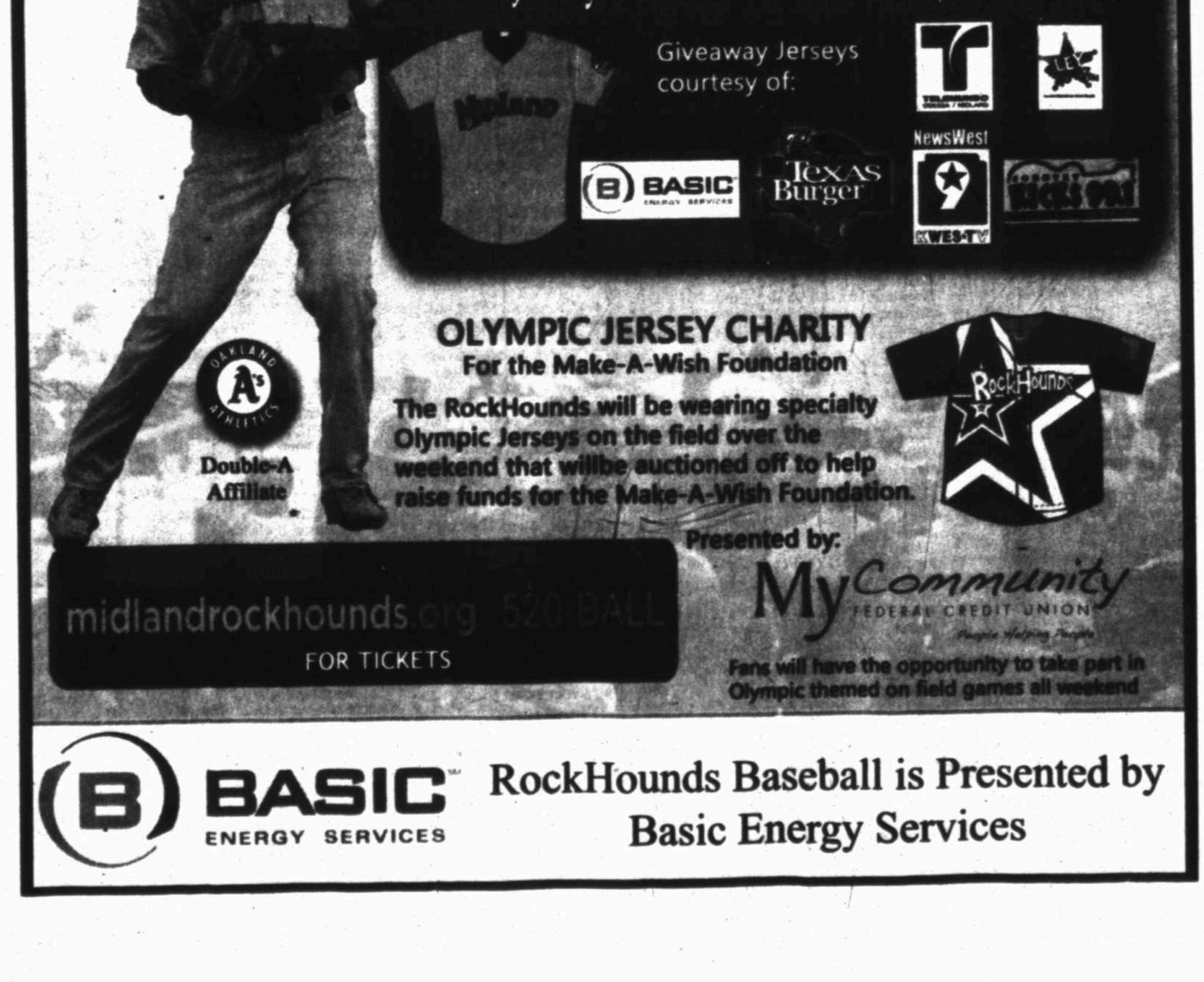
"I hesitate a little bit," Sundhage said. "If you start to talk too much about extra time, then I show them that, well, 'I don't really have faith in you.' Especially this first game I'd rather do the opposite."

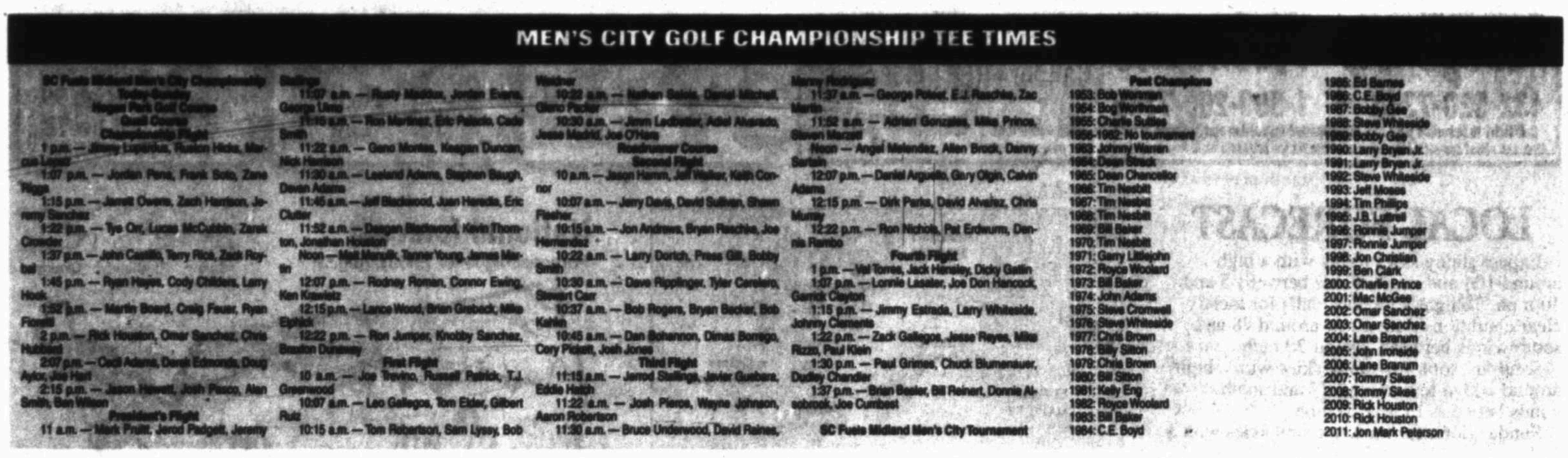
So Sundhage wants her team to keep attacking. The Americans swept the three games in their group for the first time in Olympic play, so this is not the time to start playing conservatively. She wants her players to take the term "knockout" more literally.

"This is when we knock them out," said Sundhage, pounding her first into her palm. "Still finding the rhythm and keep your playing style, and don't let too much up."

The U.S. has never stumbled at this stage in Olympic or World Cup play, although there have been close calls. The Americans needed extra time to beat Canada in the quarterfinals on the way to the gold meal in Beijing four years ago, and last year they needed Abby Wambach's remarkable extra time, injury time goal to force penalty kicks against Brazil at the World Cup.

The U.S. got the best possible draw for these Olympic quarterfinals. The Football Ferns of New Zealand advanced past the group stage of a major tournament for the first time, grabbing the final spot with a win over Cameroon after going scoreless in their first two matches.





HUBBARD

From 1C

good, and I think I had one bogey through those two rounds," Hubbard said. "That second round at Quail, I put myself in some bad spots off the tee. I tried to do as much as I could on Sunday, but wasn't quite able to get the job done."

Hubbard said he has been able to play more golf this summer than during the school year while he has been working an internship at Fasken Oil and Ranch Limited here in Midland.

Hubbard was part of a Midland High team in 2008 that won the school's first district title in 14 years, and said he had offers from smaller schools to play golf and was thinking about walking on at Texas Tech if he had the chance.

But he said his priority was earning his degree, and said his focus was on school and playing golf when he could.

"Getting a petroleum engineering degree was pretty important to me," Hubbard said. "It's what I want to do, and it seems like a good degree to have and Midland is a good place to have that kind of degree. I do like what I've ended up with in college."

This weekend, though, Hubbard's pursuit of his degree will take a back seat to chasing after his first city championship, and if he does win it he knows he will be in some elite company.

"It'd means a whole lot (to win it) because there a lot of great golfers that have won that tournament," Hubbard said. "If your name is thrown in with all those great names, it's pretty special."

MEN'S CITY NOTES

- This year's tournament will have 35 more entries than last year's tournament as there will be will 150 players participating this weekend, compared to 115 a year ago.
- The tournament's course rotation has changed this year as the Championship Flight will play the Quail Course on Friday and Sunday, and the Roadrunner on Saturday. The typical rotation has been Roadrunner on Friday and Sunday, and the Quail Course on Saturday.

"Roadrunner is a little bit easier to score on," Chris Hubbard said. "Quail, in my opinion, is a little tougher to make birdies out there and you have to think your way around that course more."

- The tournament will have two former champions playing in the Championship Flight this year in Omar Sanchez and Rick Houston. Sanchez won the title in 2002 and 2003, and Houston won back-to-back titles in 2009 and 2010.

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Press coverage a passion for Cowboys cornerback

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

OXNARD, Calif. — Brandon Carr didn't make any big purchases after receiving a five-year, $50.1 million free agent contract from the Dallas Cowboys this offseason.

"I'm a low-key person," he said. "I like to save my money."

Carr's conservative nature off the field stands in sharp contrast to the risks he takes on it. As a cornerback who excels at playing press coverage, Carr begins every play knowing that if he misses his jam at the line of scrimmage and is unable to redirect the receiver he could get beat deep for a big gain or even a touchdown.

"It starts with you having some confidence in yourself because there are going to be times when you get beat and give up plays," Carr said in explaining what makes a good press corner.

"At the same time, you have got to come back and battle again. You have to have confidence you are going to make more plays than you give up. You just have to go out there and play your game and be physical with receivers."

With his long arms, strong hands, quick feet and 6-foot, 210-pound frame, Carr's best asset is his physicality. His ability to slow receivers at the line of scrimmage will make it easier for defensive coordinator Rob Ryan to play the aggressive, blitzing style he favors.

The corner Carr replaces, 33-year-old Terence Newman, was a major liability down the stretch last season and is now with Cincinnati. Having lost a step or two, Newman often played far off his man, allowing quarterbacks to move the chains by completing passes underneath.

That won't be the case with the 26-year-old Carr, who spent his first four seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs and was the centerpiece of Dallas' haul of free agents.

"If you can have corners who can press and be successful doing that and not commit penalties, not give up first downs, absolutely (you can blitz more)," Ryan said. "Everybody in the league strives to have that. You can play more man coverage, which obviously (leads to more blitzes).

"If you don't have the pressure corner, the guy who can get up there and press, then it takes half your playbook away."

Secondary coach Jerome Henderson said Carr is a prototypical press corner.

"He's a big, strong, physical man," Henderson said. "He's aggressive. He's tough."

LB Cushing ready to lead Houston defense

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston linebacker Brian Cushing has always tried to be a leader for the Texans.

That role is undisputed now that defensive stalwarts DeMeco Ryans and Mario Williams are gone.

"There are a lot more eyes looking at you now and that's fine," Cushing said. "I learned from some of the best guys and they taught me a lot. It's something I accept and going into this year I could say it was pushed on me, but it was also earned. So I feel good about it."

Cushing was drafted in the first round in 2009 and piled up 133 tackles the Defensive Rookie of the Year award. Instead of building on the momentum gained from his terrific first season, Cushing was suspended for the first four games of the 2010 season for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances and had 76 tackles.

Last year was a bounce-back campaign for him, and he led the team with 114 tackles and had four sacks, two interceptions and forced two fumbles. His statistics far surpassed those of Ryans, a fellow linebacker who had 64 tackles, but the more veteran Ryans remained the most visible leader of the defense.

Cushing was unhappy that Ryans was traded to Philadelphia in the offseason, but realized that the departure meant the team would need even more from him.

"There's always room for improvement," he said. "I believe you can never stop improving physically and mentally. So I'm going to try to take it as far as I can and try to help this team win as best that I can."

Cushing devoured the teachings of defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, who joined the team before last season, to help the group become one of the best in the NFL. The 285.7 yards a game the Texans allowed in 2011 were second only to Pittsburgh and their tough defense helped propel the team to its first playoff berth and win despite injuries to several key pieces of the offense.

Cushing is excited to see what the unit can accomplish in its second season under Phillips.

"We can obviously get better," he said. "We feel that. We're just looking forward to it. And any time you have an opportunity like this to go into a season and improve upon what you did the year before, it's going to be fun."

The coaching staff isn't putting any extra pressure on Cushing this season because they know how much he expects from himself.

"He is kind of a lead by example guy, obviously he's a fiery guy," coach Gary Kubiak said. "But Cush is going to play hard all the time, and guys can count on him. I think he's been a leader. I think he was last year and I think he's probably even more so (now)."

With Ryans gone, Houston (No. 6 in the AP Pro32) added depth at inside linebacker with the addition of veteran Bradie James. James spent his entire nine-year career with the Cowboys and played for Phillips during his time there.

AP source: Browns sold, pending NFL approval

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

Here's one to make Cleveland fans shake their heads: A partial owner of the hated Pittsburgh Steelers is buying the Browns.

A person with knowledge of the sale told The Associated Press on Thursday that Browns owner Randy Lerner has reached a deal to sell the team to Tennessee truck-stop magnate Jimmy Haslam III — a minority stockholder in the rival Steelers.

Lerner will sell 70 percent of the Browns to Haslam now, with the other 30 percent reverting to him four years after the closing date, the person said on condition of anonymity because the sale has not officially been announced.

While the papers have been signed, the NFL still must approve the sale. Approval from 24 of the 32 teams is required, and no date has been set for a vote because the sale has not been presented to the league yet. The person said approval is expected by the end of September.

ESPN reported the sale price was more than $1 billion. For comparison, the Miami Dolphins sold at a value of more than $1 billion in 2009.

The Browns were valued at $977 million last year by Forbes magazine, 20th in the NFL.

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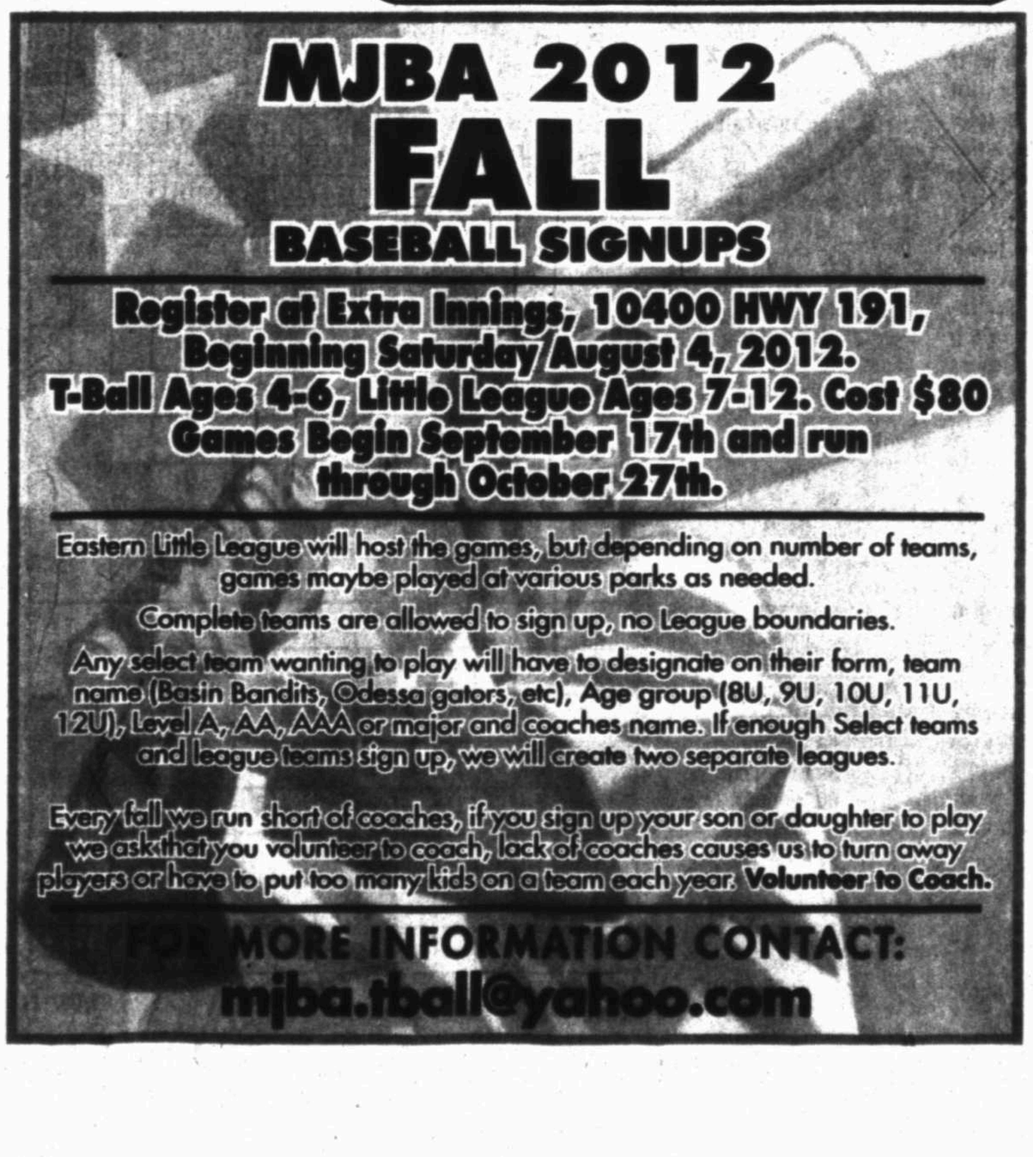

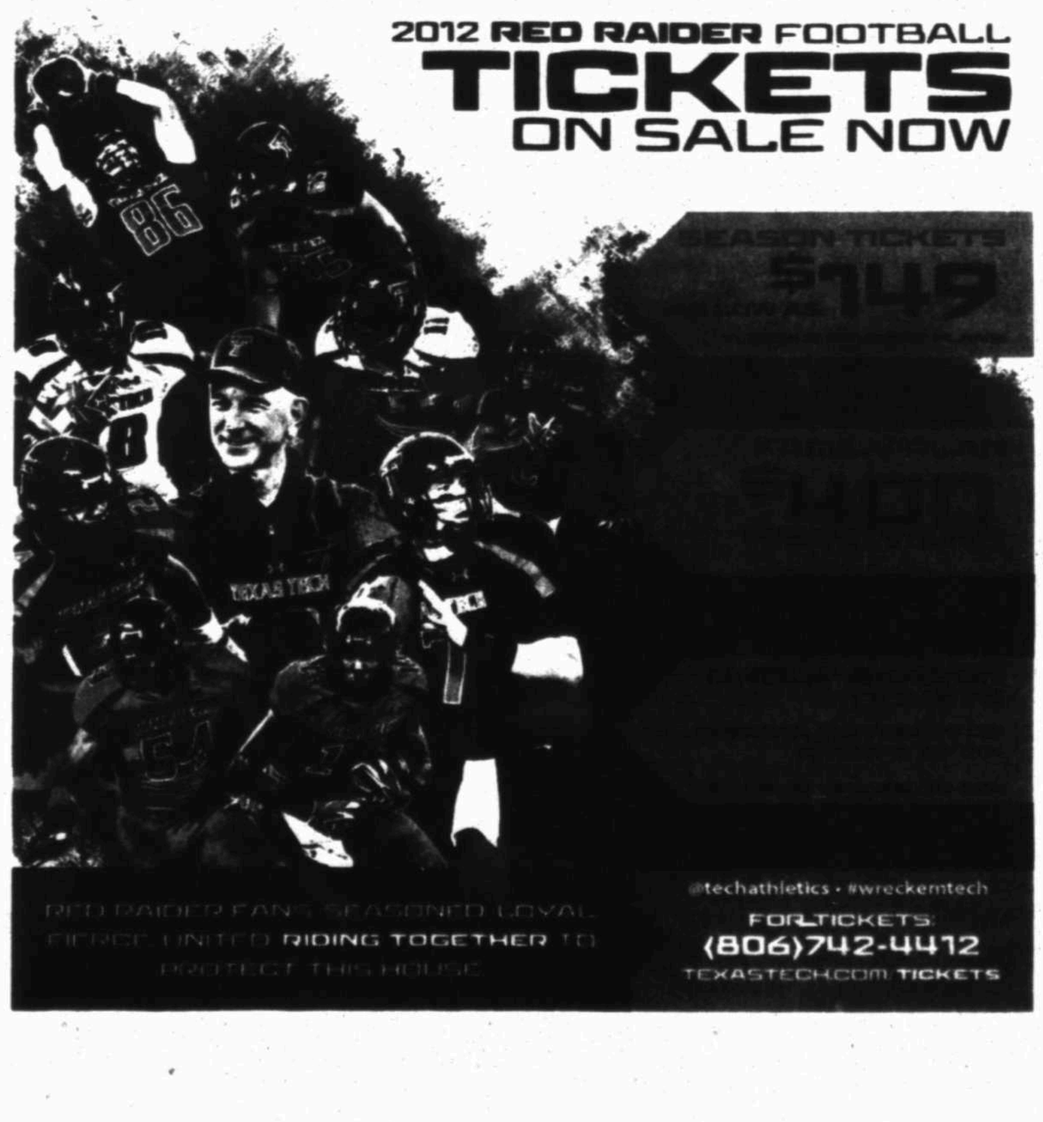

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Expect sunny skies today with a high around 104 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 78 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday, look for sunny skies with a high around 103, a low around 77 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 99 and a low around 72.

The high on Thursday reached 106 while the low dropped to 77. The record high for Aug. 2 is 106, set in 1932, 1944 and 2012. The record low is 61 set in 1936, 1971 and 1973.

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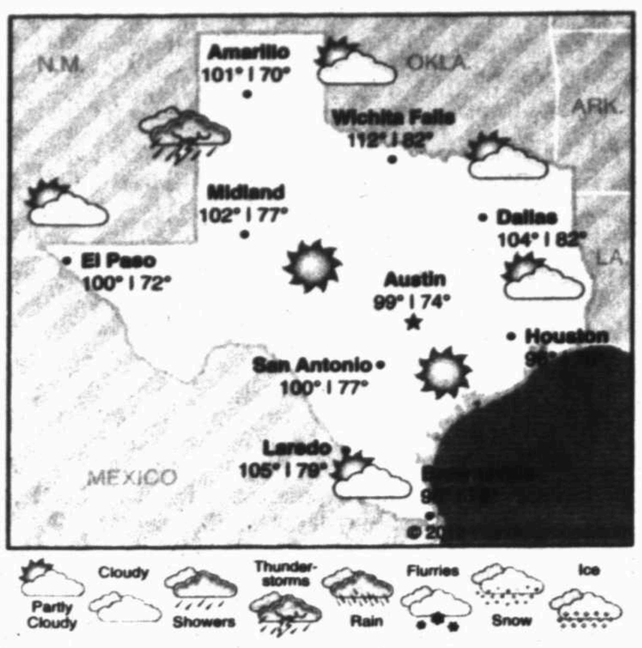
In the eastern half of the nation, locally drenching thunderstorms will be most common during the afternoon and evening hours today. Clusters of gusty thunderstorms will occur in the central Mississippi Valley and the Deep South. Gusty storms can also pop up from the central Great Lakes to northern New England as a weak front trails into the area.

Over the Plains, high pressure in the upper levels of the atmosphere will continue the extreme heat and drought in southern areas.



Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	5.96 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.00 in.

Thursday's temperatures

High	106
Low	77
Normal high	95
Normal low	70

Sunrise ... 7:05 a.m.
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Husband's letters to old flame fuel widow's anger

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My husband died recently in a fire he started in a drunken rampage. In the aftermath I am left with feelings of extreme sadness and rage.

Last night I was going through a box of his belongings and found some old letters he had written to a woman he'd left me for 20 years ago. (We patched things up and then were married later.) I didn't want to read them, but in the first letter I caught the sentence, "You are the only woman I've ever met who truly changed me." I immediately tore it to shreds. There were others, but I tossed everything in the box into the trash. I couldn't put myself through the pain.

For months, I have tried to dwell only on the happy times we had together and the love that, in spite of his alcoholism, we had for each other. Perhaps I could have dealt with these letters while my husband was still alive, but now I can only stew in my own anger.

I don't want to do this to myself. I have been in therapy and at Al-Anon, but I feel as though I need other tools at this point to get me through this awfulness. — WIDOW IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR WIDOW: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your husband. I'm sure you have many reasons to be angry, and those letters are among the least of them.

Try to think rationally about what the letter said. That they were in his possession probably means they were never mailed, and it's likely they were written while he was drunk. As to the woman having "changed" him, from the way he died it doesn't appear he changed a lot.

You have your life ahead of you. If you choose to waste your precious time looking back over your shoulder and cursing a dead man, of course that's your choice. But if you want to break this cycle of destructive thinking, the quickest way to do it would be to contact your therapist for a "reality check."

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have lived together for five years. We have decided that we want to get married. He took me to pick out a beautiful ring and put money down to hold the specific ring.

Sounds great, right? Well, it's not. Unfortunately, my boyfriend doesn't have the money for it, which is completely understandable, because it's quite an expensive ring.

Here is my issue: He recently took a significant amount of money out of his 401(k) to pay off a gambling debt. I also received a very large bonus, of which a major portion went to pay the gambling debt. Why would my boyfriend take me to pick out a ring if he knows he can't afford it? Why would he prioritize his gambling debt over a ring for me? For us? For our future? — NOT HIS FIRST PRIORITY

DEAR NOT HIS FIRST PRIORITY: Candidly, your boyfriend probably made the gambling debt his top priority because he was afraid if he didn't someone would beat him to a pulp or worse. Surely by now you have realized that he has a gambling problem and is not good with money. Thank your lucky stars you realized it BEFORE marriage.

You are living with someone who appears to have trouble recognizing there are consequences for his actions. If you want a husband who is mature and responsible, stop enabling him and recognize that this man isn't Mr. Right.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Find the right shift

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 2
♡ 4
◇ 9 5 4
♣ Q J 7 4 3 2

WEST
♠ Q 9 8 3
♡ A 2
◇ K 7 6
♣ A 9 6 5

EAST
♠ K 7 6 5
♡ 9 3
◇ Q 10 8 2
♣ K 10 8

SOUTH
♠ J 4
♡ K Q J 10 8 7 6 5
◇ A J 3
♣ Void

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Three of ♠

Here's another deal from Eddie Kantar's excellent series "Thinking Bridge," designed for players anxious to improve their game.

Facing a passed partner, South does best to open with four hearts. Opening four-bids give the opponents fits. West has enough to double one heart, even a weak two hearts, but with a doubleton heart needs the strength of a strong no-trump opening to double three hearts or four hearts, since both are takeout doubles. With a singleton heart, West can double both with as few as 14+ points.

With no clear-cut lead, West starts with his fourth-best spade. Dummy plays low and East wins the king. Assuming East decides to attack diamonds, a reasonable shift, the 10 of diamonds is the correct card to lead to make what is called a "surrounding play". East has the diamond nine surrounded with the ten-eight along with a higher non-equal honor, the queen — all the ingredients for a surrounding play. If East leads the 10 of diamonds, declarer is held to one diamond trick. If a low diamond is led, declarer plays low, West wins the king and South remains with the ace-jack, now worth two tricks.

This deal is decided by South's play at trick one! South knows from the play of the king that West holds the queen, so if he unblocks the knave, he can later lead a low spade to the 10 and discard a losing diamond on the ace of spades!

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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 Friday, Aug. 3, 2012:

This year great events occur because of your ability to relate intimately with others. You also seem to know what others aspire to achieve and are able to pave the way. Your day-to-day schedule changes and adds a new dimension. If you are single, you enjoy relating on an individual level. Others find you to be intense and often a handful. You could meet someone very important to your life history. If you are attached, you have great hope for your relationship. Are you being realistic? PISCES understands you even better than you understand yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You naturally slow down as the weekend approaches. Discussions surround a very unusual idea, so be sure to brainstorm with respected associates and friends. A partner sees a way to transform a situation. Give this person the support he or she needs. Tonight: Get home early. Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A friendship becomes even more important than you thought. This person is a source of remarkable ideas and solutions. Back off in order to gain perspective. You see what many people don't. A discussion revitalizes a relationship. Tonight: Where people are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ A take-charge attitude is not your style, but it serves you well. If an idea is to be implemented as you would like, you must carry it out yourself. Others cannot read your mind. Flex with an associate who often becomes controlling. Tonight: Into the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Detach from an immediate situation, especially if it seems like a maze. Find an expert, or seek out different ideas. You might not be seeing this situation as clearly as you would like. Someone could be holding back some information. Tonight: Make music a requirement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others have a lot to share. You might prefer to relate directly to a key person. Your warm feelings and dynamic energy will complement your interaction. The two of you together could handle what might seem impossible by yourself. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ An early invitation could make it close to impossible to say "no." In fact, after accepting, you might have a difficult time remaining focused. If you can, head home early. There is nothing wrong with enjoying the weekend. Tonight: Go along with someone's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You look around and see everything you need to do. Don't think about it, just do it. An element of confusion or dreaminess runs through your thoughts. Be explicit about instructions and meeting times. Confirm what you have heard. Tonight: Squeeze in something fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You are drawn in by adventure and a desire to understand more of what is happening with an interesting loved one or friend. As a result, you'll make an adjustment to your plans and be much more content. Tonight: Flex with a loved one or new friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ If you are in the mood to stay home, why not indulge that desire? Others might choose to take a relaxing walk by water at some point. Use your instincts with spending and your home. Keep your budget in mind. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Keep talking and working through an issue. By the end of the day, you might see eye-to-eye with someone. What you might be inspired to do is much different than what can be accomplished. Others admire your strength and ability not to remain rigid. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You could feel more polarized and opinionated than in the past. Relax a little, and absorb others' views — there might be some validity to be found. Your finances need to be handled with kid gloves, as you could cause yourself a problem. Tonight: Clear your thoughts; share with a wise friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your essence and higher self come out. You can inspire others at best. Still, be aware of a tendency to be unrealistic. A conversation or meeting points to your being too idealistic. Take off your rose-colored shades once in a while. Tonight: As you like.

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BORN TODAY

Business magnate Martha Stewart (1941), actor Jay North (1951), actor Martin Sheen (1940)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 University of Georgia athlete, familiarly
5 Scorned paper
8 Ticket holder with a conflict, maybe
14 In opposition
16 Self-loathing direction
17 "Just curious"
18 Note sentiment
19 Novice chocolatier's lessons?
21 Pres. between JAG and GC
22 It might be closed due to flooding
23 Walks in the rain, vis-à-vis fair-day activities?
29 Med. land
31 "... __ he drove out of sight"
32 Mena of "American Beauty"
33 Endured
36 Tar on a deck
38 Mantle's number
39 Hardly unexpected
41 Threw one's hat in the ring
43 Head start?
44 Vacations led by Twitter?
48 Internet game site
49 __ Balls: Hostess treats
50 Speaker's challenge scrambled three times in this puzzle
56 Of an upper heart chamber
58 Tab, for one
59 Eyre's creator
60 "Enough already"
61 Luxury accommodations
62 Charles River sch.
63 Ocean current sources?

DOWN

1 Dapper dressers?
2 Say it is so
3 "__ off!"
4 Where Olympus rises
5 Make clearer, hopefully
6 Baseball's Jesus
7 Ibsen title character
8 Dentistry number, familiarly
9 Taking a break
10 Graceful plunge
11 Wait around
12 Sitcom world
13 OED listing
15 Occupied, as a desk
20 Los Juegos Olímpicos prize
23 Penned
24 Physics unit
25 Corp. change
26 Pew areas
27 Oldest Brady Bunch kid
28 Rat
29 Kid's comsback
30 Get into a hold
34 Tight game difference
35 Blow up
37 Step to the plate
40 Wavy lines
42 "Consider it done"
45 __-turn
46 Show of strength
47 1977 Australian Open champ Tanner
50 "Star Trek: T.N.G." role
51 Kingdom south of Moab
52 Torch type
53 Tip for a dealer
54 Mideast flier
55 Beams
56 They may be sculpted
57 1989-'90 Broadway biodrama

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

W	A	G		S	P	A	M		W	H	O	M	P	S
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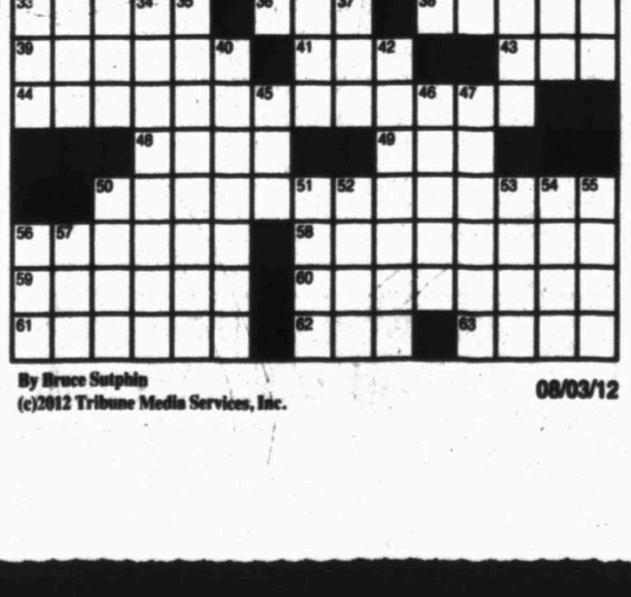

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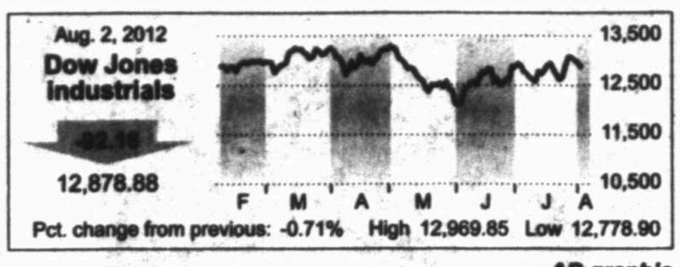

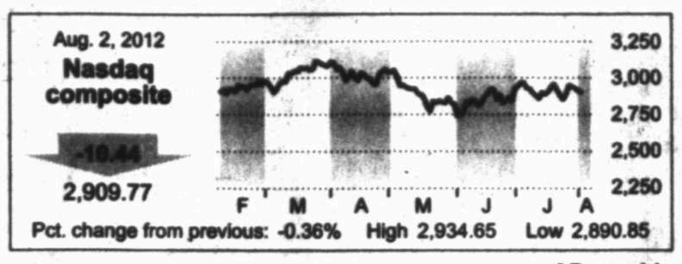

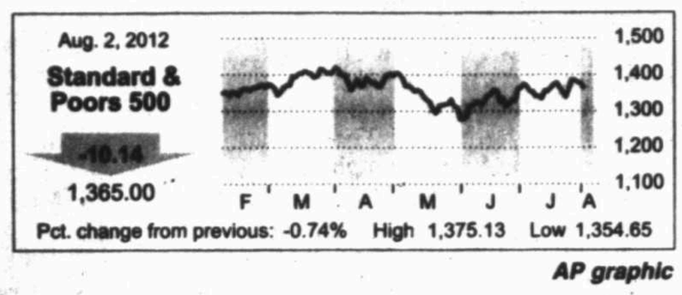

Midland Park Mall celebrates end of renovation project

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Midland Park Mall officials are welcoming shoppers to help celebrate the completion of a yearlong renovation project with events today and Saturday.

"The mall looks wonderful," said Kevin Church, director of marketing and business development. "It's been a long time coming and we're very proud."

Renovations to the 32-year-old shopping center were designed to make it a more family-friendly space with customer amenities, Church said. The multimillion dollar project included new flooring and new ceiling, expanded carpet, soft seating throughout the mall and a redesign of the food court area. The restrooms in the food court were relocated, and a family lounge area was added.

Outside, the four entrances were redesigned and new signs and landscaping were placed at the parking lot entrances, along with a new pylon sign containing directions and other signage.

"The financial impact was significant," Church said. "This is a great thing for the community."

The only amenity yet to be added is a chidren's play area, according to Church. "We continue to work to secure an appropriate area for a children's soft play area and we hope to announce (soon) when that will be installed," he said.

Not only has the work benefited local shoppers, but it has helped attract visitors from outside Midland, even as the local economy has thrived, he said.

"We see a lot of different license plates in the parking lot," Church said.

Mall officials, along with officials from owner Simon Property Group, are pleased with the work and pleased with how successful contractors were in ensuring the work did not affect daily operations, he said. Much of the work was done after hours and workers did a good job of alleviating dust and dirt, he said.

The celebration begins at 10 a.m. The first 100 customers in line at Simon Guest Services will receive a goody bag containing a $20 American Express Simon gift card and other offers and coupons.

Shoppers also can register until the mall closes Saturday at 9 p.m. for the Ultimate Giveaway event, where the winner will receive a 16-gigabyte Apple iPad and $2,000 in American Express Simon gift cards. The winner will be announced at 10 a.m. Monday.

Younger shoppers are the target of a special Simon Kidgits event today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with activities ranging from face painting to balloon animals and a visit with Papa Smurf and Smurfette.

Fashion shows will take place in the J.C. Penney court today from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., where shoppers can register for a $250 gift card.

Saturday at 1 p.m. and again at 3 p.m., the J.C. Penney court also will host a back-to-school fashion show with fashions from retailers including Dillard's, A'Gaci, American Eagle, Charlotte Russe, Hot Topic, Old Navy, PacSun, Rebel Rose and Vanity.

A makeover event will be held in Center Court from 1 to 4 p.m., and shoppers can register to win a $250 gift card and a gift basket worth more than $500. Exhibits will feature products from Dillard's, MAC, Victoria's Secret, Ulta and more.

There also will be a putting contest today from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the J.C. Penney court, and participants can instantly win golf balls with the mall logo.

"I expect to see a lot of smiling faces this weekend, especially those winning gift cards," Church said.

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	166490	2136.64	-.95
KnghtCap	1285858	2.58	-4.36
BkofAm	1055608	7.18	-.04
SPDR Fncl	627562	14.48	-.11
SprintNex	622170	4.29	-.03

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GencoShip	3.00	+.91	+43.5
ElliotMac	24.83	+5.38	+27.7
CSVlnvNG	25.96	+4.79	+22.6
Cambrex	11.00	+1.99	+22.1
OfficeMax	4.99	+.73	+17.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KnghtCap	2.58	-4.36	-62.8
Aeropostl	13.08	-8.37	-32.8
CSVLgNGe	29.55	-8.67	-22.7
Rexnord n	15.81	-3.45	-17.9
SealAir	13.15	-2.85	-16.8

Diary

Advanced	1,138
Declined	1,883
Unchanged	124
Total issues	3,145
New Highs	102
New Lows	65
Volume	4,054,428,183

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	80688	3.93	-.06
NwGold g	42957	10.03	+.09
ChanjreaEn	39817	13.77	-.22
Vringo	30035	3.16	+.31
YM.Bio g	15257	1.86	-.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Vringo	3.16	+.31	+10.9
DeltaApri	13.49	+.84	+6.6
CnsTcm	26.90	+1.40	+5.5
Lannett	4.52	+.22	+5.1
ParaG&S	2.20	+.10	+4.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	5.50	-.50	-8.3
GranTrra g	4.33	-.24	-5.3
SynthBiol	2.15	-.12	-5.3
CCA Inds	4.44	-.24	-5.1
MGTCap rs	4.52	-.23	-4.8

Diary

Advanced	178
Declined	255
Unchanged	29
Total issues	462
New Highs	11
New Lows	9
Volume	66,026,856

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook n	546699	20.04	-.84
Cisco	466934	15.74	-.24
Microsoft	391045	28.19	-.22
PwShs QQQ	368994	64.38	-.23
Intel	339573	25.91	-.02

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmkaTh	15.11	+3.32	+28.2
GreenMtC	22.66	+4.75	+26.5
BlueSur	6.49	+1.35	+26.3
UtdOnln	5.20	+1.00	+23.8
Synchron	22.05	+4.03	+22.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Halozyme	4.30	-4.26	-49.8
Iridium un	8.65	-3.83	-30.7
AVEO Ph	9.75	-3.55	-26.7
Galectin un	5.00	-1.60	-24.2
Incyte	19.57	-5.35	-21.5

Diary

Advanced	1,025
Declined	1,416
Unchanged	120
Total issues	2,561
New Highs	24
New Lows	91
Volume	1,795,387,011

Stocks slump on European woes

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The European Central Bank on Thursday gamely promised to keep tackling the continent's debt crisis. But the markets wanted much more.

Stocks sank across the U.S. and Europe, the euro fell against the dollar and investors dumped bonds issued by the governments of Spain and Italy. Investors had been expecting more immediate action from the ECB Bank and were disappointed by the plan's lack of details, especially considering the ECB president's pledge last week to do "whatever it takes" to keep the euro intact.

A week later, investors' response was more like: "whatever."

It was the second day in a row that markets were disappointed by a lack of decisive action from a major central bank. On Wednesday, stocks closed lower after the Federal Reserve made only vague promises about its plans for trying to revive the U.S. economy.

"It's more jawboning; it's more copy and paste from last week," said Kenny Polcari, managing director of the brokerage ICAP.

"There was no definitive plan, and so all the hype and energy (Draghi) created last week is going to go down in flames today."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 92.18 points to 12,878.88. The Dow had been down as much as 192 shortly after noon.

Oil prices drop

The price of oil dropped 2 percent on Thursday after the head of the European Central Bank failed to take immediate action to prop up the weak eurozone economy.

Fuel demand in Europe has slackened, with six of the 17 nations that share the euro in recession

ECB President Mario Draghi said last week that he would do "whatever it takes" to save the euro. To many, that meant Draghi would move quickly to spark borrowing and spending in the European Union.

So far he hasn't delivered. In a speech on Thursday, Draghi suggested the ECB could buy bonds to lower borrowing costs for European countries. But he offered no specific measures. Draghi's counterpart in the U.S., Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, also declined to announce any new stimulus measures after a Fed policy meeting on Wednesday.

Benchmark U.S. crude lost $1.78 to end the day at $87.13 per barrel in New York.

Euro falls

The euro fell against the dollar Thursday after the head of the European Central Bank didn't offer any concrete new measures to help Europe's economy.

The euro fell to $1.2176 in late trading Thursday from $1.2233 late Wednesday.

The British pound fell to $1.5506 from $1.5552. The dollar rose to 0.9866 Swiss franc from 0.9821 Swiss franc and to 1.0076 Canadian dollar from 1.0042 Canadian dollar.

The dollar fell to 78.25 Japanese yen from 78.47 yen.

Gold for December delivery dropped $16.60 to finish at $1,590.70 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $11.69 Up 0.30

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $41.05 Down 0.72

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $86.64 Down 0.94

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $20.31 Down 1.37

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.94 Down 0.46

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.30 Up 0.20

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $14.24 Up 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	50	37.54	-.10	+24.1
Abraxas	...	12	2.34	-.12	-29.1
AdamsEx	.85e	...	10.89	-.06	+10.9
AMD	...	...	3.97	-.08	-26.5
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.12	-.04	-28.2
Alcoa	.12	30	8.18	-.25	-5.4
AlonUSA	.16	...	10.98	+.04	+28.1
AlphaNRs	...	...	6.66	-.23	-67.4
Amgen	1.44	17	81.94	-.76	+35.2
Anadarko	.36	...	66.22	-2.41	-13.2
Apache	.60	9	82.89	-4.26	-8.6
ApldMatl	.36	11	10.02		+2.0
ArcelorMit	.75	11	14.09	-1.86	-22.5
ArchCoal	.12	...	6.46	-.48	-55.3
ArenaPhm	...	...	7.75	+.29	+314.4
ATMOS	1.38	18	35.79	-.35	+7.3
AutoData	1.58	20	55.75	-.10	+3.2
BP PLC	1.92	5	39.95	-.20	-6.5
BabsOClnv	1.20	...	15.72	-.36	-12.6
BakrHu	.80	12	46.14	-.70	-5.1
BkofAm	.04	8	7.18	-.04	+29.1
Bar iPVix	...	...	13.03	-.31	-63.3
BasicEnSv	...	6	11.69	+.30	-40.7
BerkHa A	...	21	132090.00	-1110.00	+10.1
BerryPet	.32	...	39.79	-.92	-12.6
BillBarnGp	1.68	29	21.39	+.09	+7.1
BillBarn	1.36	18	32.59	-3.05	-7.6
BrownPA	1.40	22	39.79	-1.21	+13.3
BrownPF	1.40	26	92.16	-1.61	+14.5
CVS Care	.65	17	44.91	+.07	+10.1
Cameron	...	21	49.67	-.53	+1.0
Caterpillar	2.08f	9	83.12	+.47	-8.3
Celsetic g	...	7	7.25	-.09	-1.1
CntryLink	2.90	34	41.67	-.45	+12.0
ChesEng	.26	7	17.93	-.74	-19.6
Chevron	3.80	8	109.25	-1.25	+2.7
Chicos	.21	17	15.09	-.27	+35.5
Chimera	.44e	4	2.15	-.02	-14.3
Cimarex	.48	9	54.13	-2.66	-12.6
Cisco	.32	12	15.74	-.24	-12.7
Citigroup	.04	7	28.18	-.59	-.5
CloyEng	...	5	41.86	-.72	-46.6
CocaCola	2.04	21	78.75	-1.26	+14.0
ColgPal	2.48	21	105.37	-1.23	+14.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Comcast	.65	19	34.12	+.57	+43.9
ConAgra	.96	22	24.31	-.08	-7.9
ConchoRes	...	18	86.64	-.94	-7.6
ConocPhil	2.64	7	54.65	-.57	-1.6
CrackerB	1.60f	17	62.44	+.11	+23.9
CresTim	2.60e	13	37.95	-1.00	-22.3
DCP Mid	2.68f	25	43.69	-.40	-8.0
DTE	2.48f	16	60.94	-.21	+11.9
Dataram h	...	...	.65	+.01	-19.8
Dawson	...	13	20.31	+1.37	-48.6
Dell Inc	.32	7	11.47	-.32	-21.6
DevonE	.80	9	55.41	-1.85	-10.6
DirSCBear	...	...	19.78	+.20	-25.3
DirFnBear	...	...	22.80	+.35	-38.9
Disney	.90f	18	48.98	+.16	+30.6
DowChm	1.20f	19	29.08	-.23	+1.1
EOG Res	.68	20	96.12	-4.33	-2.4
EmpDist	1.00	16	21.15	-.04	+.3
Energen	.56	13	49.55	-2.16	-.9
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	43.53	-1.37	-5.1
EnPro	...	18	33.86	+.10	+1.8
EntPrPt	2.54f	20	52.95	-.70	+14.2
Ericsson	.35e	...	9.25	-.07	-8.7
ExtremeN	...	...	18.87	+.37	+66.6
ExxonMbl	2.28	11	85.89	+1.03	+1.3
Facebook n	...	...	20.04	-.84	-47.6
FstSolar	...	...	17.93	+3.13	-46.9
Fordm	.20	7	8.92	-.12	-17.1
ForestOil s	...	10	6.33	-.39	-53.3
FrontierCm	.40	28	4.41	+.07	-14.4
FrozenFd	...	...	1.58	-.02	+22.5
GATX	1.20	16	40.43	-.90	-7.4
GathMnrl	.80	...	7.16	...	+14.9
Gap	.50	20	33.17	+3.75	+78.8
GAInv	.50e	...	27.39	-.20	+9.7
GenElec	.68	17	20.82	-.21	+14.6
Genworth	...	8	4.12	-.36	-37.1
GileadSci	...	17	57.29	+3.66	+40.0
GtPlainEn	.86	19	21.88	-.15	+.9
GreenMtC	...	10	22.66	+4.75	-49.5
HalconR rs	...	...	6.92	+.66	-26.3
Hallibrtn	.36	10	32.86	-.55	-4.8
Heinz	2.08f	19	54.73	-.31	+1.3
HewlettP	.53	6	17.55	-.11	-31.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Hitachi	...	...	63.70	...	+22.2
iShEMkts	.82e	...	38.73	-.46	+2.1
iS Eafe	1.72e	...	49.31	-.70	-.4
iShR2K	1.23e	...	76.78	-.28	+4.1
IntegrysE	2.72	23	60.20	-.29	+11.1
Intel	.90f	11	25.91	-.02	+6.8
InterDig	.40	20	30.96	-.22	-28.9
ItauUnibH	.81e	...	15.25	-.35	-17.8
JPMorgCh	1.20	8	35.17	-.83	+5.8
JohnJn	2.44	22	68.45	-.93	+4.4
KimbClk	2.96	19	86.88	-.29	+18.1
KindME	4.92f	...	79.87	-.46	-6.0
KindMM	4.92f	...	75.52	-.93	-3.8
Kinross g	.16f	...	7.47	-.47	-34.5
KnghtCap	...	2	2.58	-4.36	-78.2
LegacyRes	2.24f	7	25.94	-.46	-8.1
Lubrix	...	25	6.36	+.06	+41.0
MGIC	...	...	.88	-1.57	-76.4
MGM Rsts	...	2	9.00	-.42	-13.7
McDnlds	2.80	17	89.59	+.16	-10.7
Merck	1.68	20	43.91	-.37	+16.5
MerltMed	...	26	13.45	-.01	+.5
MetLife	.74	9	31.70	+1.27	+1.7
MexcoEn	...	38	6.06	-.04	-13.4
MicronT	...	...	6.16	-.11	-2.1
Microsoft	.80	15	29.19	-.22	+12.4
MorgStan	.20	11	13.03	-.48	-13.9
Nabors	...	10	13.40	-.35	-22.7
NatGrid	3.11e	...	51.98	+.32	+7.2
NOilVarco	.48	13	72.74	-.96	+7.0
NewsCpA	.17m	16	23.14	+.13	+29.7
NokiaCp	.26e	...	2.27	-.11	-52.9
NvMAd	.91e	...	15.28	-.08	+4.1
NvPMI	.88	...	15.21	-.04	+2.7
NuvPI	.92	...	15.16	+.01	+4.8
NSTFI3	.98a	...	15.52	+.05	+8.5
NTXOI	.77	...	16.98	+.03	+3.9
OcclPet	2.16	11	85.65	-2.17	-8.6
Oracle	.24	15	29.92	-.40	+16.6
ParTech	...	16	5.12	+.01	+29.9
ParkDri	...	...	4.15	-.32	-42.1
PattUTI	.20	7	15.27	-.37	-23.6
PennaRE	.84	...	14.11	+.06	+35.2
Prmian	1.32e	13	18.12	-.08	-11.0
Petrobras	1.03e	...	19.71	-.26	-20.7

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Pfizer	.88	14	23.92	-.02	+10.5
PioNtrl	.08	29	92.00	-1.86	+2.8
PlainsAA	4.26f	17	85.98	-.12	+17.1
PwShs QQQ	.51e	...	64.38	-.23	+15.3
Praxair	2.20	18	103.07	-.91	-3.6
PrmEgy	...	10	27.58	+1.58	+22.1
PrUShS&P	...	...	15.41	+.23	-20.1
PrUVxST rs	...	...	6.94	-.33	-90.5
ProctGam	2.25	16	63.51	-.50	-4.8
RangeRs	.16	94	61.16	-2.40	-1.3
RegionsFn	.04	16	6.72	-.14	+56.3
RschMotn	...	3	6.95	-.17	-52.1
Rowan	...	33	34.84	-.86	+14.9
RoyDShllA	3.44	14	68.31	-.34	-6.5
SpdrDJIA	3.67e	...	128.54	-.91	+5.5
S&P500ETF	2.70e	...	136.64	-.95	+8.9
SabnR	4.02e	13	52.20	-.97	-17.2
SanderFm	.68	...	37.52	+.19	-25.2
SandRidge	...	24	6.58	-.27	-19.4
Saplent	.35e	19	9.66	-.05	-23.3
Schlmbrg	1.10	18	70.83	-.85	+3.7
SealAir	.52	20	13.15	-2.65	-23.6
SigmaAld	.80	18	68.23	-.81	+9.2
SiriusXM	...	15	2.11	-.04	+15.9
Smucker	2.08f	18	74.92	-.78	-4.2
SprintNex	...	...	4.29	-.03	+83.3

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SP Indls	.74e	...	35.39	-.18	+4.9
Sunocol s	1.71f	12	40.11	-.50	+1.8
Symantec	...	10	16.31	+.30	+4.2
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	13.87	-.01	+7.4
TelefEsp	...	...	10.70	-.66	-37.8
Tesoro	.48	9	31.79	+3.98	+36.1
3M Co	2.36	15	90.08	-1.12	+10.2
TimeWarn	1.04	15	40.67	+1.07	+12.5
Torchmark	.60	10	50.39	+.74	+16.1
TriContl	.41e	...	15.61	-.08	+9.7
TylerTech	...	43	38.24	+.24	+27.0
UBWV	1.24	14	22.75	-.18	-19.5
US NGs rs	...	...	20.00	-1.64	-22.6
ValeroE	.70f	7	27.30	+.15	+29.7
VangEmg	.91e	...	39.58	-.56	+3.6
VulcanM	.04	...	36.90	-.57	-6.2
Walgrn	1.10f	12	35.75	-.52	+8.1
WellsFargo	.88	11	33.34	-.56	+21.0
WstnRefin	.32f	15	24.04	+.78	+80.9
WhitingPet	...	8	39.21	-1.35	-16.0
WmsCos	1.25f	19	30.93	-.92	+14.7
XcelEngy	1.08f	17	28.95	-.29	+4.7
Xerox	.17	7	6.65	-.14	-16.5
Zynga n	...	...	2.70	-.11	-71.3

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13,338.66	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,878.88	-92.18	-.71	+5.41	+13.13
5,390.11	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	4,984.15	-2.61	-.05	-.71	+5.78
499.82	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	485.60	-3.49	-.71	+4.50	+18.26
8,327.67	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,765.60	-75.75	-.97	+3.86	+4.54
2,498.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,390.63	+3.96	+.17	+4.93	+6.42
3,134.17	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,909.77	-10.44	-.36	+11.69	+13.82
1,422.38	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,365.00	-10.14	-.74	+8.54	+13.74
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	14,200.18	-98.76	-.69	+7.66	+12.01
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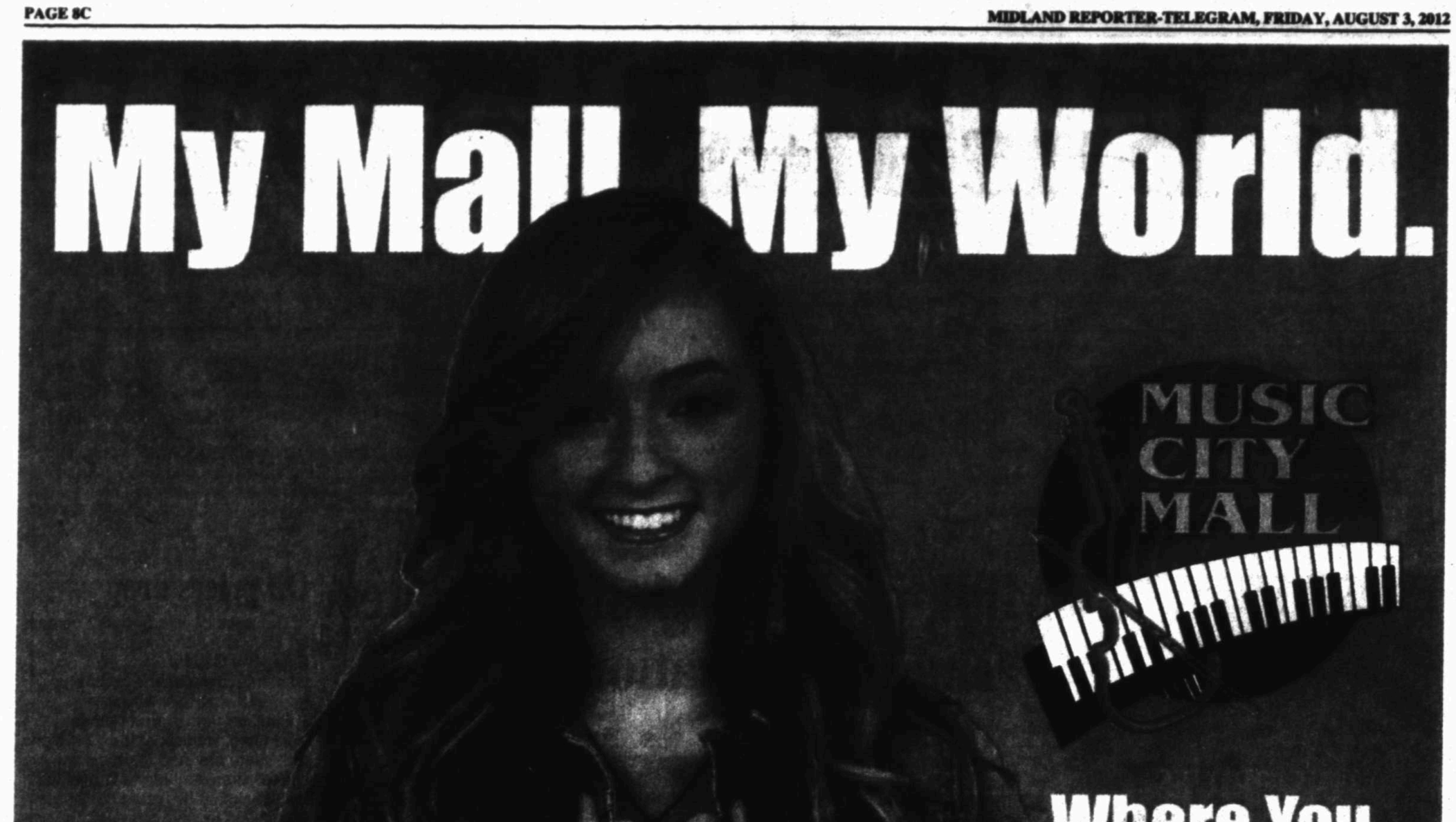

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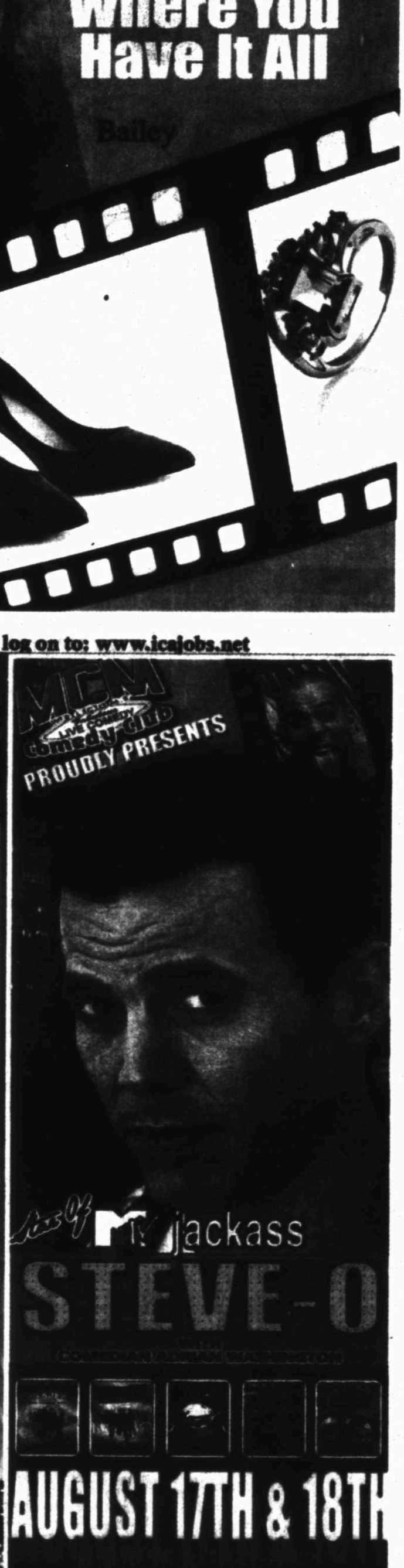

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The previously published notice of a public hearing by the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, HAS BEEN CANCELED for 10:36 a.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2012, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Cuthbert Plaza, LLC for a approval of zone change on the following described property: On 6.774-acres out of Tracts F & G, Johnson and Moran Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the south side of Cuthbert Avenue, approximately 300 feet west of Andrews Highway.)

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Request for Proposals will be received until 11:00 AM, September 12, 2012, in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 5246-12: Request for Proposals for P25 800 Mhz Simulcast Trunked Land Mobile Radio System (LMR).

The RFPs will be available on or about 07/25/12. To receive a copy of the RFP you must submit a written request to the City of Midland Purchasing Manager, P. O. Box 1152, Midland, TX 79702 or 432-685-0523 (fax) or purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 09/12/12 at 11:00 AM to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

City of Midland, Texas

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF IVA ELIZABETH STANLEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Iva Elizabeth Stanley, Deceased, were issued to Gayla Sue Wigley, Independent Executrix on July 19, 2012, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Iva Elizabeth Stanley, deceased," No. P-17112 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 Wesley B. Strain, 400 West Illinois, Suite 1120, Midland, Texas 79701 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.

Gayla Sue Wigley
Independent Executrix of the Estate of
Iva Elizabeth Stanley, deceased, No. P-17112 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

High Roller Wells, LLC. 1008 Southview Circle, Center TX 75935 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a Commercial Disposal Well Permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil & gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil & gas waste into the San Andres Formations, Highroller Glasscock SWD #1 Lease, well number 1. The proposed injection well is located 11 miles Southwest of Garden City, Texas in the Bodine "19" Field, in Glasscock County. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3000 to 5800 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from any person who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas, 78711. (Telephone 512-463-6792)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of YVONNE DAVIS, Deceased, were issued on August 1, 2012, in Cause No. P16095, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Clifford Wayne Davis, Stephen Craig Davis and Tommy Coy Davis.

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 HARPER ESTES
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 1st day of August, 2012.

/s/ HARPER ESTES
Attorney for Clifford Wayne Davis, Stephen Craig Davis and Tommy Coy Davis
State Bar No. 00000083
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Midland, TX 79701
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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0277254
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 12, 2012 — Status/Permit No.743612
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 16, 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 land 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 16, 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 :	JACK GARNER	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	6	
Lease/Unit Acres :	320.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	660.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1319.0	
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 1 additional field: (1) DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

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

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) 9693935.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0277275
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 13, 2012 — Status/Permit No.743658
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 17, 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

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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. THROCKMORTON CSL Survey, A-543, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 18.6 miles NW direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, 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 17, 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 :	XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	2027	
Lease/Unit Acres :	17433.41	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	883.0	
Lease Lines :	12872.0 F North L.	467.0 F West L
Survey Lines :	1200.0 F South L.	467.0 F West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special rules 467/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11350 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 9693935.

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., August 15, 2012 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #5298-13	20,000 gal	Polymer
Bid #5291-13	4,400 gal	Polymer for dewatering
Bid #5292-13	7,500 gal	Earthtec or equal
Bid #5302-13	200,000 lbs	Liquid Anhydrous Ammonia
Bid #5293-13	10,000 lbs	Potassium Permanganate
Bid #5301-13	1,500 ton	Aluminum Sulfate
Bid #5295-13	512,000 lbs	Chlorine
Bid #5295-13	40 each 150 lb cylinders	Chlorine
	14,000 lbs 1 ton cylinders	
Bid #5295-13	50,000 lbs	Chlorine
Bid #5294-13	600 lbs	3" Accu-tab SI Calcium hypochlorite tablets

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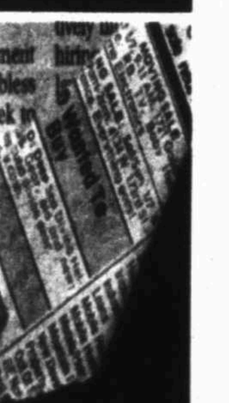
Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas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P.O. Box 1659,
Midland, TX. 79702
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BC Operating, Inc. is looking for a Production Analyst to make positive contributions to our team. This opportunity is for an individual with at least 5 years related experience who has a strong organizational aptitude, an acute attention to detail, and a great work ethic. Some of the duties include coordinating electronic daily production data entry into FieldDirect, compiling monthly production allocations and reports for state agencies, and filing monthly production taxes. The Production Analyst will be expected to distribute monthly well test sheets; and train field staff to use the FieldDirect production reporting software.

A clean driving record and high school diploma or equivalent are required. Full benefits package includes major medical, prescription drug, dental, life insurance, and top wage for experienced individuals. 401K matched 5% beginning on your 6 month anniversary, and 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a resume to Jason Wacker via e-mail, JWacker @BCOperating.com.

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Odessa, TX 79763
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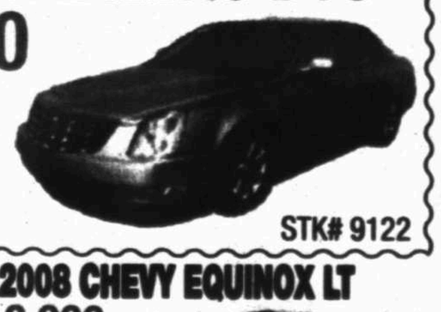

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1611 N. Weatherford, Fri - Sun 8am-6pm. AM/FM radio with 2 speakers, lawn chairs, curtains, bedspreads, sheets, ladies dresses, blouses & skirts, shoes, purses & lots of miscellaneous.

2203 PRINCETON - Sat. Only. 7am-11am. Desk, lady's golf clubs, scuba set, household decor, christmas decor, office equipment, women and boy's clothing, books & misc. items. Everything must go!

606 E Cowden. Friday from 8am-? Baby boy's clothes, purses, men and women clothes, boy's kids clothes and lot's of miscellaneous.

79703

2304 LOCKHEED Dr. Friday & Saturday 8am- 2pm. No early birds! Huge sale. Women's clothing & shoes, almost new teen clothing, accessories & shoes, Lee Freshman girls uniforms, home decor, lots of miscellaneous.

2401 LOCKHEED, Thurs. 9-2 & Fri. 8:30-12. School uniforms, king comforter. Too much to list.

2413 STOREY Ave. off Garfield Thurs. & Fri. 8:00am-1:00pm. Mix- Master, pictures, dishes, lots of records, furniture, Coca Cola collectables, Tierra glass, clothes & much more.

3007 SENTINEL Friday & Saturday, 9am-4pm. Jacuzzi tub, lots of Furniture, 4 piece bedroom set, lots of size 5 women shoes, wedding dress, size 12-14, large dolls, bird cages and birds and lots of miscellaneous.

3102 TRAVIS AVE. (behind Midtown Hotel on Wall St.) Saturday 8am-2pm. Women's, mens & junior girl clothes. Girl clothes 12-18 mths. Small furniture, baby bouncer, Graco play yard & car seat/stroller combo.

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79793

3106 DOUGLAS, Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday 10am-2pm everything 1/2 price. 4-Family Sale! Furniture, dishes, housewares, artwork, designer clothes, wranglers, too much to list.

3307 Princeton Ave., Sat. 7am-? Furniture, knick knacks, clothing & miscellaneous.

3512 W OHIO Thurs-Sat 7:30am - 1pm. Variety of clothing to kitchen ware, household items.

3613 STOREY Friday and Saturday 7am-7. Desk, decorative items, bedding and much more.

3705 AVONDALE Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7am-7 on all days. Two Family Sale! Lots of misc.

3805 W Kansas Friday & Saturday 8am-12pm on both days. Baby items, clothes, queen bedroom set & other furniture.

5008 THOMASON - Saturday 7am-? Multi-Family Yard Sale! Misc. items, TV's, furniture, appliances, clothing, shoes, books, CD's & movies.

4409 WILSHIRE Saturday only! 8am-2pm. 2 small TV's, table with 4 chairs, 2 piece computer cabinet, queen headboard, lift chair, baby clothes, mens jeans & shirts & misc. Harley Davidson 1200, 383 Sportster, teal green customized has lots of extras.

4701 COUNTRY Club Dr. Saturday 8am-12pm. Power washer, mower, stove, small dun cabinet & lots misc.

4711 BOWIE Drive- Saturday Only! 7am-3pm. Baby clothes & baby accessories, Comforter sets, antique buffet, sofa table, chair, antique curio cabinet, books, lots of jeans, lady's and mens's clothes.

79705

1104 E Dormard Thursday, Friday & Saturday. 8am-? Yard sale, Lots of furniture, household items, TV's, picture frames & lots of miscellaneous.

117 BLACKBERRY Ct. Saturday 8am-? Furniture, baby clothes & lots of miscellaneous.

1310 BRIGHTON PL. (Thru alley) Sat. Only! 7am-2pm. Little girl's clothes, baby clothes and items, Jr High boys pants and shirts. Men's and women's clothes, shoes, home wall decor and other misc items.

2201 NORTH D St., Friday & Saturday 8-1. Three family garage sale, tools, work bench, building materials, tile, furniture, Ford F250 truck, toys & cabinets.

3 FAMILY Garage Sale 2828 Maxwell St. Friday and Saturday from 7-12pm. Furniture, boys clothes, glassware, air purifiers, gas heater, and lots of miscellaneous.

2306 W. Dengar - Saturday 7am-1pm. Kid's bike, baby crib & matching dresser, exercise equipment, antique record player console, tool boxes, Christmas decorations and much, much more.

2808 SPARTAN, Friday and Saturday from 8am. Multi-family garage sale, porcelain oil and gas lease sign, arrowheads, tools, antiques, name brand clothing for all, baby items, toys, home decor, small furniture.

2804 METZ Dr. (in the backyard) Friday & Saturday 8am-? Lots of clothes, furniture & lots of miscellaneous.

2905 CHELSEA Place (North of Midkiff Rd to Mockingbird) Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday 8am-2pm. Men, women, children's clothes. Front load washer and drier, Christmas tree and decor and other miscellaneous things. CASH ONLY.

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3217 APPERSON DR. Saturday Only! 6:30am-12pm. Moving Sale! Furniture, teaching tools (Pre-K and K workbooks, borders, cut outs, themes, etc.) Great Shape! Other home items as well. No Early Birds!

3713 IRVIN Dr. Friday 8am-1pm. (3 blocks past Fairgrounds off N.W. Loop 250). Too much stuff! Lots of clothes, " Polo, Tom's, Miss Me, Aeropostale, etc. ", household, holiday, furniture, fixtures & lots of misc.

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4903 CANTERBURY Dr. (Polo Park Sub) Friday 8am-4pm and Saturday 9am-3pm. Kitchen chairs, chaise, area rugs, radial arm saw, kitchen items, misc items, antiques, bicycles.

4908 WHITMAN Dr., Saturday 8am-? Huge 3 family garage sale, bookshelves, tables, home decor & lots of boy & girl kids clothes. Must see!

79706

10606 E County Rd 109 (in Greenwood) Saturday 8am-12pm King size mattress & box springs, variety of clothing, dishes and other kitchen stuff, decorative items, bicycles, PS2 games & much more.

10702 EAST County Road 105, behind school in Greenwood. Early bird sales Friday evening. Saturday 8am-? Multi-family sale, furniture items, miscellaneous and Goldendoodle puppies.

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5608 EAST County Rd 97. Stoneridge Sub. Saturday 8:30-1pm. No Early Birds. Furniture, rustic entertainment center, general household items, fertilizer spreader, some yard equipment & miscellaneous.

79707

3317 CIMMARON Friday & Sat. 8am-12pm. Desk, office chair, rugs, grill, chairs, sport chairs, bedding, house wares, men, women & teen shoes & clothes, and lots of misc.

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3610 Shell Ave., Friday 8am-12pm, like new baby to toddler girl clothes, queen waterbed, different sized sheets & women's golf clubs.

3710 NCR 1247 Saturday 7am-? 12- 24 Month boys clothes, 6-8 girls clothes, some furniture, knick knacks & lots of miscellaneous.

3811 TUMBLEWEED Trail (building behind the house) Saturday 7am-3pm. Huge Moving Sale! Pool table, lawnmower, kitchen island, furniture. Too much to mention!

4313 BOULDER Dr. Saturday 7am-12pm. Baby items, women's and baby clothing (both boy and girl), home decor & Christmas decorations.

4403 FAIRBANKS Dr. Saturday only! 8am-1pm. Furniture, clothes & misc.

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★ 4602 ISLAND Dr. (North Greentree) Friday & Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm. Linens, kitchen misc, golf clubs, pillows, ladies clothes, small and medium & collectibles.

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5210 CASTLE Pine Rd. Friday & Saturday 8am-2pm on both days. Tons of baby items, clothing, dining room table with 6 chairs, elliptical, twin size bed, various household items.

5212 SAN Antonio Ave. Saturday 7am-12pm Multi-party garage sale: Misc. men's, women's and children's clothing, misc household items & decor, baker's rack entertainment/media centers, end tables, full size girl's bedding, television, dryer, kitchen table, propane grill and much more.

5520 CYPRESS Crt. Saturday only 8am-12pm. Misc. household, bikes, kitchen ware, stackable washer and dryer, jr. clothing, bedding & more.

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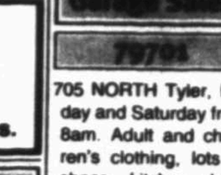

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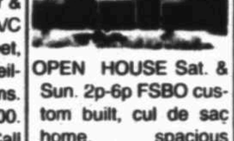

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