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Clearwater Ranch may provide more water

Clearwater located next to T-Bar; water from both to use same pipeline

By Joseph Basco
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Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 has signed on to deliver another more long-term water source to the city of Midland.

On Wednesday, district officials authorized an agreement with the city of Midland for the development of Clearwater Ranch, a water source in the same county as T-Bar Ranch.

Clearwater Ranch, 18 miles away from the T-Bar Ranch pipeline in Winkler County, has 110,000 acre-feet of water that could provide 20-25 additional years of water for the city. T-Bar Ranch has been estimated to yield a 40-year supply.

Jose Cuevas, president of the water district, said using the same pipeline will save the district millions of dollars in the long run. Compared to the nearly $200 million T-Bar project, Clearwater will cost $25 million.

"Now we have a lot of breathing room to really look at the big picture and see where we're at rather than being in a pressure cooker and having to make quick decisions," Cuevas said, comparing the two projects.

Just like with the T-Bar project, the district and the city will have an agreement to have water delivered by a certain time frame. The district is expected to begin delivering Clearwater water within a 12-month limit, beginning on July 31. Jay Edwards, general manager of the district, said during the district meeting that construction may begin Jan. 1, 2014 with a completion date of May 31, 2014.

But unlike the T-Bar project, the district will not advertise for bids for a contractor. Instead, the district will request proposals and select a contractor based on qualifications, as discussed during the meeting.

Companies currently involved with the Clearwater Ranch project

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Water district wins second award for T-Bar project

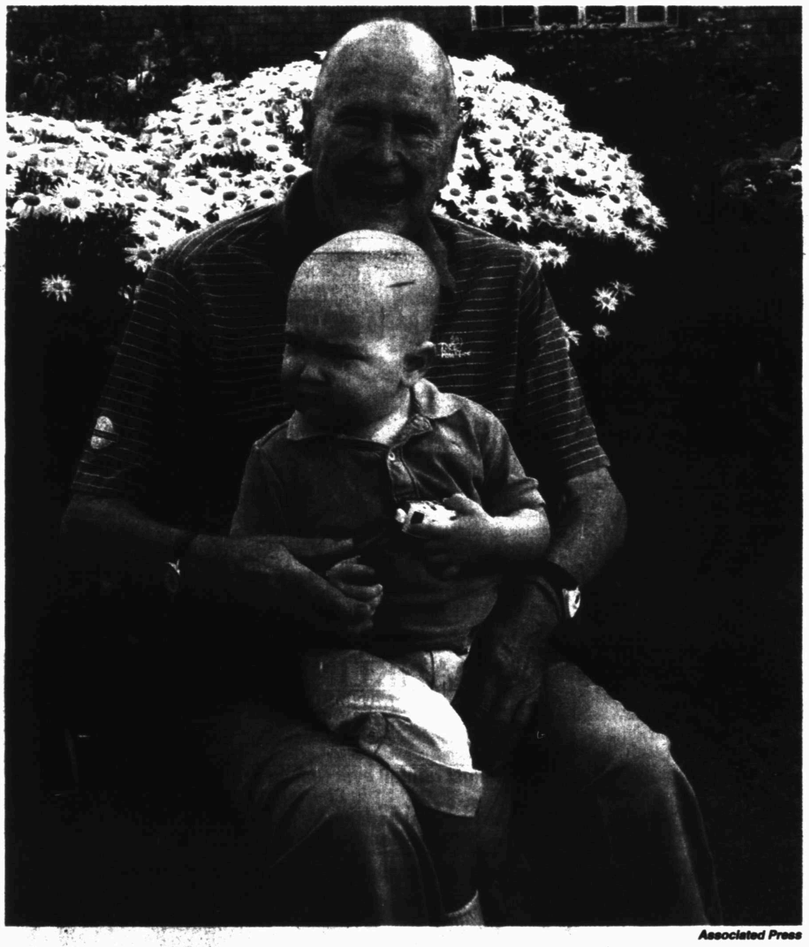
Edwards also announced during the meeting that the T-Bar Ranch water project won another national award.

The project was one of seven across the country that won The Design Build Institute of America (DBIA) National Merit Award for 2013. Cuevas will attend the DBIA National Conference in Las Vegas in November to represent the district.

The project was chosen based on close coordination between design and construction teams from the design phase through the field construction phase, according to Cuevas.

"Kudos to the team," Cuevas said. "This has been a team effort since day one. It just shows how well the team worked together and the city of Midland ought to be proud of all the efforts everyone put into it."

Bush goes bald



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This photo taken Wednesday provided by the office of George Bush shows former President George H.W. Bush with Patrick (last name withheld at family's request), 2, in Kennebunkport, Maine. Bush this week joined members of his Secret Service detail in shaving his head to show solidarity for Patrick, who is the son of one of the agents.

Elder Bush shaves head for young cancer patient

From staff reports

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — President George H.W. Bush this week joined members of his Secret Service detail in shaving his head to show his support for the 2-year-old son of a detail member who is being treated for leukemia and started losing his hair, according to a press release.

The 89 year-old former commander-in-chief took the unusual step after learning, and seeing, that many members of his security detail already had gone under the razor to show their support for young Patrick, whose father, Jon, is a member of the Bush Protective Division. (The family has requested that their last name not be used.)

Division members also have launched a website at www.patrickspals.org to assist with Patrick's medical bills, and organized the Inaugural Patrick's Pals Motorcycle Benefit Run, planned for Aug. 10 in Kennebunkport. The benefit is a 50-mile motorcycle ride through the Maine countryside followed by a lunch and silent auction to raise funds for the boy's treatments.

Once President and Mrs. Bush learned of "Patrick's Pals" effort, they made a donation, and President Bush volunteered to shave his head as well. The Bushes lost their second child, Robin, 4, to leukemia 60 years ago this October.

USPS to get results of Midland facility study by late August

By Joseph Basco
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The U.S. Postal Service is still conducting its study that will help determine if the Midland Processing and Distribution Facility should be shut down as a means to recover financially.

More changes

There are also changes set to happen to the USPS on a national level.

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The study is expected to produce preliminary results by the end of August. If the results justify the facility's closure, then the Postal Service will hold a community meeting at the end of August as well, according to Sam Bolen, USPS spokesman for the Texas region.

With declining mail volume and declining profits, the Postal Service has been attempting to find ways to cut back on operations. In May, the Postal Service

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Developers plan upscale hotel downtown

By Joseph Basco
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A developer announced Wednesday afternoon his intent to bring a high-end hotel to Midland's downtown district, with a grand opening scheduled for winter 2014.

To see more

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Hotel Fuel, a 142-unit boutique-style hotel, will take over the vacant Western United Life Building at 301 W. Texas Ave. It will include a restaurant, bar, fitness center, several meeting and board rooms.

Hotel developer Sagar Kumar will provide parking for the hotel. He plans to donate to the city the Building of the Southwest, which he owns and is west of the hotel site. The city will demolish the building and the site will become parking

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This film publicity image released by Universal Pictures shows Jeff Bridges, left, and Ryan Reynolds in a scene from "R.I.P.D."

Analysis: A volatile summer for Hollywood

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On and off screen, it's been a bruising summer for Hollywood.

Every weekend, the multiplex has been under siege like it has rarely been before. One after another, they have come: Big-budget, globe-trotting blockbusters backed, like goliaths with air support, by marketing budgets in the hundreds of millions.

As the studios have focused increasingly on the fortunes of monster-sized "tentpoles," as they're known in the trade, weekend real-estate in the summer months has become precious, fraught territory. In the season's packed schedule, there's little breathing room for the blockbusters: They need to open big, right away.

Some of these films have succeeded. Some have flopped. But more than most summers, the content of this year's seasonal crop of spectacles has felt like a pummeling, leaving both moviegoers and some in the industry dazed from the onslaught.

Zombies swarmed over much of the planet in "World War Z." Sea monsters rose from the ocean and battled giant robots in "Pacific Rim." Superman's Metropolis was haphazardly laid to rubble in "Man of Steel." For the third time, Roland Emmerich destroyed 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in "White House Down." A fiery Rapture engulfed "This Is the End."

Studio balance sheets have been hardly less volatile.

The latest bomb came over the weekend with "R.I.P.D.," in which Jeff Bridges and Ryan Reynolds star as ghost cops. The poorly reviewed Universal film opened with just $12.7 million, suggesting it won't come close to recouping its $130 million-plus price tag. The failure was all the more pronounced because of the robust opening ($41.5 million) for Warner Bros.' "The Conjuring," an old-fashioned horror film made for under $20 million.

It's become a recurring theme of summer 2013: Non-sequel, big-budget films have struggled to find audiences. Most striking was Gore Verbinski's "The Lone Ranger," which Disney had hoped would ignite the same interest as the "Pirates of the Caribbean" series that also teamed Verbinski with Johnny Depp.

But although "The Lone Ranger" was an admirable attempt to update the Western, the film's imbalanced tone fell extremely flat with moviegoers. Made for some $215 million, it has earned $81.3 million domestically in three weeks.

Also underperforming, to the tune of tens of millions of dollars, has been:

■ "White House Down" ($68.5 million domestically in four weeks, despite its silly popcorn fun and Channing Tatum's rising star).

■ "After Earth" ($60 million domestically in eight weeks, despite Will Smith's steady history as a box-office draw).

■ Guillermo del Toro's "Pacific Rim" ($68.2 million domestic, despite its well-crafted pop sensibility). Launched with franchise aspirations, "Pacific Rim" may end up in a better situation, since it has quickly made $110.3 million overseas.

So what IS working? Many of Hollywood's classic genre standbys:

■ Low-budget horror ("The Conjuring," "The Purge").

■ Animated family films ("Monsters University," "Despicable Me 2").

■ Some A-list star vehicles (Robert Downey Jr. in "Iron Man 3," Brad Pitt in "World War Z," Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy in "The Heat"). Of course, Reynolds, Smith and Tatum would be the exceptions here.

But when Hollywood puts its eggs in fewer baskets, the risks — along with the rewards — grow. In June, even Steven Spielberg, the father of the modern blockbuster, bemoaned the business' swelling trajectory.

"There's going to be an implosion where three or four or maybe even a half-dozen mega-budget movies are going to go crashing into the ground, and that's going to change the paradigm," Spielberg said at an industry gathering.

His comments reverberated because of their source: If even Spielberg is giving up, what hope does anyone else have?

Certainly, Hollywood — a perpetually fickle industry built on the rare megahits — has often been a victim to over-the-top "the-sky-is-falling" worries. The box office to date is, after all, up 12 percent from last year. This year's movies followed one of the more robust Oscar seasons in years, one that saw a slate of both lucrative and acclaimed best-picture nominees that together totaled more than $1 billion in box office.

But the movies are undergoing yet another period of transformation. With the increasing appeal of cable and digital entertainment, and the bottoming-out of the home video market, Hollywood has tried to lure moviegoers with bigger (and more expensive) 3-D extravaganzas.

As usual, there's rebellion in the works from filmmakers who feel marginalized by the studios' shrinking purview. Spike Lee on Monday announced that he would seek financing for his next feature film through the online crowdsourcing site Kickstarter.

"Super Heroes, Comic Books, 3-D Special EFX, Blowing up the Planet Nine Times and Fly through the Air while Transforming is not my Thang," wrote Lee on his film page, where he's asking for $1.5 million. "To me it's not just that these Films are being made but it seems like these are the only films getting made."

Some filmmakers, most notably Steven Soderbergh, have fled to cable television, a medium that in some cases offers more creative freedom. Soderbergh earlier this year released his $23 million Liberace biopic, "Behind the Candelabra," on HBO. He has quit Hollywood for now and is prepping the 10-episode series "The Knick," starring Clive Owen, for Cinemax.

Yet, there's plenty for Hollywood to be proud of right now. The summer's smaller counter-programming has included Ryan Coogler's devastating debut, "Fruitvale Station"; Richard Linklater's serial romance "Before Midnight"; an acclaimed rendition of Shakespeare from Joss Whedon ("Much Ado About Nothing"); and possibly the best Woody Allen film in a decade ("Blue Jasmine").

The summer isn't over yet. If audiences have any stamina left, there are several big action films coming before Labor Day, including Hugh Jackman's "X-Men" spinoff "The Wolverine"; the cop thriller "2 Guns," with Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg; and Neill Blomkamp's sci-fi epic "Elysium." Blomkamp, whose latest film cost $115 million to make, broke out with the $34-million sci-fi smash "District 9."

That and the recent success of "The Conjuring," "Monsters University" and "The Heat" show that sometimes a movie doesn't need to cost $200 million-plus, run 2 ½ hours or put the fate of the world in peril. Thankfully, human-sized tales with a little wit or a bit of fright still get the job done.

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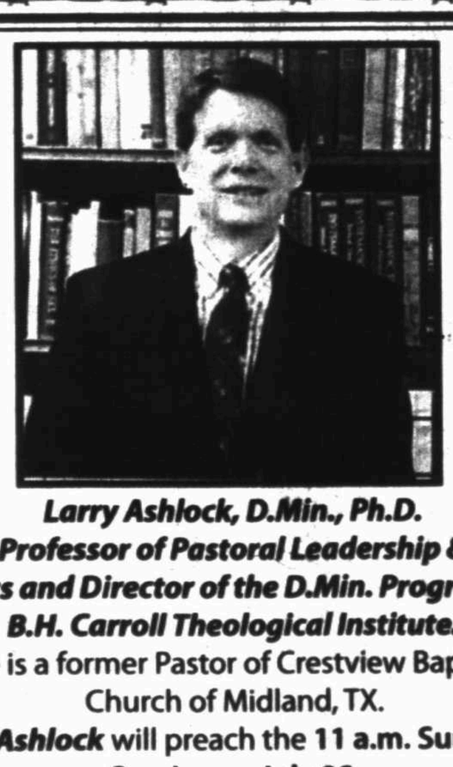

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Ford 2Q shines as North America, Asia lead the way

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DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. is finally becoming the well-rounded company it aspires to be.

Almost bankrupt last decade because it relied too heavily on selling big trucks and SUVs in North America, the second-largest U.S. automaker is now making small and midsize cars at a profit and selling them across the globe.

Ford's Asian operations earned a record quarterly profit of $117 million in the three months ended June 30, and 20 percent of Ford's sales came from the region. That's up from 11 percent five years ago. Sales also grew in South America, where second-quarter profit jumped to $151 million from $5 million a year ago. Ford even narrowed its losses in recession-weary Europe.

"I call it a green shoot. We're at the beginning of the phase where you'll start to see — over the next several years — the operations outside of North America take on a lot more significance," Ford's Chief Financial Officer Bob Shanks told media Wednesday at the company's Dearborn, Mich., headquarters. "You're starting to see what's possible."

North America still contributed the bulk of Ford's net income, which grew 18.5 percent to $1.23 billion in the April-June period. But Shanks noted that the rest of Ford's global regions broke even for the first time in two years, clawing their way back from a $600 million loss in the first quarter.

Ford handily beat Wall Street's earnings and revenue forecasts and raised its profit guidance for the year. The company now expects 2013 profit, before taxes, to be equal to or better than the $8 billion it reported a year ago. Previously the company had expected to match that profit. Ford also expects sales in the U.S., Europe and China to be at the upper end of its previous forecasts.

Ford's stock rose 2.5 percent to close at $17.37 Wednesday, its highest close since Jan. 27, 2011.

The company's results were propelled by a $2.3 billion profit in North America, a second-quarter record for that region.

Pickup sales are booming in the U.S., where construction companies and other businesses are rapidly replacing the fleets they held onto during the recession. Sales of Ford's F-Series pickup — which has long been the best-selling vehicle in the U.S. — jumped 26 percent in the second quarter, or more than three times the average industry increase.

Ford's total U.S. sales rose 15 percent during the quarter, according to Kelley Blue Book.

Bill Selesky, an analyst with Argus Research in New York, said Ford is attracting new buyers worldwide with the strongest lineup it's ever had. In the U.S., Ford set a quarterly record for hybrid sales thanks to its new C-Max, and the company has said that more than 60 percent of its U.S. hybrid buyers are trading in other brands. In South America, the Ranger small pickup helped revive sales and gain market share despite social unrest in Brazil. In Europe, the tiny Fiesta and B-Max helped Ford's sales increase 6 percent in June even as the rest of the industry declined.

"If things get better in Europe, all the geographic areas will be making a contribution," Selesky said. "You're going to see a lot of revenue going forward, and that's what Wall Street wants to see."

Selesky has a price target of $21 on Ford's stock. He said he might raise it after Wednesday's report.

Barclays analyst Brian Johnson said the second-quarter results should reassure investors concerned about international losses biting into North American profits.

"The results provide some comfort that breakeven in Europe is achievable and South American losses will be contained," he wrote.

Ford narrowed its expected loss for the year in Europe, to $1.8 billion from $2 billion. The company has said it expects to break even in Europe in 2015.

Delivery changes eyed for Postal Service

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans for generations have come to depend on door-to-door mail delivery. It's about as American as apple pie.

But with the Postal Service facing billions of dollars in annual losses, the delivery service could be virtually phased out by 2022 under a proposal a House panel was considering Wednesday. Curbside delivery, which includes deliveries to mailboxes at the end of driveways, and cluster box delivery would replace letter carriers slipping mail into front-door boxes.

The proposal is part of broader legislation by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, designed to cut costs at the cash-strapped agency by up to $4.5 billion a year. The Postal Service had a $16 billion loss last year.

The agency has been moving toward curbside and cluster box delivery in new residential developments since the 1970s. The Postal Service in April began deciding whether to provide such delivery for people moving into newly built homes rather than letting the developers decide.

"A balanced approach to saving the Postal Service means allowing USPS to adapt to America's changing use of mail," Issa said. "Done right, these reforms can improve the customer experience through a more efficient Postal Service."

About one in three mail customers has door-to-door delivery, Issa said. The shift would include safe and secure cluster box delivery areas, he said, especially for elderly customers who receive Social Security checks and prescriptions through the mail.

About 30 million residential addresses receive delivery to boxes at the door or a mail slot. Another 87 million residential addresses receive curbside or cluster box delivery.

The cost differences are clear. Curbside delivery costs average $224 per year for each address, while cluster box delivery averages $160. Door-to-door delivery costs the agency about $350 per year, on average.

Sue Brennan, a Postal Service spokeswoman, said, "While converting delivery away from the door to curb or centralized delivery would allow the Postal Service to deliver mail to more addresses in less time, doing so is not included in our five-year plan."

Brennan said the agency's five-year plan does call for shifting 20 percent of business address deliveries from door-to-door to curbside and cluster box delivery through 2016.

Rep. Steve Lynch, D-Mass., said the plan to move some 30 million residential addresses from to-the-door to curbside and cluster box service would be virtually impossible in dense urban areas such as his hometown of South Boston crowded with triple-deckers — three apartments stacked on top of each other.

"You'd have to knock houses down in my neighborhood to build cluster boxes," Lynch said. "This will not work."

"Look, there's no availability for cluster boxes in many communities around the country," Lynch said.

Issa's plan allows for people with physical hardships to get waivers allowing them to keep door delivery. There's also a provision giving people the option to keep door delivery by paying a special fee to cover the additional cost.

Issa's bill also allows the Postal Service to take into account factors such as poverty rates and population density in deciding which areas would be allowed to keep door delivery.

The financially beleaguered Postal Service, an independent agency, gets no tax dollars for its day-to-day operations, but is subject to congressional control.

The Postal Service is pursuing a major restructuring throughout its retail, delivery and mail processing operations. Since 2006, it has reduced annual costs by about $15 billion, cut its workforce by 193,000 or 28 percent, and consolidated more than 200 mail-processing locations.

The service's losses are largely due to a decline in mail volume and a congressional requirement that it make advance payments to cover expected health care costs for future retirees. About $11.1 billion of last year's losses were due to payments for future retiree health costs.

The volume of mail handled by the Postal Service has decreased steadily as the popularity of email, Facebook and other electronic services has grown. Total mail volume handled by the agency fell to 160 billion pieces last year from its all-time high, 213.1 billion in 2006. Revenue fell to $65.2 billion last budget year, from a high of $74.9 billion in 2008.

The Postal Service is considering several options to fix its finances, including negotiations with unions to reduce labor costs and another possible increase in prices.

The service earlier this year backpedaled on its plan to end Saturday mail delivery after running into opposition in Congress. It has tried repeatedly and unsuccessfully over the past several years to persuade Congress to approve ending Saturday mail delivery and to free the service from the advance health payments.

The Senate last year passed a bill that would have stopped the Postal Service from eliminating Saturday service for at least two years and required it to try two years of aggressive cost cutting instead. The House didn't pass a bill.

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Things to do

■ Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Baily Circus at the Ector County Coliseum. Showtime: 7:30 p.m. An all-access pre-show ┴ included with price of admission — begins one hour before showtime and allows audience members time to visit with performers, see the animals, get autographs and try on costumes.

■ Parents' Night Out, 6-8 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Info: Indoor and outdoor activities for children ages 7-10. Call 685-7355.

■ Movie, "Jaws," Doug Russell Pool 9 p.m. Midland Parks and Recreation is host free outdoor movie nights at local parks and pools. (Bring swimsuit and flotation devices.) Those attending should bring chairs or sleeping bags. Children 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8643

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

Opening Friday at Regal Tall City Stadium 14 : "Wolverine," "Wolverine 3D" and "Fruitvale Station"

Closing: "Despicable Me 2 3D" "Pacific Rim 3D" "White House Down" and "Man of Steel"

Opening at Big Sky Drive-in: "Wolverine"

Closing: "The Lone Ranger"

See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

The Reporter–Telegram on radio

■ Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

Community Calendar

■ A free class on pre-diabetes "Small Steps, Big Rewards" will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at the Midland County Public Library's Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. It is hosted by Midland Memorial Hospital's Diabetes and Nutrition Learning Center. For more information, call 221-3045.

■ Representatives from Midland Teen Court will be at the Midland RockHounds game today to sell $5 raffle tickets for an Apple iPad.

Tickets will also be sold at the Teen Court office, located inside the Midland ISD administration building, 615 W Missouri, room No. 226 or by calling 689-1065.

The raffle will be held Aug. 15

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 0-1-2
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Daily 4 day: 7-5-9-3
Daily 4 night: 2-6-2-7
Cash Five: 13-18-19-24-36
Lotto Texas: 2-19-20-30-38-41
Powerball: 9-29-40-44-54 PB: 7

Today in history

Today is Thursday, July 25, the 206th day of 2013. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

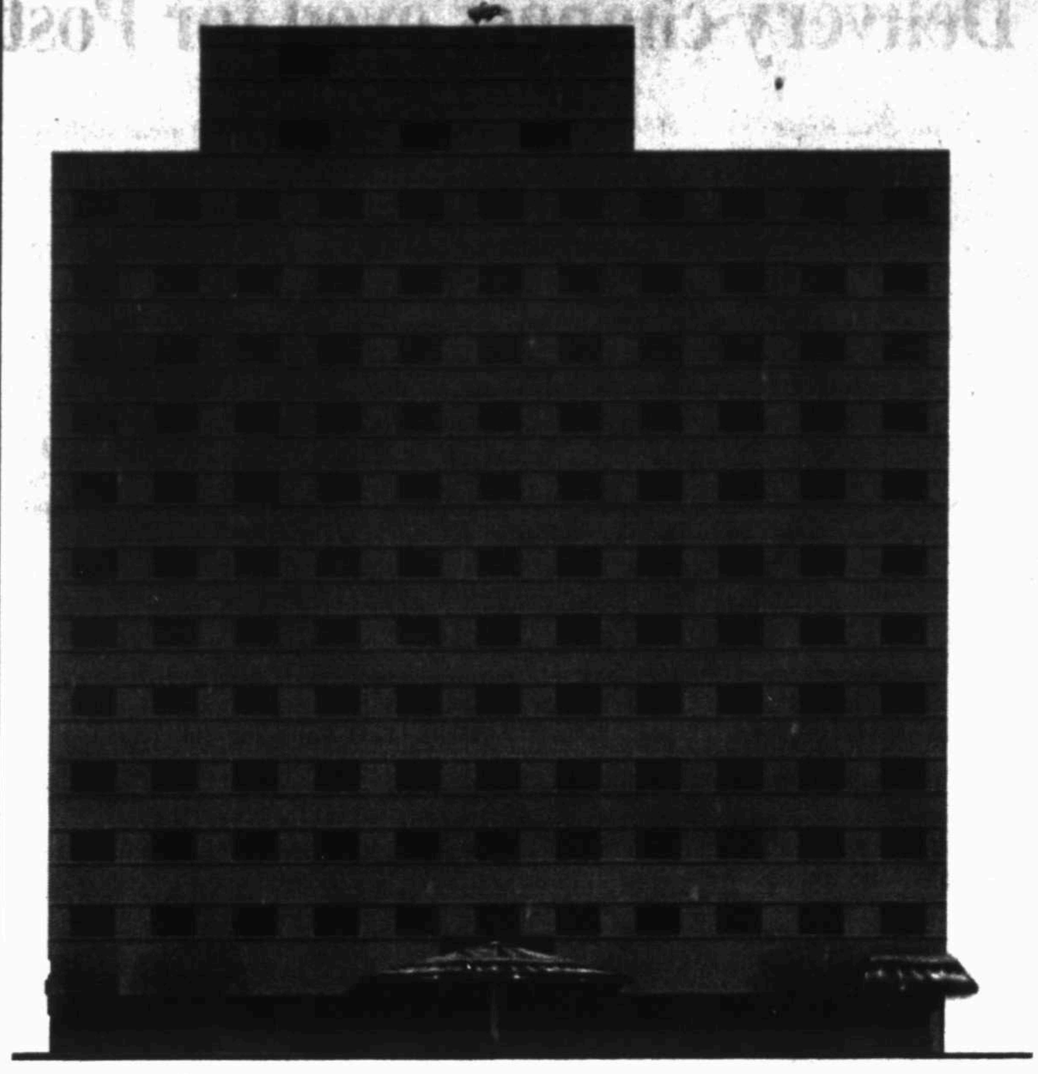
On July 25, 1963, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initialed a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater. The treaty was formally signed on Aug. 5, 1963.

On this date:

In 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot became the first person to fly across the English Channel, traveling from Calais to Dover in 37 minutes.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III and placed under arrest.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.



JCM Global Furnishings

This rendering shows Hotel Fuel's planned appearance. The hotel's proprietors intend for it to make its grand opening in winter 2014.

HOTEL

From 1A

exclusively for the hotel, said District 3 Councilman John James. The perimeter of the parking site is where "other parking opportunities" may arise, he said.

"Having a hotel is a focal point," Kumar said. "It invites other businesses. It will invite restaurants, it will invite other retailers."

Currently, the Double-Tree by Hilton on West Wall Street and a Delux Inn on East Texas Avenue are the only two downtown hotels. The restaurant count downtown is also in the single digits.

The hotel will be caddy corner to the northwest corner of Energy Tower, which will also feature a hotel. Energy Tower will be built at the site of the old Midland County Courthouse on West Wall Street. Kumar said Energy Tower's development did not influence his decision to build Hotel Fuel, as he has been planning his hotel for a year, he said.

JCM Global Furnishings, the California-based hotel company that Kumar's family operates, owns several hotel brands in Midland, Odessa and several states, Kumar said. One of the hotel brands the company owns is BLVD Hotel in California.

Kumar expects a building permit to be issued within 30 to 45 days. Construction is expected to begin in October and take about 14 months. Most of the demolition and reconstruction of the Western United building will be interior, he said.

The interior, according to conceptual renderings, features mainly white, tan and gray minimalist furniture. The first floor will house the restaurant and bar, the second floor features the meeting rooms and the remaining seven floors are for the hotel rooms.

Other developers making downtown projects such as Wall Street Lofts and Energy Tower have all said their properties will help revitalize downtown. To justify downtown development, James said there is a theory that if one broken building never gets fixed, more buildings will remain unfixed as well.

James said a deteriorating downtown is more expensive to manage than a thriving one, from a city's standpoint.

"In downtown Midland, all this stuff here was built for a reason," Kumar said. "It was hip and happening."

Weiner faces growing calls to quit mayor's race

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anthony Weiner pressed ahead with his bid for mayor Wednesday despite growing calls for him to drop out over a new sexting scandal, saying the campaign is too important to abandon over "embarrassing personal things" becoming public.

Rivals, newspaper editorial pages and at least one former New York congressional colleague urged the Democrat to quit the race a day after he acknowledged exchanging raunchy messages and photos online even after the same sort of behavior destroyed his congressional career two years ago.

"I think he should pull out of the race. I think he needs serious psychiatric help," Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y, said.

Weiner brushed off such calls and kept up his campaign schedule. He was greeted with boos as he took the stage to speak at a public housing meeting Wednesday evening, but by the end of his remarks, the crowd loudly cheered.

"I thought these things would come out by the end of the campaign, and some of them have. Look, I am pressing forward, running a campaign about the issues, and I'm getting a good response," he said afterward.

The latest scandal erupted Tuesday after the gossip website The Dirty posted X-rated messages and a crotch shot it said he exchanged with a woman last year while using the online alias "Carlos Danger."

At a news conference Tuesday evening, Weiner, who has been a favorite in the polls since he launched his political comeback attempt in late May, stood side-by-side with his clearly uncomfortable wife, Huma Abedin, and said he hoped the voters would give him another chance.

Abedin, a longtime adviser to former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, reaffirmed her love and support for her husband and said the matter was "between us."

Two of the city's major newspapers, The New York Times and the Daily News, said the 48-year-old Democrat had exhausted his opportunities for forgiveness with his latest indiscretions.

DPS: Rewards offered for most wanted fugitives, sex offenders

From staff reports

The Texas Department of Public Safety is offering cash rewards for information leading to the arrest of three most-wanted fugitives.

The fugitives are Jerome Hiners, 27; Carlos Eduardo Rios, 22; and John Arthur Volker, 49, according to a press release from DPS.

■ Hiners is a known Bloods gang member and is wanted for aggravated assault and violation of parole. He has ties to the Dallas area, and his criminal history includes aggravated robbery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assault causing bodily injury. He is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs about 156 pounds and has multiple tattoos including "POE" on the back of his left hand and a marijuana leaf on his neck.

■ Rios' criminal history includes arrests for sexual assault of a child, and he is currently wanted for failure to register as a sex offender and probation violation. He has ties to the El Paso area, and has gone by the nickname "Shaggy." Rios is 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs about 120 pounds.

■ Volker is wanted for indecency with a child-sexual contact and failure to register as a sex offender. His criminal history includes arrests for indecency with a child-sexual contact, involving two girls ages 3 and 9. Volker is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs about 165 pounds. He has ties to Splendora, Spring, Conroe, Houston and Humble and has been known to work in restoration jobs.

DPS is offering up to $10,000 for information leading to Hiners' arrest and $3,000 leading to the arrest of Rios and Volker, according to the release.

There are four different ways to provide anonymous tips:

■ Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

■ Text the letters DPS — followed by your tip — to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.

■ Submit a web tip through the DPS website by selecting the fugitive you have information about, and then clicking on the link under their picture.

■ Submit a Facebook tip at http://www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Alvin L. Applin, 51, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft between $20,000 and $100,000.

Michael A. Branch, 24, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

George C. Bryant, 38, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Ramon R. Cervantes, 71, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to appear or bail jumping.

Isaac A. Gonzales, 26, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Lewis T. Hinojos Jr., 41, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Robert J. LaChance, 19, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Ted C. Murray, 43, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft, burglary of a building and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Joshua P. Omelas, 24, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Nathan R. Smith, 47, of Houston, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of parole.

Raul T. Ybarra III, 44, of San Antonio, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of continuous sexual assault of a child under 14 years of age.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

California man pleads guilty to interferring with flight crew

From staff reports

A California man faces four years in federal prison after he admitted to interferring with a flight crew, according to a press release from U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman of the Western District of Texas.

Bryan Ray Allen, 32, of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., appeared before federal Judge Robert Junell on Wednesday and pleaded guilty to one count of interference with a flight crew.

Allen was a passenger May 23 on a Southwest Airlines flight bound from Los Angeles to Dallas with a stop in Midland. He said that in the 24 hours before the flight he smoked methamphetamine twice and then drank whiskey at the airport, according to court documents.

At one point in the flight, he began hallucinating. He believed the pilots were evil and that it was a "plane ride to hell." Allen felt he needed to either get off the plane or get into the cockpit to stop the pilots. As the plane began its descent into Midland, Allen ignored the flight crew and attempted to enter the cockpit, according to the documents.

Once the plane landed, Allen pushed a flight attendant out of the way and ran up the jet way ramp into the terminal where he was met by Midland police officers who had to physically subdue him.

Allen will remain in custody of U.S. marshals until his sentencing hearing on Oct. 13 in Junell's court.

Texas A&M to establish program for STEM teachers

From staff reports

COLLEGE STATION — To help address the issues facing STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education in Texas, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has awarded a two-year, $764,000 grant to establish the STEM Collaborative for Teacher Professional Learning.

"The grant affords an opportunity to bring together groups from across the university who have never worked together in this capacity," said Robert Capraro, Aggie STEM co-director, mathematics education professor and principle investigator for the project.

By increasing the quality of STEM teachers and teacher preparation programs and expanding the knowledge base regarding STEM education, the STEM Collaborative for Teacher Professional Learning hopes to have a positive effect on pre K-12 student achievement and student interest in STEM-related fields, and increase the overall quality of STEM education in Texas.

"We are confident the research findings from this project will bring about meaningful change in teaching and learning in STEM disciplines," Capraro said.

He wants to prepare teachers to create STEM-related experiences that inspire students of all backgrounds.

Partners in the project include Aggie STEM and the Education Research Center (ERC) in the College of Education and Human Development and the Center for Mathematics and Science Education (CMSE) in the College of Science and Dwight Look College of Engineering.

USPS

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announced a $1.9 billion loss for the second quarter of its 2013 fiscal year, which ran from Jan. 1 to March 31.

If USPS closes the Midland facility, it will consolidate its operations into the Lubbock facility. The Postal Service also is considering moving the Amarillo facility's operations to Lubbock as well.

The two facilities under evaluation and the Lubbock facility are the three distribution facilities in the Panhandle region, Bolen said. From a logistics standpoint, the Lubbock facility is in a more centralized location compared to the other two, he said.

Mayor Wes Perry, who was notified about the study by Allen Brock, the manager of the Midland facility, said he wanted to know what this could mean for delivery times.

Bolen said the study will assess several alternate mail processing methods to determine how much delivery times will change. He didn't want to speculate what the difference would be without a Midland facility.

Perry was also concerned about what could happen to local employees.

Bolen said there have yet to be any layoffs in Texas, but added that temporary jobs at the Midland facility could be cut while permanent employees may still have their job. He also said that the fate of the facility employees will also be discussed at the end of August.

The public may submit comments to:

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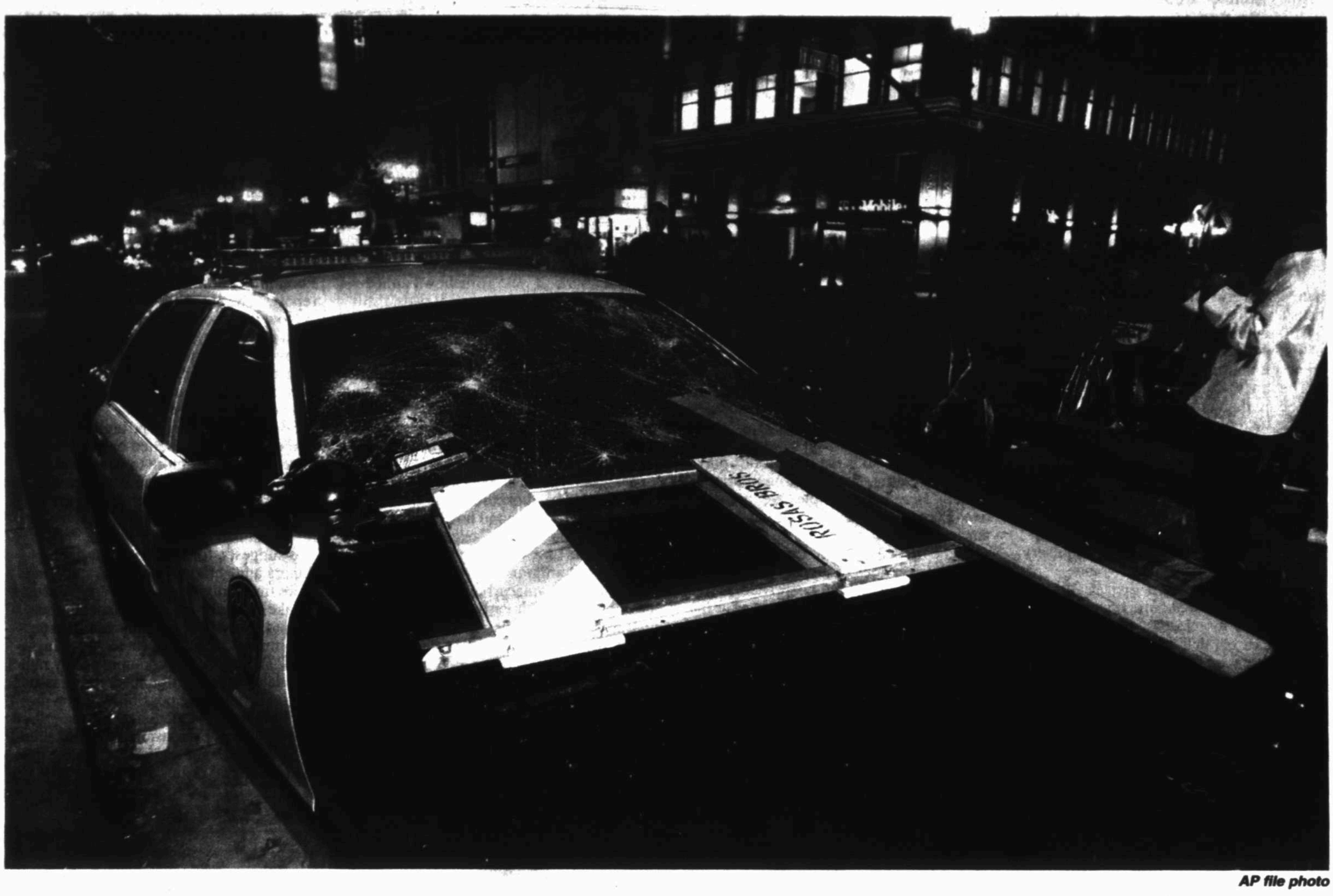

AP file photo

People take pictures of a damaged BART police vehicle vandalized during a protest after George Zimmerman was found not guilty in the 2012 shooting death of teenager Trayvon Martin on July 14 in Oakland, Calif. In the week after the verdict, amid peaceful protests involving tens of thousands of people across the country, there was some violence, but community leaders and scholars say the overwhelmingly peaceful response to the Zimmerman verdict reflects increased opportunities for African-Americans, the powerful image of a black president voicing frustration with the verdict, and the modern ability to create change through activism and social media rather than a brick.

Fears over Zimmerman verdict riots prove overblown

Associated Press

The predictions were dire: Black people would burn and loot America's cities if George Zimmerman was found not guilty. White people everywhere would be attacked in revenge for the killing of Trayvon Martin.

Judging from water-cooler conversations, social media and viral emails, many people took these warnings seriously — yet they proved to be largely wrong.

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"There was the assumption that black people, Latino people, inner-city people are inherently violent, and that's the farthest thing from the truth," says Kevin Powell, whose BK Nation advocacy group helped organize peaceful marches involving thousands of people in New York City.

"They need to stop racially stereotyping people," Powell says. "It's the same thing George Zimmerman was engaging in. To automatically assume an explosion from the Zimmerman verdict — I don't think they understand black people."

The talk of violence originated long before the verdict with some conservative commentators, who said riots should be blamed on liberals who distorted facts to make Zimmerman look guilty. "Media's dishonest motives in Trayvon Martin case could end in riots," read one headline on Glenn Beck's website.

Speculation intensified when news broke that Florida police were preparing for possible unrest. Pundits highlighted dozens of tweets from average citizens threatening violence if Zimmerman was acquitted. Reminders circulated about a handful of "this is for Trayvon" assaults by black people when the case first gained national notice.

"I fully expect organized race rioting to begin in every major city to dwarf the Rodney King and the Martin Luther King riots," wrote former police officer Paul Huebl. "If you live in a large city be prepared to evacuate or put up a fight to win. You will need firearms, fire suppression equipment along with lots of food and water."

In the week after the verdict, amid peaceful protests involving tens of thousands of people across the country, there was some violence.

In Oakland, protesters broke windows, vandalized a police car and started street fires. In Los Angeles, people splintered off two peaceful protests to smash windows, set fires, attack pedestrians, and assault police with rocks and bottles. About 50 teenagers took the subway to Hollywood to rob pedestrians; 12 were arrested.

Individual attacks were reported in Mississippi, Milwaukee and Baltimore, where black people were accused of assaulting two white people and a Hispanic in Martin's name.

Overall, the response to the Zimmerman verdict was nothing like the massive 1992 Los Angeles uprising that killed 53 people, injured more than 2,000 and caused $1 billion in damage after police officers were acquitted in the Rodney King beating. And there was no comparison with the 1960s riots that struck cities across the country in response to oppression of African-Americans and the assassination of Martin Luther King.

The '60s riots sprang from a sense of deep frustration that progress was being thwarted, says Max Krochmal, a history professor at Texas Christian University.

"They saw the limits to what they could achieve," Krochmal says.

President Barack Obama, who spoke emotionally after the verdict about the frustrations many African-Americans felt over the verdict, is a reminder that limits have been lifted.

"In the '60s, there was just a lot of anger with the way things were. There was a hopelessness. When King was killed, that was the worst. It was like killing the hope," says the Rev. Herbert Daughtry, 82, who leads The House of the Lord Church in New York.

"Maybe the anger is not there like it was before," says Daughtry, who organized several peaceful rallies after the verdict.

He added that Obama's statement helped keep things calm. The president told people that "I feel pain, I've been through the same thing, I'm not distant to the pain you feel," Daughtry says. "I've got a man in the White House who knows that pain."

For many, social media has been a constructive outlet for that pain.

"I definitely think that social media has helped to defuse anything that happens out on the streets," Powell says. "Because people are able to use their voices. They can be heard."

"Imagine if there was no Twitter and Facebook and this verdict came down," he says. "Where would people go?"

"People are using social media to vent," Powell continues. "That's where all the energy is being placed. It's easy — people can click a button and say exactly what they want — like boycott Florida."

John Baick, a history professor at Western New England University, says the Zimmerman trial is another skirmish in the battles over the direction of American culture.

"Use of the word 'riot' is talking about race without talking about race," Baick says. "It's like, look at 'them.'"

"The word riot says so much about fears, about assumptions," he says. "It's deep in our culture that we are afraid of 'them.'"

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Texas abortion experiment sends a message

■ Restrictions on abortion don't necessarily lead to threats against women's health and economic opportunities.

ROSS DOUTHAT

New York Times News Service

What happens to a modern society when abortion is restricted? This question is at the heart of the debate over Texas' new abortion law, which bans abortions after 20 weeks and issues health regulations that could thin the ranks of state abortion clinics, making even first-trimester abortions harder to obtain.

The law's actual impact may be less sweeping than critics argue. But suppose for the sake of argument that they're right and that the legislation will dramatically curtail legal abortion. Then further suppose that it somehow survives the inevitable court challenge. What consequences are likely to ensue?

One possible answer is that Texas will make a forced march into squalor, misery and patriarchal oppression. Women's lives will be endangered, their health threatened, their economic opportunities substantially foreclosed.

To the extent that this case rests on facts rather than fear, it's based on cross-country comparisons. Around the globe, countries with abortion bans often do have worse outcomes — more poverty, fewer opportunities for women and, yes, often more abortions as well.

But there's a problem with these comparisons: They don't compare like to like, or control for the host of variables that separate, say, sub-Saharan Africa from the United States and Europe. They tell us that underdeveloped countries are more likely to ban abortion, but they don't tell us whether those bans actually hold back progress and development.

To prove that case, you would need to look at how abortion restrictions play out in a wealthy, liberal and egalitarian society. Here two examples are instructive: Europe in general and Ireland in particular.

In the first case, many European countries have versions of Texas' late-term abortion ban on the books. France, Germany and Italy all ban abortions after the first trimester, and impose waiting periods as well.

Notably, these nations tend to have lower abortion rates than the United States, and none of them are exactly reactionary dystopias in the style of Margaret Atwood's "Handmaid's Tale." So the European experience suggests that at least some abortion restrictions are compatible with equality and female advancement.

Then there is the specific case of Ireland, which has maintained a near-absolute abortion ban throughout its history. This ban does not mean that no Irish women obtain legal abortions: Some go abroad for them, to Britain or Continental Europe. But that actually makes the comparison to Texas more apt — because even if abortion were somehow banned outright in Texas tomorrow, it would still be available to women with the resources to travel out of state.

So if liberal fears about the Texas legislation's impact are correct, one would expect the Irish ban to have produced obvious, disastrous side effects. At the very least, one would expect Ireland to lag in female mortality, health and economic advancement.

Maternal health is indeed a fraught topic in Ireland. The abortion debate there has mostly revolved around how to interpret the "life of the mother" exception, and the high-profile case of Savita Halappanavar, an Indian immigrant who died unnecessarily during a miscarriage, recently prompted the Irish Parliament to widen that exception.

But there is little evidence that the Halappanavar tragedy reflects a larger trend. Ireland's maternal health outcomes have long looked much better than those of its neighbors, and even a recent report that produced a higher estimate for maternal mortality still placed the country well within the European norm.

Meanwhile, international rankings offer few indications that Ireland's abortion laws are holding Irish women back. The country ranks first for gender parity in health care in a recent European Union index. It was in the middle of the pack in The Economist's recent "glass-ceiling index" for working women. It came in fifth out of 135 countries in the World Economic Forum's "Global Gender Gap" report. (The United States was 22nd.)

Now it's also true that Ireland, like most of Europe, is to the left of Texas on many economic issues. All the abortion restrictions described above coexist with universal health care, which Rick Perry's state conspicuously lacks.

So perhaps, it might be argued, abortion can be safely limited only when the government does more to cover women's costs in other ways — in which case Texas might still be flirting with disaster.

But note that this is a better argument for liberalism than for abortion.

It suggests, for instance, that liberal donors and activists should be spending more time rallying against Perry's refusal to take federal Medicaid financing than around Wendy Davis' famous filibuster.

It implies that the quest to "turn Texas blue" should make economic policy rather than late-term abortion its defining issue.

And it raises the possibility that a pro-life liberalism — that once-commonplace, now-mythical persuasion — would actually have a stronger argument to make than the one Texas' critics are making now.

OUR VIEW

Restaurant competition makes Midlanders' dining dreams possible

The economy is booming, so it makes sense that the restaurant industry also is booming. Exploding is more like it. Midlanders, who have a reputation for enjoying a good restaurant, are eating out more often. According to the Texas Comptrollers Office, gross sales for the food and beverage industry in the Midland MSA totaled more than $80 million in the fourth quarter on 2012. That is an increase of 10.6 percent (or nearly $8 million) compared to the same period a year earlier.

Developers apparently see what's going on. In Sunday's business section, we reported on the "20 new restaurants which have opened or are set to open in Midland/Odessa this year."

Operators of Saltgrass Steakhouse, 4511 W Loop 250 N, can speak for the enthusiasm Midlanders have for the next "gotta eat location." They recently told the Reporter-Telegram "we didn't anticipate it being quite so well-received."

We agree with Saltgrass operators that Midland's economy puts the city "at the top of the food chain." We expect more restaurant operators to look our way and we believe there is very little negative about it.

The restaurant business is like anything else. It is survival of the fittest. It doesn't matter if your city's population is 90,000 or 140,000. And whether your restaurant is a "mom and pop" or the next in the line of chains to invade our area, they all should have the same opportunity to come here and succeed. Ask anyone who dines at Wall Street Bar and Grill, 115 E. Wall St., Luigi's, 111 N. Big Spring St. or Venezia's, 2101 W Wadley Ave., the independent restaurant can deliver an equally satisfying dining experience as the latest and greatest import.

Still, there's room for out-of-town operators to see what Midland has to offer. It might be in the form of a steakhouse you see in only the larger metros or a chain that Midlanders can't wait to eat at when they go to a city on the I-35 or I-45 corridors. When you talk about quality of life, having more choices of where to eat out ranks up there with just about anything.

And the statistics show Midlanders will eat out.

Yes, the current conditions are holding Midland back from having more on its plate when it comes to eating locations. The housing situation makes it nearly impossible for someone to move to Midland and take a restaurant job. We, as a community, are behind in that area, and we wonder if the building taking place will help. Only time will tell.

Still, here's hoping developers continue to see Midland as the "top of the food chain." As long as that happens, residents can continue to come up with their lists of favorite places that we hope come to Midland ... and dream.

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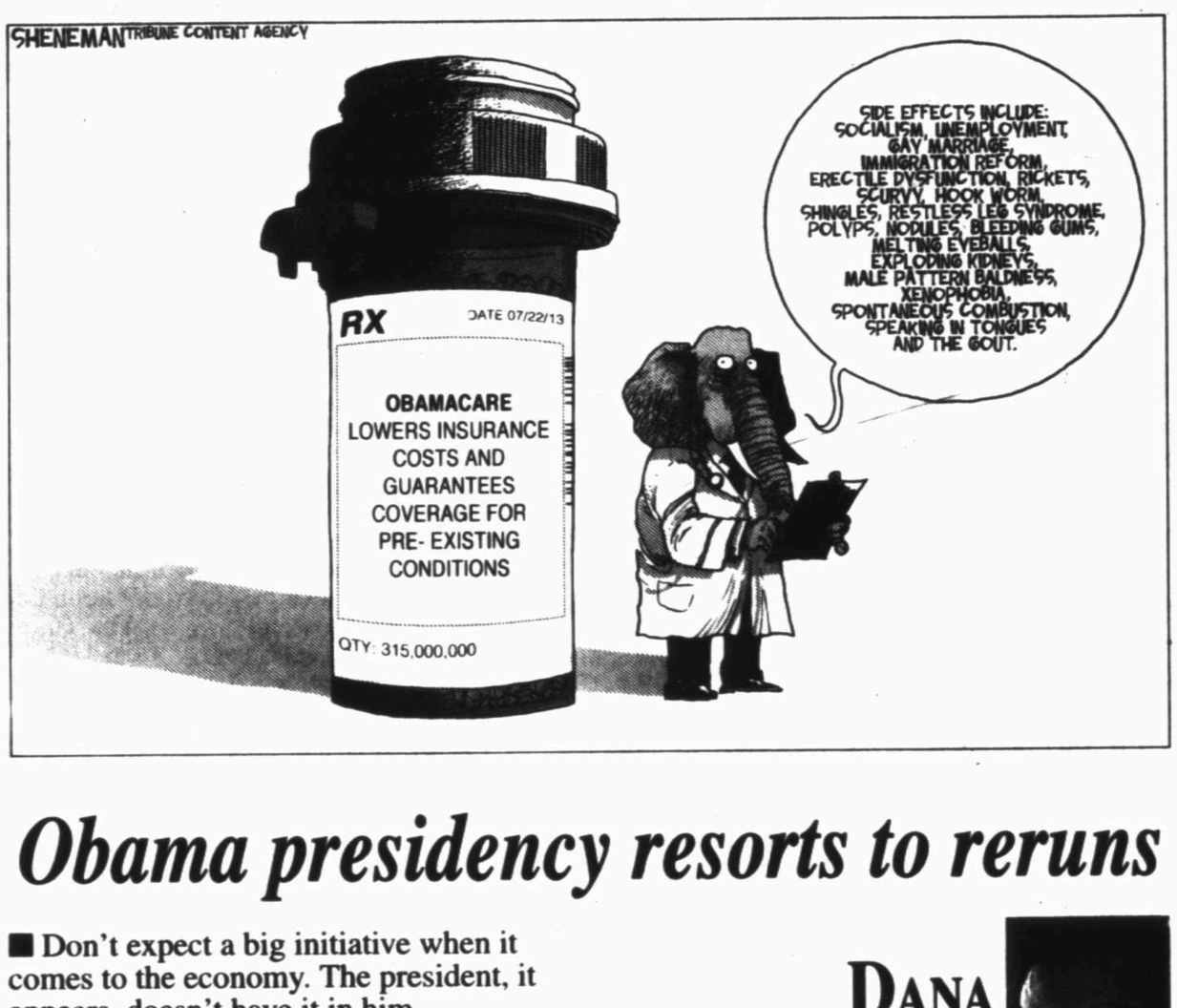

Obama presidency resorts to reruns

■ Don't expect a big initiative when it comes to the economy. The president, it appears, doesn't have it in him.

DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

"I don't normally do this," President Obama's senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer wrote in the subject line of an email blast to reporters Sunday night.

This was tantalizing. What would this top White House official be doing? Singing karaoke on the North Lawn? Getting a "POTUS" tattoo on his arm?

Reality was rather more prosaic. Pfeiffer was announcing the rollout of a series of economic speeches Obama would begin on Wednesday — roughly the 10th time the White House has made such a pivot to refocus on jobs and growth. What would set this one apart is that Obama is reprising a speech he made eight years ago, when he first became a senator; Pfeiffer included a link to clips from that speech, set in part to mood music from the Canadian electronica group Kidstreet, the same music used in an Apple ad last year.

But even a reincarnated Steve Jobs would have trouble marketing this turkey: How can the president make news, and remake the agenda, by delivering the same message he gave in 2005? And in the same place — Galesburg, Ill.

White House officials say this shows Obama's consistency. "We plead guilty to the charge that there is a thematic continuity that exists between the speech the president will give in Galesburg, at Knox College ... and his speech in Osawatomie (Kansas, in 2011) and his speech back at Knox College in 2005," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

Yes, but this also risks sending the signal that, just six months into his second term, Obama is fresh out of ideas. There's little hope of getting Congress to act on major initiatives and little appetite in the White House to fight for bold new legislation that is likely to fail. And so the president, it seems, is going into reruns.

In fairness, the 2005 speech was on the timeless theme of the need for education, training, regulations and tax changes to preserve the middle class. "The true test of the American ideal," he said then, is "whether we build a community where, at the very least, everyone has a chance to work hard, get ahead and reach their dreams."

That message was so good he repeated it in 2011 in Kansas, where he said, "This country succeeds when everyone gets a fair shot, when everyone does their fair share, when everyone plays by the same rules."

But while that message remains relevant, Obama is now facing a Republican opposition that, by House Speaker John Boehner's own account, is measuring its success by how many laws it can undo. There's no longer serious talk about a grand bargain that could reform entitlement programs and the tax code. Legislators and administration officials have little hope of doing more than short-term skirmishing over the debt ceiling and mindless spending cuts in the "sequester."

If he's to break through the resistance, Obama needs some bold new proposals. That's why his speech returning to the oldies would seem to confirm that the White House has given up on big achievements.

To build interest in the new series of speeches, the White House scheduled an invitation-only briefing (RSVP required) for Monday, then set cloak-and-dagger ground rules requiring that the briefers not be quoted, even anonymously. Reporters protested, but they needn't have worried: The official who gave the briefing made clear that there would be no new policies announced, at least not major ones and not initially.

Pfeiffer told me Tuesday that the president, in his series of speeches, will eventually get around to ideas about "some things Congress could do, things they should do but probably won't in the near term, and executive actions the president can take himself."

I admire Pfeiffer's pluck in trying to generate enthusiasm for what is largely a news-free initiative. And it's smart politics for Obama to keep his emphasis on economic matters. But it would be easier to rally enthusiasm if he gave supporters something big, bold and new to reach for, rather than leftover proposals coupled with lofty ideals.

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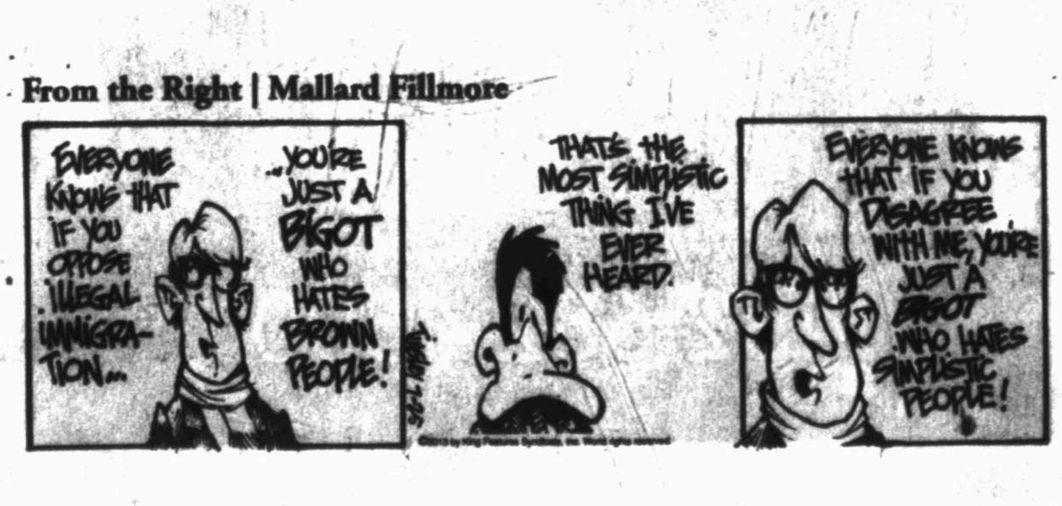

Senate overwhelmingly passes bill on student loans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Borrowing for tuition, housing and books would be less expensive for college students and their parents this fall but the costs could soon start climbing under a bill the Senate passed overwhelmingly Wednesday.

The bipartisan proposal would link interest rates on federal student loans to the financial markets, providing lower interest rates right away but higher ones later if the economy improves as expected. The measure was similar to one that already had passed the Republican-led House and leaders from both chambers said they predicted the differences to be resolved before students start signing loan documents for the fall term.

"This compromise is a major victory for our nation's students," President Barack Obama said in a statement.

Undergraduates this fall would borrow at a 3.9 percent interest rate. Graduate students would have access to loans at 5.4 percent, and parents would borrow at 6.4 percent. The rates would be locked in for that year's loan, but each year's loan could be more expensive than the last. Rates would rise as the economy picks up and it becomes more expensive for the government to borrow money.

Liberal members of the Democratic caucus were vocal in their opposition over the potentially shifting rates included in the Senate measure, which passed with support from both parties, 81-18. The bill passed with support from 45 Republicans, 35 Democrats and Sen. Angus King, the independent from Maine who helped negotiate the deal.

AP file photo

Prospective students tour Georgetown University's campus in Washington in 2013. Grants and scholarships are taking a leading role in paying college bills, surpassing the traditional role parents long have played in helping foot the bills, according to a report from loan giant Sallie Mae.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, joined 16 Democrats and Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont independent who caucuses with Democrats, to oppose the legislation.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., did not cast a recorded vote.

"This permanent, market-based plan makes students' loans cheaper, simpler and more certain," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, the top Republican on the Senate education panel. "It ends the annual game of Congress playing politics with student loan interest rates at the expense of students planning their futures."

Rates on new subsidized Stafford loans doubled to 6.8 percent July 1 because Congress could not agree on a way to keep them at 3.4 percent. Without congressional action, rates would stay at 6.8 percent — a reality most lawmakers called unacceptable, although deep differences emerged even among allies as to how to remedy it.

The compromise that came together during the last few weeks would be a good deal for all students through the 2015 academic year. After that, interest rates are expected to climb above where they were when students left campus in the spring, if congressional estimates prove correct.

"That's the same thing credit card companies said when they sold zero-interest rate credit cards. ... The bill comes due," said Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. "All students will end up paying far higher interest rates on their loans than they do now."

Warren was among the liberal Democrats who labeled the White House-backed proposal a bait-and-switch measure that would lure in new borrowers with low rates now but would cost future students. Throughout the morning and afternoon, they stood to oppose the compromise.

They failed to stop the measure, which seemed to face a clear pathway in the House, which has already passed similar legislation that links interest rates to the financial markets.

Republican Speaker John Boehner promised to "act expeditiously."

House narrowly rejects effort to halt NSA program

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House narrowly rejected a challenge to the National Security Agency's secret collection of hundreds of millions of Americans' phone records Wednesday night after a fierce debate pitting privacy rights against the government's efforts to thwart terrorism.

The vote was 217-205 on an issue that created unusual political coalitions in Washington, with libertarian-leaning conservatives and liberal Democrats pressing for the change against the Obama administration, the Republican establishment and Congress' national security experts.

The showdown vote marked the first chance for lawmakers to take a stand on the secret surveillance program since former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden leaked classified documents last month that spelled out the monumental scope of the government's activities.

Backing the NSA program were 134 Republicans and 83 Democrats, including House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who typically does not vote, and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi. Rejecting the administration's last-minute pleas to spare the surveillance operation were 94 Republicans and 111 Democrats.

"Have 12 years gone by and our memories faded so badly that we forgot what happened on Sept. 11?" Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., chairman of the Intelligence Committee, said in pleading with his colleagues to back the program during House debate.

Republican Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan, chief sponsor of the repeal effort, said his aim was to end the indiscriminate collection of Americans' phone records.

His measure, offered as an addition to a $598.3 billion defense spending bill for 2014, would have canceled the statutory authority for the NSA program, ending the agency's ability to collect phone records and metadata under the USA Patriot Act unless it identified an individual under investigation.

The House later voted to pass the overall defense bill, 315-109.

Amash told the House that his effort was to defend the Constitution and "defend the privacy of every American."

"Opponents of this amendment will use the same tactic that every government throughout history has used to justify its violation of rights: Fear," he said. "They'll tell you that the government must violate the rights of the American people to protect us against those who hate our freedom."

The unlikely political coalitions were on full display during a spirited but brief House debate.

"Let us not deal in false narratives. Let's deal in facts that will keep Americans safe," said Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., a member of the Intelligence committee who implored her colleagues to back a program that she argued was vital in combatting terrorism.

But Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., a senior member of the Judiciary Committee who helped write the Patriot Act, insisted "the time has come" to stop the collection of phone records that goes far beyond what he envisioned.

Several Republicans acknowledged the difficulty in balancing civil liberties against national security, but expressed suspicion about the Obama administration's implementation of the NSA programs — and anger at Director of National Intelligence James Clapper.

"Right now the balancing is being done by people we do not know. People who lied to this body," said Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C.

He was referring to Clapper who admitted he gave misleading statements to Congress on how much the U.S. spies on Americans. Clapper apologized to lawmakers earlier this month after saying in March that the U.S. does not gather data on citizens — something that Snowden revealed as false by releasing documents showing the NSA collects millions of phone records.

With a flurry of letters, statements and tweets, both sides lobbied furiously in the hours prior to the vote in the Republican-controlled House. In a last-minute statement, Clapper warned against dismantling a critical intelligence tool.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Congress has authorized extensions of the powers to search records and conduct roving wiretaps in pursuit of terrorists.

Two years ago, in a strong bipartisan statement, the Senate voted 72-23 to renew the Patriot Act and the House backed the extension 250-153.

Since the disclosures this year, however, lawmakers have said they were shocked by the scope of the two programs — one to collect records of hundreds of millions of calls and the other allowing the NSA to sweep up Internet usage data from around the world that goes through nine major U.S.-based providers.

Although Republican leaders agreed to a vote on the Amash amendment, one of 100 to the defense spending bill, time for debate was limited to 15 minutes out of the two days the House dedicated to the overall legislation.

The White House and the director of the NSA, Army Gen. Keith Alexander, made last-minute appeals to lawmakers, urging them to oppose the amendment. Rogers and Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Md., leaders of the House Intelligence Committee, implored their colleagues to back the NSA program.

Eight former attorneys general, CIA directors and national security experts wrote in a letter to lawmakers that the two programs are fully authorized by law and "conducted in a manner that appropriately respects the privacy and civil liberties interests of Americans."

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLEVELAND

Ohio kidnap suspect in court, plea talks ongoing

Prosecutors and lawyers for a Cleveland man accused of holding three women captive in his home for more than a decade signaled Wednesday that they are talking about a possible plea deal.

With a trial less than two weeks away, there was no mention of whether the prosecutor will seek the death penalty. Attorneys for Ariel Castro, 53, say a deal is dependent on taking it off the table.

"My understanding is that the parties have discussed possible pleas and that you're working to see if that would be an effective resolution, is that correct?" Judge Michael Russo asked.

Both sides responded "yes" without elaboration and left the courtroom without commenting. Last month, the judge had mentioned the possibility of a plea deal raised by the defense.

Castro mostly kept his head down during the brief hearing and quietly answered "yes" to routine questions from the judge.

The hearing focused on the trial date, Aug. 5, and whether the prosecution had provided its evidence to the defense in a timely fashion, as required.

The defense attorneys have been given more discovery evidence "in a shorter period of time than any case in the history of this county," Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Tim McGinty said.

But Castro's defense team said the prosecution had missed the deadline for sharing its evidence three weeks before a trial.

Prosecutors said they would share forensic evidence from a state crime laboratory as soon as they receive it. The evidence wasn't specified in court.

McGinty acknowledged the time demands to review evidence and prepare for trial and added, "We've got nearly 1,000 counts in a period of 10 years of solid crime — never stopped, day after day after day."

The judge cut McGinty off, saying it wasn't time for speeches.

As in previous court appearances, Castro was dressed in an orange jail outfit and kept his chin tucked to his chest for most of the hearing. He has pleaded not guilty.

The 977-count indictment charges him with two counts of aggravated murder related to one act: accusations that he punched and starved one woman until she miscarried. He also is charged with hundreds of counts of kidnapping and rape, plus assault and other counts.

Castro is accused of repeatedly restraining the women, sometimes chaining them to a pole in a basement, to a bedroom heater or inside a van. The charges say one of the women tried to escape and he assaulted her with a vacuum cord around her neck.

The three disappeared separately between 2002 and 2004, when they were 14, 16 and 20 years old. Each said they had accepted a ride from Castro.

They escaped to freedom May 6 when one kicked out part of a door and called to neighbors for help. Castro was arrested within hours.

ST. LOUIS

Pro-reform group targets Missouri senator in ads

Sen. Claire McCaskill has long been a vocal advocate for victims of sexual assault in the military, so the Missouri Democrat said she was surprised to be singled out in newspaper and Facebook ads calling her a roadblock to reforming the way cases are prosecuted.

Protect Our Defenders, a Washington-based advocacy group for military victims of sexual assault, took aim at McCaskill over her opposition to an amendment proposed by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y. Gillibrand's proposal would authorize military lawyers to decide which cases go to trial.

Gillibrand believes she has support of 41 other senators, but she needs 51. McCaskill is not among them because she instead favors reforms approved in the Senate Armed Services Committee and adopted by the House — measures that McCaskill helped write.

Protect Our Defenders purchased a half-page ad in Tuesday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch that included an open letter to McCaskill from Terri Odom, a St. Louis-area Navy veteran who said she was "raped and left for dead" by a superior in 1987. The group said it also plans ads on Facebook that specifically target McCaskill.

"Without your support, perpetrators may continue to go free; victims will be too afraid to come forward; and our military readiness will suffer," Odom wrote in the newspaper ad.

McCaskill found the ad puzzling given her history of criticism of the military's handling of sexual assault cases.

"I think it's unfair," McCaskill said in an interview. "It's pretty hard to look at the facts and not realize that I've been at the forefront and trying to get at this problem in a way that will protect victims and result in more prosecutions and more lengthy prison sentences for perpetrators."

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Fire breaks out for third time at home

Officials: Smoldering embers from large amount of debris triggers blazes

From staff reports

For the third time since Tuesday afternoon, a fire broke out at a northwest Midland residence.

Midland Fire Department was called out at about 7 a.m. Wednesday to the house at the 4400 block of Norwood Avenue because of a fire in the kitchen area of the home.

The flames were quickly contained and all personnel cleared the scene within 45 minutes, according to a press release from the city's public information officer.

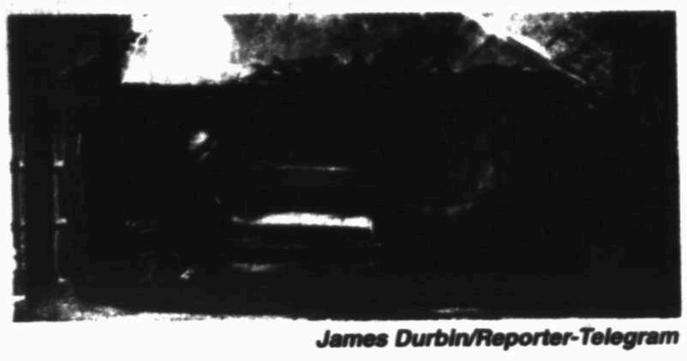
Firefighters initially responded at about 3 p.m. Tuesday to a grass fire that seemed to have been ignited by a barbecue grill that was being used next to a fence on the south side of the property. The fire damaged a portion of the fence and a window of the house.

After ensuring the fire did not spread to the wall, firefighters left the scene.

MFD was called out again at about 4:15 p.m. because an ember from the first fire ignited debris on the south side of the garage. The fire moved up to the attic and into the garage. Flames were visible when firefighters arrived on scene, and the roof of the house was completely damaged. The interior of the house suffered significant smoke and water damage.

Resident Harold Rydell was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital for burns he suffered in the first fire. Two neighbors, Christian Lopez, 18, and Nathan Lopez, 15, helped Rydell's mother, Margaret, leave the house during the first fire, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

The amount of debris that was pre-existing and created by fire-related damage contributed to the second and third fires, according to the release.



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Midland emergency personnel responded to a house fire on Norwood Avenue in Midland on Tuesday. The fire was put out by emergency responders, then an ember later restarted the blaze. MFD personnel also were called Wednesday for a third fire at the home, which started in the kitchen area.

LOW LAKE LEVELS

Betsy Blaney/AP

The water level at White River Lake shows a commercial marina's docks yards away from the waterline July 13. Ongoing drought conditions have lakes statewide at their lowest levels for this time of year since 1990.

Ongoing drought keeps lake levels down

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

WHITE RIVER LAKE — When A.O. Smith bought the lone marina on White River Lake in 2000, the water level was already low.

Since then there have been some wet years and some really dry ones, and the lake is now so low that the 68-year-old wonders how much longer he can keep his doors open.

"Business is down and it's all connected to water," said Smith, who's surviving on revenue from the marina's restaurant and his savings. "I've never seen the lake this bad."

The 10,000 people who rely on water from the White River Lake, 70 miles southeast of Lubbock, also wonder if their faucets will run dry.

They're not alone.

Twelve other Texas water districts have reported they could be 45 days away from running out of water and 12 more are down to a 90-day supply. The 109 lakes that provide water to Texans are at their lowest combined level for this time of year, 64 percent, and — unless there is significant rain by fall — the outlook is dire.

Ground was left parched by the 2011 drought and that means no runoff into rivers and lakes, which are at the lowest level since 1990 for this time of year. About 71 percent of the state is in severe to exceptional drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Widespread rains across the state last week will help in the short term, but more is needed.

"I don't think they're going to go away unless we get the reservoirs back up," Ruben Solis, director of surface water resources for the Texas Water Development Board, said about mandatory and voluntary restrictions. "2011 was an eye-opener."

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality works closely with water suppliers to identify alternative sources. Restrictions including limiting and prohibiting outdoor water use are set locally according to drought contingency plans.

About 22 percent of the state's 4,660 public water suppliers are under voluntary or mandatory restrictions. Ongoing dry conditions prompted Gov. Rick Perry earlier this month to renew a 2011 drought disaster declaration for 222 of 254 counties. The declaration allows affected counties to receive private and public assistance.

Planning for future water needs has become a priority for lawmakers who this year agreed to establish a $2 billion water fund that needs voter approval in November.

Some areas are faring better than others, Solis said. North Central Texas and East Texas have gotten more rain and therefore lakes there have benefited; the western half of the state and South Texas are "not good at all," he said.

And the next month doesn't bode well for an area west of a line from Wichita Falls to Del Rio, where there's an increased chance of below normal rainfall, while the rest of the state has equal chances for above, normal or below normal precipitation.

Ironically, Texas lakes were 68 percent full in July 2011 thanks to heavy rainfall the previous year. In July 2010 the lakes were 83 percent full. But by November 2011 they were only 58 percent full — the worst levels for Texas lakes at any time of year going back to 1990, Solis

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Teen drivers mimic mom and dad

By Dug Begley
Houston Chronicle

Teenagers fiddle with their phones to an alarming degree while driving in Houston, perhaps following an example set by mom and dad.

"Essentially the teenagers are watching their parents," said Tina Sayer, of Toyota's Collaborative Safety Research Center.

A survey by Toyota and the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute found one in five Houston teenagers frequently held back-and-forth text conversations while driving and 24 percent respond to at least one text every time they drive.

Teens engaged in distracted driving practices more often than their parents, the survey found, but in some cases not by a wide margin.

Two-thirds of teenagers polled in Houston said they also talked on a cellphone while driving.

More than four-fifths of the teens who participated in the study were 16 or 17, an age group for which cellphone use while driving is illegal in Texas, Sayer said. The survey questioned 300 teens and 402 parents of teen drivers in the Houston area and 5,500 teens and parents nationally. Houston wasn't remarkably different from the four other metro areas studied, Sayer said.

Madeleine Marceau, 18, of Spring, didn't participate in the study but said she agrees teens frequently text. She sheepishly acknowledged she does it far more often than she should.

"I'll admit it," Marceau said. "When I get to a stoplight, I check my phone."

So does her mother, Debbie Marceau. Madeleine offered, while her mom nodded in agreement. The similarity in driving habits between mother and daughter — both said they frequently change radio stations, too, on the freeway — exemplifies the pattern researchers noticed.

"We know the teenagers are watching their parents, and we think that has to have an effect on their habits," Sayer said.

In Texas, where laws forbid using handheld devices in school zones and by drivers under age 18, cellphone use while driving is common despite the warnings against it. In the recent survey, 83 percent of parents said they use a cellphone while driving. Fourteen percent said they hold extended text conversations while driving.

Efforts to outlaw cellphone use or texting by adults haven't been successful. Gov. Rick Perry vetoed a texting ban in 2011, saying education campaigns were sufficient.

This year, a bill banning texting while driving never made it to Perry's desk. State senators shelved it despite the objections of its sponsor, Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

Curtailing cellphone use behind the wheel by teens is a matter of setting

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150 years later, Texas titan is commemorated

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

HUNTSVILLE — He had been the hero of San Jacinto, twice the Texas republic's president, a congressman, a United States senator, a leader with White House potential. But as the pneumonia-racked Sam Houston coughed away his life in the summer of 1863, those days seemed far distant.

At the end, his wife, Margaret, and their children were with him in the sweltering parlor of Houston's steamboat-shaped house in Huntsville. In the eyes of Civil War Texans infuriated by his pro-Union views, however, he was a man alone.

On July 26, 1863, the disdained 70-year-old, lucid after days of wavering consciousness, whispered to his family, "Texas, Texas, Margaret," and died. The next day, an itinerant preacher spoke a few words before Houston was buried in a coffin crafted by Yankee war prisoners at the nearby state penitentiary.

"He was a national hero with a Texas reach," said Michael Sproat, education curator at Huntsville's Sam Houston Memorial Museum, but almost no one attended his funeral.

Time's passage has restored Houston to the pantheon of Texas heroes, and thousands of present-day Texans are expected to throng the old Houston home site this weekend as the Huntsville museum commemorates the 150th anniversary of his death.

The Houston Chronicle reports that the observance will begin with a Friday lecture on 19th-century funeral customs. On Saturday, visitors will be offered free tours of the Steamboat House, where, in an upstairs parlor draped for mourning, they will gather around a coffin to interact with actors portraying Houston's family.

Also open without charge will be the nearby Sam Houston State University-run museum, which features historic photographs and artifacts, including Houston's walking sticks, jaguar skin vest and original tombstone.

Houston, born in Virginia, reared in Tennessee, was in his early 50s when he came to settle in the Huntsville area in 1846, bringing a reputation

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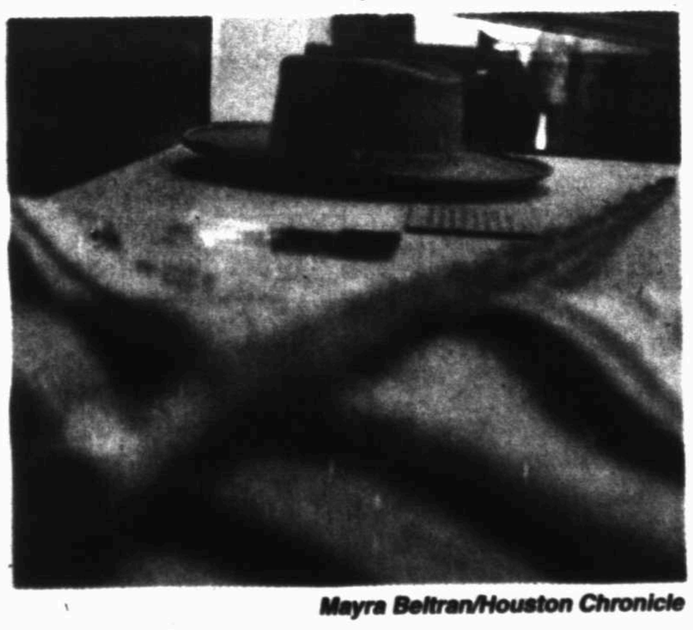

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Sam Houston's hickory cane and Stetson hat are on display at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum on July 9, where many activities will be held to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Houston's death on July 26 in Huntsville.

Obituaries

Carol Ann Gum

Memorial services will be held for Carol Ann Gum, 72, of Roswell, NM, at 2 pm, Thursday, July 25, 2013 at Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Wayne Griffin of 2nd Baptist Church in Amarillo officiating. Carol Ann passed away July 22, 2013.

Carol Ann was born February 15, 1941 in Big Spring, Texas to Robert and Theresa Virginia (Garrison) Wilson. Carol Ann was a very sincere, loving and dedicated mother and wife. She was active in both her church and the Red Hat Society. For 25 years she was an active volunteer in Special Olympics. She loved to work in the garden and enjoy her flowers. Carol Ann will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Carol Ann is survived by her husband of 54 years, Timothy Wayne Gum; two children, Sharon Elizabeth Gum Mann and husband John of Amarillo, TX; Bryan Wayne Gum of Roswell; a grandson; Matthew Timothy Mann of Amarillo, TX; one brother: William Robert Wilson and wife Lurames of Pleasanton, TX; brother-n-law; Keith Gum and wife Marianne of Montgomery, Alabama; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Theresa Virginia (Garrison) Wilson.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Heart Association, NM Special Olympics, or the American Cancer Society.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online registry book at andersonbethany.com.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Christopher "Chris" Lee Savage

Christopher "Chris" Lee Savage, age 30 of Midland, TX, passed away on Mon, July 22, 2013. He was born to the late Paula Linker and Jimmy Savage on October 12, 1980 in Ada, Oklahoma. He was raised and educated in Burkburnett, Texas. He moved to Midland in 2005, where he began his career as a store manager at Stripes Convenience Store. He touched the hearts of so many people he met and made friends with throughout his short time on earth. He is preceded in death by his mother, Paula Linker and his aunt Penny Crosby. He leaves behind to cherish his memory; grandparents, Ralph and Barbara Linker of New York; his father, Jimmy Lee Savage of Ada, Oklahoma; two sisters, Linda Savage and sister-in-law Courtney Quintela, and Barbara Cox all of Midland and one brother, Mark Linker of North Carolina; two nieces, Makayla Taylor and Paisley Taylor both of Midland; two nephews, Keegan Taylor also of Midland and Chance Pringle of Burkburnett, Texas; Numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and a host of friends.

A funeral service is set for Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 3:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

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Clifton Igo

Funeral services for Brother Clifton Igo, 92, of Lamesa, TX will be held on Saturday July 27, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church with Brother Pat Githens and Syl Moore officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Friday July 26, 2013 at Second Baptist Church from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Brother Igo passed away on Monday July 22, 2013 in Lamesa. He was born on March 30, 1921 in Gunter, TX to Julian and Ovie Igo. He married Norma Lee Spralding on August 6, 1939; they were married for 73 years. Brother Igo graduated from Gunter High School in 1939. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Decatur Baptist College. He also graduated from Austin College in Sherman, TX with a Bachelor's Degree and attended Seminary at Fort Worth. Brother Igo served during World War II in the South Pacific, and he received many metals for his service. He was honorably discharged in 1946. He served as manager of the Dr. Pepper Warehouse in McKinney, TX. He entered into the ministry at North Baptist Church in McKinney in 1951. He has served many years in ministry. He has pastored churches in Grayson, Collin, Lubbock and Dawson counties. He was a pastor in Colorado Springs, CO and Greeley, CO. He was active in almost every position in the BGCT and Colorado Convention. He served as Chaplain for hospitals, Hospice, BGCT Mission Corp., and Lamesa Fire, Sheriff's, and Police departments. Brother Igo retired from pastoring Second Baptist Church after almost 20 years. He preached revivals in Mexico, Guatemala, Canada, Israel, Japan, California, Missouri, Michigan, Chicago, Arizona, and Oklahoma. Brother Igo was the State Leader in Royal Ambassadors in Colorado for 7 years. He was a past member of AMBUCS. He loved his work with young people and was the State Leader of the Youth Ponderosa Baptist Encampment in Colorado Springs, CO. He served as Colorado Baptist Convention Chairman of the Executive Board for 2 years and was a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Igo of Lamesa; two sons, Tony Igo and wife, Jo of Clovis, NM, and Jon Igo of Lubbock; three daughters, Linda Myrick and husband, Mike of Baytown, Judy Myers and husband, Kenneth of Lamesa, and Marsha Lindsey and husband, Paul of Lubbock; grandchildren, Paul Myrick, Kevin Igo, Sarah McIlroy, Joshua Burkett, Aaron Burkett, Andy Burkett, Michele Lunsford, Melissa Staggs, Corrie Igo, Kyle Igo, Chris Igo, and Rachel Bolte; and 21 great-grandchildren plus 1 in the oven. Brother Igo's greatest verse was John 3:16; he quoted it this way, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son if I would believe in Him that I would not perish but have everlasting life".

The family suggests memorials to a charity of your choice. To send condolences online please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

Jeramy Dale Truhlar

Jeramy Dale Truhlar, 23, of Midland passed away Monday, July 22, 2013 in Odessa. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 26, 2013 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Jeramy was born on April 23, 1990 to Leland and Shellie Truhlar in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jeramy loved collecting hot wheels with his dad and watching the Steelers play. He loved playing Madden with Damien and friends. He loved BBQ'ing with Todd on weekends and just being around his family and pets. "Jeramy you will be missed very much."

Left to cherish are his wife, Desiree Truhlar of Midland, daughter, Izzy Truhlar, step-son, Damien Boyd, brothers, Todd Pomponio, Brandon Truhlar, step-dad, Greg McDonald, sister, Rachel Simshauser, mother, Shellie McDonald, uncle, Darren Pomponio, Megan, Mimi, Dad, grandma, uncle Buzz and Teresa, Mike and Sherry McCullough, Jerry Lewis, Jeremy Schlanger, Anthony Hernandez, Ryan Arndt, Joshua Lewis, Chance Pool, Trey Aguilar, Jose Arellano, Carl Sanchez, pets, Zeus, Duke, Gizmo, Bear, Zeke along with many other loving family and friends between Colorado and Texas.

He is preceded in death by his father, Leland Truhlar, friend, Michael Smith and dog, Hunter.

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

Jonathan Michael Smith-Aguilar

Jonathan Michael Smith-Aguilar, age 21, of Midland passed away Monday, July 22, 2013 at an Odessa Hospital after an auto accident. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, July 26, 2013 at McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater, Texas. Interment will follow at the Sweetwater Cemetery. Mike Ensminger and Sarah Cardiel will officiate. A visitation will be held Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 6 until 8 P.M. at the funeral home. Arrangments are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

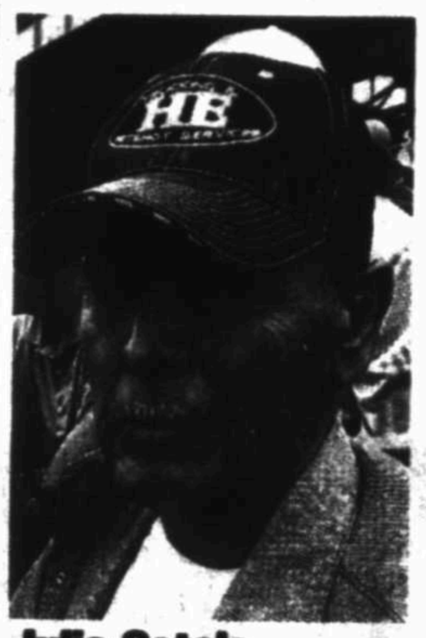
Michael was born November 2, 1991 in Abilene, Texas and was a graduate of Robert Lee High School in Midland. He was employed by Nolan H. Brunson, Inc. as a swamper. He had lived in Midland, Mineral Wells and Sweetwater throughout his life.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather Jennifer and Brian Butler of Mineral Wells, father and stepmother Rosendo "Trey" and Mary Aguilar of Midland, brothers Brandan Butler of Mineral Wells, Joseph (JoJo) Aguilar and Mark Anthony Vasquez both of Midland, sisters Crystal Aguilar of Sweetwater and Alyssa Aguilar of Midland. He is also survived by his grandparents Judy and Dale Critz of Sweetwater, Freddie and Cindy Smith of Mesquite, Joe and Vicki Gamez of Sweetwater, Alicia Martinez of Sweetwater, great grandparents Don and Evelyn Gann of Hawley and Maria Carreon of Sweetwater, aunt and uncle Rebecca and Michael Aguilar of Midland and numerous other aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, cousins and friends. Michael was preceded in death by his grandfather Rosendo Aguilar, Jr.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Flores, Jason Bond, Matthew Butler, Marc Butler, Fabian Velasco, Mark Vasquez, David Olgin, JR. and Michael Aguilar.

Jonathan loved life and he loved his family. His motto was "Family First". His smile lit up a room and he will forever be in the hearts of those who loved him.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mccoyfh.com



Julio Sotelo Galindo

Julio Sotelo Galindo, 71 of Midland went home to be with our Heavenly Father on Tuesday July 23, 2013 at Midland Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family.

He was born on December 20, 1941 in Ojinaga Chihuahua Mexico to the late Jose Galindo and Trinidad Sotelo Galindo. He was raised and educated in El Paradero Chihuahua, Mexico. He worked in agriculture in Ojinaga. He later met and married Maria Ortega on December 16, 1964. Julio was currently working for Encor in Midland, Texas. Julio enjoyed playing poker, pool, and going to the horse races. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends. He attended St. Stephens Catholic Church in Midland Texas. He is preceded in death by his father Jose Galindo, and his two brothers, Gerardo and Jaime Galindo. Julio leaves behind his wife Maria O. Galindo of Midland, TX; his two sons; Salome Galindo and Julio Cesar Galindo of Midland, TX; his three daughters; Rosario Galindo and Roxana Pinal both from Midland, TX, and Julissa Ramirez of Odessa, TX; four brothers; Adan Galindo of Ojinaga Chih. Mexico; Porfirio Galindo and Jose Galindo both from Odessa, TX; and Lazaro Galindo of Lubbock TX; his five sisters; Eva Castillo of Odessa, TX; Anita Hernandez of Midland, TX; Elfida Meja of Juarez. Mexico; Loly Melendez of Dumas, TX; and Marcelina Galindo of Ojinaga, Chih. Mexico; his mother Trinidad Galindo of Dumas, TX. He also leaves behind to cherish his memory 13 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A Rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Service is set for Friday, July 26, 2013 at 10:00 am at St. Stephens Catholic Church with Father Gilberto Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

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Ursula Dee "Sue" (Elliott) Zoller

Ursula Dee "Sue" (Elliott) Zoller joined her Father in Heaven on June 29, 2013. She was born in Hammon, Oklahoma on December 9, 1927. Sue was the youngest of fifteen children, born to a family of farmers in Southwestern Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle. Her father purchased the Dumas Hotel, which the family operated after his death in 1930 until the end of World War II, when Sue graduated from Dumas High School. She attended the Texas State College for Women for a year before spending three years at Texas Tech, studying home economics.

Sue married in college and reared her children around the oilfields of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. She later worked for many years as the law librarian at Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin, and Browder and at the Common Law Library. She was a charter member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland, where she was active for many years in the Keystone Class and ladies' Circle.

She was proudest to be an "Elliott." She was preceded in death by her parents, William D. Elliott and Delia Mae (Penix) Elliott, along with all fourteen of her beloved siblings: William, Elmer, Floyd, Merrell, Vera, Robert, Ella, Nora Ellen, Claude, Omer, Harold, Bettye, Roy, and Marie.

Survivors include her children, Bruce E. Zoller and wife Gloria of Leander; Kenneth L. Zoller and wife Cindy of Midland; and Tanya Zoller Kreuz and husband James of Boerne. Grandchildren are Kenneth G. Zoller of Cedar Park, Kristel Zoller Shirley and husband Jordan of Converse, Katherine Zoller of Austin, Kimberly Zoller of Waco, Jennifer Kreuz of Dallas and Claire Kreuz of Charlotte, NC. Sue is also survived by dozens of cousins, nieces, and nephews around the country.

A Memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, July 27 at 2:00pm at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with Kathryn Boren officiating. The family would like to thank the wonderful staffs at Manor Park and Hospice of Midland for their devoted care. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Hospice of Midland or St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

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Nancy Jane Henretta Neeley

Nancy Jane Henretta Neeley, age 85, passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2013 in Dallas, Texas.

Nancy was born Nov. 5, 1927 in Kane, PA to James and Henrietta (Stickman) Henretta. After graduation from Kane High School in 1944, she attended Elmira College in Elmira, NY.

She married Claude Neeley on July 5, 1947 in Kane, PA. They set out cross country for several job interviews and landed in Midland, TX where Claude took a job with Argo Oil and Gas as a scout. Claude eventually opened his own business, Neeley & Neeley Land Services, while Nancy managed their home. Nancy owned and operated a needlepoint business, Wool Whimsy, and was a regular volunteer with The Midland Cerebral Palsy Center.

In 1984, Claude & Nancy retired to Santa Fe, NM where they enjoyed showing his hand-thrown pottery and her hand-woven rugs in local galleries. While in Santa Fe, Nancy volunteered at The New Mexico Museum of Art. In 2004, they moved to Dallas.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Henrietta Henretta, her stepmother, Arline Henretta, her brother Jimmy Henretta and her husband of 62 years, Claude Neeley. She is survived by two brothers, Michael (Jan) Henretta of North Carolina and Terry (Gaye) Henretta of Florida; four children, Vicki and husband Gerald McDaniel of Colorado Springs, CO; son Lee Michael and wife Terry Neeley of Houston, TX; son Joel and wife Anne Rizzotto Neeley, and son Tim and wife Amy Ludwig Neeley, all of Plano TX; eleven grandchildren: Joel McDaniel of Denver, CO; Blaire McDaniel Riehl and husband, Jeremy, and Noah McDaniel, of Colorado Springs, CO; Blake and wife Sarah Jardine Neeley of Erie, CO; Adam and wife Merlinda Bueno McDaniel, of Galveston, TX; Justin and wife Brooke Winnette Neeley, and Jayme Neeley, all of McKinney, TX; Josh Neeley of San Antonio, TX; Garrett Neeley of Lubbock, TX; Kendall Neeley, of Plano, TX; and Aaron Converse, of Madison, WI; and ten great-grandchildren: Lawton Hays, Mackenzie Neeley, Landon Neeley, and Haiven Neeley, all of McKinney, TX; Steven Neeley and Quinn Neeley of San Antonio, TX; Gabriel Lucero and Arianna Riehl of Colorado Springs, CO; Andrea Neeley of Erie, CO; and Paige McDaniel of Galveston, TX; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Nancy was an accomplished artist who loved needlepoint, weaving and gardening. She was a voracious reader with a sharp wit who had many friends. She committed her life to Christ during her last few months on earth, and was so joyous at the prospect of greeting Him upon her arrival in heaven. We have no doubt that she is basking in His presence on the arm of her best friend and beloved husband, Claude.

Heartfelt thanks go to the three special ladies who cared for Nancy in the last eighteen months of her life: Cameshia Thomas, Dehab Michael and Killo Kihuye. They have been a blessing and we consider them members of the family.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive, Dallas, TX, 75243. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Faith Presbyterian Hospice, 4350 Sigma Road, #400, Dallas, TX 75244, or The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

In honor of Nancy's love of color, please wear your favorite bright color to the memorial as we celebrate a life well lived.

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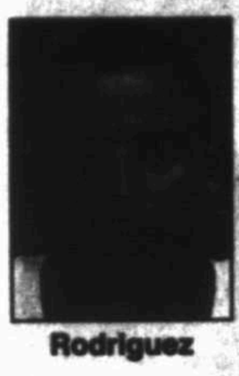
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested on possession charge

A Midland gang member was arrested Sunday after police found him in possession of more than 4 grams of powder cocaine, according to court documents.



Rodriguez

Robert R. Rodriguez Jr., 25, was being held on a $10,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams. He posted bond and was released on Monday.

When a police officer made a traffic stop at about 9 p.m. Sunday in the 900 block of South Baird Street, he saw that the driver — Rodriguez — had tattoos consistent with the "South Side 13" gang, and identified him as an active member. The officer searched the vehicle and found multiple small white bags containing powder cocaine in the driver side compartment hidden under a white paper towel. There were about eight bags, totaling about 4.1 grams of cocaine, according to the arrest affidavit.

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

San Antonio man arrested on charge of sexual assault of a child

A San Antonio man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl, according to his arrest affidavit.

Ybarra

Raul Tello Ybarra III, 44, is being held on a $25,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office was notified of the assault on July 3 when the girl told investigators Ybarra had touched "all over her body" on at least two separate occasions. She said he touched her in November and then in March and early June, according to the arrest report.

If convicted, Ybarra could face five to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Couple arrested after fight

A husband and wife were arrested on assault charges stemming from disturbances that ended with one allegedly wielding a knife and the other a Taser, according to court documents.

Ebony Garrett

Ricky Garrett

Midland police arrested Ebony Garrett, 27 on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member. Ricky Garrett, 47, also was arrested on a class A misdemeanor charge of assault family violence. Ebony Garrett is being held on a $75,000 bond; Ricky Garrett was released Monday after paying a $500 bond.

The disturbance started Sunday at Club Remy at 200 N. Lee St. when the Garretts saw each other with a member of the opposite sex. A verbal argument ensued, and Ebony Garrett punched her husband in the right eye, according to the arrest report.

Midland police responded to the disturbance with weapons at about 1:10 a.m. Monday at the 1700 block of South Tradewinds Boulevard.

Ricky Garrett told police his wife wielded a pocket knife and he feared for his life so he pulled out a Taser and "tazed" her twice. Ebony Garrett said she never had a weapon, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Ebony Garrett faces five to 99 years in prison and Ricky Garrett faces up to one year in prison.

DRIVING

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clear boundaries, Sayer said. Researchers aren't drawing conclusions on state and local laws, she said, noting education and parenting are critical.

"We would like parents and teens to do one thing in particular and that is discuss what is acceptable and not acceptable in the vehicle," Sayer said.

Sayer suggested that after the discussion, parents draw up a contract outlining the rules.

"I would think it would cover many different things," she said. "You need to set your radio and air conditioning ... Everybody should sign it as well. That way, there is no ambiguity if your teenager says 'You never told me that.' "

Rebecca Ware said she and her daughter have no written contract, but she agrees parents have to set clear boundaries. Ware, 51, of Spring, said her 17-year-old and she both know the rules.

"No texting or I take the car," Ware said.

Texting isn't the only bad habit teenagers acknowledged in the study, scheduled to release its Houston data on Wednesday. More than half of teen drivers search for music on an iPod or similar music device while driving, compared to 13 percent of adults.

So-called infotainment systems that allow drivers to sync portable music players with a car stereo can reduce the distraction, but carmakers are still trying to find that "sweet spot" between flashy on-board systems and safe driving, said James Foley, a senior engineer with the safety research center.

LEVELS

From 1B

said.

A lack of substantial rain isn't the only problem. Evaporation from wind and hot temperatures can rob the lakes of as much as 7 million acre-feet, or about 2.3 trillion gallons, a year, according to long-term averages produced by the Texas Water Development Board.

State climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said evaporation could cause the largest volume gap ever between the amount of water actually in Texas lakes and their total storage capacity.

At White River Lake, permanent pumps for the $25 million water treatment plant along the shore are unusable because the lake is too low. Two temporary floating pumps are set nearby to carry water to the plant.

Only one boat ramp remains open, and Smith's marina docks are yards from the waterline. Few motorboats use the lake, which supplies water to Ralls, Post, Crosbyton and Spur.

Last summer the towns received $2.1 million in Texas Department of Agriculture grants to rehabilitate groundwater wells and dig a new one. Water use has dropped 40 percent since August, and in May the district's most strident restrictions were implemented — no outside watering for any purpose, district general manager Tom Fulton said.

The district will probably "squeak by (by) the skin of our teeth," Fulton said. Recent rains helped raise the level of White River Lake by three-quarters of a foot, but did not resolve the problem.

"We are going through a disaster, we really are," Fulton said. "We're on unchartered ground."

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — JULY 25, 2013

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout "Cat-Face-Shirt" (N)		Motive "Out of the Past" (N)		Rookie Blue "Skeletons" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Kevin Nealon		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Two and Half Men	Big Brother "Eviction Show" (N)		Elementary "Flight Risk"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Tape"	Rules of Engage.	The Vampire Diaries "Into the Wild"		Beauty and Beast "Never Turn Back"		Cops	Sein. "The Stock Tip"	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "2 Chefs Compete/ Winner Chosen" (SF) (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "Lonelyville"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	R' Itzhak Shapira	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Thurman Scrivner
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Winner Is "Million Dollar Surprise"		Winner Is "Million Dollar Shock" (N)		GameNigh "Saturday Night Reunion" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show J. Leno Cate Blanchett		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytrippers	Parks and Wildlife	Secrets of the Dead "Bones of the Buddha"		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Hartford"		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Corazon Indomable		Porque el Amor Manda		Amores Verdaderos		Que bonito amor		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	White Collar		White Collar		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) My Own C...		★★★★ The Deer Hunter ('78, War) Christopher Walken.						(:05) ★★★ Max ('02, Dra) John Cusack.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00) Cowboys & ...		The Newsroom		★★ Magic Mike Channing Tatum.				Real Sex		True Blood	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:15) ★★★ This Means War				★★★ The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.				(:20) Tobacco Road			(:25) Crash
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(4:45) Battleship		The Sopranos		Bill Maher		★★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.				(:55) Newsroom (N)	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★ He Got Game ('98, Dra) Denzel Washington.					★★★ Snow White and the Huntsman				(:15) Sex Tapes	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:05) ★★★ Saving Private Ryan				★★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love.				Zane	Zane	Revenant	
PLEX			96			Movie	(:25) Hercules & the Amazon...			★★ Krull ('83, Fant) Kenneth Marshall.				(:05) The Philadelphia Expe...			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	The Three Musketeers Logan Lerman.				(:25) ★★ Judge Dredd			Polyamor	Therapy	The House of t...	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(:55) ★ 29 Palms			The Tortured			The Darkest Hour			Meeting Evil Luke Wilson.		
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Far From Home/ Object of Desire"		Beyond Scared Straight		Beyond Scared Stra. "Douglas County, GA"		GangGirl "Rosanna/ Raynetta/ Simona" (N)		Beyond Scared Stra. "St. Clair County, IL"		Beyond Scared Straight	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ Demolition Man ('93, Sci-Fi) Sylvester Stallone.					Showville		Small To	Small To	Demolition Man	
BET	58	26		40		106&Park	TBA	To Be Announced						Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		WivesNJ	(:45) Housewives NJ		(:45) Housewives		(:45) Housewives		H.Wives	Watch (N)	Property	Million Dollar List	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		Mob Money		American Greed		Mad Money		Mob Money	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Airplane Repo		PropWars	PropWars	PropWars	PWars (N)	Airplane Repo		PropWars	PropWars	Airplane Repo	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	★★ Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2				Jessie	Shake Up	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	X Games Preview						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Coaches	CFL Football Edmonton Eskimos vs. Montreal Alouettes (L)						NFL Live (L)		Coaches	Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Melissa	★★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 Daniel Radcliffe.							The 700 Club		The Vineyard	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Food Court Wars		Food Network Star		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Rangers Insider	SportsDay OnAir	MLB Baseball New York Yankees vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas						CowboysT/ (:15) Sports	SW Outdoors	Bull Riding Championship	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ X-Men: The Last Stand Patrick Stewart.					Anger M.	Wilfred	Wilfred	Wilfred	★★★ Easy A Emma Stone.		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		The Lost Valentine ('11, Dra) Betty White.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Rehab	Rehab	Reno Raiders (N)		HouseH	House (N)	theHouse	House	Renovation Raiders	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	God, Gun	God, Gun	Duck Dy	Duck Dy
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap "Meeks/ Hoover"		Project Runway "Sky's the Limit"		Project Runway "Million Dollar Runway"			Supermarket Superstar "Cakes"		Double Divas	Project Runway "Sky's the Limit"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				P.World	Grid (N)	Beach Volleyball				FIVB Volleyball World League			The Grid	World Challenge	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Victori.	Figure Out	Big Time Rush (N)		F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling (N)				Fight Masters		Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★★ Batman Returns				★★ Batman and Robin ('97, Act) George Clooney.						Batman Forever	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Apology"	Seinf. "The Strike"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan& son (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Sullivan and Son	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) The Old Da...		★★★ The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie				★★★★ Dead Poets Society				(:15) These Three	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Dama y Obrero		Marido en Alquiler		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Marido en Alquiler	
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HOUSTON

From 1B

for courage and recklessness.

On his list of accomplishments were terms as U.S. representative and governor in Tennessee; victory at San Jacinto; two stints as president of the Republic of Texas; and recent election to the U.S. Senate from Texas. On the debit side was a reputation for drunkenness.

In 1840, Houston married Margaret Lea, 21, a strict Alabama Baptist credited with reigning in her spouse's excesses. Upon being dunked in a river baptism and advised that his sins had been washed away, Houston is said to have quipped that he feared for the fish downstream.

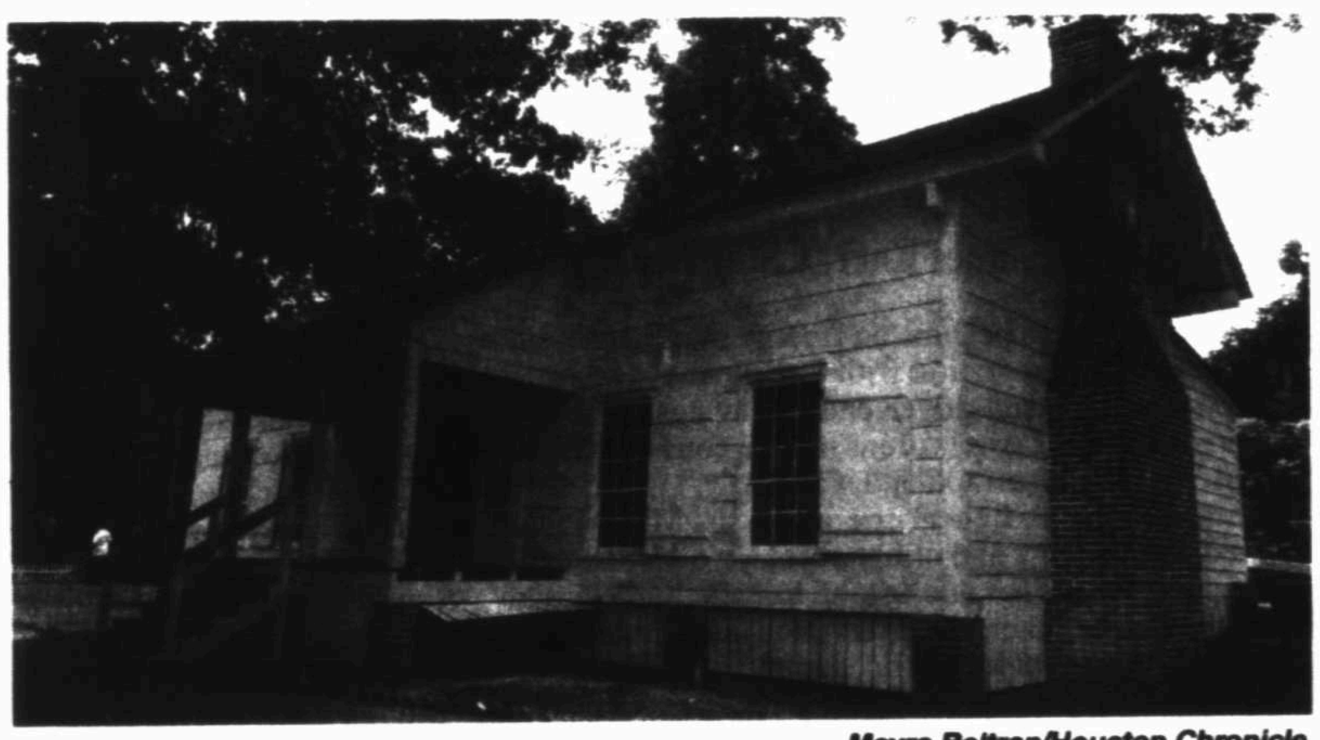
The Houstons first settled at Raven Hill, their San Jacinto County plantation about 20 miles from Huntsville, but relocated to their two-story, dog-run style "Woodland Home" in 1847. The family, which ultimately would include eight children, remained at the house, situated on the current museum grounds, through Houston's 13-year Senate career.

That period, according to biographer James Haley, was a turbulent one for Houston, a slave-owner who, having fought hard to get Texas into the Union, fervently opposed southern secession.

Beginning in 1848, Houston cast votes on slavery-related issues that enraged Texas' slave owners. In 1854, he opposed the Kansas-Nebraska Act, a measure that let state residents hold referendums on whether to allow slavery. The Texas Legislature responded by officially condemning Houston's stance, effectively curtailing his political influence.

Although Houston owned 12 slaves, Haley said he was torn between what he recognized as the system's moral evil and what he took to be its economic necessity, at least in the short term.

Houston successfully ran for governor in 1859, selling his Huntsville property to pay campaign debts and moving to Austin. The term was aborted in March



Mayra Beltran/Houston Chronicle

The facade of Sam Houston's home named "Woodland Home" is shown July 9 near Huntsville.

1861, when, angered that Houston would not swear allegiance to the Confederacy, the state's secession convention removed him from office.

President Lincoln offered Houston troops to forcibly keep Texas in the Union — Houston refused — and the ousted governor's eldest son, Sam Houston Jr., joined the Confederate Army.

As anti-Union frenzy grew, the Houstons returned to Huntsville in 1862, taking up residence at the Steamboat House.

He continued to speak out against secession, warning that the industrialized North had the means to ensure the nation remained united.

In July 1863, Houston caught what appeared to be a cold after speaking against secession in Galveston. Within days, the cold grew into the illness that claimed his life.

Houston lay in his modestly marked grave at Oakwood Cemetery almost half a century before civic leaders commissioned Pompeo Coppini, a sculptor best known for his Alamo Plaza cenotaph in San Antonio, to create a monument befitting a Texas titan.

BANANAGRAMS!

LEVEL

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new, common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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Yesterday's Answer: BEDBUG, SAFETY, CLEVER, SAVANT

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LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Scholarship recipients to be recognized

Recipients of the Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship will be recognized during a ceremony set for 6:30 p.m. today at the Midland College Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room.

Honorees include 25 students who will be receiving the four-year scholarship, MC and UT Permian Basin students who have made the Dean's List or President's List and graduates who have earned technical certifications, associate and/or bachelor's degrees within the past two years.

The scholarship funds tuition, fees and books for students at Midland College. Once a student graduates from MC, the scholarship continues to provide funds for students who want to pursue a bachelor's degree in organizational management at MC or who transfer to UTPB.

MC, Warren CAT continue partnership

An ongoing partnership between Midland College and Warren CAT allows students technical internship opportunities in diesel technology.

Recent modifications to incorporate the internship program at MC's Cogdell Technical Center, 111 E. Florida Ave., will be showcased during a press conference at 2 p.m. today.

The MC/Warren CAT internship program allows students the opportunity to develop skills needed for Warren CAT's entry-level service technicians. Training consists of maintenance and repair of equipment manufactured by Caterpillar Inc., as well as customer service skills. Midland College will deliver a curriculum based on its Diesel Technology associate degree integrated with Caterpillar's service technician curriculum.

Hands-on instruction incorporates Warren CAT's equipment and the training simulates on-the-job situations.

Jim Nelson, Warren CAT dealer principal, said it is a tremendous benefit to students to have the opportunity to work on real equipment.

"While all engines are the same in their basic design, nothing can equal having an actual engine to take apart, troubleshoot and repair. We are extremely pleased to have this opportunity to partner with Midland College," Nelson said. "With the development of the Cline Shale in the Permian Basin, our need for qualified technicians continues to grow. At this time, we have job postings for 15 engine technicians at our Midland and Odessa locations."

The training is an approved college program of study; therefore, students are eligible for regular Midland College advising, tutoring and financial aid assistance. Students entering the program must meet minimum entry requirements acceptable to Warren CAT and Midland College.

Texas Bar Foundation funds civics program

AUSTIN — The State Bar of Texas has received a $22,500 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation to help fund its newest civics education project, "I was the first. Vote for me!"

The multimedia program will teach elementary school students the important firsts in U.S. and Texas history. Twenty-two historic figures will be featured as animated segments on a website and in a book offered in both electronic and hardcopy formats. The animations and book will be available in both English and Spanish.

"I was the first. Vote for me!" is available on texasbar.com/iwasthefirst.

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than $14 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the foundation is the nation's largest charitably funded bar foundation.

MISD becomes Energy Star partner

Midland ISD has become an Energy Star partner since beginning its collaboration with Cenergistic, a technology-powered, data-driven energy savings company. Cenergistic helps organizations reduce consumption of electricity, natural gas, oil and water.

Partnership with Cenergistic will assist MISD in notably reducing energy and utility costs. Two MISD energy specialists, Wes Jones and Jayson Everett, are facilitating a comprehensive energy conservation and management program throughout all district campuses and buildings.

"MISD anticipates significant savings to taxpayers, and we look forward to the results of the energy conservation program," said Jill Hallmark, MISD's operations supervisor and energy manager.

Associated Press

This photo, courtesy of Rogers Healy and Associates Real Estate shows the rear of the home featured as Texas Ranger Cordell Walker's house from the former television series "Walker, Texas Ranger," in Dallas. Rogers Healy, of Rogers Healy and Associates Real Estate, has listed the 7,362-square-foot home for $1.2 million. The seven-bathroom and four-bedroom has been extensively renovated since the show ended in 2001.

'Walker, Texas Ranger' home hits market for $1.2M

Associated Press

DALLAS — Need space to practice roundhouse kicks and fist-enforced Texas justice? You're in luck: Chuck Norris' spacious Dallas home, complete with a gym featuring memorabilia from his "Walker, Texas Ranger" television series, is on the market.

The Mediterranean ranch-style home in the tony Dallas neighborhood of Northwood Hills also was the on-screen residence of Cordell Walker, the roundhouse-kicking Texas Ranger who battled villainy at every turn.

Norris portrayed Walker in the CBS series that ran for eight seasons. It ended in 2001, but lives on in syndication. Portions of the series were shot in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The 7,362-square-foot home is listed for $1.2 million. Along with the weight room, it's listed as having four bedrooms, seven full bathrooms and a theater. There's also a separate building that served as a studio for the filming of "Walker, Texas Ranger," as well as other Norris productions, according to listing agent Rogers Healy.

Norris co-owned the property with his brother, Aaron Norris.

Healy said Chuck Norris and his wife have homes elsewhere and want to downsize. He noted that a handful of "qualified buyers" have toured the home since it was listed Friday.

LUBBOCK

Deer stumbling around downtown euthanized

An injured mule deer that stumbled through parts of downtown Lubbock has been captured but had to be euthanized.

Animal control officials said the year-old deer was euthanized after being shot with a tranquilizer dart Tuesday afternoon.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported officers received reports of a 150-pound buck making its way through the Depot Entertainment District.

Officers cornered the deer in a parking lot. Witnesses said the animal was bloody and missing an antler.

Lubbock Animal Services official George Torres said the deer also had a broken jaw. Authorities aren't sure how the deer sustained the injuries before animal control personnel arrived and captured the creature.

Torres said deer sometimes stray into the city in search of water or food.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HEREFORD

Calif. firm buying first phase of wind farm

A California-based energy company has reached a deal to buy the first phase of a 500-megawatt wind turbine farm planned for the Texas Panhandle.

Officials with EDF Renewable Energy of San Diego said the agreement with Lincoln Renewable Energy includes an option to acquire the second phase of the Hereford Wind Project. Hereford is about 40 miles southwest of Amarillo.

Construction on the first phase should begin later this year. Transmission lines will connect the wind generating capacity of the area to high electricity demand parts of Texas.

No purchase price was announced Monday.

EDF also operates the Bobcat Bluff wind turbine farm about 20 miles south of Wichita Falls and the Spinning Spur project near Vega, about 25 miles west of Amarillo.

2013

America's Night Out Against Crime

Yes, I want to be involved in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Please register my block party.

☐ This is my first year to participate

☐ I will attend the Block Captain's Appreciation Party

Thursday, July 18th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, 1st Methodist Fellowship Hall

List any special activities (ex. Bingo, Dance, BBQ, Ice Cream Social, Hot Dogs, Watermelon, Pie Eating Contest, Pizza, Raffles, Pool Party, Flashlight Walk, Scavenger Hunts) Other: _____

Special Request (**Limited Availability**): K-9, Mobile Substation, National Knight, McGruff, Safety Pup, Gang Unit, SWAT, Bike Patrol, ATV, Mayor, Council Member, City Manager, Crime Stoppers, (To schedule the Fire Department contact Angelica Olivas – 685-7333.)

Others: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Location of Party: _____

Time: Begin _____ **End** _____

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Local forecast

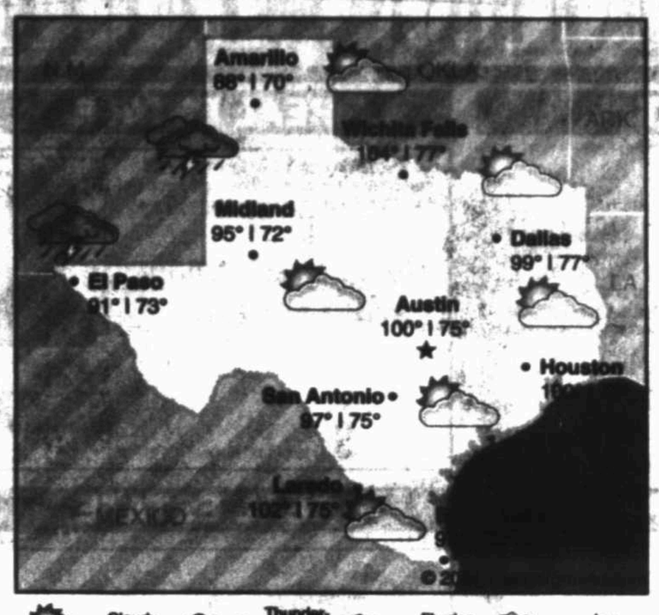
Expect sunny skies today and another high temperature around 100. On Friday, there is a 20 percent chance of showers, a high near 98 and another low in the 70s. Highs this weekend should be in the lower-to-mid 90s.

The high on Wednesday reached 100, while the low dropped to 76. The record high for July 24 is 106 set in 1995. The record low is 62 set in 1947.

Weather why

Q: Are the "dog days" really the hottest time of the year?

A: Almost always, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "Today, we usually mark the 'dog days' as occurring from July 3 to the middle of August, but other countries mark them differently," he said. "It is usually the hottest and most uncomfortable time of the year. That's why 'dog days' also refer to periods of any inactivity or a slow time of the year. For decades, the term has been used on Wall Street to refer to very slow times of economic activity in the stock market, and brokers call non-moving stocks 'dogs' in reference to the 'dog days' of summer."



Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.98 in.
Year total	3.39 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.49 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	100
Low	76
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:00 a.m.
Sunset	8:50 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, July 25

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

Readers take Abby to task for being too easy on dad

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I have read you for years, and I must take issue with your answer to "Needs the Right Words" (March 17). He asked about his son and his son's half-brother visiting his beach house. (He didn't want the half-brother included.)

While you addressed the writer's needs, and yes, he is entitled to his feelings, I think you should have taken this a step further.

Once you become a father, it is not all about "you" anymore. The 12-year-old boy is now, and forever will be, his son's half-brother. Unless this man wants to distance himself from his son and cause permanent damage to their relationship, he needs to get some therapy so he will be able to think of that boy in a different way and can deal with him in the future. He is NOT in a "good place" as he stated if seeing this boy causes such an emotional issue. The two boys seem to have a good relationship, and a future with his son will — and should — include the half-brother, even if the visits are short ones.

Someday that boy will be a grown man, and he will recognize the kindness shown to him. The boy is not responsible for his mother's behavior and the father needs to realize that. — DEBORAH IN CHANDLER, ARIZ.

DEAR DEBORAH: You are right. It would have been better for all concerned if I had been harder on the father and more sensitive to the feelings of the boys involved, which many readers pointed out to me:

DEAR ABBY: I almost always agree with your answers, but your answer to that letter was off the mark. It's admirable that his son has such a close relationship with his half-brother, and not allowing the boys to do something they enjoy together for a weekend is wrong. That the writer admits he still has problems with the past is his problem, not the kids'.

Because he admits it brings up feelings he THOUGHT he had put behind him, he should get professional help to finally deal with those unresolved issues. Also, if he doesn't want the 12-year-old in his house for one weekend of fun, then he should take his wife away for a romantic weekend and let the boys use the beach house in his absence. It's all about compromise, not the ultimatum. — BEEN THERE, DONE THAT IN KANSAS

DEAR ABBY: Tell that man to get a psychotherapist! The child isn't responsible for his mother's behavior. The man needs to expand his heart. When he's an old man he will never regret hosting the boy, but he WOULD regret having hurt a child and perhaps alienating his own son in the process. You called that one wrong, Abby! — LESLIE R., CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: I agree with your advice more often than not, although I suspect we are at opposite ends of the political spectrum. That father needs to grow up and put the feelings of his son and his son's half-brother before his own. It's time people learned once more what it means NOT to be selfish and think of their own feelings, but the feelings of others. Please reconsider your response. — PAUL W., JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

DEAR PAUL: I have, and I regret my initial answer.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The greater threat

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 4
♡ 6 4 3 2
◇ A Q 4 2
♣ J 9 4

WEST
♠ J 9 8 6 2
♡ 8 7 5
◇ 5 3
♣ Q 7 3

EAST
♠ K 10 7
♡ K Q J 10
◇ J 10 9 7
♣ 8 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 5 3
♡ A 9
◇ K 8 6
♣ A K 10 6 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Six of ♠

Finesses might start out "free," but there can be a price to pay. Consider this deal.

With a shabby four-card major and a balanced hand, North might well have opted for a raise to three no-trump rather than go through the process of looking for a 4-4 heart fit.

However, here that would have made no difference to the final contract.

West led a low spade and declarer seized the chance to make sure of two tricks in the suit by playing low from dummy. East won with the king and shifted to the king of hearts. Declarer held up the ace but was forced to win the heart continuation. The fate of the contract now depended on the club finesse. Declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of spades and ran the jack of clubs. West won with the queen and returned a heart, and the contract failed by one trick, declarer losing a spade, three hearts and the queen of clubs.

Unlucky perhaps, since the contract would have succeeded if East held the queen of clubs or West the king of spades. We would have felt a bit better disposed toward South had the contract not been cold on any lie of the cards!

The heart suit was more of a danger than spades. To neutralize the threat in that suit, declarer should rise with the ace of spades at trick one and immediately run the jack of clubs into the safe hand — West.

No matter what West does after winning the queen, declarer banks nine tricks — one spade, one heart, three diamonds and four clubs.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 25, 2013:

This year you are unusually intuitive, especially when it comes to others, their finances and their bottom lines. You will see what a change this knowledge can make in your daily life. You are willing to reveal your feelings more than ever before. If you are single, your desirability is unquestionable, but your choices might need some work. Figure out what type of bond you desire. If you are attached, do not take things so personally. Both of you will be happier as a result. PISCES knows how to reel you in!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your need to express your ire might be strong, but allow yourself to be guided by your sensitivity. If you lash out, someone might find it a lot harder to understand where you are coming from. Appeal to others with logic and caring. Tonight: Catch up on sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Zero in on what is possible. Remain creative, and be open to a different thought process and new kinds of ideas. You even might want to give a strange idea some serious consideration. Communication will be active among friends. Tonight: Where your loved ones are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You will understand where a boss is coming from, but you might wonder if the direction in which he or she wants to proceed is the best, financially. You could gain someone's confidence because of how you handle controversial situations. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your imagination seems limitless to many. Your ability to detach is equally as strong. You have determination and energy on your side. Go with your emotional, knee-jerk response. Make a point of recognizing the recent changes a partner has made. Tonight: Go with spontaneity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Deal with a situation directly, and know full well what is needed. Your direct approach and willingness to move into a new realm could be bolstered by a loved one who keeps encouraging you. Listen to feedback, and integrate what you hear. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might wonder what is going on with a loved one. Your curiosity will make you want to live life similarly to how this person does, and you'll appreciate yourself more as a result. Listen to news with a sense of what can happen. Tonight: Favorite people, favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Pace yourself — you have a lot of ground to cover. You might want to flex and take your time, as you could see a better solution because of a recent discussion with a friend. Know that you can improve a project by opening it up to feedback. Tonight: Happily head home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your vision of possibilities allows for greater receptivity and success. Others also seek you out to share their thoughts and ideas, as they want your feedback. Still, it would be wise to factor in a touch of diplomacy. Follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Choose what makes you happiest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ The more you deal with a specific partner or loved one, the luckier you will become. It's as if you have a rabbit's foot tucked away in your back pocket. You will benefit from any activity involving this person. Profound changes are being made. Tonight: Try to make it early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might have difficulty verbalizing a vision involving a project. Even if someone says that he or she understands, that might not be the case. Defer to others, yet stay on top of communication. Ask a question, even if it makes you feel stupid. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Be aware of what you are doing with your checkbook. The damages could be far greater than you had anticipated. Know when to say "no." At this point, you are capable of pulling white rabbits out of black hats. Tonight: Indulge a friend or loved one; it does not have to cost.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You are right where you need to be, and others find you with ease. Many friends will express a great deal of respect for you and your thoughts. Follow your intuition, especially regarding a matter at a distance. Tonight: You can have it all.

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BORN TODAY

First successful test-tube baby Louise Brown (1978), basketball player Nolan Smith (1988), actor Matt LeBlanc (1967)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "The Walking Dead" network
4 Home of William, known for his logical "razor"
9 Dubuque native
14 John of England
15 "Guess again!"
16 Aria response, perhaps
17 Poet's eye
18 "Union VIP
20 Image on Irish euro coins
22 Weigh station unit
23 Kitchen extension?
24 "You might sleep through it
27 Abates
30 Feedback for a masseuse
31 Tip for smokers
33 José's hooray
34 It may contain a $10 bottle of water
37 Bicker
39 "Self-esteem essential
41 Super 8, e.g.
42 The Big Easy, to locals
43 "Yuck!"
44 S.A. country
46 Inc. cousin
47 Silk Road desert
49 "1998 Sandra Bullock film
55 Peas, at times
57 "Deathtrap" playwright Levin
58 Horseradish, e.g.
59 Swimming infractions, and what the first words of the answers to starred clues can all have
63 An invitation might include one: Abbr.
64 Small landmass
65 Prepare to be dubbed
66 Casual top
67 Sculpted works
68 Après-ski drink
69 Intensify, with "up"

DOWN

1 Sign of tropical hospitality
2 Parable message
3 Hooded slitherer
4 Hooter
5 Tiny Tim's surname
6 Early computer language
7 "That's __!"
8 Ball club VIP
9 Skeptic's reply
10 Speak with style
11 Besides Derek Jeter, only Major Leaguer whose 3,000th hit was a homer
12 City map abbr.
13 Here-there link
19 Change in Albania?
21 Laud
25 Tropical capital
26 Seven-time A.L. batting champ
28 Really bummed
29 Observe
32 Skater known as "America's sweetheart"
34 Puts in storage
35 Word shouted at church
36 Actress Gardner
38 Bitterness
39 Kelly's possum
40 Like star-crossed lovers
41 Ham it up for a shooter
45 P-like letters
48 "You ready?" answer
50 Grand __
51 Had to say "Oops," say
52 Vital conduit
53 Clan symbol
54 High-end
56 Ball club whose colors are blue and orange
59 Little white lie
60 Sch. with a Mesa campus
61 Box office buy: Abbr.
62 Slick

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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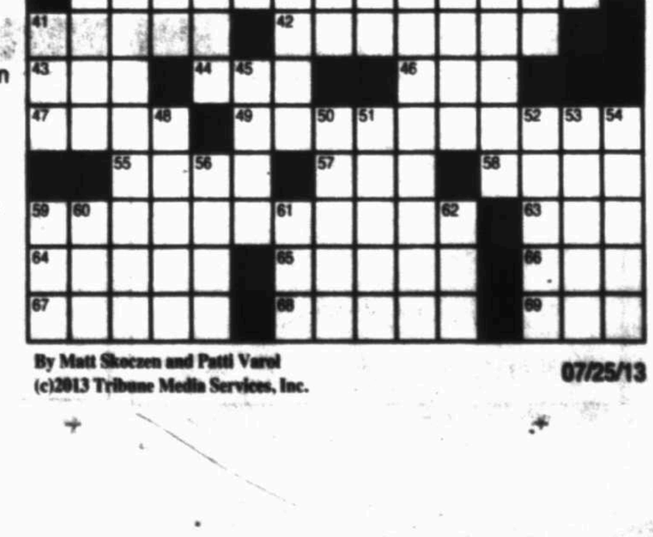

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Hernandez tosses 8 shutout innings in 'Hounds' win

From staff reports

FRISCO — A day after Zach Neal pitched a complete-game shutout against the Frisco RoughRiders, Carlos Hernandez nearly matched his feat Wednesday, tossing eight shutout innings in a 6-0 win at Dr Pepper Ballpark to complete a series sweep of the RoughRiders.

Hernandez (6-7) began the game by giving up a one-out double to Ryan Strausborger in the bottom of the first, putting the game-tying run in scoring position for Frisco, down 1-0 after an RBI triple by Jake Goebbert earlier in the frame.

But Hernandez was his normal poised self, getting Brett Nicholas to ground out and striking out Zach Zaneski to end the inning.

The lefty made a habit of wiggling out of jams Wednesday as Frisco went just 1 for 6 with runners in scoring position.

Frisco starter Carlos Pimentel didn't fare as well, as Midland busted the game open in the fourth, which he began with a walk and a hit batter.

Max Muncy made him pay on the next at bat, sending an RBI single back up the middle for a 2-0 lead.

Two batters later, David Freitas slapped in an RBI single and later in the inning, with two outs, D'Arby Myers did the same to chase Pimentel.

Alex Claudio replaced Pimentel and promptly walked in a run for a 5-0 lead.

RockHounds	6
RoughRiders	0

Hernandez

Myers

Today

The RockHounds return home today for a 5-game homestand starting with the Corpus Christi Hooks at 7 p.m. at Citibank Ballpark.

Myers capped the RockHound scoring in the eighth with an RBI double to right. Myers was 3 for 5 in the game with the double and two RBI.

The eighth was also the final inning for Hernandez, who scattered six hits while striking out six and walking one.

Please see **HOUNDS/2C**

Texas League

Second half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
NW Arkansas	19	14	.576	—
Arkansas	18	15	.545	1
Springfield	16	17	.485	3
x-Tulsa	14	19	.424	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	19	14	.576	—
x-Corpus Christi	17	15	.531	1 1/2
Midland	15	17	.469	3 1/2
Frisco	13	20	.394	6

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
NW Arkansas 10, Arkansas 8, 11 innings, comp. of susp. game
NW Arkansas 7, Arkansas 0
Corpus Christi 5, San Antonio 0
Midland 6, Frisco 0
Tulsa 3, Springfield 0

Today's Games
Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Springfield, 7:09 p.m.

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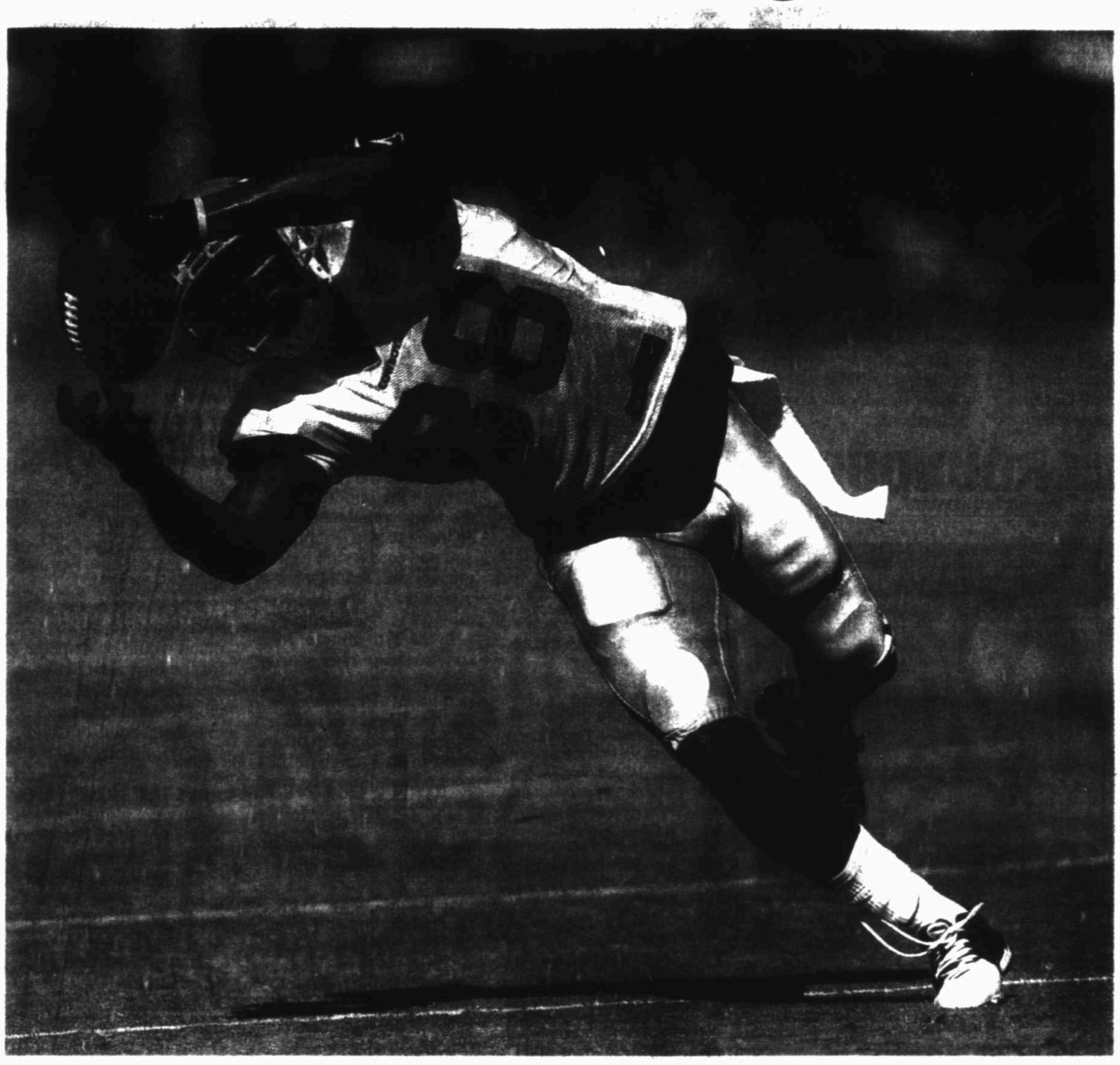

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Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant makes a reception during Cowboys training camp Tuesday in Oxnard, Calif. Bryant is having a good offseason after having troubles earlier in his career.

Mature, leader words now attached to Bryant

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

OXNARD, Calif. — Dez Bryant took it to heart when Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett implored the players at the start of training camp to "step up and be a…leader."

"Oh, yeah," the wide receiver said. "That's my job, trying to step up and be one of the best leaders I possibly can. I'm going on my fourth year. A lot of the new guys look up to me."

Look up to Bryant? A guy who once seemed destined for the Knucklehead Hall of Fame rather than the Pro Bowl?

You bet.

"Dez," undrafted rookie receiver Eric Rogers said, "he practices harder than anybody I've ever been around. As a rookie, you've got to look up to a guy like that. He sets the tempo."

Determined to change his image and keep the momentum going from the breakout season he enjoyed in 2012, Bryant recorded a drama-free offseason, signaling he's matured and is committed to doing things the right way.

"This whole offseason, I felt good," said Bryant, 24. "I felt like me. I felt like me at the middle of last year. I felt like all that stuff was over with the incident with my mom. I felt like everything was on the right path."

It seemed that way when Bryant made a surprise appearance in March at a "Man Against Abuse" rally in Dallas, where he apologized for his part in an altercation with his mother in July 2012. In November, the Dallas County District Attorney's office conditionally dismissed the misdemeanor family violence charge against Bryant, meaning it will be dropped if he completes counseling and is not charged with a crime for a year.

"There is no backward for me," Bryant said. "…I'm doing everything I'm supposed to and it doesn't feel like, 'Hey, I'm structured. I gotta do this.'

"This is the type of guy I am. I'm not a bad guy."

The Cowboys believe him.

"We're real proud of Dez, the approach he has taken, his consistency in meetings, on the practice field," coach Jason Garrett said. "It has a lot to do with the maturity he's made as a person. It reflects in his play."

Indeed, Bryant has been unstoppable at camp, routinely making spectacular plays that prompt the fans to shout his name.

"I'm comfortable," Bryant said, "having fun, trying to be the best I can and bring out the best in my teammates."

Please see **BRYANT/4C**

Still-changing C-USA bigger at 14 teams for 2013

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — North Texas coach Dan McCarney knows there are 14 football teams this season in Conference USA, the Mean Green's new league.

Asked if he could name them all, McCarney chuckled and said he might take him while.

"But I know there's 14 this year, I think there's 13 next year, and hopefully we'll be back to 14 the next year after that," McCarney said Wednesday at C-USA media day. "I'm just trying to piece it all together, I know who's on our schedule, West, East, who's coming, who's going."

The Mean Green are among six new teams in Conference USA, which this fall spans across nine states. The league got bigger even with the departures of Houston, Memphis, SMU and UCF to the Big East, whose football members later became the American Athletic Conference.

Three more teams — defending C-USA champion Tulsa, Tulane and East Carolina — are headed to the American Athletic Conference next year, when Old Dominion and Western Kentucky arrive. Conference USA expects to be back to 14 football teams when Charlotte begins play in 2015.

"If you're involved with coaching football, you're in the ever-changing landscape of conference affiliation," said first-year Southern Miss coach Todd Monken, who was aware of the pending changes when he took over a Golden Eagles team that didn't win a game last season.

Southern Miss and Tulane are the only schools remaining from when the league debuted with six teams in 1996.

"I sat here last year, same table, same place. I watched Houston, Memphis, all those guys, and I said I hope I never have to ask those questions, and here you are asking me," second-year Tulane coach Curtis Johnson said. "You've got to take the old raider attitude, just wherever you play, wherever you go, whoever lines up against you, you have to play those guys, play those opponents, prepare your team and prepare yourself."

Tulsa was the unanimous pick by the coaches in their preseason poll to win the West Division in its last C-USA season. East Carolina, another soon-departing school, is favored in the East after getting 11 of 14 first-place votes.

East Carolina coach Ruffin McNeill said it's a bit different but "not that awkward" getting ready to play a final season before changing leagues.

"Honestly, it's exciting to me," Tulsa coach Bill Blankenship said. "What I'm more excited about is getting to play Texas-San Antonio and Larry

Please see **C-USA/4C**

Donovan's 2 goals lead US into Gold Cup final

Brandon Wade/AP

Honduras' Roger Rojas, center, battles the US' DaMarcus Beasley (7) and Kyle Beckerman (14) for control of the ball during the first half of the Gold Cup semifinals at Cowboys Stadium on Wednesday in Arlington.

Associated Press

United States	3
Honduras	1

ARLINGTON — By even the very high standards of coach Jurgen Klinsmann, Landon Donovan is regaining top form after taking a break from the national team.

Donovan scored two goals and set up another on Wednesday night, helping the United States beat Honduras 3-1 to advance to the CONCACAF Gold Cup final.

Klinsmann said the performance was "wonderful to watch."

"I have told him in our conversations that 'I measure you. Your benchmark is the best Landon Donovan ever,'" Klinsmann said. "'I'm not taking anything less than that. And he is trying to catch up with that. Give him more games. Give him time."

While Klinsmann has declined to confirm that Donovan will be rejoining the World Cup qualifying team later this year, the top goal scorer in U.S. history is leaving little doubt that he belongs.

Donovan has five goals in the tournament, tying him with teammate Chris Wondolowski for most in the Gold Cup. Donovan has set up seven goals, including four in the last two games.

Entering the game, he was the only U.S. player to play every minute of the tournament. He finally was subbed out in the 72nd minute, having earned a rest.

"It's the most relaxed I've felt," Donovan said. "I feel good, and I'm really enjoying it."

The Americans will play the winner of the Panama-Mexico match on Sunday in Chicago. The U.S.

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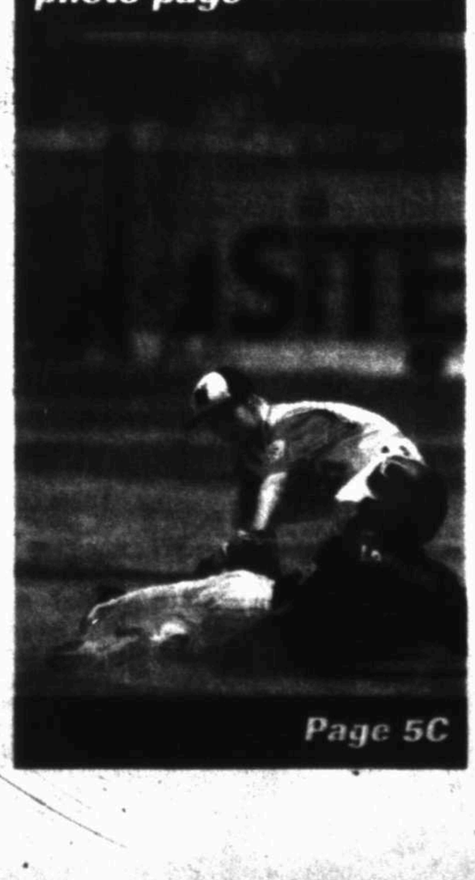

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Garza wins Rangers debut against Yankees

Rangers 3
Yankees 1

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Matt Garza pitched into the eighth inning of his Rangers debut, the only run he allowed unearned after his throwing error, and Texas beat the New York Yankees 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Garza (1-0) was 6-1 in his 11 starts this season for the Chicago Cubs before being traded Monday to the Rangers, who had long coveted the right-hander. He was 5-0 with a 1.24 ERA his last six starts for Chicago, winning the last five.

After giving up consecutive singles to start his first game in a Rangers jersey, Garza retired 15 of the next 16 batters before his throwing error on Brett Gardner's comebacker leading off the sixth.

A.J. Pierzynski drove in two runs for Texas, including a tiebreaking solo homer in the bottom of the sixth off Andy Pettitte (7-8). David Murphy also homered, off reliever Shawn Kelley in the eighth.

The Rangers were interested in Garza when Tampa Bay traded him to Chicago after the 2010 season. They also inquired about him last summer before he missed the last two months with a stress reaction in his right elbow. He missed the first seven weeks this season because of a strained left lat muscle.

Garza struck out five with no walks while throwing 95 pitches over 7 1-3 innings.

Neal Cotts retired all four batters he faced before Joe Nathan got the final out for his 32nd save in 34 chances. The All-Star closer rebounded from the previous night when he gave up two runs in the ninth of a 5-4 loss to the Yankees.

Gardner's comebacker leading off the sixth rolled away from Garza even though the pitcher was able to get a glove on it. He scrambled to grab the ball, but threw awkwardly off his knee well wide of first base. The speedy Gardner was credited with an infield single and got to third on the errant throw.

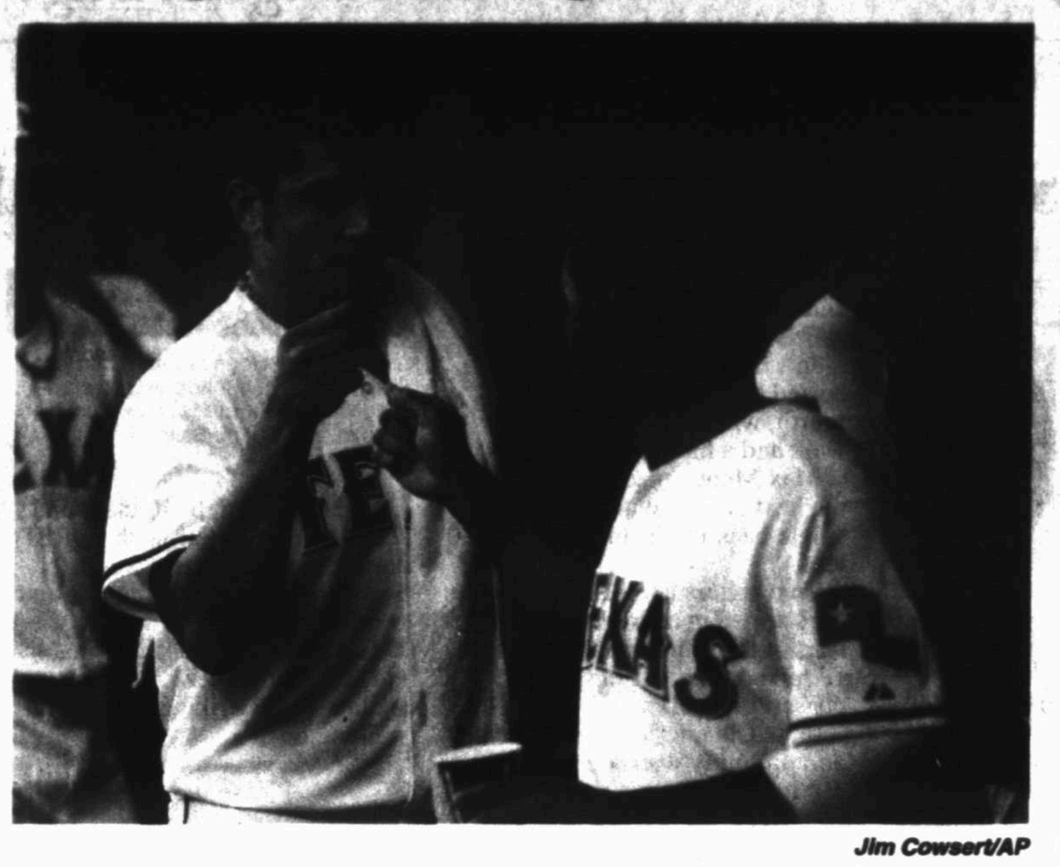
Garza then snagged Ichiro Suzuki's comebacker for an out before Robinson Cano lined a single to right to tie the game at 1 in the sixth.

Walking off the mound after the inning, Garza was clearly frustrated at himself. He already felt better soon after that, pumping his arms in the air and slapping his hands together when Pierzynski hit his 10th homer.

Pettitte allowed eight eights and two runs while pitching into the seventh. The 41-year-old lefthander struck out two and walked one.

The Rangers quickly led 1-0 after Ian Kinsler had a leadoff single, went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Elvis Andrus and scored on a single by Pierzynski. It was the second time in three games this series they scored a run in the first inning, after 10 consecutive games without a run in the initial frame.

Notes: New York 3B and Midland High grad Jayson Nix (hamstring), who went 0 for 2 and was hit by a pitch Wednesday in his first rehab game with the rookie-level Gulf Coast League Yankees. He could join Granderson at Tampa.



Jim Cowsert/AP

Texas starting pitcher Matt Garza, left, fist-bumps teammate Elvis Andrus, right, after pitching in the third inning against the New York Yankees on Wednesday in Arlington.

Hounds

From 1C

Midland returns home for a five-game homestand against the Corpus Christi Hooks, which will include a doubleheader Friday to make up for last week's rainout.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, ROUGHRIDERS 0

Midland	ab	r	bi	bb
Obenchain cf	5	0	2	0
Myers cf	5	0	3	2
Cruddas lf	2	1	0	1
Goebbert dh	3	1	1	1
Marte 3b	4	1	0	0
Muncy 1b	5	0	1	1
Coleman 2b	5	1	1	0
Freitas c	3	2	1	1
Perez ss	3	2	0	0
Totals	35	6	9	6

Frisco	ab	r	bi	bb
Martinez lf	4	0	0	0
Strausburg cg	4	0	2	0
Nicholas 1b	4	0	0	0
Zarecki c	4	0	1	0
Chiang rf	4	0	0	0
Alberto ss	4	0	0	0
Herrera 2b	3	0	1	0
Solon dh	3	0	4	0
Rodriguez 3b	2	1	0	0
Totals	32	0	8	0

Midland	100	400	010 — 6
Frisco	000	000	000 — 0

DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 10, Frisco 6. 2B — Obenchain (23), Myers (23), Strausburger (15), 3B — Goebbert (5). Coleman (6). CS — Myers (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Hernandez W, 6-7	8.0	6	0	0	1	6
Vidal	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Frisco						
Pimentel L, 6-7	3.2	5	5	5	3	2
Claudio	2.1	2	0	0	1	5
Kish	2.0	2	1	1	3	4
Van Meter	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

HBP — Pimentel (Marte).
T — 3:00. A — 4,477.

Dynamo beat Stoke City in exhibition

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andrew Driver and Giles Barnes scored to help the Houston Dynamo beat English Premier League club Stoke City 2-0 on Wednesday night in an exhibition game.

Driver opened the scoring in the 11th minute, sending a free kick from 25 yards out right of the middle inside the far post. Barnes scored in the 88th minute, taking a pass from Corey Ashe in the left box and sending a shot along the end line from outside the left goalkeeper's box and inside the near post.

Stoke City was playing its first game under new manager Mark Hughes. Stoke City will play FC Dallas on Saturday night, and face end its three-game tour against the Philadelphia Union on Tuesday night.

Cam Weaver had a line drive from the right box in the 23rd minute stopped with a leg save by Stoke City goalkeeper Asmir Begovic. Jason Johnson let one go from inside the upper box in the 33rd minute, but Begovic made a diving save to keep it 1-0.

Kenwyne Jones had Stoke City's best opportunity in the 64th minute, but Houston goalkeeper Tyler Deric made a diving save on Jones' shot from outside the upper box.

Barnes nearly upped the lead to 2-0 in the 69th minute, but his right-footed one-timer from 10 yards out on the right box just missed the far post.

Gold Cup

From 1C

has won a team-record 10 straight games.

The U.S. struck first when Donovan found Eddie Johnson running through the middle of the Honduran defense. Johnson took a dribble and powered a shot past goalkeeper Donis Escober, giving the U.S. a lead 11 minutes into the game.

In the 27th minute, Johnson started another scoring sequence with a pass to midfielder Alejandro Bedoya. Donovan received Bedoya's short chip off his chest in the middle of the goal box and poked a shot past Escober.

"The first 30 minutes was brilliant football. Brilliant, high pressure, high tempo," Klinsmann said. "We wanted to move the football around and create chances, and that's what we did."

Nery Medina of Honduras made it a one-goal game in the 52nd minute, heading in a cross from Marvin Chavez. The Americans countered a minute later when Bedoya ran down a long ball from Clarence Goodson and crossed it to Donovan, who scored from a few yards out.

"In the end, the U.S. was able to beat us in every aspect of the game," Honduras coach Luis Fernando Suarez said.

After the game, it was uncertain whether Klinsmann would be suspended for the final after being ejected in the 87th minute for slamming a ball into the ground. A CONCACAF official said the referee would file a report with CONCACAF's disciplinary committee, which will announce a decision in the next day or two.

Klinsmann said he was reacting to a number of hard fouls over the game's final 30 minutes.

"It was a reaction out of frustration," he said. "It was not meant against the referee, against anybody. It was just frustration. I apologize for that."

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American League

ATHLETICS 4
ASTROS 3

HOUSTON — Coco Crisp hit a two-run homer in Oakland's three-run seventh inning to help the Athletics to a win over the Astros.

The A's trailed by two before an RBI double by Eric Sogard with one out cut the lead to 3-2 and chased starter Bud Norris. Crisp launched his home run off Travis Blackley (1-1) to put Oakland on top.

John Jaso had a solo homer in the first inning for the A's, who have won 11 of 12 against Houston this season.

A.J. Griffin (9-7) allowed six hits and three runs and tied a season-high with eight strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings for the win.

RAYS 5
RED SOX 1

BOSTON — David Price pitched a five-hitter for his third complete game of the season, Wil Myers had a two-run single, and the surging Rays won for the 19th time in 22 games by beating the Red Sox.

James Loney had two hits and drove in a run for the Rays. Tampa Bay moved within a half-game of the AL East-leading Red Sox.

Mike Napoli homered for Boston, which lost for the fifth time in eight games.

Price (5-5) needed only 97 pitches for his seventh career complete game. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter. Since returning from a 47-day stint on the disabled list because of a triceps strain, he is 4-1 with a 1.76 ERA in five starts.

Felix Doubront (7-4) gave up three runs and six hits and took the loss.

ANGELS 1
TWINS 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jered Weaver outpitched Mike Pelfrey with eight innings of two-hit ball and Albert Pujols drove in the only run, leading the Angels to a victory over the Twins.

Weaver (5-5) struck out nine and walked one in his first home start against the Twins since his no-hitter on May 2, 2012. The three-time All-Star retired 19 consecutive batters during one stretch — just four days after teammate C.J. Wilson set down 18 in a row against Oakland.

Ernesto Frieri got three outs for his 25th save in 27 chances, less than 24 hours after giving up five runs including a grand slam by Chris Herrmann in the 10th inning of the Angels' 10-3 loss.

Pelfrey (4-8) pitched six innings and allowed five hits, including Pujols' run-scoring single in the first.

INDIANS 10
MARINERS 1

SEATTLE — Scott Kazmir allowed just one hit over his eight innings, Michael Bourn hit his first career grand slam and the Indians routed the Mariners.

The only hit Kazmir (6-4) gave up was a clean leadoff single to center by Justin Smoak in the fifth. Kazmir struck out seven, walked two and allowed an unearned run. He threw 103 pitches and was relieved by Vinnie Pestano in the ninth. Pestano allowed a hit.

TIGERS 6
WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO — Prince Fielder, Austin Jackson and Torii Hunter homered, and Anibal Sanchez pitched six scoreless innings to help the Tigers overcome Miguel Cabrera's absence in a win over the White Sox.

Cabrera, the reigning AL MVP and baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years last season, left Monday's game in the bottom of the fifth inning with a left hip flexor injury. He hasn't played since and might sit out Thursday, too, when the Tigers go for a four-game sweep.

ROYALS 4
ORIOLES 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Hosmer hit two home runs and Alcides Escobar drove in the winning run in the ninth to lift the Royals to a victory over the Orioles.

David Lough singled and scored the game-ending run when Escobar doubled off the fence in left center with one out in the ninth.

Interleague

DODGERS 8
BLUE JAYS 3, 10 INNINGS

TORONTO — Mark Ellis hit a two-run homer to highlight Los Angeles' five-run 10th inning as the Dodgers beat the Blue Jays to complete a three-game sweep.

Yasiel Puig also went deep in the 10th for the streaking Dodgers, who have won six straight and 23 of 28 to go from last in the NL West on June 21 to first place.

National League

PIRATES 4
NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Francisco Liriano didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning against a struggling and depleted Nationals lineup, and Pedro Alvarez homered off Stephen Strasburg to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates past Washington 4-2 on Wednesday night.

The Nationals fell to 0-6 since the All-Star break — scoring a total of 13 runs in that span — and have lost 11 of 13.

BRAVES 8
METS 2

NEW YORK — Tim Hudson took a shutout into the eighth inning before getting spiked at first base and carted off the field during Atlanta's victory over the New York Mets.

Hudson has a broken right ankle and will undergo surgery in Atlanta once the swelling goes down.

CARDINALS 11
PHILLIES 3

ST. LOUIS — Jake Westbrook pitched seven solid innings and contributed offensively with his second career steal, leading St. Louis past Philadelphia.

Matt Adams had two hits and three RBI, and Shane Robinson's three-run triple in the fifth was his third hit of the game for the Cardinals (61-37), who are 4-1 since the All-Star break.

BREWERS 3
PADRES 1

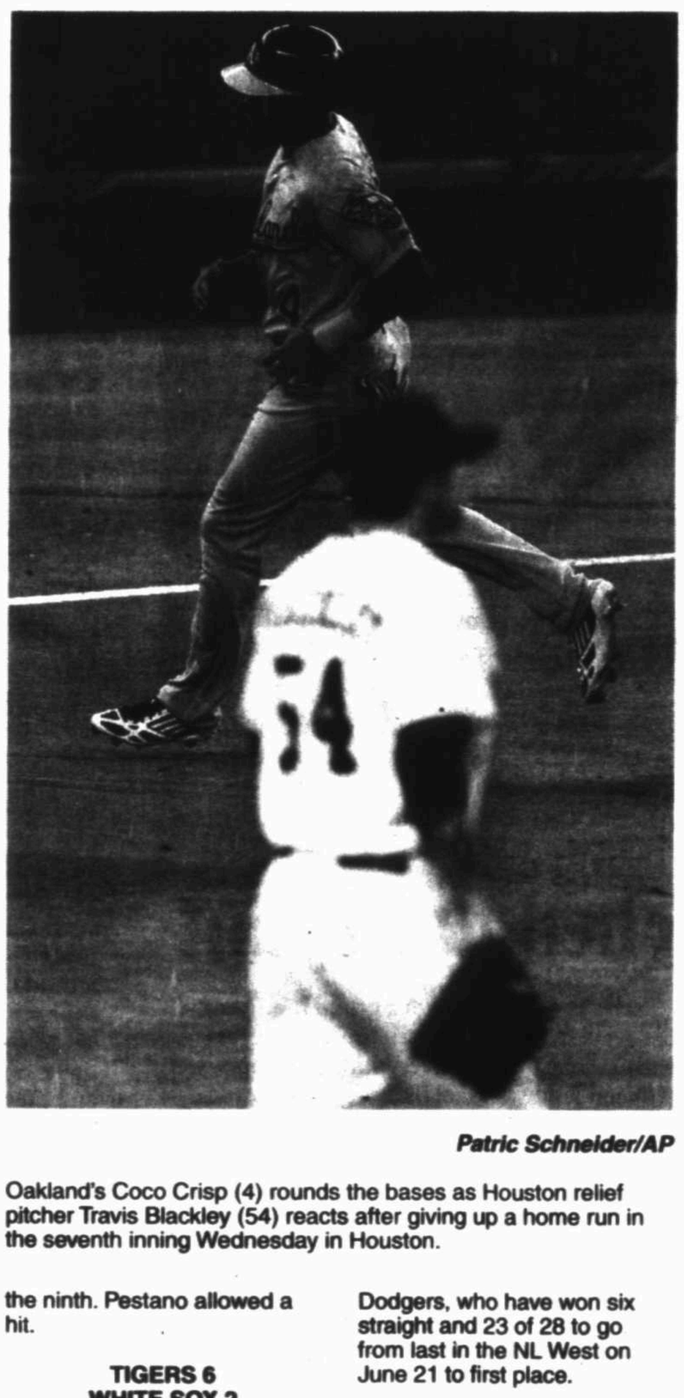
MILWAUKEE — Kyle Lohse pitched seven strong innings, and Carlos Gomez had four hits and drove in two runs to lead Milwaukee over San Diego.

It was the Brewers' first win since left fielder Ryan Braun was suspended Monday for the remainder of the 2013 season for violating Major League Baseball's drug policy.

ROCKIES 2
MARLINS 1

DENVER — Jorge De La Rosa tossed six scoreless innings, Todd Helton doubled and scored a run, and Colorado held on to beat Miami.

Michael Cuddyer reached three times and Rex Brothers earned his sixth save in seven chances with a scoreless ninth.



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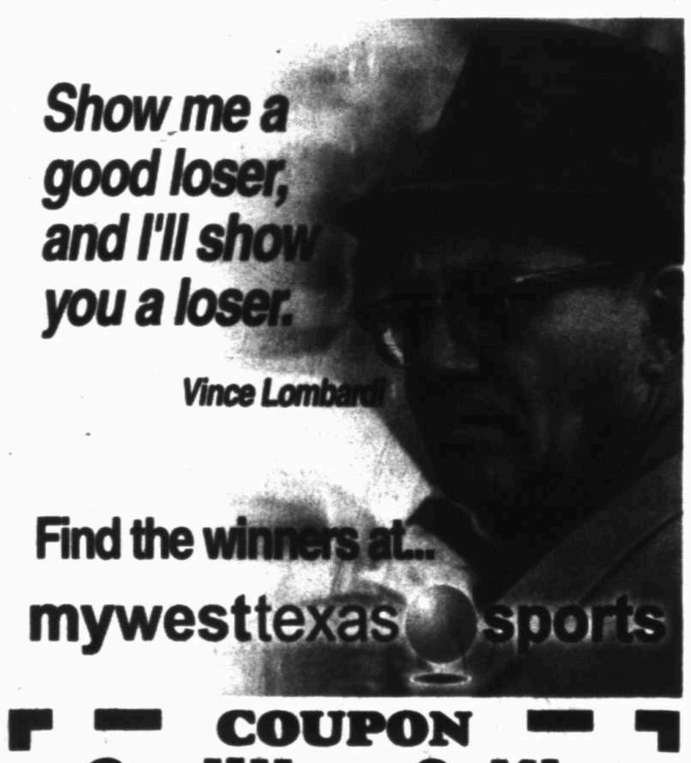
Oakland's Coco Crisp (4) rounds the bases as Houston relief pitcher Travis Blackley (54) reacts after giving up a home run in the seventh inning Wednesday in Houston.



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SPORTSSCOREBOARD

Tennis

ATP WORLD TOUR
Vegeta Croatia Open Results
Wednesday
At ITC Stella Maris
Umag, Croatia
Purse: $614,700 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round

Fabio Fognini (3), Italy, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-3.

Martin Klizan (6), Slovakia, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (3).

Gael Monfils, France, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-1.

Albert Montanes, Spain, def. Richard Gasquet (1), France, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles
First Round

Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Lukas Dlouhy (1), Czech Republic, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, and Jaroslav Levinsky, Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Nicholas Monroe, United States, and Simon Stadler (3), Germany, def. Michail Elgin, Russia, and Philipp Marx, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Carlos Berlocq and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Marin Draganja and Mate Pavic, Croatia, 6-1, 6-4.

Franko Skugor and Antonio Veic, Croatia, def. Tomasz Bednarek and Mateusz Kowalczyk, Poland, 6-4, 4-6, 10-6.

Credit Agricole Suisse Open Results
Wednesday
At Roy Emerson Arena
Gstaad, Switzerland
Purse: $614,700 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Second Round

Juan Monaco (4), Argentina, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.

Feliciano Lopez (5), Spain, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-4, 6-3.

Mikhail Youzhny (6), Russia, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Stanislas Wawrinka (2), Switzerland, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Doubles
First Round

Florin Mergea, Romania, and Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, and Henri Laaksonen, Switzerland, 6-2, 6-4.

Quarterfinals

Pablo Andujar, Spain, and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, and Paul Hanley (4), Australia, 6-3, 6-1.

WTA
Baku Cup Results
Wednesday
At Baki Tennis Akademiyasi
Baku, Azerbaijan
Purse: $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Chanelle Scheepers (3), South Africa, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Polona Hercog (6), Slovenia, 7-6 (7), 4-6, 6-3.

Elina Svitolina (7), Ukraine, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Kateryna Kozlova, Ukraine, def. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Second Round

Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, def. Bojana Jovanovski (1), Serbia, 6-2, 7-5.

Donna Vekic (2), Croatia, def. Tetyana Arefyeva, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-2.

Alexandra Cadantu (4), Romania, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles
First Round

Irina Buryachok, Ukraine, and Oksana Kalashnikova (2), Georgia, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, and Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, 6-1, 6-2.

Sandra Klemenschits, Austria, and Andreja Klepac (3), Slovenia, def. Valentyna Ivakhnenko, Ukraine, and Kateryna Kozlova, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-3.

Vesna Dolonc, Serbia, and Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Kamilla Farhad, Azerbaijan, and Sabina Sharipova, Uzbekistan, 6-1, 6-1.

Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, and Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, and Shahar Peer, Israel, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	5	.706	—
Atlanta	11	5	.688	1/2
Washington	9	9	.500	3 1/2
Indiana	7	9	.438	4 1/2
New York	7	10	.412	5
Connecticut	4	12	.250	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	14	3	.824	—
Los Angeles	12	5	.706	2
Phoenix	9	9	.500	5 1/2
Seattle	6	10	.375	7 1/2
Tulsa	6	13	.316	9
San Antonio	5	12	.294	9

Wednesday's Scores
Washington 82, Chicago 78
Minnesota 81, Phoenix 69
Atlanta 74, Connecticut 65

Today's Games
New York at San Antonio, 11:30 a.m.
Indiana at Tulsa, 11:30 a.m.
Seattle at Los Angeles, 2:30 p.m.

Swimming

FINA World Championships Results
Wednesday
At Barcelona, Spain
Women
Synchronized Swimming (Solo)

1. Svetlana Romashina, Russia, 97.340 points
2. Huang Xuechen, China, 95.720
3. Ona Carbonell, Spain, 94.290
4. Lolita Ananasova, Ukraine, 92.740
5. Yukiko Inui, Japan, 91.800
6. Chloe Isaac, Canada, 89.940
7. Despoina Solomou, Greece, 88.800
8. Jenna Randall, Britain, 87.590
8. Linda Cerruti, Italy, 87.590
10. Ri Ji Hyang, North Korea, 84.910
11. Estel-Anais Hubaud, France, 84.080
12. Sona Bernardova, Czech Republic, 83.690

Water Polo
Men
Preliminary Round
Group A
Greece 24, New Zealand 4
Montenegro 7, Spain 5
Group B
United States 16, South Africa 3
Croatia 13, Canada 8
Group C
Australia 9, China 7
Serbia 13, Hungary 10
Group D
Kazakhstan 7, Romania 4
Italy 10, Germany 8

Soccer

CONCACAF Gold Cup Glance
SEMIFINALS
Wednesday
At Arlington
United States 3, Honduras 1
Panama 2, Mexico 1

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 28
At Chicago
United States vs. Panama, 3 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	61	42	.592	—
Tampa Bay	60	42	.588	1/2
Baltimore	57	45	.559	3 1/2
New York	53	48	.525	7
Toronto	45	55	.450	14 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	56	44	.560	—
Cleveland	53	48	.525	3 1/2
Kansas City	47	51	.480	8
Minnesota	43	55	.439	12
Chicago	39	59	.398	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	59	42	.584	—
Texas	56	45	.554	3
Seattle	48	53	.475	11
Los Angeles	47	52	.475	11
Houston	34	66	.340	24 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
Oakland 4, Houston 3
L.A. Angels 1, Minnesota 0
Cleveland 10, Seattle 1
L.A. Dodgers 8, Toronto 3, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 5, Boston 1
Texas 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Kansas City 4, Baltimore 3
Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 2

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 9-6) at Texas (D.Holland 8-5), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 10-7) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 7-4), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Bedard 3-7) at Toronto (Buehrle 5-7), 6:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Hellickson 9-3) at Boston (Lackey 7-7), 6:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 8-3) at Kansas City (Guthrie 9-7), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 10-6) at Oakland (Straily 6-3), 9:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Correia 7-6) at Seattle (Iwakuma 9-4), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	57	44	.564	—
Philadelphia	49	52	.485	8
Washington	48	53	.475	9
New York	44	53	.454	11
Miami	37	62	.374	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	61	37	.622	—
Pittsburgh	60	39	.606	1 1/2
Cincinnati	57	44	.564	5 1/2
Chicago	44	54	.449	17
Milwaukee	42	58	.420	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	53	47	.530	—
Arizona	52	48	.520	1
Colorado	49	53	.480	5
San Francisco	46	54	.460	7
San Diego	45	57	.441	9

Wednesday's Scores
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 2
L.A. Dodgers 8, Toronto 3, 10 innings
Atlanta 8, N.Y. Mets 2
Milwaukee 3, San Diego 1
St. Louis 11, Philadelphia 3
Colorado 2, Miami 1
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, late
Cincinnati at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Atlanta (A.Wood 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Z.Wheeler 3-1), 11:10 a.m.
Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 4-7) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 7-3), 11:35 a.m.
San Diego (Volquez 7-8) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 8-8), 1:10 p.m.
Miami (Eovaldi 2-1) at Colorado (Nicasio 6-4), 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 9-6) at St. Louis (Lynn 11-5), 6:15 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 2-6) at Arizona (Miley 6-8), 8:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 9-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 8-2), 9:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S AL WEST BOXES

RANGERS 3, YANKEES 1

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr cf	4	1	2	0	Kinsler 2b	4	1	1	0
ISuzuki rf	4	0	1	0	Andrus ss	3	0	1	0
Cano 2b	4	0	2	1	N.Cruz rf	3	0	1	0
Overay 1b	4	0	0	0	ABeltre 3b	4	0	0	0
V.Wells dh	4	0	1	0	Przyns dh	4	1	2	2
Nunez ss	4	0	0	0	JeBakr lf	3	0	1	0
Lillirdg 3b	3	0	0	0	DvMrp lf	1	1	1	1
Mesa lf	3	0	0	0	Morlnd 1b	4	0	0	0
CStwrt c	2	0	0	0	G.Soto c	3	0	1	0
Hafner ph	1	0	0	0	Gentry cf	3	0	1	0
AuRmn c	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	1	6	1	Totals	32	3	9	3

New York 000 001 000 — 1
Texas 100 001 01x — 3

E—A.Beltre (10), Garza (1). DP—Texas 1. LOB—New York 5, Texas 8. 2B—Je.Baker (5). HR—Pierzynski (10), Dav.Murphy (11). SB—Gardner (17), I.Suzuki (15), Gentry (9). S—Andrus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Pettitte L,7-8	6	8	2	2	1	2
Kelley	2	1	1	1	1	0
Texas						
Garza W,1-0	7 1-3	5	1	0	0	5
Cotts	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan S,32-34	1-3	1	0	0	0	0

Pettitte pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
T—2:43. A—42,360 (48,114).

ATHLETICS 4, ASTROS 3

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	5	1	1	2	Villar ss	4	0	0	0
Jaso c	3	1	2	1	Altuve 2b	4	1	2	1
DNorrs c	1	0	0	0	JCastro dh	4	1	1	0
Dnldsn 3b	2	0	0	0	Carter lf	3	0	0	0
Lowrie ss	4	0	0	0	Corprn c	3	1	1	2
Cespds lf	4	0	1	0	Wallac 1b	4	0	1	0
Moss 1b	4	0	0	0	Maxwll cf	4	0	0	0
Reddck rf	4	0	1	0	MDmn 3b	4	0	1	0
S.Smith dh	2	1	0	0	Krauss rf	2	0	1	0
Sogard 2b	4	1	1	1	Elmore ph-rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	6	4	Totals	34	3	7	3

Oakland 100 000 300 — 4
Houston 000 102 000 — 3

LOB—Oakland 8, Houston 6. 2B—Jaso (12), Reddick (13), Sogard (47), J.Castro (27). HR—Crisp (10), Jaso (3), Altuve (4), Corporan (6). SB—Altuve (24).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Griffin W,9-7	6 1-3	6	3	3	0	8
Blevins	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
J.Chavez	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Cook S,2-5	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
B.Norris	6 1-3	4	3	3	3	7
Blackley L,1-1	1-3	1	1	1	0	1
Ambriz	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
W.Wright	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Veras	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Griffin (Corporan), by B.Norris (Donaldson).
T—3:10. A—24,831 (42,060).

ANGELS 1, TWINS 0

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Thoms lf	3	0	0	0	Shuck lf	4	1	1	0
Bernier 2b	3	0	1	0	Trout cf	3	0	0	0
Mornea dh	4	0	0	0	Pujols dh	4	0	1	1
Doumit c	2	0	0	0	Trumo 1b	4	0	2	0
Carroll pr	0	0	0	0	HKndrc 2b	3	0	0	0
CHrmn rf	4	0	0	0	Callasp 3b	3	0	0	0
Plouffe 3b	3	0	0	0	Iannett c	3	0	0	0
Colaell 1b	3	0	0	0	Cowgill rf	3	0	2	0
Hicks cf	3	0	1	0	Aybar ss	3	0	1	0
Flormn ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	28	0	2	0	Totals	30	1	7	1

Minnesota 000 000 000 — 0
Los Angeles 100 000 00x — 1

DP—Minnesota 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Minnesota 5, Los Angeles 7. SB—Bernier (1), Hicks (8), Shuck (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Pelfrey L,4-8	6	5	1	1	1	5
Swarzak	2	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Weaver W,5-5	8	2	0	0	1	9
Frieri S,25-27	1	0	0	0	2	1

HBP—by Pelfrey (Trout), by Frieri (Bernier).
T—2:43. A—38,209 (45,483).

INDIANS 10, MARINERS 1

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	2	2	4	BMiller ss-3b	4	0	0	0
Swisher 1b	4	1	1	0	Frnkln 2b	3	0	1	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0	Seager 3b	3	0	0	0
ACarer ss	4	4	2	3	Ryan ss	0	0	0	0
CSantn dh	5	0	3	2	KMorls dh	3	0	0	0
Aviles lf	5	0	1	0	Bay lf	4	1	0	0
MrRynl 3b	4	1	1	0	Smoak 1b	3	0	1	0
YGoms c	4	1	2	0	MSndrs cf	4	0	0	0
Stubbs rf	3	1	1	0	EnChvz rf	3	0	0	0
					HBlanc c	3	0	0	0
Totals	37	10	13	9	Totals	30	1	2	0

Cleveland 301 041 001 — 10
Seattle 010 000 000 — 1

E—Mar.Reynolds (9), A.Cabrera (4), M.Saunders (1). DP—Cleveland 1, Seattle 3. LOB—Cleveland 7, Seattle 6. 2B—A.Cabrera (21), C.Santana 2 (26), Y.Gomes (7). HR—Bourn (3), A.Cabrera (8). S—Kipnis.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Kazmir W,6-4	8	1	1	0	2	7
Pestano	1	1	0	0	2	1
Seattle						
J.Saunders L,9-9	4 2-3	9	6	5	3	5
Noesi	2 1-3	2	3	3	2	1
Luetge	2	2	1	1	1	0

T—2:49. A—25,688 (47,476).

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAYS 5, RED SOX 1
Tampa Bay 003 000 020 —5 11 0
Boston 000 000 100 —1 5 1
Price and J.Molina; Doubront, Beato (7), Thornton (8), D.Britton (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Price 5-5. L—Doubront 7-4. HRs—Boston, Napoli (14).

ROYALS 4, ORIOLES 3
Baltimore 000 200 010 —3 8 1
Kansas City 100 000 021 —4 9 2
W.Chen, O'Day (8) and Wieters; E.Santana, Hochevar (9) and S.Perez. W—Hochevar 3-1. L—O'Day 5-1. HRs—Baltimore, Wieters (14). Kansas City, Hosmer 2 (11).

TIGERS 6, WHITE SOX 2
Detroit 310 011 000 —6 11 1
Chicago 000 000 101 —2 11 1
Ani.Sanchez, B.Rondon (7), Smyly (8), Putkonen (9), Coke (9), Benoit (9) and Avila; Joh.Danks, Purcey (8), Troncoso (9), Veal (9) and Phegley. W—Ani.Sanchez 8-7. L—Joh.Danks 2-8. HRs—Detroit, Fielder (17), A.Jackson (6), Tor.Hunter (9). Chicago, Viciedo (9).

INTERLEAGUE

DODGERS 8, BLUE JAYS 3, 10 INNINGS
Los Angeles 011 000 001 5 —8 16 3
Toronto 000 020 010 0 —3 5 2
Nolasco, P.Rodriguez (6), Withrow (7), Belisario (8), League (8), Jansen (10) and A.Ellis; E.Rogers, Delabar (8), Janssen (9), J.Perez (10) and Arencibia, Thole. W—League 5-3. L—J.Perez 1-2. HRs—Los Angeles, M.Ellis (5), Puig (9).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PIRATES 4, NATIONALS 2
Pittsburgh 010 000 003 —4 5 0
Washington 000 000 002 —2 5 1
Liriano, Ju.Wilson (8), Melancon (9) and McKenry; Strasburg, Storen (9), Abad (9) and W.Ramos. W—Liriano 10-4. L—Strasburg 5-8. Sv—Melancon (3). HRs—Pittsburgh, P.Alvarez (26). Washington, Werth (15).

BRAVES 8, METS 2
Atlanta 010 050 002 —8 8 0
New York 000 000 020 —2 6 2
T.Hudson, Avilan (8), Walden (8), Ayala (9) and McCann; Hefner, Germen (5), Edgin (8), Atchison (9) and Recker. W—T.Hudson 8-7. L—Hefner 4-8. HRs—Atlanta, Gattis (15), Uggla (20), Simmons (11).

BREWERS 3, PADRES 1
San Diego 001 000 000 —1 5 1
Milwaukee 002 000 10x —3 9 0
O'Sullivan, Thayer (7), Stauffer (8) and Hundley; Lohse, Axford (8), Henderson (9) and Lucroy. W—Lohse 7-7. L—O'Sullivan 0-2. Sv—Henderson (11). HRs—San Diego, Hundley (8).

CARDINALS 11, PHILLIES 3
Philadelphia 000 010 200 —3 9 0
St. Louis 021 150 02x—11 16 1
Lannan, J.Ramirez (5), De Fratus (6), Diekman (8) and Ruiz; Westbrook, Siegrist (6), Ca.Martinez (9) and Y.Molina, T.Cruz. W—Westbrook 7-4. L—Lannan 2-4.
Local note: Laynce Nix was 1 for 4 with a run scored.

ROCKIES 2, MARLINS 1
Miami 000 000 010 —1 10 1
Colorado 010 010 00x —2 7 1
Ja.Turner, Webb (7), Da.Jennings (7), A.Ramos (8) and Mathis; J.De La Rosa, Escalona (7), Outman (7), W.Lopez (7), Belisle (8), Brothers (9) and Torrealba. W—J.De La Rosa 10-5. L—Ja.Turner 3-3. Sv—Brothers (6).

Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—MiCabrera, Detroit, .358; Mauer, Minnesota, .324; DOrtiz, Boston, .323; Trout, Los Angeles, .321; Loney, Tampa Bay, .316; CDavis, Baltimore, .311; ABeltre, Texas, .309; TorHunter, Detroit, .309.

RUNS—MiCabrera, Detroit, 76; CDavis, Baltimore, 74; AJones, Baltimore, 70; Trout, Los Angeles, 67; DeJennings, Tampa Bay, 66; Bautista, Toronto, 64; Encarnacion, Toronto, 62.

RBI—CDavis, Baltimore, 97; MiCabrera, Detroit, 96; Encarnacion, Toronto, 74; Fielder, Detroit, 74; AJones, Baltimore, 71; Cano, New York, 70; NCruz, Texas, 70.

HITS—MiCabrera, Detroit, 134; Machado, Baltimore, 133; Trout, Los Angeles, 126; ABeltre, Texas, 123; AJones, Baltimore, 123; Pedroia, Boston, 121; Ellsbury, Boston, 119; Mauer, Minnesota, 119.

DOUBLES—Machado, Baltimore, 39; Mauer, Minnesota, 31; CDavis, Baltimore, 30; Trout, Los Angeles, 29; JCastro, Houston, 27; JhPeralta, Detroit, 27; Napoli, Boston, 26; CSantana, Cleveland, 26.

TRIPLES—Trout, Los Angeles, 8; Ellsbury, Boston, 7; Drew, Boston, 6; Gardner, New York, 5; DeJennings, Tampa Bay, 5; LMartin, Texas, 5; Kawasaki, Toronto, 4; HKendrick, Los Angeles, 4.

HOME RUNS—CDavis, Baltimore, 37; MiCabrera, Detroit, 31; Encarnacion, Toronto, 26; ADunn, Chicago, 24; Ibanez, Seattle, 24; Bautista, Toronto, 23; NCruz, Texas, 23.

STOLEN BASES—Ellsbury, Boston, 37; RDavis, Toronto, 27; McLouth, Baltimore, 25; Altuve, Houston, 24; Trout, Los Angeles, 22; Andrus, Texas, 21; Kipnis, Cleveland, 21; Rios, Chicago, 21.

PITCHING—Scherzer, Detroit, 14-1; MMoore, Tampa Bay, 14-3; Colon, Oakland, 13-3; Tillman, Baltimore, 12-3; FHernandez, Seattle, 11-4; Masterson, Cleveland, 11-7; CWilson, Los Angeles, 10-6; Verlander, Detroit, 10-7.

ERA—FHernandez, Seattle, 2.43; Colon, Oakland, 2.52; Kuroda, New York, 2.65; AniSanchez, Detroit, 2.68; Sale, Chicago, 2.81; Darvish, Texas, 2.86; Lackey, Boston, 2.95.

STRIKEOUTS—Darvish, Texas, 161; Scherzer, Detroit, 157; FHernandez, Seattle, 147; Masterson, Cleveland, 145; Sale, Chicago, 142; Verlander, Detroit, 128; DHolland, Texas, 127.

SAVES—JiJohnson, Baltimore, 35; Nathan, Texas, 32; MRivera, New York, 32; Balfour, Oakland, 26; GHolland, Kansas City, 25; AReed, Chicago, 25; Frieri, Los Angeles, 25.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—YMolina, St. Louis, .339; Craig, St. Louis, .337; Cuddyer, Colorado, .328; MCarpenter, St. Louis, .326; CJohnson, Atlanta, .325; Posey, San Francisco, .319; Segura, Milwaukee, .317; Votto, Cincinnati, .317.

RUNS—MCarpenter, St. Louis, 78; CGonzalez, Colorado, 71; Votto, Cincinnati, 70; Choo, Cincinnati, 69; Holliday, St. Louis, 64; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 63; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 62.

RBI—Goldschmidt, Arizona, 80; Craig, St. Louis, 79; Phillips, Cincinnati, 79; DBrown, Philadelphia, 69; Bruce, Cincinnati, 68; CGonzalez, Colorado, 67; PAlvarez, Pittsburgh, 64; FFreeman, Atlanta, 64.

HITS—Segura, Milwaukee, 126; Craig, St. Louis, 124; MCarpenter, St. Louis, 123; Votto, Cincinnati, 118; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 116; YMolina, St. Louis, 116; CGonzalez, Colorado, 112; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 112; DWright, New York, 112.

DOUBLES—MCarpenter, St. Louis, 31; YMolina, St. Louis, 30; Bruce, Cincinnati, 29; Posey, San Francisco, 28; Rizzo, Chicago, 28; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 27; GParra, Arizona, 27.

TRIPLES—CGomez, Milwaukee, 9; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 8; Segura, Milwaukee, 8; Span, Washington, 7; CGonzalez, Colorado, 6; Hechavarria, Miami, 5; DWright, New York, 5.

HOME RUNS—PAlvarez, Pittsburgh, 26; CGonzalez, Colorado, 26; DBrown, Philadelphia, 24; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 21; Bruce, Cincinnati, 20; Uggla, Atlanta, 20; Beltran, St. Louis, 19.

STOLEN BASES—ECabrera, San Diego, 34; Segura, Milwaukee, 30; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 28; CGomez, Milwaukee, 22; Revere, Philadelphia, 22; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 21; EYoung, New York, 20.

PITCHING—Wainwright, St. Louis, 13-5; Corbin, Arizona, 12-1; Zimmermann, Washington, 12-5; Lynn, St. Louis, 11-5; CILee, Philadelphia, 10-4; Liriano, Pittsburgh, 10-4; JDe La Rosa, Colorado, 10-5; SMiller, St. Louis, 10-6; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 10-6.

ERA—Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.01; Locke, Pittsburgh, 2.11; Harvey, New York, 2.23; Corbin, Arizona, 2.31; Wainwright, St. Louis, 2.44; Fernandez, Miami, 2.74; SMiller, St. Louis, 2.77.

STRIKEOUTS—Harvey, New York, 157; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 148; Wainwright, St. Louis, 137; Samardzija, Chicago, 134; HBailey, Cincinnati, 133; Latos, Cincinnati, 132; CILee, Philadelphia, 131.

SAVES—Grilli, Pittsburgh, 30; Mujica, St. Louis, 29; Kimbrel, Atlanta, 28; RSoriano, Washington, 25; Romo, San Francisco, 24; Chapman, Cincinnati, 23; Papelbon, Philadelphia, 20.

TWSA CLASS 3A BASEBALL TEAM

Here is the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 3A state baseball team:

CLASS 3A
FIRST TEAM

Pitchers — Ty Damron, Krum, sr.; Logan Vinklarek, La Grange, sr.; (tie) Matt Tincher, Mineral Wells, sr. and Garrett Johnston, Graham, sr

Catcher — Corey Simpson, Sweeny, sr.

First baseman — Jake Gollihar, Splendora, sr.

Second baseman — (tie) Trey Gallegos, Sinton, sr. and Jordan Gore, Silsbee, jr.

Shortstop — (tie) Scotland Church, Lubbock Cooper, sr. and Tanner Fritsch, La Grange, sr.

Outfielders — Chandler Patterson, Lubbock Cooper, sr.; Ethan Brinkley, Rockdale, sr.; Marcos Molina, Princeton

Designated hitter — Jose Garza, Port Isabel, jr.

Player of the Year — Logan Vinklarek, La Grange, sr.

Coach of the Year — Brad Harbers, La Grange.

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers — Tyler Powell, Silsbee, jr.; Trey Supak, La Grange, jr.; (tie) Ryan Moseley, Lubbock Cooper, sr. and Chris Solano, Orange Grove, sr.

Catcher — Austin Caffey, Rockdale, sr.

First baseman — Beau Talley, El Campo, sr.

Second baseman — (tie) Kolby Blissett, Carthage, jr. and Dalton Burton, La Grange, jr.

Shortstop — Evan Pontley, Ferris, jr.

Third baseman — Omar Martinez, Bridgeport, sr.

Shane Clement, Wimberley, sr.

Outfielders — Kolby Kolek, La Grange, sr.; Bryce Brandl, El Campo, sr.; and Joshua Cuellar, Rio Hondo, jr.

Designated hitter — Brian Bormann, Navarro, sr.

THIRD TEAM

Pitchers — Riley Smith, Lufkin Hudson, sr.; Drew Gooch, Argyle, jr.; Blake Bottoms, China Spring, jr.

Catcher — (tie) Jordan Lemons, Pampa, sr. and C.J. Tyler, Melissa, jr.

First baseman — (tie) Dylan Lemons, Alvarado, jr. and Ted Wisdom, Sanger, jr.

Second baseman — (tie) Hunter Jones, Graham, sr.; and Jorge Mendoza, Boerne, sr.

Shortstop — (tie) Donivan Lopez, Sinton, jr.; Camden Duzenack, Melissa, sr.; Tucker Johnson, China Spring, jr.; and Montana Garcia, Silsbee, sr

Third baseman — Micah Ellison, Lufkin Hudson, sr.

Outfielders — Ryan Johnson, College Station, soph.; Trey Jeans, Pleasant Grove, jr.; Rayce Gatlin, Orange Grove, sr.

Designated hitter — Jeremy Garza, Rio Hondo, jr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitchers — Daniel Bullard, Stephenville, jr.; Brett Bushnell, Wills Point, sr.; Cody Carver, Huffman, sr.; Scotland Church, Lubbock Cooper, sr.; Colton Coffman, Rains, sr.; JayDon Day, Carthage, sr.; Brandon Garcia, Robstown, sr.; MacGregor Hines, College Station, soph.; Ryan Kvinta, Yoakum, jr.; Dylan Lemons, Alvarado, jr.; Preston Pittman, Bridge City, sr.; William Rittenberry, Carthage, jr.; Braxton Smith, Orangefield, sr.; Blaine Suehs, Caldwell, jr.; Landon Wilson, Melissa, sr.

Catchers — Mason George, China Spring, sr.; John Moore, Sealy, sr.; Baylor Rowlett, College Station, soph.

First basemen — Brett Bushnell, Wills Points, sr.; Jay Lowe, Diboll, sr.; Tyler Sturdivant, Shallowater, sr.

Second basemen — Alex Alsup, Pleasant Grove, sr.; Dylan Bowman, Gilmer, sr.; Holden Bryant, Bullard, sr.; Chase Freeman, Lubbock Cooper, jr.; Blaine Fuechec, El Campo, soph.; Jake Payonk, Caldwell, jr.

Shortstops — Michael Crews, Rusk, sr.; Eric Dejesus, Diboll, jr.; Kelby Gowin, Rains, sr.

Kenneth Herrera, Port Isabel, sr.; Ryan Long, Crandall, sr.; Tanner Luna, Caldwell, jr.; Brock Morrison, Stephenville, soph.; Chadwick Ramsey, Needville, sr.; Chris Solano, Orange Grove, sr.; Braxton Smith, Orangefield, jr.; Brandon Urquizo, Vernon, sr.

Third basemen — Clay Kresta, El Campo, jr.; Donaldo Perez, Somerset, jr.; Adam Stallings, Athens, jr.; Blaine Suehs, Caldwell, jr.; Logan Vinklarek, La Grange, sr.

Outfielders — Haden Bryant, Bullard, sr.; Samuel Chhor, Carthage, sr.; Michael Curry, Port Isabel, sr.; Logan Goebel, Cuero, sr.; Matt Lemon, Caldwell, jr.

Zac Law, Robinson, jr.; Eli Pitones, Rio Hondo, soph.; Matt Savis, Van, soph.; Will Thurmond, Yoakum, soph.; Michael Wall, El Campo, sr.; Witt Westbrook, Stephenville, sr.

Designated hitters — Ty Damron, Krum, sr.; Reagan Jacobs, Yoakum, jr.; Garrett Johnston, Graham, sr.; Trey Supak, La Grange, jr.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

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

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 81-87 degrees; 13.82' low. Black bass are good on Zara Spooks, Texas rigs and shallow running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 17.68' low. No report available.

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

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

NASWORTHY: No report available.

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

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

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

SPENCE: 64.03' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 9.91' low. No report available.

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

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

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: 44.55' low. No report available.

MACKENZIE: 95.1' low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 100.89' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 50.64' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 58.90' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse Yamamoto Senkos, topwaters, Zoom Super Flukes, and Carolina rigged soft plastic worms. Striped bass are fair on large red fins near the dam. White bass are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait and punchbait. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; 84-88 degrees. Black bass are good on chartreuse and green pumpkin crankbaits and soft plastics. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are very good on liver and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 82-86 degrees; 7.89' low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are good but small on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are very good on minnows under lights at night. Crappie are good on minnows in 20-25 feet under lights at night. Channel and blue catfish are good on juglines baited with frozen shad. Yellow catfish are good on juglines baited with live perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 82-86 degrees; 7.86' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red spinnerbaits near the docks, and on June bug soft plastic worms over brush piles in 15-20 feet. Hybrid striper are fair trolling and drifting shad at night. White bass are good on Li'l Fishies and Persuader crankbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are fair on minnows in 10-20 feet. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait and chicken livers in 10-25 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait and chicken livers.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 83-87 degrees; 29.22' low. Black bass are good on white crankbaits, watermelon Skip-N-Pop topwaters, and purple flake Whacky Sticks in creeks in 10-20 feet. Striped bass are fair on topwaters and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are fair jigging Pirk Minnows and Tiny Traps over rock piles. Crappie are good on minnows and watermelon tube jigs over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on live bait and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are very good on juglines and trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

CANYON LAKE: Water clear; 81-85 degrees; 9.69' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red worms, Texas rigged watermelon Whacky Sticks, and white crankbaits off points. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on white Li'l Fishies. Smallmouth bass are good on green pumpkin grubs and tubes on main lake points. Crappie are good on chartreuse tube jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water clear; 80-84 degrees; 13.61' low. Black bass are very good on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and chartreuse soft plastics. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. Crappie are fair on minnows and Li'l Fishies at night. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch and chicken livers. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water stained. Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed and watermelon red Carolina rigged soft plastics. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and cut shad.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 84-88 degrees; 6.94' low. Black bass are good on watermelon red and chartreuse Carolina rigged soft plastics, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows, Charlie slabs, and pet spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait and chicken livers.

GRANGER: Water clear; 85-89 degrees; 0.76' low. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and spinnerbaits in flooded willows upriver. White bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps along shallow roadbeds early. Crappie are good on marabou jigs in 4-12 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad and prepared bait in 4-15 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait upriver.

LBJ: Water stained; 84-88 degrees; 0.40' low. Black bass are good on watermelon topwaters, chartreuse Whacky Sticks, and Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps in 5-15 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs over brush piles in 12-15 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water lightly stained; 85-89 degrees; 1.78' low. Black bass are good on topwaters and soft plastics early. White bass are slow. Crappie are good but small on minnows and orange/chartreuse jigs off docks in Liberty Hill Park early. Channel catfish are good on shrimp around stickups in 3 - 4 feet. Blue catfish are fair on perch. Yellow catfish are slow.

HOUNDSWATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 6, Frisco 0

TODAY'S GAME
Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.
Citibank Ballpark

RADIO/INTERNET
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KCRS (550 AM)

RECORDS
Midland 15-17, Corpus Christi 17-15

Tuesday	Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Midland 1, Frisco 0	Midland 6, Frisco 0		Corpus Christi at Midland (DH), 5 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Edmonton at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF
The Senior British Open Championship, first round, at Southport, England, 11 a.m., ESPN2
PGA Tour, Canadian Open, first round, at Oakville, Ontario, 2 p.m., TGC
Web.com Tour, Boise Open, first round, at Boise, Idaho (same-day tape), 5:30 p.m., TGC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Regional coverage, Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m., MLB Network
Regional coverage, Tampa Bay at Boston or Philadelphia at St. Louis, 6 p.m., MLB Network
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 8:30 p.m., WGN

VOLLEYBALL
World Series of Beach Volleyball, women's Grand Slam quarterfinals and men's Grand Slam pool play, at Long Beach, Calif., 7 p.m., NBC Sports

LOCAL SPORTS

PHYSICAL SET FOR AUG. 3

Physicals for prospective boys and girls high school athletes for this fall are scheduled for Aug. 3 at West Texas Orthopedics at 4304 Andrews Highway in Midland.

If an athlete has a physical card they can bring it. The cost is $25 cash only.

For more information contact 520-3020.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

MLB—Suspended Cleveland minor league SS Rubiel Martinez (DSL Indians) and New York Yankees minor league LHP Anderson Severino (DSL Yankees) 50 games each after testing positive for metabolites of stanozolol.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Signed 2B Dustin Pedroia to an eight-year contract beginning in 2014 and continuing through the 2021 season.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed C Joe Mauer on the paternity list. Recalled C Drew Butera from Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed INF Luis Cruz on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 23. Recalled INF David Adams from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Selected INF Adam Rosales from Sacramento (PCL). Designated INF Vinnie Catricala for assignment.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Activated OF David DeJesus from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Dave Sappelt to Iowa (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Reinstated LHP Ted Lilly from the 15-day DL. Placed OF Matt Kemp on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 22.

International League

DURHAM BULLS—Added OF Kevin Kiermaier to the roster from Montgomery (SL). Sent OF Evan Frey to Montgomery.

Eastern League

TRENTON THUNDER—Announced INF Jose Pirela was assigned to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) and INF Dan Fiorito was assigned to the team from Tampa (FSL).

American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed RHP Reyes Dorado. Released LHP Drew Coffey and C Ivan Villaescusa.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Signed LHP Blake Monar. Released LHP Rich Hawkins and LHP Christian Kowalchuk.

FRONTIER GREYS—Signed INF Nick DelGuidice.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed RHP Dan Goldstein.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed G Ricky Ledo.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Waived F-C Dwayne Jones, G Scott Machado and G Kevin Murphy.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Placed LB Dan Giordano on the PUP list. Waived/failed physical LB Tim Fugger.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed QB Sean Renfree. Agreed to terms with CB Desmond Trufant on a four-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed FB Brock Bolen and LB Justin Cole. Waived OL Dominic Alford and WR Kennan Davis.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released WR Lavasier Tuinei. Signed DT Landon Cohen and DE George Selvie.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed WR Chaz Schilens.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Agreed to terms with LB Bjoern Werner.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Claimed S Ray Polk off waivers from Seattle.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed WR Mike Williams to a six-year contract. Signed G Jeremy Lewis. Placed RB Jeff Demps on the reserve/did not report list. Activated P Michael Koenen from the reserve/non-football injury list. Placed K Connor Barth on the reserve/non-football injury list. Activated TE Luke Stocker and DE Markus White from the PUP list.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed RB Jackie Battle and TE DeMarco Cosby. Waived RB Alvester Alexander and QB Nathan Enderle.

Canadian Football League

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Signed LB Brandon Isaac.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Agreed to terms with F Brad Winchester on a one-year contract.

DALLAS STARS—Named James Patrick assistant coach.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with C Scott Timmins on a one-year contract.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed D Paul Ranger to a one-year contract. Promoted video analyst Chris Dennis to assistant coach.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Named Pace Sagester media relations manager.

ECHL

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS—Signed C Gary Steffes.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

NEW YORK RED BULLS—Signed F Bradley Wright-Phillips.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Waived F Sammy Ochoa.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS—Signed F Kenny Miller to a six-month contract extension.

COLLEGE

BAYLOR—Named Kassi Duncan and Emily Maike acrobatics & tumbling assistant coaches.

FORDHAM—Named John Krasinski assistant athletic director for athletic performance and Zac Conner assistant strength and conditioning coach.

GEORGE WASHINGTON—Named Maria Fuccillo women's assistant tennis coach.

INDIANA STATE—Promoted assistant coach Brian Sheppard to offensive coordinator.

RANDOLPH-MACON—Named Katie Gebhard women's assistant soccer coach.

SAN FRANCISCO—Named Seth Etherton pitching coach.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S—Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Lonnie Blow, Jr. to accept the same position at Virginia State.

WENTWORTH TECH—Named Greg Basmajian assistant athletic trainer.

GOLF

Girls' U.S. Junior Amateur Results
Wednesday
At Sycamore Hills Golf Club
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Yardage: 6,312; Par 72
Match-Play First Round
Upper Bracket

Bailey Tardy, Norcross, Ga. (138) def. Abbey Carlson, Lake Mary, Fla. (155), 1 up

Sabrina Bonanno, Norridge, Ill. (149) def. Aliea Clark, Carlsbad, Calif. (149), 1 up

Kristen Gillman, Austin, Texas (145) def. Sierra Kersten, Spokane, Wash. (153), 6 and 5

Maria Fassi, Mexico (153) def. Allisen Corpuz, Honolulu (146), 20 holes

Hannah O'Sullivan, Paradise Valley, Ariz. (143) def. Emily Mahar, Scottsdale, Ariz. (154), 6 and 5

Megan Khang, Rockland, Mass. (151) def. Alice Chen, Princeton, N.J. (148), 2 and 1

Andrea Lee, Hermosa Beach, Calif. (144) def. Sarah Burnham, Maple Grove, Minn. (154), 4 and 2

Maddie Szeryk, Allen, Texas (148) def. Chakansim Khamborn, Thailand (151), 2 up

Yueer Feng, Orlando, Fla. (141) def. Dana Gattone, Addison, Ill. (154), 7 and 6

Emily Campbell, Carrollton, Texas (149) def. Amy Lee, Brea, Calif. (150), 3 and 2

Sarah Cho, San Diego (145) def. Christina Foster, Canada (153), 4 and 3

Hannah Green, Australia (152) def. Angelia Then, Upland, Calif. (146), 2 up

Pauline Del Rosario, Philippines (154) def. Kelsey Ulep, Rocklin, Calif. (142), 6 and 5

Cheyenne Knight, Aledo, Texas (151) def. Danielle Lee, La Mirada, Calif. (149), 6 and 4

Princess Superal, Philippines (145) def. Youngin Chun, Austin, Texas (153), 2 and 1

Gabriella Then, Upland, Calif. (152) def. Gabrielle Barker, Caldwell, Idaho (147), 4 and 3

Lower Bracket

Lilia Khatu Vu, Fountain Valley, Calif. (139) def. Alexis Monet Flores, Litchfield Park, Ariz. (154), 2 and 1

Marijosse Navarro, San Antonio (150) def. Chandler Gallagher, Kansas City, Mo. (149), 20 holes

Taylor Tomlinson, Gainesville, Fla. (145) def. Isabella DiLisio, Hatfield, Pa. (153), 4 and 2

Lakareber Abe, Angleton, Texas (146) def. Lou Daniella Uy, Philippines (153), 4 and 3

Kathleen Scavo, Benicia, Calif. (142) def. Lauren Gros, Windermere, Fla. (154), 19 holes

Elizabeth Wang, San Marino, Calif. (151) def. Gigi Stoll, Beaverton, Ore. (148), 5 and 4

Mai Dechathipat, Oakton, Va. (144) def. Elsa Diaz, San Antonio (153), 2 up

Alexandra Farnsworth, Nashville, Tenn. (151) def. Courtney Dow, Frisco, Texas (148), 5 and 4

Minjee Lee, Australia (140) def. Kaitlyn Papp, Austin, Texas (154), 5 and 4

Jennifer Peng, San Diego (149) def. Anina Ku, Basking Ridge, N.J. (150), 1 up

Jennifer Kupcho, Westminster, Colo. (145) def. Rinko Mitsunaga, Roswell, Ga. (153), 2 up

Casie Cathrea, Livermore, Calif. (153) def. Lyberty Anderson, Chesterfield, Va. (146), 2 up

Samantha Wagner, Windermere, Fla. (142) def. Laura Hoskin, New Zealand (154), 5 and 4

Hana Ku, Basking Ridge, N.J. (149) def. Anneliese Newell, Tampa, Fla. (151), 1 up

Nicole Morales, South Salem, N.Y. (145) def. Isabelle Kane, Winnetka, Ill. (153), 5 and 4

Bethany Wu, Diamond Bar, Calif. (148) def. Kelly Whaley, Farmington, Conn. (152), 4 and 2

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday

At Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Lincoln, Calif. (ESPN2), Juan Carlos Burgos vs. Yakubu Amidu, 12, junior lightweights; Josenilson Dos Santos vs. Miguel Gonzalez, 10, lightweights.

Saturday

At Macau, China (HBO2), Evgeny Gradovich vs. Mauricio Munoz, 12, for Gradovich's IBF featherweight title; Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Milan Melindo, 12, for Estrada's WBO and WBA Super World flyweight titles; Andy Ruiz Jr. vs. Joe Hanks, 10, heavyweights; Genesis Servania vs. Konosuke Tomiyama, 10, super bantamweights.

At San Antonio (SHO), Andre Berto vs. Jesus Soto Karass, 12, welterweights; Omar Figueroa vs. Nihito Arakawa, 12, for the interim WBC lightweight title; Diego Chaves vs. Keith Thurman, 12, for the interim WBA World welterweight title.

Aug. 1

At Bangkok, Thailand, Kompayak Porpramuk vs. Koki Eto, 12, for Porpramuk's interim WBA World flyweight title.

Aug. 2

At Buffalo Run Casino, Miami, Okla. (ESPN2), Javier Fortuna vs. Luis Franco, 10, featherweights.

Aug. 3

At Uncasville, Conn. (NBCSN), Curtis Stevens vs. Saul Roman, 10, middleweights; Eddie Chambers vs. Thabiso Mchunu, 10, cruiserweights; Tomasz Adamek vs. Tony Grano, 10, heavyweights; Tomasz Adamek vs. Tony Grano, 10, heavyweights.

Aug. 9

At Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Cabazon, Calif. (ESPN2), Rustam Nugaev vs. Jose Hernandez, 10, lightweights; Jose Pedraza vs. Gabriel Tomalyjan, 10 super featherweights.

At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (SHO), Deontay Wilder vs. Sergei Liakhovich, 10, heavyweights; Francisco Vargas vs. Brandon Bennett, 10, lightweights; Jermall Charlo vs. Antwone Smith, 10, junior middleweights.

Aug. 10

At Panama City, Panama, Anselmo Moreno vs. William Urina, 12, for Moreno's WBA Super World bantamweight title; Oscar Escandon vs. Nehomar Cermeno, 12, for the interim WBA World junior featherweight title.

Aug. 12

At Tokyo, Shinsuke Yamanaka, vs. Jose Nieves, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC bantamweight title; Akira Yaegashi vs. Oscar Blanquet, 12, for Yaegashi's WBC flyweight title.

Aug. 16

At U.S. Cellular Field, Chicago (ESPN), Andrzej Fonfara vs. Gabriel Campillo, 12, for the IBO light heavyweight title; Artur Szpilka vs. Mike Mollo, 10, heavyweights.

Aug. 17

At Cardiff, Wales (HBO), Nathan Cleverly vs. Sergey Kovalev, 12, for Cleverly's WBO light heavyweight title.

At Revel Resort, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO), Daniel Geale vs. Darren Barker, 12, for Geale's IBF middleweight title; Jonathan Romero vs. Kiki Martinez, 12, for Romero's IBF super bantamweight title.

At Cancun, Mexico, Takashi Miura vs. Sergio Thompson, 12, for Miura's WBC junior lightweight title.

Miller offers little on case, 4-game suspension

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — In many ways, it was the same Von Miller: Diamond stud earrings, the retro, 70s-style sunglasses, a casual way of breaking the ice as he sat down inside a suffocating semicircle of about 60 reporters and cameramen.

"Howdy, how's it going?" he said.

Aside from those superficialities, the normally free-flowing Broncos linebacker never sounded more stilted and scripted than he did Wednesday, on the eve of Denver's training camp.

Miller

Reporters directed 18 questions toward Miller, each angling at a different way of trying to get him to offer a detail — any detail — about the drug case that will cost him the first four games of the season if he doesn't win an appeal.

But the All-Pro, Denver's leading sack man for the past two years, never budged.

"Out of respect for confidentiality and out of respect for this being an ongoing situation, I can't really touch on further details about it," he said.

He repeated the scripted remarks about respecting the confidentiality of the process four more times and used the phrase "business as usual" three times.

He learned from one of the best, the amiably insipid John Fox, who walked into the head-coach's news conference knowing precisely what he'd be asked but acting almost as if there wasn't anything to discuss.

"We are aware of the reports," Fox said. "Due to confidentiality, we can't report. But I can sit here and tell you here, as of right now when we start camp, every one of our players is eligible, there are no suspensions and that is the way we will start the season."

Meaning, Fox said, that Miller will practice with the first team until the NFL offers official word about his appeal.

If Miller does not win the appeal, he can practice with the Broncos through their last preseason game, Aug. 29, after which he would be banished from the team for the next four weeks.

If he does win the appeal, no official announcement will come and Miller will be on the field for the opener, Sept. 5 against Baltimore.

Either way, the man who recorded 30 sacks for Denver over his first two seasons promised that "when this is all done and resolved, I will sit down with all you guys and be candid about everything."

In the meantime, he confirmed as true a statement from the union asserting Miller's positive test had nothing to do with performance-enhancing drugs.

Under the NFL's PED policy, a first-time offense nets a suspension. Under its more general substance-abuse policy, players are placed into Stage 2 of the policy after initial positive tests. Once in Stage 2, a player is subject to a four-game suspension for subsequent positive tests.

The Denver Post has reported Miller tested positive for marijuana and amphetamine use during his rookie season in 2011, which is what led to him being placed in Stage 2 of the drug program.

Asked bluntly if marijuana — now legal in Colorado — is part of his life, Miller responded: "Absolutely not."

Does he have any regrets?

"Like I said, I can't really touch on too much stuff about that," he said.

If Miller does miss time, the first option to replace him would be Shaun Phillips, the 10-year veteran the Broncos signed during draft week as a potential replacement for Elvis Dumervil. Miller and Dumervil accounted for 29 1/2 of Denver's league-leading 52 sacks last season.

Other candidates to move into Miller's strong-side linebacker spot, considered the fulcrum of a Jack Del Rio-coached defense, include middle linebacker Nate Irving and fifth-round draft pick Quanterus Smith, who led the nation in sacks during his senior season at Western Kentucky despite missing his last two games with a torn left ACL, which has healed.

Greg Lynch/Dayton Daily News

Austin Dillon celebrates after winning the NASCAR truck series Inaugural Mudsummer Classic at Eldora Speedway on Wednesday.

Austin Dillon wins on dirt at Eldora

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Austin Dillon left the rest of the field in his dust to win NASCAR's return to dirt racing in the Truck Series races at Eldora Speedway.

Dillon pulled away in the green-white-checkered finish Wednesday night to complete a thrilling return to the muck of the clumpy dirt track.

"This is real racing right here," said Dillon, a regular in the Nationwide Series.

The last time one of NASCAR's top touring series competed on dirt was Sept. 30, 1970, when Richard Petty won a Sprint Cup — called the Grand National Division at that time — race at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

That drought ended with racing that started early in the day and bled into late night at the Tony Stewart-owned half-mile track.

Ken Schrader became the oldest pole winner in a NASCAR series. The 58-year-old Schrader won the pole and a qualifying heat race.

NASCAR returned to dirt in an attempt to reconnect with its roots and give fans raised on asphalt and stock cars a taste of the slides and wall-banging that are staples of the surface.

Looks like NASCAR will have to come back.

Fans absolutely packed the track that opened in 1954, a rare feat for a series that often runs in front of mostly empty grandstands as a support race in a Sprint Cup weekend. About 20,000 fans spread out on the grassy hills or creaky wooden bleachers; most seats with a hand-painted number.

They camped out along the street entering the track and turned Eldora into the site of Ohio's biggest party.

Not bad considering rural Rossburg had a population of 201 in the 2010 census.

If fans weren't chugging beers, they sipped the track's signature drink, Toilet Water. Just some vodka, with orange juice and 7-Up. Oh, and a Tootsie Roll plopped in the yellowish concoction for fun.

They got quite a show. The trucks skidded and slid around the track, mashed and bashed against the wall and each other, living up to the hype of one of the most anticipated races of the season in any NASCAR series.

Kyle Larson was second, Ryan Newman third, Joey Coulter fourth and Brendan Gaughan fifth. Darrell Wallace Jr. finished seventh.

"If I can get the dirt out of my eyes, I'll be all right," Wallace said, rubbing his eyes at the podium.

Aaron Hernandez's probable cause hearing delayed

By Erika Niedowski
Associated Press

ATTLEBORO, Mass. — Prosecutors on Wednesday asked for more time to present evidence to a grand jury in their case against former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez.

Hernandez

Hernandez was in court for what was supposed to be a probable cause hearing, but prosecutors said the grand jury is still considering the evidence against him.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to murder in the death of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old Boston semi-professional football player whose body was found June 17 in an industrial park near Hernandez's home. He had been shot five times.

Bristol County Assistant District Attorney William McCauley said additional evidence includes boxes of ammunition found at a condominium Hernandez leased and a magazine clip for a .45-caliber Glock in a Hummer registered to him. Police say Lloyd was killed with a .45-caliber gun. McCauley said the box had Hernandez's fingerprints on it.

Hernandez attorney James Sultan objected to the delay, saying his client has already been jailed for four weeks and that the district attorney could have waited to bring charges, but chose to go ahead last month.

"He made it sound like a slam dunk case," Sultan said.

Judge Daniel O'Shea sided with prosecutors and rescheduled the probable cause hearing for Aug. 22. Hernandez will be held without bail until then.

Prosecutors say Hernandez orchestrated Lloyd's killing because he was upset at him for talking to people Hernandez had problems with at a nightclub a few days earlier.

They say Hernandez and two associates, Ernest Wallace and Carlos Ortiz, drove with Lloyd to the North Attleborough industrial park. Authorities have not said who fired the shots, but documents filed in Florida — and released since Hernandez's last court appearance — paint the former Patriot as the triggerman. According to the records, Ortiz told police that Wallace said Hernandez fired the shots.

Hernandez's lawyers say the case against him is circumstantial and he wants to clear his name. Hernandez was kicked off the team soon after his arrest.

New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick broke his silence Wednesday, saying the Patriots will learn from "this terrible experience," and that it's time for New England to move forward.

"We'll continue to evaluate the way that we do things, the way that we evaluate our players and we'll do it on a regular basis," Belichick said. "I'm not perfect on that, but I always do what I think is best for the football team."

BRYANT

From 1C

Garrett said Bryant meets those goals daily.

"Dez is very influential," the coach said. "When young players see how he practices, see his passion for the game, boy, that influences them to think this is how you play at this level.

"And, to be honest with you, guys who are his contemporaries, guys who are older than him, more veteran players, see him and say, 'Wow, that's how you're supposed to do it.' "

With his confidence "very high" after last year's breakout season, Bryant has his sights set on being the best receiver in the NFL.

"If you're a wideout, that's supposed to be your mindset," said Bryant, who set career highs with 92 catches for 1,382 yards and 12 touchdowns in 2012. "You don't want to be second or third."

Cowboys Hall of Fame wide receiver Michael Irvin believes his fellow No. 88 can get there.

"When I heard (the Cowboys say they want to run the ball more), I wanted to up chuck," Irvin told Bryant while interviewing him after Wednesday's practice for the NFL Network. "With Dez Bryant at his absolute best?"

But one year ago, many wondered whether it was a mistake for the club to have drafted Bryant 24th overall in 2010 when so many other teams passed on him because of his character issues.

Owner Jerry Jones was so upset about Bryant's arrest that he refused to speak to the Oklahoma State-ex, saying he felt like an angry parent fearful he would berate his child.

But when camp opened last week, Jones had nothing but praise for Bryant.

"You have to recognize how much he's on doing the right things, not only on the field but off," Jones said. "He's really doing it."

Hearing such compliments from Jones and Garrett prompts Bryant to confess his gratitude to both men.

"I give them a lot of credit," he said. "They stuck their neck out for me."

And Bryant did the same for the club late last season when he postponed surgery on his fractured left index finger to continue playing during the playoff chase. Garrett said the gutsy move earned Bryant "immense respect" from his teammates and coaches.

"Dez was pretty amazing," Garrett said.

The coach said Dallas "seriously considered" putting Bryant on injured reserve after he got hurt in a win at Cincinnati on Dec. 9. When Bryant got word that shelving him was an option, he took action.

"He came into my office really emotional, almost breaking down," Garrett recalled. "He said, 'There's no way I'm doing that. I'm playing.' "

Reminded of his gutsy decision, Bryant said, "It was all from my heart. I love this game. I didn't want to be sitting on IR and leave my teammates hanging."

Such actions lead Garrett to believe the best is yet to come.

"He's only scratched the surface," he said.

Both as a player and a leader.

C-USA

From 1C

Coker and North Texas in Dan McCarney, and Skip Holtz at Louisiana Tech, schools we haven't had a lot to do with recently. That makes it a lot more exciting for us."

The six newcomers were split equally among the two divisions, with former Sun Belt teams Middle Tennessee, Florida Atlantic and Florida International in the East. In the West are North Texas, also from the Sun Belt, and former WAC teams Louisiana Tech and UTSA.

Louisiana Tech has a lot of changes after going 9-3 last season while averaging 51 points and 578 total yards per game. The Bulldogs lost 32 seniors and coach Sonny Dykes left to become head coach at California.

New Bulldogs coach Skip Holtz, who won consecutive Conference USA titles at East Carolina in 2008 and 2009 before going to South Florida, is excited to be back in the league and for Louisiana Tech to have a chance to build more natural conference rivalries.

"I know for us being in Northern Louisiana and having Southern Miss, North Texas, Rice, UTSA, Tulsa, all of a sudden you've got car-ride trips for your fan base, where people get in the car and put the flag in the window, and they can go to a game," Holtz said. "Their fans can also come to our place, which I think is going to be a completely different atmosphere for Louisiana Tech, because being in the WAC, every trip's been a plane ride."

UTSA, which didn't even have a football team three years ago, spent only one season in the WAC and was 8-4 overall. Coach Larry Coker, the former Miami coach, expects C-USA to be a viable league and a great opportunity for the Roadrunners.

Florida Atlantic coach Carl Pelini is in a different conference for the third year in a row.

Pelini was defensive coordinator at Nebraska when the Cornhuskers switched from the Big 12 Conference to the Big Ten in 2011, then spent his first season as head coach in the Sun Belt. He said it's "kind of fun" preparing to play completely different opponents, something he faces again next season.

"It's insane," Pelini said. "But that's what college football is right now, right? The landscape changes every year."

As first-year FIU coach Ron Turner put it after spending the past eight seasons as an NFL assistant, "There's changes in every conference. If you don't pick up a paper for four months, you may not know who's in what conference. And from year to year, you're definitely not going to know."

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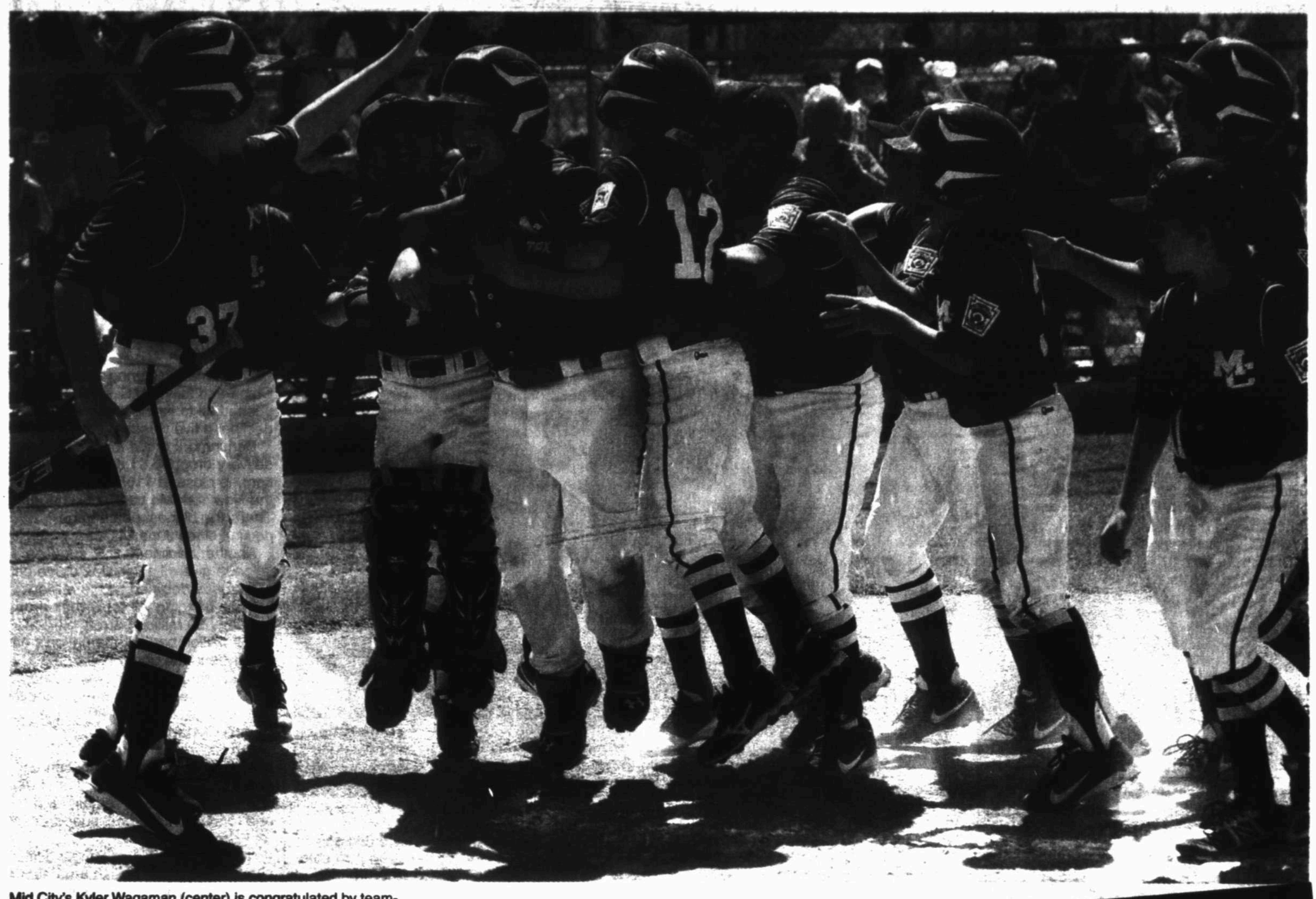

Mid City's Kyler Wagaman (center) is congratulated by teammates after hitting a grand slam against Waco Midway on Saturday. Mid City beat Midway, 14-9, in extra innings.

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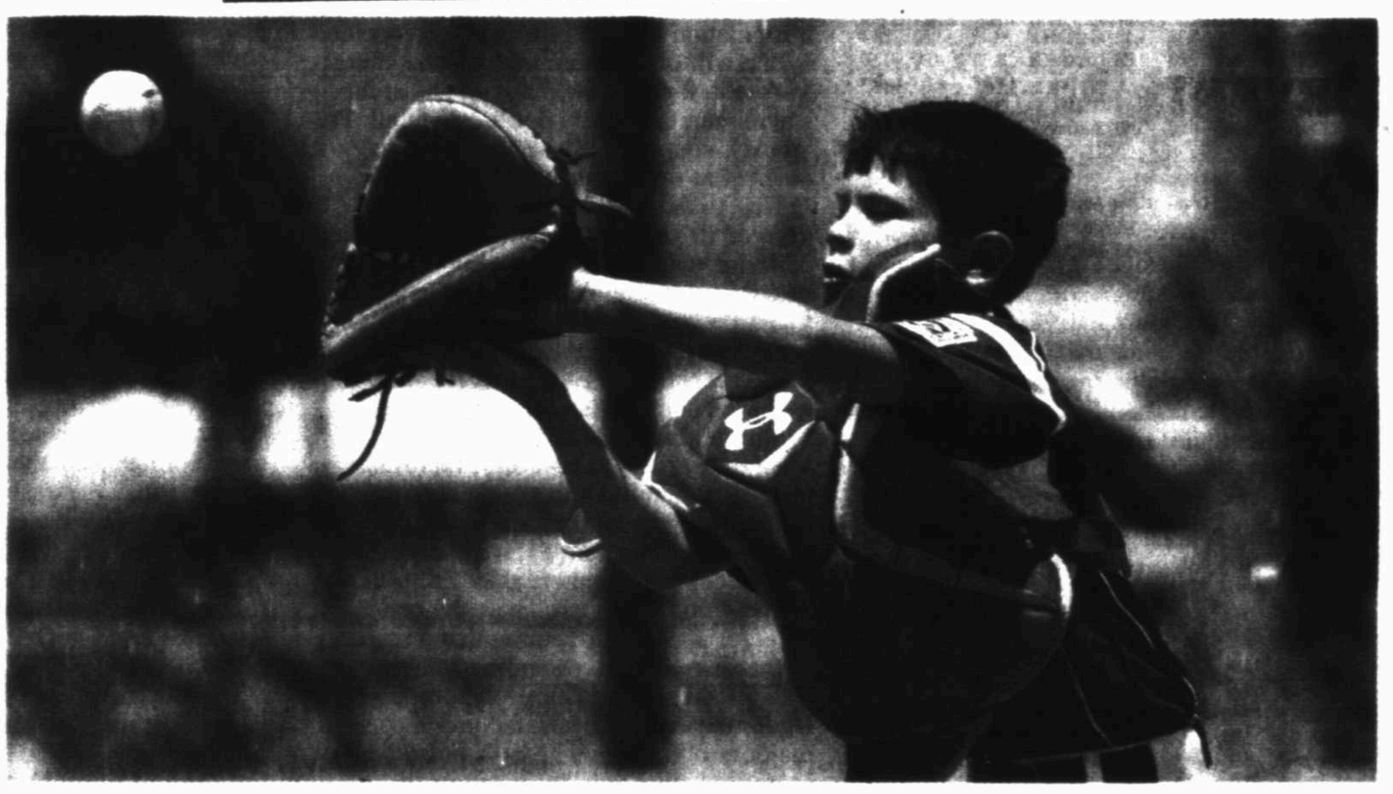
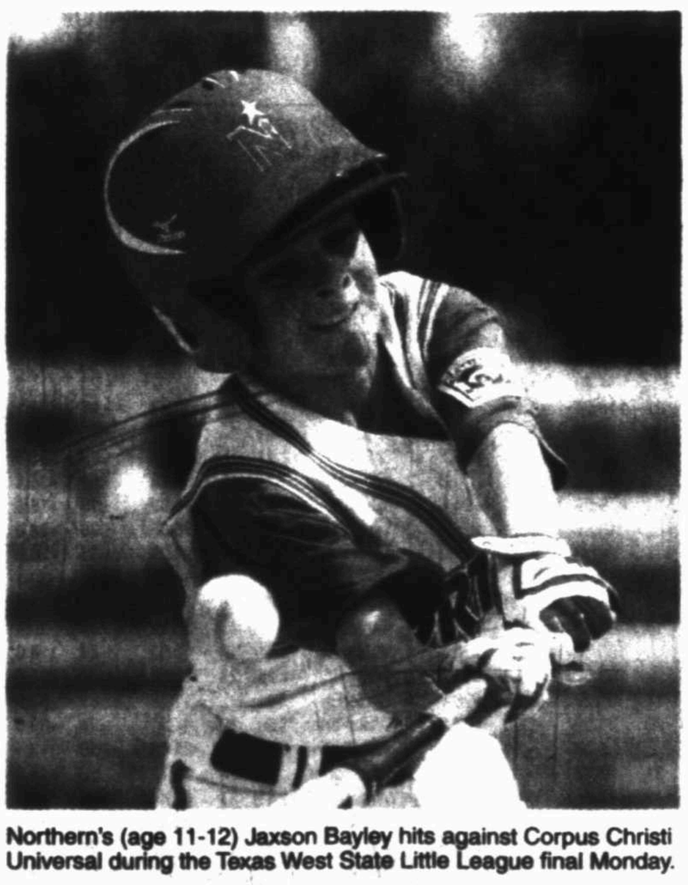
Mid City's Tanner Hedrick pitches against Midway on Saturday.

Mid City's Grant Sherzer comes up with the ball after making a diving catch against Midway.



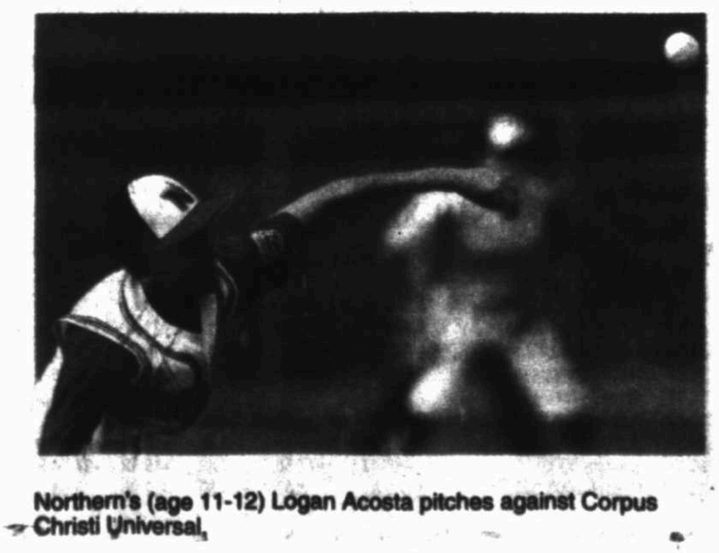
Northern's (age 10-11) Trevor Roper makes a catch at home plate during the game against Waco Midway on Saturday.



Northern's (age 11-12) Jaxson Bayley hits against Corpus Christi Universal during the Texas West State Little League final Monday.

Northern's (age 10-11) Reese Alford throws to first base during the game against Midway.

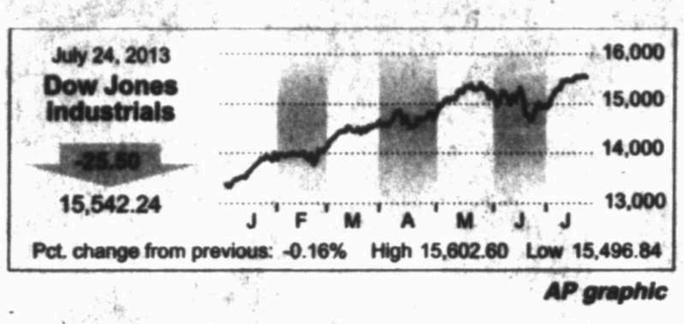
Northern's (age 10-11) Hayden Hall makes a catch.



Northern's (age 11-12) Logan Acosta pitches against Corpus Christi Universal.

Northern's (age 11-12) Hunter Robertson hits against Corpus Christi Universal.

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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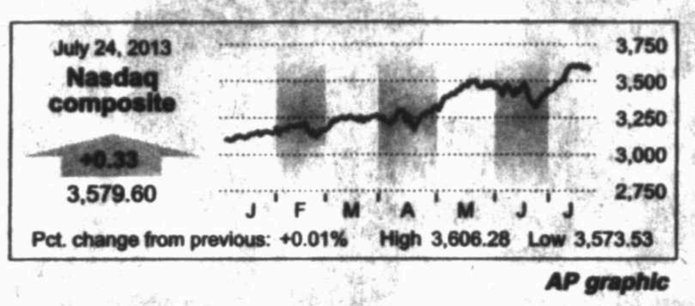

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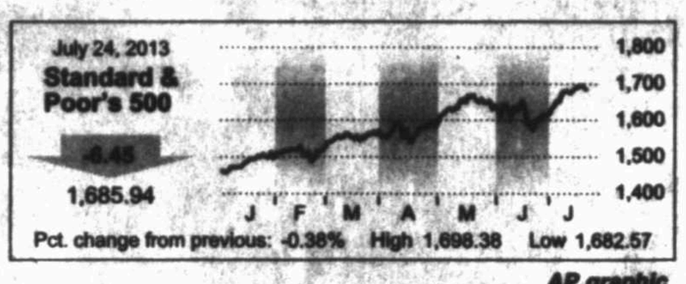

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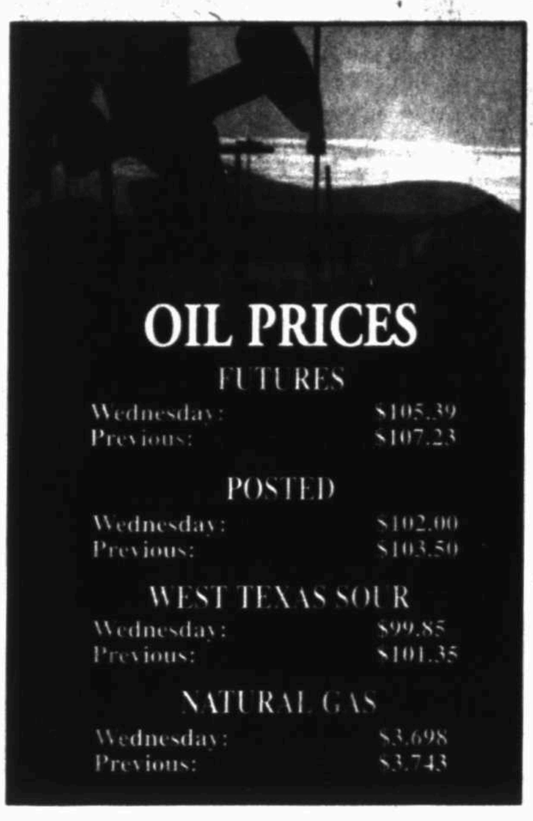

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Michael Dell, chairman and CEO of Dell Inc., reacts to a question during a news conference in Beijing in March 2009. A group led by Dell's founder raised its offer for the struggling computer maker on Wednesday in hopes of attracting more shareholder support for its plan to take the company private.

Dell's founder boosts offer to buy company

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A group led by Dell's founder raised its offer for the struggling computer maker Wednesday in hopes of attracting more shareholder support for its plan to take the company private.

The 10-cent per share increase came just hours before Dell's shareholders were scheduled to vote on the previous $13.65 per share offer from Michael Dell and investment firm Silver Lake Partners.

But the extra money comes with a catch, a stipulation that the offer's fate be decided by the will of the shareholders who choose to vote in favor of the plan or against it, leaving out those who don't vote at all. Previously, non-voting shareholders were counted as opponents of the proposal.

The Round Rock, Texas, company delayed its shareholder meeting for the second time in two weeks, moving it to Aug. 2 to give the special committee of its board time to consider the offer. The meeting had been set for Wednesday, after being delayed the week before in a sign that the offer didn't have enough shareholder support.

Michael Dell and Silver Lake said Wednesday that the new offer represents their "best and final proposal" and increases the total amount they are willing to pay shareholders by about $150 million, valuing the company at more than $24 billion.

The group wants to change the conditions for approval to require that a majority of the shares voted, excluding Michael Dell's stake, be in favor of the proposal. Under the current terms, the group needs a majority of all the company's outstanding shares, whether they are voted or not, excluding Michael Dell's stake, to vote in favor of it.

The group originally gave the committee until Wednesday evening to respond to the offer, but later extended it to the morning of Aug. 2, the day of the shareholder vote.

Dell's stock rose 2 cents to $12.90 in afternoon trading. Its trading volume more than quadrupled its daily average.

In their letter to Dell shareholders, Michael Dell and Silver Lake said they believe the change is "fair and reasonable" to the company's other shareholders, especially given the new offer's additional 10 cents per share for the stakeholders.

Late Wednesday morning, the group said in a statement that according to their last count about 27 percent of the company's shares, excluding Michael Dell's stake, have yet to be voted. For those shares to be treated as if they had voted against the deal is "patently unfair," the group argued.

Two major Dell Inc. shareholders, billionaire Carl Icahn and investment firm Southeastern Asset Management, have been spearheading an effort to defeat the deal. They depict the proposal as an attempt by Michael Dell to seize control of the company at a sharp discount to its long-term value.

Icahn and Southeastern have offered a more complicated alternative, but they first need to block the deal with Michael Dell and then replace the company's board in a follow-up battle.

Icahn used Twitter to send a message to followers Wednesday morning that said "all would be swell at Dell if Michael and the board bid farewell."

In an open letter to shareholders released later in the day, the activist investor and Southeastern accused Michael Dell and Silver Lake of trying to "gut" the proposed deal of one of its few shareholder protections.

Oil drops

Weak manufacturing data from China and falling U.S. stock markets pushed oil to its biggest one-day decline in five weeks Wednesday.

Benchmark crude for September delivery dropped $1.84, or 1.7 percent, to close at $105.39 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That's the biggest percentage decline since June 21.

Another decline in U.S. supplies failed to give oil a jolt. U.S. crude oil inventories declined by 2.6 million barrels, bringing the four-week drop to nearly 30 million barrels. Still, at 364.2 million barrels, the nation's oil supply is in the upper half of the average range for this time of year. And gasoline supplies remain above year-ago levels, according to the Energy Department.

Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates, said that supplies of oil and refined products remain high, and fundamentals don't support current prices.

"It is becoming increasingly difficult to construct a bullish argument that would support triple-digit crude pricing in either key benchmark," Ritterbusch said in a note to clients. He was referring to West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark for the U.S., and Brent, the benchmark for international crudes.

Brent crude, traded on the ICE Futures exchange in London, fell $1.23 to finish at $107.19 a barrel.

Gold falls

Gold for August delivery fell $15 to $1,319.70 an ounce. September silver fell 23.4 cents to $20.02 an ounce. Copper for September delivery fell 1.9 cents to $3.179 a pound.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1143346	14.71	-.23
S&P500ETF	1049737	168.52	-.62
FordM	745759	17.37	+.43
iShEMkts	637938	39.69	-.41
AMD	500601	3.63	-.03

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MaidenBrd	23.36	+4.27	+22.4
VMware	83.20	+11.92	+16.7
Frontline	2.73	+.36	+15.2
DirDGldBr	76.80	+9.61	+14.3
BeachEqU	23.62	+1.99	+9.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WalterEn	11.53	-2.56	-18.2
DxGldBll rs	7.33	-1.23	-14.4
Entravisn	5.21	-.69	-11.7
HatterasF	20.25	-2.46	-10.8
BcoBrades	13.75	-1.45	-9.5

Diary

Advanced	752
Declined	2,324
Unchanged	96
Total issues	3,172
New Highs	206
New Lows	60
Volume	3,277,553,093

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	87079	1.39	+.13
NovaGld g	52445	2.88	+.06
NwGold g	50411	7.32	-.17
Organovo	50288	6.50	-.75
AltiNevG	39680	6.90	-.45

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MastchH s	9.48	+1.80	+23.4
ImmunoCll	2.60	+.30	+13.0
CT Pfrs	4.55	+.35	+8.3
RELM	3.53	+.18	+5.4
SuprmInd	5.36	+.21	+4.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NeoStm rs	7.00	-1.29	-15.6
Organovo	6.50	-.75	-10.3
PacBloM g	4.37	-.43	-9.0
SandstG g	6.09	-.57	-8.6
AskanoG g	2.75	-.21	-7.1

Diary

Advanced	125
Declined	280
Unchanged	32
Total issues	437
New Highs	11
New Lows	35
Volume	110,643,395

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Broadcom	693398	27.01	-4.82
Microsoft	482279	31.96	+.14
SiriusXM	467312	3.68	...
Dell Inc	466701	12.92	+.04
MicronT	459693	13.11	-.54

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ZhoneTch h	3.01	+.79	+35.6
TOP Ships	2.10	+.44	+26.5
NwstBio wt	2.29	+.29	+14.5
RockyBr	17.00	+2.09	+14.0
TransitnT g	4.44	+.47	+11.8

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlobTcAdv	12.86	-4.40	-25.5
SareptaTh	37.68	-8.75	-18.8
Zoltek	13.63	-2.97	-17.9
Polycom	9.50	-1.69	-15.1
Broadcom	27.01	-4.82	-15.1

Diary

Advanced	977
Declined	1,473
Unchanged	139
Total issues	2,589
New Highs	241
New Lows	13
Volume	1,710,935,052

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Closing Price $88.13 Down 2.68

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $39.59 Down 0.58

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $37.41 Down 1.38

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.19 Up 0.20

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.48 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.09 Down 0.52

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $11.50 Unchanged

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	27	35.40	-.41	+5.0
Abraxas	...	...	2.37	-.07	+8.2
AdamsEx	.67e	...	12.42	-.01	+17.3
AMD	...	...	3.63	-.03	+51.3
AlonUSA	.24f	5	13.03	-.66	-28.0
AlphaNRs	...	...	5.51	-.37	-43.4
Amgen	**1.88**	**18**	**106.60**	**-.02**	**+23.7**
Anadarko	**.36**	**65**	**89.53**	**-1.62**	**+20.5**
Annaly	1.80e	7	11.72	-.29	-16.5
Apache	**.80**	**18**	**82.51**	**-1.06**	**+5.1**
Apple Inc	12.20	11	440.51	+21.52	-17.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**...**	**16.10**	**-.16**	**+40.7**
ArchCoal	.12	...	3.90	-.30	-46.7
ATMOS	**1.40**	**17**	**43.82**	**-.32**	**+24.8**
AutoData	1.74	24	72.22	-.27	+26.9
BP PLC	**2.16**	**15**	**43.44**	**-.11**	**+4.3**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.10	-.10	+5.4
BakrHu	.60	20	47.76	+.01	+16.9
BcoSBrasil	.28e	...	6.42	+.01	-11.8
BkofAm	.04	26	14.71	-.23	+26.7
BariPVix rs	...	...	15.96	+.21	-49.8
BarrickG	.80	5	17.17	-.93	-51.0
BasicEnSv	...	29	13.81	-.38	+21.0
BerkHa A	**...**	**1717**	**4581.00**	**-2668.00**	**+30.2**
BerryPet	**.32**	**13**	**40.17**	**-.91**	**+19.7**
BillBarbCp	**1.52**	**19**	**51.70**	**-.95**	**+42.3**
BostonSci	...	...	9.61	-.09	+67.7
BrMySq	**1.40**	**47**	**44.59**	**-.60**	**+38.3**
Broadcom	.44	38	27.01	-4.82	-18.7
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**27**	**73.33**	**-1.37**	**+19.2**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**26**	**71.96**	**-.81**	**+13.8**
CVS Care	.90	19	61.66	-.23	+27.5
Cameron	...	20	63.57	-.81	+12.6
Caterpillar	2.40f	11	83.44	-2.08	-6.9
Celestic g	...	22	9.34	-.02	+14.6
CntryLink	2.16	25	35.87	-.07	-8.3
ChesEng	.35	...	22.20	-.12	+33.6
Chevron	**4.00f**	**10**	**126.37**	**-.89**	**+16.9**
Chicos	**.22**	**16**	**16.82**	**+.04**	**-8.9**
Citrix	**.56**	**19**	**74.44**	**-.58**	**+28.9**
Cisco	.68	14	25.59	+.03	+30.2
Citigroup	.04	14	52.19	-.69	+31.9
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**54.40**	**-.60**	**+36.0**
CocaCola s	**1.12**	**22**	**40.86**	**-.10**	**+12.7**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**24**	**58.47**	**+.06**	**+11.9**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**17**	**36.73**	**-.21**	**+24.5**
ConchoRes	**...**	**21**	**88.13**	**-2.68**	**+9.4**
ConocoPhil	**2.76f**	**11**	**65.59**	**-.53**	**+13.1**
CrackerB	3.00f	19	96.10	-1.39	+49.5
CrosTim	**1.98e**	**12**	**27.45**	**-.16**	**+2.0**
DCP Mid	2.80f	41	52.47	-.17	+25.7
DTE	2.62	18	69.65	-1.19	+16.0
Dataram rs	...	...	4.24	+.04	+114.1
Dawson	**...**	**28**	**39.59**	**-.58**	**+50.1**
Dell Inc	.32	12	12.92	+.04	+27.4
DeltaAir	.24	18	20.80	+.35	+75.2
DenverE	**.88**	**...**	**56.34**	**-1.06**	**+8.3**
DxGldBll rs	...	...	7.33	-1.23	-86.6
Disney	**.75f**	**20**	**64.64**	**+.19**	**+29.8**
DowChm	**1.28**	**42**	**34.37**	**-.18**	**+6.3**
eBay	...	26	52.10	+.46	+2.2
EMC Cp	.40	22	26.75	+1.42	+5.7
EOG Res	**.75**	**53**	**144.07**	**-4.57**	**+19.3**
Elan	...	...	14.73	+.63	+44.3
ElectArts	...	64	25.41	+1.59	+75.0
EmpDist	**1.00**	**17**	**24.05**	**-.11**	**+18.0**
Energen	.58	19	56.29	-1.14	+24.8
EngyTsfr	3.58	12	51.74	+.28	+20.5
EnPro	...	**29**	**57.03**	**-.75**	**+39.4**
EnPrPfA	2.72f	23	53.65	+.05	+27.1
Ericsson	.43e	...	11.68	+.02	+15.6
EsterranH	...	...	**31.81**	**+.04**	**+45.1**
ExxonMbl	**2.52f**	**10**	**94.99**	**-.21**	**+9.8**
Facebook	...	...	26.51	+.38	-.4
FordM	.40	13	17.37	+.43	+34.1
ForestOil	...	15	4.98	-.19	-25.6
FMCG	1.25a	10	28.88	-1.11	-15.6
FrozenFd h	**...**	**...**	**2.09**	**...**	**+133.7**
GATX	**1.24**	**17**	**44.64**	**-.80**	**+2.9**
GeoMetT	**.80**	**...**	**9.93**	**-.01**	**+26.5**
GAInv	**2.00e**	**...**	**33.50**	**-.21**	**+19.7**
GenDisc	**.76**	**18**	**24.02**	**-.69**	**+17.3**
GenMotors	...	13	37.14	+.53	+28.9
Gerdau	.10e	...	6.45	+.05	-28.3
GtPlainEn	**.87**	**16**	**24.17**	**-.36**	**+19.6**
HalconRes	...	...	5.55	-.18	-19.8
Hallibrtn	.50	16	44.82	-.76	+29.2
HercOffsh	...	...	7.09	-.60	+14.9
HimaxTch	.25e	51	7.59	+.32	+216.3
HuntBncsh	.20	12	8.59	+.13	+34.4
iShBrazil	1.36e	...	44.29	-.87	-20.8
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.87	-.11	+21.7
iShChinaLC	.93e	...	34.34	-.36	-15.1
iShEMkts	.77e	...	39.69	-.41	-10.5
iShR2K	1.75e	...	103.59	-.87	+22.9
IntegrysE	2.72	13	62.09	-.83	+18.9
Intel	**.90**	**12**	**22.93**	**+.18**	**+11.2**
InterDig	.40a	7	38.71	-.11	-5.8
ItauUnibH	.37r	...	12.86	-.39	-14.0
JPMorgCh	1.52f	9	56.63	-.04	+29.7
JohnJn	**2.64**	**20**	**92.36**	**-.66**	**+31.8**
KimbClk	**3.24**	**21**	**97.85**	**-.35**	**+15.9**
KindME	5.28f	31	85.62	+.04	+7.6
KindMM	5.28f	...	83.05	-.40	+10.1
LegacyRes	2.32f	24	28.19	+.20	+18.4
Lubys	**...**	**39**	**8.94**	**-.05**	**+33.6**
MGIC	...	...	7.49	+.14	+181.6
MktVGold	.46e	...	26.95	-1.40	-41.9
McDnlds	3.08	18	96.66	-.10	+9.6
Merck	1.72	23	47.77	-.16	+16.7
MeritMed	**...**	**38**	**12.86**	**+.01**	**-7.5**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.48	...	-14.9
MicronT	...	...	13.11	-.54	+106.7
Microsoft	.92	12	31.96	+.14	+19.7
MorgStan	.20	33	27.73	-.08	+45.0
Nabors	.16	35	15.09	-.20	+4.4
NatGrid	**3.16e**	**...**	**59.00**	**-.04**	**+2.7**
NOIVarco	1.04f	13	72.37	-.37	+5.9
NokiaCp	...	...	4.01	+.03	+1.5
NvMiAd	**.80e**	**...**	**12.80**	**-.16**	**-17.8**
NvPMII	**.88**	**...**	**12.49**	**-.19**	**-16.3**
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NSTFR	**.63e**	**...**	**12.86**	**-.06**	**-11.9**
NTXQI	.70	...	13.62	+.02	-14.6
OasisPet	**2.56**	**17**	**91.00**	**-1.03**	**+18.8**
Oracle	**.48f**	**14**	**32.30**	**+.32**	**-2.8**
PanTech	**...**	**...**	**4.38**	**+.01**	**+12.2**
ParkDrl	**...**	**82**	**8.21**	**-.10**	**+35.6**
PetMTI	**.20**	**13**	**21.39**	**-.40**	**+14.8**
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Petrobras	.27e	...	14.31	-.33	-26.5
Pfizer	.96	15	29.29	-.14	+16.8
PioNtrl	.08	...	153.00	-2.10	+43.5
PrairieAA s	**2.35f**	**18**	**55.22**	**-.62**	**+22.1**
Polycom	...	...	9.50	-1.69	-9.2
PwShs QQQ	.94e	...	74.50	+.24	+14.4
Praxair	**2.40**	**21**	**118.06**	**+1.06**	**+7.9**
PrmEgy	**...**	**9**	**43.38**	**+3.36**	**+88.6**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**20**	**80.27**	**-.68**	**+18.2**
Qualcom	1.40	17	61.39	-.91	-.8
RF MicD	...	...	5.58	+.14	+24.6
RadianGrp	.01	...	13.87	+.04	+127.0
RangeRs	.16	...	76.05	-.64	+21.0
RegionsFn	.12	12	10.22	-.20	+43.3
Rowan	...	24	35.12	-.58	+12.3
RoyDShlA	3.60f	8	68.55	+.14	-.8
SpdrDJIA	3.49e	...	155.10	-.26	+18.9
S&P500ETF	3.33e	...	168.52	-.62	+18.3
SabnR	3.52e	14	51.29	+.24	+28.9
SanderFm	**.68**	**29**	**70.02**	**+1.08**	**+47.3**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**5.36**	**-.19**	**-15.6**
Saplent	**...**	**31**	**13.46**	**-.16**	**+27.5**
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	82.85	-.72	+19.6
SeagateT	1.52	7	44.19	-1.12	+45.3
SigmaAld	**.86**	**21**	**83.02**	**+.03**	**+12.8**
SiriusXM	.05e	7	3.68	...	+27.3
Smucker	2.32f	22	109.51	-.17	+27.0
Sprint n	...	...	5.77	-.08	+4.0
SPDR Fncl	.31e	...	20.64	-.15	+25.9
SunocoLog	2.29f	13	61.20	-.31	+23.1
Synovus	.04	...	3.35	+.09	+37.1
TaleSemi	.50e	...	17.02	+.28	-.8
TelefEsp	**...**	**...**	**13.48**	**-.05**	**-.1**
Tesoro	.80	10	53.36	-.70	+21.1
3M Co	2.54	18	116.33	-.42	+25.3
Torchmark	**.68**	**13**	**69.76**	**-.58**	**+36.4**
TriContl	**.71e**	**...**	**18.59**	**-.13**	**+15.8**
TylerTech	**...**	**71**	**76.55**	**-.25**	**+58.0**
UBWV	**1.24**	**19**	**29.29**	**+.23**	**+20.3**
Vale SA	.78e	...	14.23	-.23	-32.1
ValeroE	.80b	8	34.60	-.73	+1.4
VangEmg	1.56e	...	39.92	-.49	-10.4
VolcanM	**.04**	**...**	**48.69**	**-.74**	**-6.0**
Walgrn	**1.28f**	**23**	**61.09**	**+.07**	**+30.0**
WalterEn	.50	...	11.53	-2.56	-67.9
WellsFargo	1.20	12	44.31	-.26	+29.6
WstnRefin	.72f	6	29.05	+.55	+3.1
WhitingPet	...	14	49.77	-.53	+14.8
WmsCos	1.41f	37	33.44	-.85	+2.1
XcelEngy	**1.12f**	**15**	**29.68**	**-.44**	**+11.1**
Xerox	**.23**	**10**	**9.83**	**+.04**	**+44.1**
Yahoo	...	8	27.84	+.48	+39.9
Zynga	...	...	3.28	+.01	+39.0

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15,604.22	12,471.49	Dow Jones Industrials	15,542.24	-25.80	-.16	+18.61	+22.61
6,608.87	4,838.10	Dow Jones Transportation	6,442.17	-73.23	-1.12	+21.40	+30.57
537.86	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	499.70	-7.80	-1.54	+10.29	+3.87
9,695.46	7,598.24	NYSE Composite	9,603.04	-64.59	-.66	+13.75	+26.28
2,509.57	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,345.16	-24.06	-1.02	-.45	+1.37
3,624.54	2,810.60	Nasdaq Composite	3,579.60	+.33	+.01	+16.55	+25.41
1,698.76	1,329.24	S&P 500	1,685.94	-6.45	-.38	+18.21	+26.01
18,006.55	13,896.51	Wilshire 5000	17,962.42	-77.58	-.43	+19.12	+27.76
1,056.86	783.55	Russell 2000	1,049.83	-9.37	-.80	+22.90	+35.68

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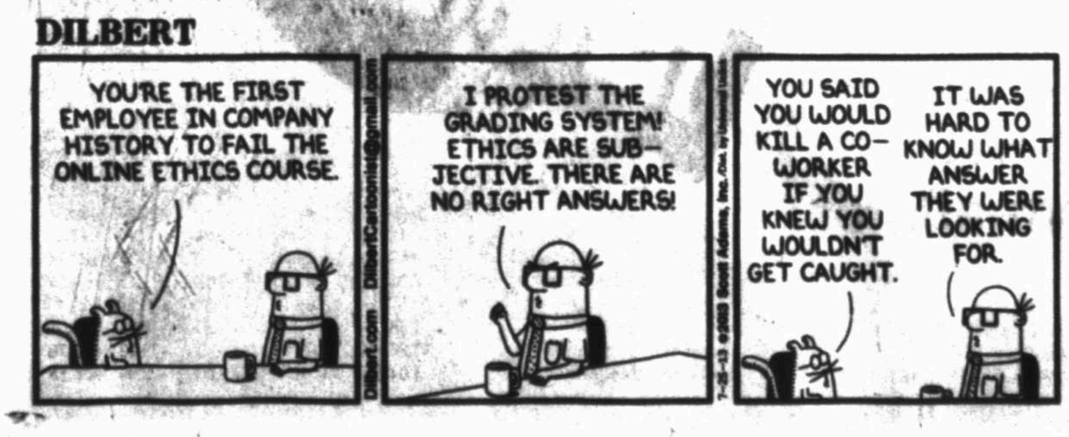

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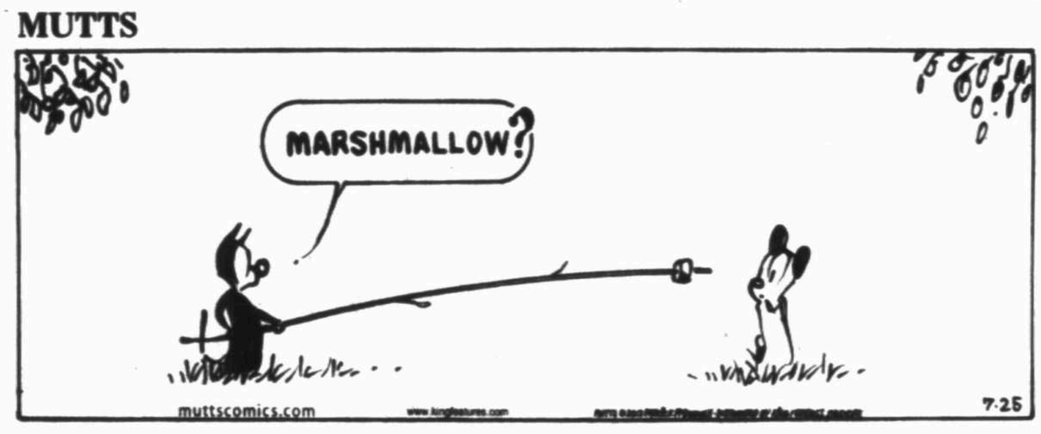

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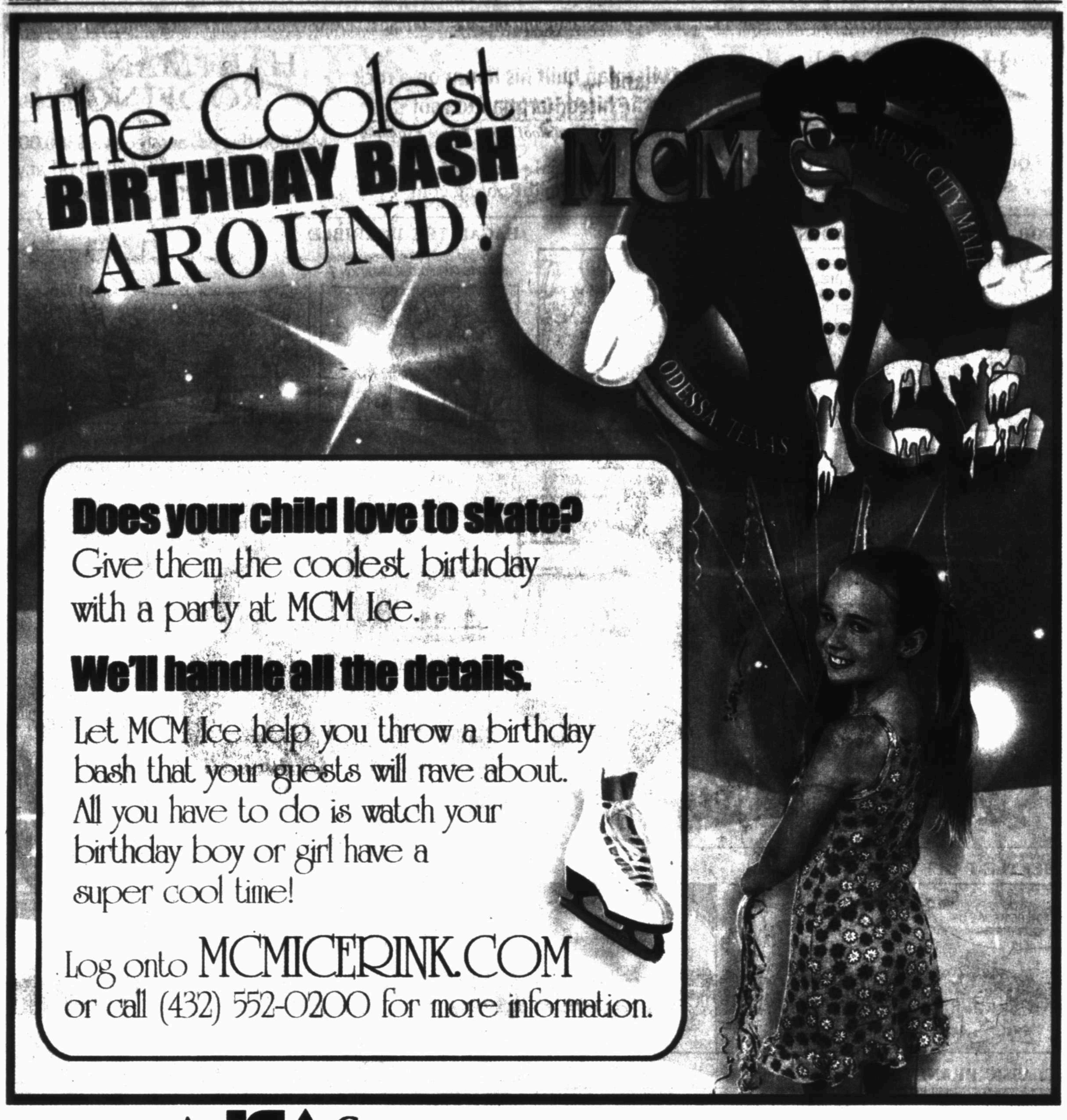

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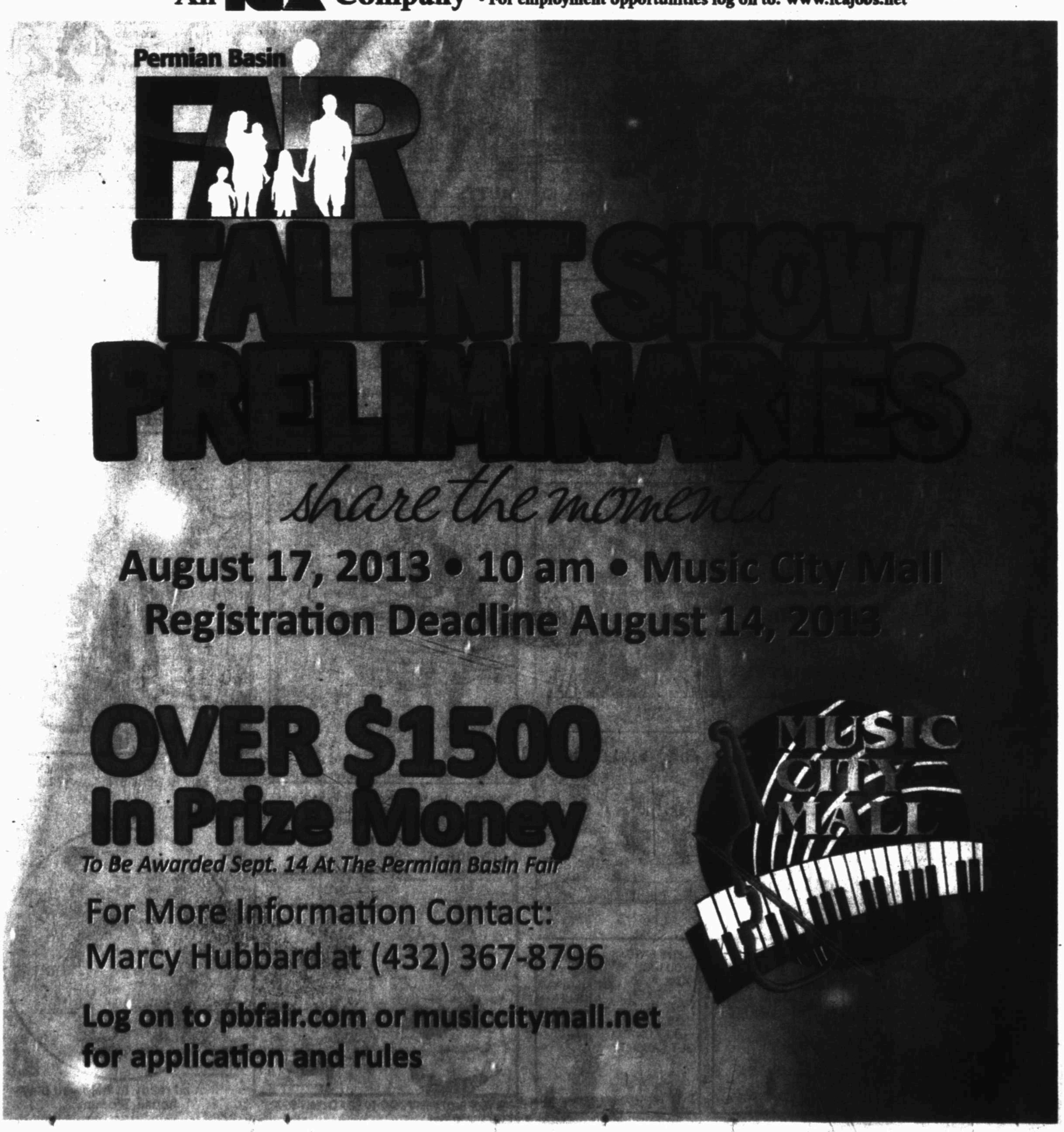

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Larry Lee Franklin
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED the 24th day of July, 2013.

PINSON LAW FIRM
By: Brandon W. Pinson

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c/o DONNA KING
C. Michael Davis, Attorney
Law Offices of Jim Parsons
1007 N. Mallard Street
Palestine, Texas 75801
Dated this 19th day of July, 2013.

/s/ C. Michael Davis
Attorney for Donna King
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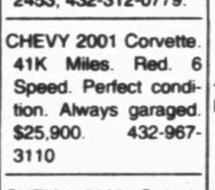

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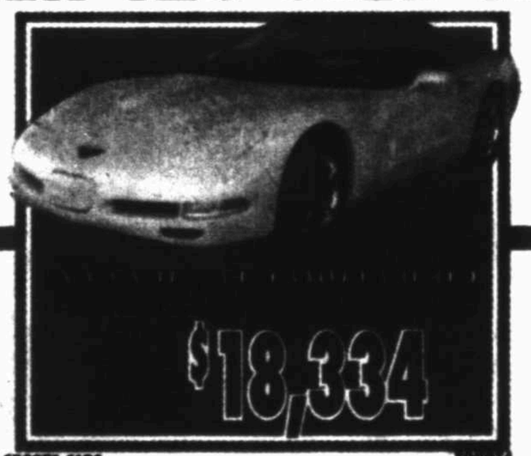

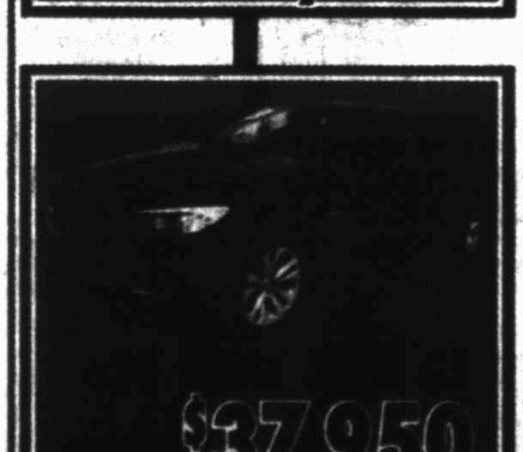

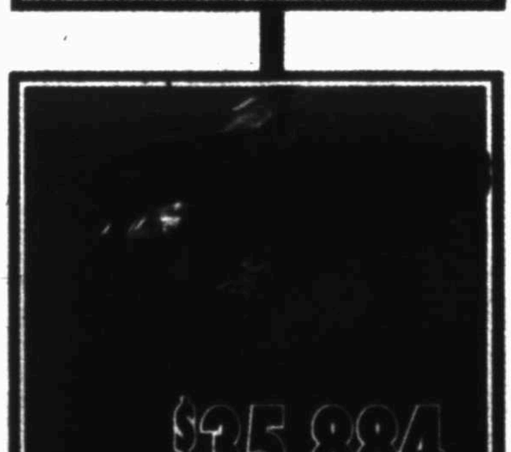

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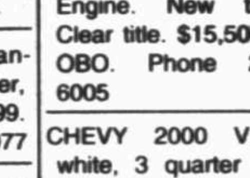

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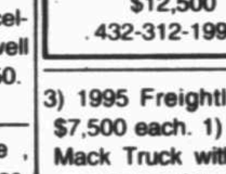

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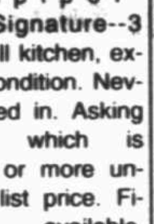

FIFTH WHEEL for sale: 2010 Forest River Sandpiper 356RL/Signature--3 slides, full kitchen, excellent condition. Never smoked in. Asking $38,500 which is $10,000 or more under the list price. Financing available. Please call Dan @817-846-6249

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Miscellaneous: Total kitchen equipment, milk glass and Tole lamps Tole trays, Texaco memorabilia, electric typewriter, pictures & linens.
Garage: Workmate work bench, high chair, stroller, tools and more.
BY: LINDA L. BIDEN

ESTATE SALE!!! Vintage items, costume jewelry, glassware, appliances - gas stove, refrigerator, lawnmower, tools, patio furniture bedroom and living room furniture, kitchen items, book shelves, area rug, mattresss, lamp and clothing the usual household misc. 705 N. Lincoln-Thursday thru Saturday- 9 to 3.

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

THE MARC-ET
3205 W. Cuthbert
Terra del Sol Shopping Center
Storewide 50% off
Sale Thursday, Friday & Saturday
10am-6pm.

79705

5004 MONTICELLO Ct Fri 5pm-8pm, Sat 8am-2pm. Furniture electronics, clothes, baby items, & more. Everything must go!

79707

2008 FRINGEWOOD (Grassland West) Friday noon -6pm, Saturday 7am-11am & Sunday 7am-9am. Antiques, furniture, kids stuff, & vinyl records.

2702 WYDEWOOD Dr. Friday and Saturday from 8am-12noon. Living rm suit, furniture, baby clothes, Christmas decor, and comforter sets.

4302 Arroyo Dr. HUGE 2 Family Yard sale. Sat 7-27 start 8:00am Brand name items, all in excellent condition.

HUGE GARAGE Sale Thursday and Friday. 4605 W. Dengar. Patio furniture, dorm refrigerator, chair, and table, file cabinets, desk with hutch, kitchen items. Lots of good stuff.

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

HELP HOPE LIVE For Shirley Howard - Kidney Transplant
Community Garage Sale To Benefit the South-Central Kidney transplant Fund
Saturday, July 27th 9:00am-? 2814 Durant Street
Furniture, Clothing Household Items.
Contributions are tax-deductible & can be mailed to: HelpHOPELive, Two Radnor Corporate Center, 100 Matsonford Road, Suite 100, Radnor, PA 19087. 800-642-8399

Area Sales

Crume Living Estate Sale
4526 Flamingo - West Odessa
Thurs.-Fri. 10am-5pm
Sat. 10am-2pm

1930's Wardrobe, Dome Top Trunk, tall jewelry cabinet, Edison Home Phonograph, old sewing machine, large dining room table & hutch, 1920's Oak Hall tree, Hoosier style cabinet, Pine end tables & coffee table, Pine roll top desk, Grandfather clock, Samsung Big Screen TV, vintage Coke machine & memorabilia, antique fans, Oil lamps, pitcher collection, salt & peppers, Wall pocket collection, Luray, Noritake, Stoneware Blue Adobe, antique clocks & camera's, floor lamps, cook books, vintage kitchen, old tins, antique kitchen utensils, old wire baskets, Primitive Farm table, ladders, wash tubs, Crockery, bird houses, vintage Christmas, children's wagons, wheelbarrows, telescope, Lionel train misc., antique phones, books, tools, Craftsman 30 gallon air compressor, Miter saw, old wagon wheel and antique farm implements, large Barbecue pit, Smoker, Boze speakers, stereo equipment, freezer, refrigerator, vintage Ford Explorer, and thousands of things too numerous to mention. The family is selling the house, barns and acreage. From Midland take 191 to Odessa which becomes 42nd Street. Follow 42nd completely through Odessa till it dead ends at Spur 450. Turn right, get immediately into the left lane, go under the overpass, past the service road, and take the next street left (42nd Street). From this turn it is 5.4 miles to Flamingo. Turn right and the house is the first house on the right. Photos online at Craigs list, and Estatesales.net. Services provided by The Cats Meow.
Visa, MC, AMEX accepted

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Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1450 sqft., fireplace, garage, small fenced yard, water paid, $1500/mth, $1500 security deposit, 3805 Storey, Side B. References & credit check required. No pets, no smoking. Applications available at home, 432-262-3100 or 325-947-9434.

Fax It... 682-6999

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 car garage, $1700 month and $1700 deposit, no pets, non smoking. 5107 Bellaire. Call 432-699-7316 or 432-553-8712

COUNTRY LIVING available in Midland
*4bd, 2ba $1700 mo.
*2bd, 1ba $1500 mo.
*2bd, 1 ba $750 mo.
*3 room bunkhouse - 2 people limit & furnished $900 mo. Call for info 209-566-5614

Residential Rentals

Houses for Rent Unfurnished

HOUSE FOR rent in Greenwood ISD school district. 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, open kitchen and large living area for $1,900 rent (negotiable). Call Yvonne 432-770-4108

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 **3** 4

	4		9					
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

4	6	1	7	3	9	2	5	8
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6	9	7	1	4	8	5	3	2
8	2	3	9	6	5	1	7	4
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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Part time Bookkeeper/Accountant
Independent Oil & Gas Company seeks part time Bookkeeper/Accountant. Requires experience with working interest & JIB reconciliation, AFE's, revenue accounting, accounts payable and problem resolution. Must have Quikbooks & Excel skills. Very flexible hours. Call 325-277-9898 to schedule an interview.

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BANKING & MORTGAGE

Collections Manager
Company Confeditintial FT
Local financial Institution seeking Collections Manager who will be overseeing a staff of 5. Candidate would need to have 5 + years of experience in management and/or collections. Experience in repo collections, foreclosures & bankruptcies will be helpful. Please mail resumes to: Blind Box P-125, C/O Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

Loan Officer
City Bank Mortgage, an established company with 10 years of Mortgage lending, is wanting to hire a **loan officer** with at least 2 years of mortgage sales experience. Our company has an exemplary reputation and is known for our tremendous work ethic and history of on-time loan closings. Interested applicants should contact **Bob** or **Norma** at **806-780-5461**. City Bank Mortgage is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

A/R Clerk
Invoicing tickets, Creating files, Posting payments. Excel & Word. Good ability to multi-task & meet deadlines. Quickbooks experience a plus. Temp to Hire. $17 to start. Send Resumes to resume@igotthejobs.com
Staffing Resources
684-0527

Member Services Coordinator
Commemorative Air Force FT
The Commemorative Air Force is seeking a Full-Time Member Services Coordinator with customer service and data entry experience. An organized, efficient and self-motivated person is needed to join a fast paced office. To apply, e-mail résumé to kchambers@cafhq.org.

Reception/Data Entry Clerk
Available Immediately! Temp to Hire Position. Answer multi-line phones. Greet customers. Enter invoices and other charges. Good Word & Excel skills. Pay is $12 to start. Send Resumes to resume@igotthejobs.com
Staffing Resources
684-0527

Receptionist/Front Desk
Bethlehem Glass Inc. FT
Receptionist/Office Assistant needed for family business. Personable reliable with good phone etiquette. Quickbook software knowledge helpful. Benefits after 90 days. Fax resume to 432-683-6889.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Sales Reps
Fred Loya FT
Now Hiring Bilingual customer Sales Reps (English/Spanish) Apply at: (407 Andrews Hwy,) or Email Application & Resume to: krodriquez@fredloya.com Hiring for Midland pay starting at $8.00/Hr & up to $12.00/Hr within 60 Days! Experienced Personal is always Welcome.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver
Animal Krackers FT/PT
Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at 432-687-4000.

Teachers
First Presbyterian Childrens Day Out & Pre School seeks part time teachers & teachers assistants for the 2013-2014 school year starting in September Call 432-683-0851.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Field Service Technician
USA Compression FT
Seeking Field Service Technician responsible for maintenance and service of natural gas compression equipment. Reports to an Area Service Manager with a typical area of responsibility averaging 7,500 hp. Minimal supervision, maintain customer relationships, perform scheduled maintenance and is first line support for troubleshooting. Prefer 5-10 years of natural gas compression experience. Interested parties email to: hr@usacompression.com.

Flow Back-Well Testers
Oilfield Equipment Rental, LLC FT
Flow Back-Well Tester needed. Must have a valid driver's license. At least 21 years of age. Available to work out of town if needed. Flow Back or oilfield experience on the Completion or Production side of business preferred. Must be able to pass drug and background screening. Submit resume to: tonyas@oerllc.com or fax to: 817-306-5630.

Office Administrator
Priority Energy Services FT
Priority Energy Services, a fast growing Oil and Gas Service Company is looking for a self motivated, experienced office administrator. Successful candidates must be proficient with Microsoft Office Suite including Excel, Word, Outlook, and Quickbooks. Prior experience in Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable is preferred. Attention to detail is a must along with the ability to multi task. Duties include: Keep Purchase Order Logs, Accounts Payable Entry, Accounts Receivable Entry, New Hire Paperwork, Day to day Office responsibilities. Benefits include: Competitive Pay starting between $13-$15/hr DOE, with opportunity for advancement, 401K with Company Match, Employer paid Health, Dental, and Life Insurance. Please submit resume to: Aduplechin@priorityenergyllc.com.

Recert Iron and Shop Personnel
Oilfield Equipment Rental, LLC FT
Recert Iron and Shop Personnel needed. Must be able to handle 8# sledge hammer, lift 50#'s and be available to work long hours as needed. Must be dependable, have a valid driver's license, be at least 21 years of age and have own transportation to shop. Must be able to pass drug and background screening. Submit resume to: tonyas@oerllc.com or fax to: 817-306-5630.

SAFETY MANAGER
Aka Energy Group, LLC. Durango, CO. Develops and oversees Health and Safety programs, policies and procedures. MA, BA or Associate's degree in Occupational Health and Safety, Science, Engineering, Business or related discipline; AND 7 to 15 years experience in a health and safety position in the oil/gas industry; 5 years supervisory experience and 7 years health and safety program development experience. Closing date: 5:00 pm on 7/29/13. To apply, visit: www.sugf.com/jobs.asp

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Caregivers
Legacy Ranch is accepting applications for **caregivers**. If you would like to make a difference and join a dynamic team then you need to visit us at **4800 Briarwood, Midland** or call **432-694-5600**.

CNA or Nurse
Confidential FT
Need a well experienced CNA or Nurse for sitting with elderly woman. References required. Please call Yadira at: 432-741-9091 from 8am-8pm.

Dental Hygienist
Dental Hygienist Dental office in Crane seeking hygienist. Excellent pay, commute costs will be covered. Fax resume to: 432-558-7299

Dental Hygienists
Aspen Dental Management, Inc. FT
Provide the highest level of care at all times. Great benefits! Must be an RDH. Apply online today at: aspendentaljobs.com.

MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE
Needed for the Odessa area. Open position in marketing dept. Looking for a strong, motivated leader with experience. Please come by 1311 W. Florida, Mon-Fri 2pm-5pm or fax resume 432-570-0823.

Medical Assistant
Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79701
Medical Assistant needed for busy Urology office. Job duites include filing, preparing lab test, assisting physicians with patient exams & minor procedures, sterilization of equipment & other clinical duties. The successful candidate will have a high school degree, some computer knowledge & good communication skills. Experience in a clinical setting & a CNA Certificate is preferred. Resumes will be accepted at: 2706 West Cuthbert, Bldg C, Midland, Tx 79701

MIDLAND SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.
is seeking **experienced** candidates for the following full time positions to join our team.

MEDICAL SECRETARY / SCHEDULER
Applicant must be able to perform CPT and ICD-9 coding and billing, schedule and pre-certify surgery and related testing, process medical record correspondence, interact with patients and handle heavy phones.

Both positions require excellent communication and clerical skills.
Experience with MicroMD software a plus.
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Benefit package includes Medical, Life and AFLAC Insurance Coverage, PTO, and Retirement Plan.
Send resume to:
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Midland, TX 79701

PHYSICAL THERAPIST, SUPERVISOR
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Out-pt, swing beds, home health
Salary up to 100K with benefits

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
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Home Health, Salary DOE

DYNAMIC THERAPY SERVICES
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PTA
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PTA openings at well established outpatient clinic. Salery DOE. Apply in person at 4519 North Garfield St. Suite 5, Midland, TX 79705.

Receptionist
West Texas Urology FT
Receptionist needed for busy multi-physician office. Duties include: high volume telephones, posting charges and receiving payments. Bilingual required. Send resume to: 2706 West Cuthbert Bldg C, Midland TX 79701.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Operations Manager
AlliedBarton Security Services FT
AlliedBarton is seeking an Operations Manager in Midland. Please apply at: www.jobs.alliedbarton.com. M/F/D/V EOE

OTHER JOBS

All Positions
QSN Realty: Restaurant Staff all positions. Bartender, Waitstaff, Office Managers, HVAC Tech. Please apply in person at 3100 W. Wall.

Available Openings
QSN Realty: Hotel General Manager wanted. Independent hotel in Odessa being renovated. Great opportunity for Front Office Managers who want to rise up in the Hospitality Industry. Experience preferred, but will train the right person. Salary DOE. Must be computer literate & a strong communicator. Email resumes to jposmantur@jyihospitality.com

Available Openings
QSN Realty: Office Supervisor, A/C Techs, Bar Supervisor, Desk Clerks, Night Auditor, Housekeepers, Houseman, Servers. Pay based upon experience. Bring resume to 5010 W. Loop 250 N. or fax 432-520-9434. For info call 432-694-1349.

Caretaker
Confidental
Caretaker for small ranch and animals/dogs, horses. Salary and housing provided. Non-smokers. References required. Call 432-254-6151

Cement Bulk Plant Manager & CDL Drivers
1-2 years experience preferred but will train the right person; professional work environment, benefits, paid vacation, competitive pay. Apply in person at 4004 NCR 1150, Midland, TX.

Cook
Legacy Ranch is currently seeking a **cook** to join our team both full time and part time available. New kitchen with a great team. Apply at **4800 Briarwood, Midland** or call **432-694-5600**.

Custodian
First United Methodist Church FT/PT
If you just want a job, this is not the place. If you would like to work, then we need you. Must be an eager worker who can do what's been requested without hesitation or complaint, can show up on time, and values cleanliness. If this description fits you, please apply in person at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Midland, TX. Immediate interview possible. No phone calls please.

OTHER JOBS

Detailers
UNISEAL FT
Looking for experienced detailers at local Midland & Odessa dealerships. Can make up to $15 to $18 an hour. Please call 281-733-1967.

Glaziers Helper
Mid-West Glass FT
Midland, TX 79701
Mid-West Glass is now hiring Glaziers Helpers. Starting pay is $12.00. Full benefits, 401K, tool program. Apply at office: 906 West Front, Midland, TX 79701 or call 432-682-7373.

Kitchen Staff
Hog Pit Pub & Grub FT
Kitchen help needed Mon-Sat. from 9am-2pm. Apply in person at Hog Pit Pub & Grub, 7400 West County Rd. 116. in Midland or call 432-561-9301.

Lead Maintenance
Confidential FT
Must be HVAC certified. Salary depending on experience. Send resume to M-11 Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:
Pressman/Pressman Trainee
for our Harris N-1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Security Officers
Imperial Guard Service FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
No experience necessary. Will train. Uniforms provided. Benefit packages available. Call 866-840-2066
TX Lic# 12202

Warehouse Delivery Person
Need Part-time warehouse delivery person. Will receive, assemble, lift at least 50 lbs, & deliver furniture. Must have valid drivers license, non-smoking environment & must be able to pass drug & background check. Apply in person at: 1025 North Midkiff, Midland 79701.

Warehouse Person
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Basin Engine & Pump is looking for an industrial oilfield warehouse person. Pump and or warehouse experience preferred. Position includes uniforms and a benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to: 432-570-1115 or email to: shawn@basinengine.com. Applications may also be filled out at 1914 South County Rd. 1083, Greenwood/Midland.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Dozer & Motorgrader Operators
Good driving record and drug screen required. Call Daniel at 432-634-1042 to schedule an interview.

Preventative Maintenance Lube Technician
2 years experience, no CDL required, must have clean driving record and be able to pass DOT physical and drug test. Must be willing to work 6 days a week. Call Rhett at 432-813-6069 for interview

YMCA OF MIDLAND CHILDCARE DIRECTOR
Seeking highly energetic, self-motivated, and organized individual with strong leadership skills to direct and manage multi-site after school child care and summer day camp programs. Candidate must have BS, BA, or an associate degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development. Must have experience working with school age children, supervising others and strong administrative skills. Salary $37K - $47K DOE. Please submit resume to ejackson@midlandymca.org or to P.O. Box 954 Midland, TX 79702.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!
•**Drivers:** Make cash everyday, Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. •**CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $8.25 an hour, Bright & Friendly people only! •**Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts, Starting wage of $10 an hour, Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume: **cassie@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

General Manager
Western Auto FT
General Manager needed to oversee daily operations of busy Western Auto store. Competitive salary + quarterly bonus plan with a great benefit package! Fax resume & salary history to 281-681-7692 or email: **dvaughan@petroleumwholesale.com**.

Kitchen, Bartenders, and Waitstaff
Torino's Pizza Bar FT
Now hiring for kitchen, bartenders and waitstaff. Apply in person @ 3303 N Midkiff Rd #110. Ask for Teresa. 432-218-6943

MANAGEMENT & BAKER OPENINGS
Fast-Casual restaurant in Midland now has openings for salaried Management and Bakers also. Call **432-230-1218** to setup an interview or email resume to: **rm.schlotzskys@yahoo.com**

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Servers and Cooks
Cattle Baron FT
Cattle Baron Restaurant now hiring experienced servers and cooks. Starting wage $11.00 - $15.00 per hour depending on experience. Please apply daily 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm 418 Wadley Ave., Midland, TX No phone calls please!! EOE

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OTHER JOBS

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Sales Manager:
Looking for an upbeat individual who would be responsible for the development and performance of all sales activities in our market. This would include managing several sales teams, identifying growth opportunities, and help managing strategies all while staying in line with the company vision and values.
Need a minimum of 5 years sales experience with 2 years of management experience
Bachelor's degree preferred
Computer skills are a must (excel, powerpoint, office)

Logistics Assistant
Looking for an organized, detail oriented individual.
Computer skills are a must. Mostly Excel based position

Dispatcher
Needs to have knowledge of the Permian basin with the ability to direct CDL drivers on where to deliver their cargo.
DOT compliance experience necessary
Computer skills are a must.

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Apply Online at ...

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SWENSEN'S NOW HIRING EVENING SERVERS!
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SALES JOBS

Apprentice
Peerless Tyre Company FT
Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting $12/hour or depending on experience. Apply 2804 W. Wall, Midland or 3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa.

Bit Salesman
Experienced Bit Salesman needed. Base salary plus commission. Full benefits & 401K. No phones calls please. Email resume to rchrane@v-bitservices.com

Sales Clerks
Now Hiring Full-time Sales Clerks!
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432-552-0055

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Sales needed w/5 yrs. or more Experience and Contacts in the Oilfield on Fishing Tools, Reverse Equipment & BOP's. Competitive Salary W/Commissions, 401 K & Health Ins. Please call for an appointment (432-332-4728) or Submit Resume to freedomfishingrental@hotmail.com

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid is weekly plus tips. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

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WE ARE GROWING AND WE NEED SALES PEOPLE. Roberts Truck Center, International Dealers on I-20 at airport exit, is needing additional SALES PEOPLE. Truck Sales; Outside Parts Sales Route and Truck Rental Department Sales. Please apply at: 10101 W. I-20, Midland, Tx. Roberts Truck Center, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

SKILLED LABOR

Carpenter
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Midland, TX 79706
Experienced Carpenter for cabinet shop, immediate hire. Compensation starting at $20/per hour depending on experience. Convenient location off of Loop 250 & Midland. Call 432-684-9377 for appointment or email resume to: linda@barbedcross.com

Diesel Mechanics
Master Truck & Trailer, LLC FT
NOW Hiring Experienced Diesel Mechanics. Benefits after 90 days. Pay depends on experience. Apply in person at: 3000 Garden City Hwy, Midland TX. 79701. Email: mastertucktrailer@sbcglobal.net. Fax: 432-686-0920.

Framers and Drywall Hangers
Anderson Construction FT
Framers and Drywall Hangers needed. Call 432-561-5880.

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Journeyman Plumber
Superior Plumbing FT
Journeyman Plumber needed for new commercial. Join our growing company. Please call Superior Plumbing 432-687-5905

Lathe Operator
Manual Lathe Operator Needed. API Tool Joints experience a must. For information please contact Mark Livingston with V-Bit Services at 432-617-5000.

Maintenance Director
Legacy Ranch is looking for a dynamic **Maintenance Director** to join our team! Must have previous building experience. Newer building, great work environment, full benefits. Apply at **4800 Briarwood, Midland** or call **432-694-6800.**

SKILLED LABOR

Maintenance Technician
Clusters Apartment FT
4415 Northcrest Dr.
Midland, TX 79707
Full-Time Maintenance Technician needed. Please apply in person.

Mechanics
Western Auto FT
Mechanics! Western Auto is hiring! Apply at Western Auto, 4000 S. FM 1788, Midland.

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Roustabout and Sandblast/Coating Pushers
Franks Tanks and Trucking is looking for roustabout and sandblaster/coating pushers. top pay if have 5 years experience, will train new hands.Call office 432-563-8018

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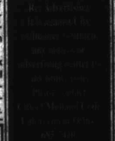

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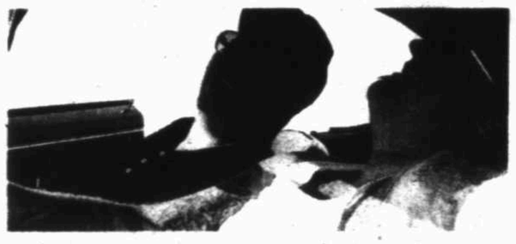

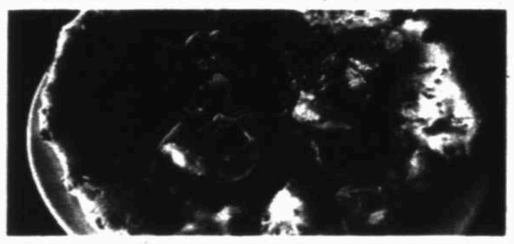

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SUMMER MUMMERS
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Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado Ave.
Tickets: 570-4111. Recommended for those 16 and older due to adult content

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When: 8-10 p.m. Friday, July 26
Where: Noel Heritage Park Fifth and Lincoln, Odessa
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Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes. Players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

Saturday

MIDLAND DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
When: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: 501 W. Texas Ave.

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When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
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Sunday

SUMMER SUNDAY LAWN CONCERT
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Free. Jazzbird, jazz. Hawaiian shirt night.

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
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PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.
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Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.
Info: Live country and Western music each week

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
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Info: Indoor and outdoor activities for children ages 7-10. Call 685-7355.

FUN FRIDAYS
When: 1-3 p.m. Fridays
Where: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
Info: Activities for children age 8 and older. Call 685-7355.

FAMILY FRIDAYS
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Planned activities every Friday during the summer. This week is "Hoopnotica: Hoola Hoop Fitness" with Teffanie White.

SPECIAL LEGO ARCHITECTURE EVENT
When: 6 p.m. Friday
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2617 W. Loop 250 N.
Info: Hands-on children's learning event

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When: 1-3 p.m. Mondays
Where: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
Info: Kitchen activities for children age 8 and older. Call 685-7355.

FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXHIBITS
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Info: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Temporary Exhibit: Musical Instruments through Aug. 25. For more information, call 683-2882.

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Vacation Bible Schools

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6-8 p.m. July 25-26, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 27
Info: Theme is Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong For God.

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6-9 p.m. July 28-Aug. 1
Info: Theme is Colossal Coaster

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 697-3221
9 a.m.-noon July 29-Aug. 2
Info: Theme is Tell it on the Mountain. For more information, go to www.GraceLutheranMidland.org.

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'Turbo': Snail's pace can win the race

By A.O. Scott
N.Y. Times News Service

"Turbo" is a new movie from DreamWorks Animation Studios about a little snail with a big dream. It is also the latest animated feature to use an animal's frustration with the limitations of his species as a metaphor for human aspirations. Much as the rat Remy in "Ratatouille" did not want to eat garbage, and Mumble the penguin in "Happy Feet" wanted to dance, so does Turbo — given name Theo, voice courtesy of Ryan Reynolds — long to move fast.

This leads to some amusingly realized visual gags, including a race with a lawn mower. Needless to say, the other snails in the tomato patch, governed by a grim, unvarying, slime-trailed routine and subject to random crow attacks, do not respect Theo's ambitions. The chief naysayer is his brother, Chet (Paul Giamatti), who makes a persuasive case against the idea that a garden pest might do something like compete in the Indianapolis 500.

But this is America! Anything is possible, including that millions of parents and children might flock to this adequate morsel of committee-produced entertainment. They don't call it DreamWorks for nothing. But it is interesting to note that a movie strenuously preaching the virtue of being different should be so fundamentally — so deliberately, so timidly — just like everything else of its kind. Yes, there has never been a 3-D cartoon about a snail before, although there have been a handful of charming children's picture books about snails, including Vivian Walsh and J. Otto Seibold's heart-rending "Gluey."

Still, even in the absence of originality, there is fun to be had, thanks to some loopy, clever jokes (the script is by Darren Lemke, Robert Siegel and David Soren, who directed) and a lively celebrity voice cast that also includes Samuel L. Jackson, Michelle Rodriguez, Ken Jeong, Maya Rudolph, Richard Jenkins, Michael Peqa and Luis Guzman. (Not a lot of women on that list, you'll notice — true to formula once again)."Turbo" is rated PG.

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"THE CONJURING" — As sympathetic, methodical ghostbusters Lorraine and Ed Warren, Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson make this old-fashioned haunted-house horror film something more than your average fright fest. In 1971, they come to the Perrons' swampy, musty Rhode Island farmhouse — newly purchased from the bank — to investigate the demonic spirit that has begun terrorizing the couple (Ron Livingston, Lili Taylor) and their five daughters. Lorraine is clairvoyant, and Ed is a Vatican-sanctioned demonologist. They're best known as the married, devoutly Catholic paranormal pros whose work with the Lutz family served as the basis for "Amityville Horror." The film is built in the '70s-style mold of "Amityville" and, if one is kind, "The Exorcist." Does it live up to it? More than most horror films, certainly. But as effectively crafted as it is, it's lacking the raw, haunting power of the models it falls shy of. "The Exorcist" is a high standard, though: "The Conjuring" is an unusually sturdy piece of haunted-house genre filmmaking. The director is James Wan, who's best known as one of the founding practitioners of that odious type of horror film called "torture porn" ("Saw"). Here he goes classical. Though it comes across as a self-conscious stab at more traditional, floorboard-creaking horror, Wan has succeeded in patiently building suspense (of which there is plenty) not out of bloodiness, but those old standbys of slamming doors and flashes in the mirror. R for sequences of disturbing violence and terror. Running time: 112 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— Jake Coyle, AP Entertainment Writer

"PACIFIC RIM" — To say it's the best monsters vs. robots movie that money can buy is not to denigrate this latest effort from the imaginative director Guillermo del Toro. To many devotees of the genre, it will be the ultimate pleasure: An army of 25-story-high robots creatively (and very noisily) battling the Kaiju, or monsters rising from the sea. The problem is that del Toro spent relatively little of his considerable talents on developing interesting human characters, and the film suffers as a result, though not fatally. Del Toro clearly considers his robots and monsters to be the real stars here, anyway. Leading the charge to save humanity are co-pilots Raleigh Becket (a handsome but bland Charlie Hunnam), and his partner, a young Japanese woman named Mako (Rinko Kikuchi, underused) with a beef against the Kaiju. We're supposed to see chemistry blooming here, but it's hard when there's no time spent on character development. Idris Elba plays the impressively named commander Stacker Pentecost, Charlie Day is a nerdy scientist (but not nearly as funny as he could be), and Ron Perlman is a shadowy Kaiju-parts dealer. Occasionally, as in brief scenes inside his characters' minds, del Toro displays his subtler, more intimate style, and it would have been nice to see more of that. PG-13 for intense sci-fi action and violence throughout, and brief language. 131 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

—Jocelyn Noveck, AP National Writer

Capsule reviews of other feature films

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"DESPICABLE ME 2" — The Anti-Villain League recruits Gru when a powerful new criminal emerges in this animated family sequel. 1 hr. 38 PG (mild scares, rude humor, use of flatulence guns). 2 1/2 stars.

"THE HEAT" — Sandra Bullock is the brains, Melissa McCarthy the mouth and the muscle in this mismatched-cop comedy founded on the proposition that the lower the humor, the louder the laughter. That's true until this profanely funny comedy veers into a sinkhole of "Pulp Fiction" comic violence in its final third. 1 hr. 57 R (extreme profanity, violence, sexual candor, surgical humor, drugs).

"THE LONE RANGER" — Johnny Depp is a smart-aleck, sagelike Tonto and Armie Hammer plays the straight man — and straight-arrow hero of the tale — in Gore Verbinski's wild, wacky, widescreen reimagining of the vintage radio serial and TV series. Too long, but too good to really matter. 2 hrs. 29 PG-13 (violence, intense action, adult themes) 3 stars.

"MAN OF STEEL" — Zak ("300") Snyder attempts a Superman reboot, with English actor Henry Cavill as the Kryptonian-on-Earth and Michael Shannon as the maniacal villain dogging him around. What's particularly disheartening is that Superman's primacy has been forsaken for an excess of high-end generic effects. At least an hour of the pic's excessive running time is devoted to the sort of crash-and-burn, slamming-into-sky-scrapers CG fight scenes that we've already seen in "The Avengers," "Spider-Man" and "Thor." 2 hrs. 23 PG-13 (violence, intense action, profanity, adult themes). 2 stars.

"MONSTERS UNIVERSITY" — Pixar's first prequel takes a look at how its "Monsters, Inc. stars, Mike and Sully (the voices of Billy Crystal and John Goodman), first met, in the ivied halls of a college campus where the multi-hued, multi-limbed, multi-eyeballed students learn how to be "scarers." Cute, funny, but not on the top tier when it comes to originality. 1 hr. 50 G (mild scares) 2 1/2 stars.

"WHITE HOUSE DOWN" — Jamie Foxx is the president and Channing Tatum is the only man who can save him from deadly insurrectionists in the Oval Office in this formulaic action film. Add gunplay and explosions. Get the picture? 2 hrs. 11 PG-13 (Violence, profanity, adult themes) 2 stars.

"WORLD WAR Z" — Brad Pitt goes running around the world — and driving, and helicoptering, and bicycling and jet-planing — in a desperate attempt to find the cure for a zombie pandemic. A relentless horror thriller. First stop: Philly. 1 hr. 56 PG-13 (intense scares, zombie violence, adult themes) 3 stars.

Also

"GROWN UPS 2" — A family man who has relocated his brood back to the small town where he grew up endures the last day of school along with his childhood friends. With Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock and David Spade. Written by Sandler, Fred Wolf and Tim Herlihy. Directed by Dennis Dugan. (1:41) PG-13.

"R.I.P.D." — A pair of undead cops are dispatched by the Rest in Peace Department to protect the world from supernatural threats. With Ryan Reynolds, Jeff Bridges and Mary-Louise Parker. Written by Phil Hay and Matt Manfredi. Directed by Robert Schwentke. In 3-D. (2:16) PG-13.

"RED 2" — A retired black-ops CIA agent reunites with his elderly team of elite operatives on a global quest to track down a missing portable nuclear device. With Bruce Willis, John Malkovich and Mary-Louise Parker. Written by Jon Hoeber and Erich Hoeber. Directed by Dean Parisot. (1:56) PG-13.

DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Gore-filled remake of 'Evil Dead' tops new DVD releases

By Nancy Adamson
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Pick of the week:

"Evil Dead" (R) A group of young adults travel to the proverbial cabin in the woods, where they unwittingly unleash a series of horrific events. Had this godfather of slasher movies not been overseen by its original director, Sam Raime, and star, Bruce Campbell, who became a cult star thanks to the original trilogy of films, it probably would have been a disaster. But this offering not only stays true to the original story, it brings a new realm to the franchise. It is delightfully gory, bloody and gross. Slasher film fans who have not had a hero to speak of in the past few years can rejoice in this bloodbath. A-

"The Amazing Adventures of the Living Corpse" (R) After consuming his wife and daughter, a zombie suddenly has a change of heart and a memory of being alive when facing his son. Armed with his memories and desire to protect his son, the zombie jumps through a series of underworld hoops to reunite with his boy in this mostly clever animated feature based on "The Living Corpse" comic book series. The animation is disappointing — think Ray Harryhausen on a bad day — and the dialogue can be flat-out stupid and insulting. Yet there's something about the film — probably the unexpected humor — that made me root for it. B-

"Bullet to the Head" (R) A cop and a hitman team up to vanquish a common enemy. Listening to Sylvester Stallone's narration on this film was positively dizzying. I still have a headache. He hasn't made this negative an impression in this regard since the atrocious "Cobra" in 1987 when he uttered the immortal words, "Crime is a disease. I'm the cure" only it sounded more like "da cur," which made me think he was pursuing an errant dog. He's got a little better material to work with in this film but the result is the same. It's a so-so action flick that will barely please his fans; the rest of us might prefer another "Rocky" sequel. C

"Dead Man Down" (R) A mutual attraction forms between a thug's enforcer (Colin Farrell) and a neighbor (Noomi Rapace) who is blackmailing him to get a man who disfigured her killed. The story is above average. The acting is way above average. But the story stalls early and often and can also be difficult to follow. The result though, is worth the effort, particularly because of the chemistry between Farrell and Rapace. Casting Terrence Howard as the soft-spoken but evil crime boss brings it all together. B

"Erased" (R) A soft-spoken Aaron Eckhardt stars as a security expert forced to go on the run with his teenage daughter when everyone in his office is murdered. Eckhardt's near-whisper is meant to convey a calm, cool demeanor when faced with nearly impossible odds, but it becomes the film's biggest impediment. Well, that and all the near-death experiences he and his daughter have that would have crippled even the best CIA agents. I'm talking to you, Jason Bourne. Bless Hollywood's cold, black heart for trying to give us another CIA-based thriller, and this one is quite suspenseful. But it doesn't hold a candle to the Bourne series. B

"42" (PG-13) Heartwarming biopic about Jackie Robinson who, in 1947, became the first African-American to play Major League Baseball. This is a film that transcends the sports film genre and a fitting tribute to Robinson, who died in 1972. There have been documentaries and a film about the man, the latter of which, "The Jackie Robinson Story," was a well-meaning but fluff piece that actually starred Robinson. At last there is a fitting tribute to the man who revolutionized the sport along with Brooklyn Dodgers President and GM Branch Rickey, the man determined to equalize the sport. Robinson's feat and even temper not only transformed the sport but is rightly credited as a forebearer to the civil rights movement. It was tremendous to see a relative unknown, Chadwick Boseman, playing Robinson. It was a risk to not put a known actor in the role, someone who would draw people to the theater but would have detracted from the story. Boseman, by the way, is terrific, as is the ensemble cast. The story does not shirk from the horrors Robinson faced, either, so be warned that the PG-13 rating may be a little lenient. It's biggest flaw, though, might be the last 15 minutes of the film, which turns every game into a slow-motion manipulation to draw emotion. On that level, it fails. B

"Ginger & Rosa" (PG-13) Idealistic film set in the 1960s follows two British teenage girls terrified by the prospect of nuclear war. Deftly directed by Sally Potter — whose startling "Orlando" made a star of Tilda Swinton — the film is riveting but forgettable. I appreciate the perspective from which the story is told and impressed that the story follows real life and its real consequences. But I just saw it a few days ago and had to look it up on IMDb to remember the storyline. B

"Nailbiter" (R) A woman and her daughters traveling take shelter from a tornado in a storm cellar. After the storm passes, the woman and girls are trapped in the cellar with an evil entity. The premise was great. Keeping the secret was not on the filmmakers list of things to do to keep the movie interesting. In fact, it's achingly predictable. Perhaps it's because of director Patrick Rea's background making short films — he's got more than 30 to his credit — so he must be tempted to spill the beans early. C+

"The Rambler" (R) Dermot Mulroney plays a man recently released from a New Mexico prison who hits the road to go live with his brother and his family and encounters unusual people and circumstances along the way. Filmed in and around Roswell, N.M., the film is interesting in many ways, among them the landscapes familiar to local folks who have been to the small town. In keeping with the weirdness the city has embraced since the UFO incident of 1947, this film is one of the most bizarre I've ever seen. The title character — always sporting a straw cowboy hat and aviator sunglasses — rarely speaks but sees flashing lights in the sky and hallucinates other things quite frequently. Think of a cross between David Cronenberg's adaptation of William S. Burrough's "Naked Lunch" and Terrence Malick's divine 1974 feature debut, "Badlands." On second thought, using those films as reference points might imply this film is of the same caliber. That is surely not the case. While it's apparent the film's creator, Calvin Reedus, is quite the student of cinema and this effort is laudable in its ambition, it falls short in execution. It doesn't maintain a entertaining cohesiveness. I had to keep watching just to see where it would go but there were times I was more entertained by watching the grass grow outside my living room window. C+

"Solomon Kane" (R) An outcast prince whose soul has been cursed to hell is given the chance for redemption when a young girl is kidnapped. Leading man James Purefoy is spectacular as the warrior battling the inner and outer demons who want to claim his soul. The actor has been paying his dues for years in TV series ("The Following," "Rome"). Unfortunately, this vehicle to stardom may stall on the freeway. It tanked in its British theatrical run and was straight to video here. Add to that its many resemblances to "Game of Thrones" and it's practically doomed. But it deserves an audience so if medieval, supernatural themes are your thing, this is a film to ad to your must-see list. B-

"The Tower" (not rated) A helicopter caught in crosswinds crashes into a new high-rise tower in Seoul, Korea, endangering hundreds trapped inside during a Christmas Eve celebration. Though I liked this movie more in 1974 when it was called "The Towering Inferno," I must admit this Korean export is quite lively and suspenseful, despite its blatant "borrowing" from the landmark disaster film. Of course, nowadays, all the effects are CGI, and the filmmakers reportedly spared no expense in that department. The character development is lacking, though. All the wealthy are portrayed as whiny elitists who think they matter more than the cooks, secretaries and firefighters who are in the same predicament — Ayn Rand would be livid — while the "normal" people are all portrayed as caring, giving and willing to sacrifice. Otherwise, it's not going to fool anyone who has seen the American film but it's quite capable of holding its own, whether in the available subtitled or dubbed versions. B+

Sublime With Rome to play La Hacienda Tuesday

By Alan Sculley

Seeing Sublime With Rome going on tour this summer is undoubtedly a welcome chance for fans to hear songs from this group, as well as some of the classics by the original Sublime (with the late frontman, Bradley Nowell).

But what happens off stage this summer may be as significant — especially in the longer run — as the shows themselves.

"It's just a fun blend of the two (new and old songs)," singer/guitarist Rome Ramirez said, describing the song set in a late-June phone interview. "Sublime has timeless music and hits that everybody wants to hear, including myself. But we definitely have some more planned for us as far as Sublime With Rome goes. That definitely includes a new album."

To that end, Ramirez and his Sublime With Rome bandmates, bassist Eric Wilson and drummer Josh Freese, will have a dual purpose to being on the road together this summer.

"We have a studio rig with us on this tour and a designated room where we're going to be doing pre-production for an album we plan on dropping at the top of 2015," Ramirez said.

"It's kind of the starting stages," he said. "Me and Eric have some songs we've been jamming and just kind of putting together, like pieces of riffs. But this tour, ironically, is going to really be the start of us all getting in a room together and writing an album from scratch. I'm excited to put these ideas into actual songs and have them recorded this summer."

If that timetable holds, it means it will be four years between the first Sublime With Rome album, "Yours Truly," and the second album. But then, the existence of a band with a direct connection to the original Sublime is more than anyone would have expected.

The original group, featuring singer/guitarist Nowell, Wilson and drummer Bud Gaugh, formed in 1988 and became one of the earliest groups to combine ska and punk (with some surf, acoustic rock and hip-hop thrown in as well). But the group's promising career was cut short after two albums ("40 Oz. to Freedom" and "Robbin' the Hood") when Nowell died of a heroin overdose in 1996, just before the song "What I Got" broke through on radio and gave the group a No. 1 alternative rock single.

In the intervening years, Wilson and Gaugh formed the group the Long Beach Dub Allstars (featuring several other musicians that had collaborated with Sublime) that lasted until 2002, by which time drummer Gaugh had joined the short-lived group Eyes Adrift. The latter group also featured Krist Novoselic of Nirvana and Curt Kirkwood of the Meat Puppets, while bassist Wilson went on to form the group Long Beach Short Bus.

Meanwhile, Sublime continued to be discovered by new generations of fans, sending album sales climbing as the group's musical influence increased.

Still, few expected that Wilson and Gaugh would ever return to playing Sublime music. But then Wilson met Ramirez while the two were working at a studio

Courtesy of Jason W. Rodriquez

owned by a mutual friend. Ramirez (a major fan of Sublime growing up) and Wilson began jamming, and over time became friends. Liking what he was hearing, Wilson contacted Gaugh and the idea of a new edition of Sublime took hold.

In 2009 with singer/guitarist Ramirez filling Nowell's role, the group, billed simply as Sublime, debuted at Cypress Hill's "Smokeout Festival" in San Bernardino, Calif. (The group became Sublime With Rome after Nowell's family and estate sued to prevent the trio from performing or recording under the name Sublime.)

"It was Eric's decision," Ramirez said of the group's formation. "He wanted to play the (original Sublime) music again when he met me. Something during the initial meeting of us jamming together prompted him to call Bud, the drummer, and talk to him about playing in the band again. It was just an act of God really."

It wasn't long, though, before issues arose. In December 2011 — just five months after the release of "Yours Truly" — Gaugh quit Sublime With Rome. He has been replaced by Freese, one of rock's most in-demand session drummers.

A major reason for Gaugh's departure was the extensive touring and promotional work that happened as "Yours Truly" started to catch on and Sublime With Rome became a success.

"I know it's Bud Gaugh of Sublime and Eric Wilson of Sublime, but in the true sense, they hadn't been touring professionally until about three years ago," Ramirez, 25, said. "They (Sublime) got tours as a major label band and were a major success, sold 25 million records worldwide, but he (Gaugh) had never done like a national tour or just the whole run around with the label … having to wake up and go to radio stations at 7 in the morning to go service a song and play it for them, and photo shoots and videos. It's a full thing. You can't necessarily dump that on a 40-something dude (like Gaugh) with kids. It's gets hard, and if you're not in it, it's going to implode.

"We just kind of said (to Gaugh) 'Yo, man, if you're unhappy, or if you don't want to give the time 100 percent like we want to give, then you might want to think about possibly leaving the band," the singer/guitarist said. "And we kind of came to that agreement. It's not like bad blood or anything. We still talk to each other a lot on stuff. But it's just better for both of us, I think, both the band and for Bud Gaugh personally."

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Brian Milson @ Rockin Rodeo

Tex Railer's Doomtown @ Blue Max

Friday

Jake Kellen, Trey Wilson @ The Lone Star Bar

Forgotten Road @ Detour

Dead Earth Politics, Broken Jaw Philosophy, Redeemed Chaos, Fatality, Zombie Holocaust @ Blue Max

Justin Johnson, The Peterson Brothers, Laurie Morvan Band, Chris Duarte, JT Coldfire @ Tall City Blues Fest

Ransom Rhodes @ Redneck's

Mister Happy @ The Bar

Friday and Saturday

3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place

Saturday

Frank Gomez, Terry Quiett Band, Brad Absher & Swamp Royale, Mike Milligan & the Altar Boyz, Kirsten Thien w/ special guest Eddie Turner, Shakura S'Aida, Zac Harmon w/ special guest performance by Castro Coleman, Nick Moss @ Tall City Blues Fest

Nick Verzosa & The Noble Union @ Lone Star Bar

Black Texas Irish @ Blue Max

Janie Balderas @ Redneck's

Sunday

JazzBirds @ Museum of the Southwest

Tuesday

Sublime With Rome, HB Surround @ La Hacienda

Wednesday

The Iveys, Keith Moody @ Shack in the Back

Dallas-Fort Worth area

Friday

Dillinger Escape Plan, Animals As Leaders, Periphery, Norma Jean, Cattle Decapitation, The Ocean, Revocation, Rings Of Saturn, Thy Art Is Murder @ House of Blues

Saturday

Brad Paisley, Chris Young, Lee Brice, The Henningsens @ Gexa Energy Pavilion

"American Idols Live" with Amber Holcomb, Angie Miller, Burnell Taylor, Candice Glover, Curtis Finch Jr., Devin Velez, Janelle Arthur, Kree Harrison, Lazaro Arbos, Paul Jolley, Aubrey Cleland @ Verizon Theatre

Sunday

Living Colour @ The Kessler Theater

Roots musician to bring cigar box guitars to Blues Fest

By Megan Lea Buck
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Justin Johnson was performing at a North Carolina bar the first time he picked up a guitar crafted from a cigar box.

"The venue owner actually had a bunch of cigar box guitars (and) he asked me if I'd play one of them," Johnson said. "It ended up having this soul and characteristic tone that those cigar box guitars have that I've never found in any other instrument."

That was two years ago, and Johnson has been playing cigar box guitars at concerts and festivals around the U.S. ever since.

Johnson is the first act scheduled for this weekend's Tall City Blues Fest. He'll take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Friday in downtown Midland.

"It's kicking off the festival with the same music and the same instruments that kicked blues off in general," he said, noting he'll have about 10 cigar box guitars to play during his set.

Johnson also will conduct workshops on Saturday through a partnership between Tall City Blues Fest and Midland College.

"This is the first year we're going to have any kind of roots instruments," said festival producer Lisa Grissom. "He's a solo act but when he gets all of his stuff going he sounds like a full band live on stage. He's very talented."

Johnson will be teaching "Beginner Four-String Cigar Box Guitar," "One-String Diddley Bow for Kids" (ages 13 and younger) and "One-String Didley Bow" (for 14 and older).

Johnson has shared his passion for music history at similar workshops at music festivals, schools and museums around the country.

"I'd always been very interested in the history of music in general and specifically the history of American blues music and roots music, but it wasn't until I picked up the cigar box guitar that I really learned about their significance to the music I'd already been dedicating my life to," he said.

The instruments are featured in American music from as early as the 1800s, according to Johnson.

"The first blues and some of the first gospel and folk music played on string instruments were probably played on cigar box guitars because people who wrote that music really didn't have the means to buy that instrument or borrow that instrument, so they'd really have to make the instruments out of whatever was around," he said.

The one-string diddley bow featured in Johnson's workshop is a one-stringed instrument played with a slide.

"It's really the godfather of all string instruments, especially American string instruments," he said.

Johnson and the cigar box guitar builders with whom he collaborates see a unique opportunity to bring American music history to a wide audience.

"There's a whole new generation of builders who are learning from the traditions of these old cigar box guitar builders and now we have the means to actually mic them or amplify them or use the technology that is available now to allow performers to play these at large venues, on large stages or in the studio," he said. "So we can actually hear the tones and be inspired by the same music that the early blues musicians were inspired by."

After his performance in Midland, Johnson will travel to the heart of the delta blues to record a double album in Clarksdale, Miss. He will partner with music historian Bill Jehly who is lending Johnson cigar box guitars from the late 1800s and early 1900s to play on the album.

For more information on Justin Johnson, visit www.justinjohnsonlive.com.

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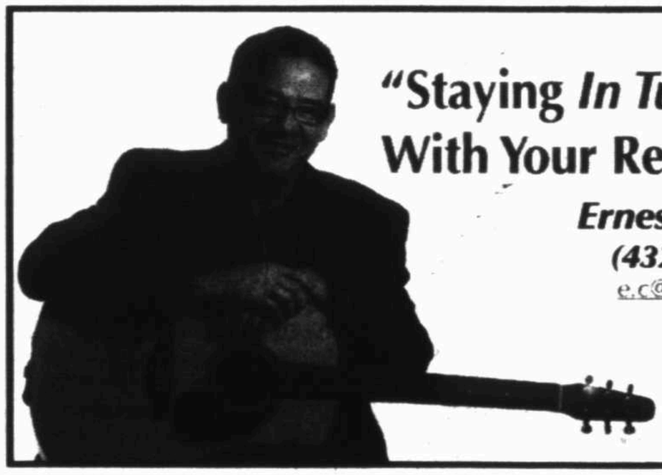

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TALL CITY BLUES FEST

What you should know before going to Blues Fest

Tall City Blues Fest will take over downtown Midland Friday and Saturday with 14 performers taking the stage during the outdoor festival. This weekend marks the event's third year. The Reporter-Telegram talked to TCBF producer Lisa Grissom about the music, the festival and what people should know before they go.

Outdoor festival:

All performances this year will be outdoors at Centennial Plaza.

"I really wanted to focus on the core essence of an outdoor music festival," said Lisa Grissom.

Featured musicians will perform on the Cimarex Energy Stage and the Riley Geological Stage.

Lineup:

Justin Johnson will take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Friday, followed by The Peterson Brothers at 6:15 p.m and Laurie Morvan at 7:15 p.m. Headliner Chris Duarte will take the stage at 8:15 p.m. followed by finale act JT Coldfire.

Saturday's schedule starts with Frank Gomez at 2 p.m., followed by Terry Quiett at 3 p.m., Brad Absher and Swamp Royale at 4 p.m., Mike Milligan and the Altar Boyz at 5 p.m. and Kirsten Thien with special guest guitarist Eddie Turner at 6 p.m. Shakura S'Aida will perform at 7 p.m. and headliner Zac Harmon and special guest Castro Coleman will take the stage at 8:15 p.m. Nick Moss will perform at 10 p.m.

Concertgoers who attended last year's TCBF may remember some of the acts on this year's lineup, such as The Peterson Brothers, JT Coldfire and Mike Milligan and the Altar Boyz.

"We typically will bring anywhere from two to three performers from the previous year," Grissom said. "Those two or three will never play more than two consecutive years."

Community jam session:

Five 15-minute community jam sets are planned throughout the day on Friday.

"In some instances it's people who wouldn't normally play together getting up there to do some classics," Grissom said. "In other instances those sets are actually going to be bands getting up there for those 15 minutes and doing their own thing."

Food and drink:

Twelve food vendors will offer a variety of choices. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Coolers are not allowed at the festival.

"We've worked hard to put together a list of vendors, so there is something there for everyone," Grissom said.

Tickets:

Weekend festival passes are $30. Friday night passes are $15 and Saturday day passes are $25. Concertgoers may come and go with all festival passes. Student discounts are available.

Tickets may be purchased at Jack's Convenience Store locations in Midland, Endless Horizons in Odessa or at www.tallcitybluesfest.com.

Will Call tickets can be picked up in the lobby of the Doubletree by Hilton.

Family friendly:

TCBF is a family friendly event. Admission is free for children 12 and younger. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Pets are not allowed.

Workshops:

TCBF partners with Midland College to offer music education workshops during the festival. Workshops cost $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Proceeds go toward Kids College scholarships. This year's workshops include:

- "Vocal Workshop: Unleashing the Power of Your Voice" conducted by Saturday night Opener Shakura S'Aida from Toronto, Canada
- "Blues Bass 101" conducted by Dave Parker, Founder of Millstone School of Modern Music
- "The Elements of Song: Unlocking Your Creative Spirit" conducted by Blues singer/songwriter Kirsten Thien from New York City.
- "One-String Diddley Bow for Kids" (Ages 13 and under), "One-String Diddley Bow," for 14 years and older and "Beginner Four-String Cigar Box Guitar" all conducted by acoustic Blues and roots instrument player, Justin Johnson of Durham, N.C.

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Raffle and festival founders

This year TCBF will host a raffle with seven prizes including a guitar signed by blues artist Buddy Guy. The guitar is a black and white Fender Stratocaster, signed by Guy when he performed at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center in March.

"He actually has been very influential in the blues world," Grissom said of Guy. "He's just influenced so many different people with what he's done."

Other raffle prizes include an acoustic guitar signed by this year's performers, travel packages to San Angelo and the Big Bend area, an ipad, a romantic dinner with wine and flowers and a $100 gift certificate to the Barn Door.

Grissom said TCBF has also launched a festival founders campaign this year, an opportunity for people to make a one-time contribution to the festival and receive lifetime tickets.

For more information, visit www.tallcitybluesfestival.com

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ROCK THE DESERT
When: Aug. 1-3
Where: RTD grounds, 2000 S. Farm-to-Market 1788

CENTERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES PRESENT "AN EVENING WITH"
When: Aug. 2
Where: Horseshoe

MARCO ANTONIO SOLIS
When: Aug. 2
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

DINNER THEATER: "MURDER AT THE TELETHON" BY MARK TENNISWOOD
When: Aug. 2-3, 9-10
Where: Dee's Bistro and Grill, Odessa
Info: mark10theatricals.com. Dinner served 7 p.m.
Tickets: $35 genereal admission. $5 off with season membership. $25 for those 12 and younger and 65 and older. Admission includes entree, beverage and dessert. Cash bar available. Limited seating. Reservations required. Reservations not paid 24 hours in advance cannot be guaranteed.

GALLAGHER'S LAST SMASH
When: Aug. 3
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

MCLAREN FESTIVAL
When: 1-6 p.m. Aug. 3
Where: Midland Community Theatre
Info: Tickets are $15. Presentation of three finalists in the Mike McLaren Memorial Play Writing Competition.

SUMMER SUNDAY LAWN CONCERT
When: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4
Where: grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Admission: Free.
Info: Bent, blues. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and a cooler

CEREBRAL REBELUTION ART SHOW
When: Aug. 4
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
When: 5-8 p.m. Aug. 4-7
Where: The Orchard Church, misty@orchard-midland.com
Info: Theme is Kingdom Rocks: Where Kids Stand Strong for God. Dinner at 5 p.m. for children and families.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
When: 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 5-8
Where: St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 694-8856
Info: Theme is Faith Through the Arts. Activities include bookbinding, photography, painting and stitching.

ALL ABOUT WOMEN FAIR AND EXPO
When: Aug. 9-11
Where: Horseshoe

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)
When: Aug. 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18
Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Tickets: call 580-3177

SUMMER SUNDAY LAWN CONCERT
When: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11
Where: grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Admission: Free.
Info: The Shades, rock 'n' roll. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and a cooler

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
When: 5:30 p.m. Aug. 12-14
Where: Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 683-4207
Info: Theme is God's Backyard Bible Camp. Intergenerational vacation Bible school includes evening meal.

CHICAGO
When: 8 p.m. Aug. 13
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $50 to $90 plus fees

APPALOOSA HORSE SHOW
When: Aug. 16-18
Where: Horseshoe
Info: Midland County Fair Pre-Event

MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR
When: Aug. 22-25
Where: Horseshoe

LORETTA LYNN
When: 8 p.m. Aug. 22
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $40-$75 plus fees

SUMMER SMASH
When: Aug. 23-24
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

PERMIAN BASIN GUN SHOW
When: Aug. 23-25
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

"THE ADVENTURES OF FRED BROWN AND HIS AMAZING PANDIMENSIONAL MULTI-SHIP"
by Dominic Lopez
When: Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 6-7 and 13-14
Where: Black Box next to the Globe Theatre, Odessa
Info: mark10theatricals.com

JOE SATRIANI
When: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 5
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $37.50 to $298 plus fees

PERMIAN BASIN FAIR & EXPO
When: Sept. 6-14
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

"THREE MURDERS AND IT'S ONLY MONDAY"
When: Sept. 6-28
Where: Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production.
Reservations: call 570-4111. Recommended for those age 8 and up due to subject matter and language.

EXILE
When: Sept. 10
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Opening concert of the Live on Stage! 2013-2014 season. Go to www.liveonstage-pb.com or call 789-1249.
Admission: Membership. Single tickets priced at $35 available at the box office.

MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE
When: Sept. 14
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

"THE LAST BALL" BY ROBERT HELLMANN
When: Sept. 27, 28, 29, Oct. 4, 5 and 6
Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Tickets: call 580-3177

BRIAR PATCH TRADE DAYS
When: Oct. 4-6
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

"THE PERFECT WEDDING"
When: Oct. 4-19
Where: Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Info: Midland Community Theatre production
Reservations: Call 570-4111

DOOBIE BROTHERS
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 5
Where: Chap Center at Midland Colleget
Info: MISD Education Foundation fundraiser. Individual tickets are $40-$50. Sponsor tables are $2,000-$15,000. Buy tickets at www.boxofficesolutions.net. Call 689-1038 for tables.

MIDLAND QUILTERS GUILD 2013 QUILT SHOW: THE ROADS WE HAVE TRAVELED
When: Oct. 5
Where: Grant Texan Hotel and Convention Center, 4300 W. Wall
Info: www.midlandquilters.com or e-mail mqg-midland@gmail.com

SIXTH ANNUAL CONCERT FOR KIDS
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 5
Where: Midland College Chaparral Center
Info: Presented by Midland ISD Education Foundation along with
Pioneer Natural Resources. Features the Doobie Brothers.

A CHORAL PASSPORT: MOSC CHORALE
When: Oct. 6
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

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When: Oct. 12
Where: Yucca Theatre
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Cork & Pig a unique new place to dine

After trying a couple of times to dine at the Cork & Pig Tavern, I made it by for lunch one day. Previous attempts had resulted in long waiting lines. Driving from Midland on US Route 191, take the Billy Hext Road exit and loop around to arrive at the parking lot of the restaurant. Arriving about 11:20 a.m., we missed the initial lunch rush and were quickly seated by a very friendly hostess.

Cork & Pig has a modern decor and a sophisticated vibe with booths and tables for seating; one wall is dedicated to a bar where you can sit and watch the bartender make drinks while you eat. The bar looks out to a large inviting patio area with numerous tables and a fireplace.

According to the website, Cork & Pig's first location was opened in San Angelo in January 2010 by Chef Virginia Dalbeck (you may have seen her on the hit TV show Hell's Kitchen. She was runner up in the competition) and chefs John Nestor and Felipe Armenta. The Midland/Odessa location opened several weeks ago.

The restaurant is considered a pizzeria/gastropub (a bar that serves good food and high quality alcoholic beverages). It does have a wood burning pizza oven, but it has a lot more to offer besides pizza.

Appetizers include items such as a Trio Dip (pimiento style queso, smoked trout dip, fresh guacamole with fresh cut tortilla chips), pecan smoked salmon and angry calamari (calamari with spicy sauce and house made remoulade).

Wood fired pizza is one of the specialties and several varieties include "The Pig" (meats, cheese and tomato sauce), wild mushroom, BBQ chicken and fennel sausage. My friend ordered The Pig and thought the combination of meats was delicious and the cooking method over a hot fire made it taste even better.

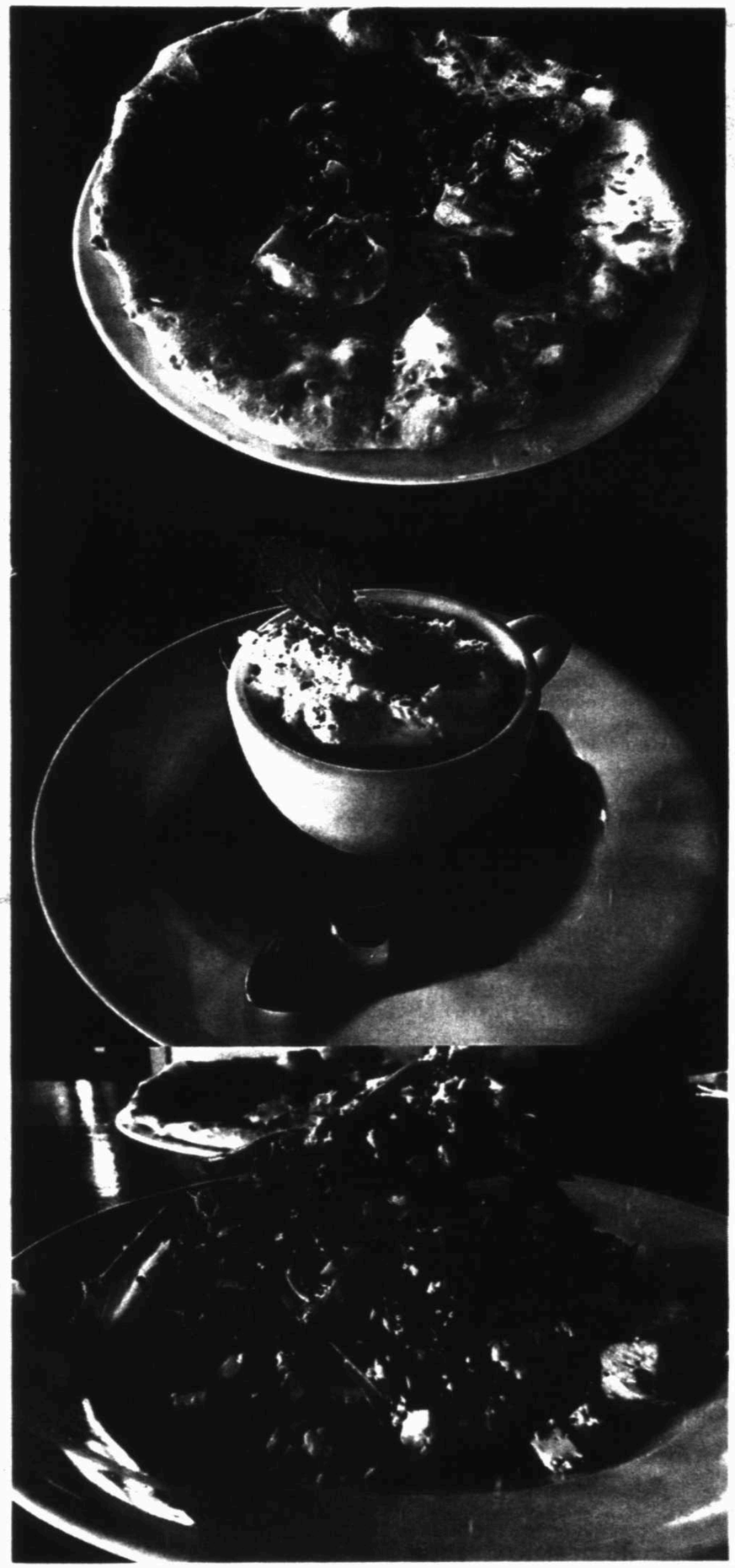
I was interested in a salad and chose the zuni chicken salad with grilled chicken, wild greens, chopped egg, julienne apples, walnuts, raisins, smokehouse bacon, blue cheese and bacon vinaigrette dressing. It arrived and was elegantly arranged on my plate. The salad was delicious. I might order the dressing on the side next time, but I was very pleased with my choice.

For heartier appetites, you may want to look over the House Specialties section of the menu. Roasted New York strip, blackened ribeye, filet mignon, pecan trout and salmon are just a few listed. These items are served with your choice of one side such as french fries, mashed potatoes, jumbo grilled asparagus, tomatoes and blue cheese, roasted peanut coleslaw or a house salad. You can tell by reading the menu this is not just an ordinary restaurant. It has a distinctive culinary twist and goes beyond typical offerings.

Being a "tavern," one portion of the menu is dedicated to wines that can be purchased by the glass or bottle. Cork & Pig also has beers on tap or by the bottle as well as cocktails. A kid's menu lists several kid friendly foods.

Before we left, we decided to try the chocolate pot de creme from Cork & Pig's homemade dessert menu. The menu also includes banana cream pie or tres leches cake, but I always vote for chocolate when there is a choice. It arrived in a large coffee cup with a generous helping of whipping cream and a sprig of mint on top. It was a perfect way to end our lunch.

Cork & Pig is a great place to go with friends to enjoy a special meal or go later in the day to go relax, dine and sip on a glass of wine from the extensive list. The atmosphere, especially the outdoor patio, provides a unique place to gather.



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Kid's menu: Yes

Food: 4 out of 5 spoons
Service: 3 out of 5 spoons
Value: 4 out of 5 spoons
Cleanliness: 4 out of 5 spoons
Atmosphere: 4 out of 5 spoons
Overall rating: 4 out of 5 spoons

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

American/Grill

◗ Addie's Diner
304 E. Florida Ave.
686-2044

Waitresses wearing poodle skirts and records dangling from the ceiling give this place a true "diner" vibe. Delicious burgers and salads. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. Kid's menu available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Bush's Chicken (OAC)
2210 N. Big Spring St.
687-7090

Fried chicken meals with traditional sides. All combos include fries, gravy, roll and a large drink. Snack packs and family size meals available. Kid's menu. Try the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Iced tea is sold by the gallon. Three-lane drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Drive through 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily; through, lobby 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.
3 spoons

◗ Café at The Gardens (SD)
3300 Fairgrounds Road
687-1478

Located in the back of Alldredge Gardens, the cafe offers one of the most relaxed atmospheres in town. Sit in the garden center and enjoy the beautiful fish in the pond as you eat your lunch. Sandwiches, soups, quiche, burgers and wonderful desserts. Kid's menu. Catering available as well as party area.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
4 spoons

◗ Claudia's Kitchen
3601 W. Wall St.
(Inside the Bradford Inn and Suites)
432-694-8821, ext.165

Friendly service and diner atmosphere. Try the Texas toothpicks and jalapeno bottle caps. Breakfast items can be ordered throughout the day and include hearty meals such as pork chops, chicken fried steak with eggs and potatoes. Large selection of burgers and sandwiches, chicken fried steak, steak fingers and ribeyes.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 6 -10 p.m. the last Friday of the month for dinner featuring Christian karaoke.
3 spoons

◗ Cotton Patch Cafe (SD)
2320 W. Loop 250 N.
618-0070
www.cottonpatch.com

Casual with a grill-style atmosphere. Large menu offers a wide choice of flavors, combinations and sizes of meals. Start with appetizers and finish up with a steak, sandwich, burger or fish. Grilled favorites as well as soups and salads are available. Daily specials include chicken fried steak with a choice of two sides for $6.99 or all you can eat catfish for $9.99 on Fridays.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

◗ Graham Pharmacy (SD)
1601 W. Wall St.
684-5756

Pharmacy with gift shop and "old-fashioned" soda fountain offerning homemade fudge and desserts, simple lunch favorites and shakes and ice cream dishes. Sandwiches include BLT, tuna, pimento cheese and ham and cheese as well as club sandwiches with turkey and/or ham and cheese. Hot dogs, corn dogs, salads and Frito pie also are available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.
3 spoons

◗ Down Home Kitchen (SD)
102 N. Lee St.
682-3696

Small, unassuming building in south Midland. Diners may choose from a few freshly-made entrees — meatloaf, pork chops, chicken fried steak and more — and sides such as corn, macaroni and cheese, green beans and boiled cabbage. Each plate is around $8 and includes an entree, two sides and bread. Dessert options include peach cobbler and a variety of cakes.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

◗ Cracker Barrel (SD)
3108 N. Loop 250 West
689-3137

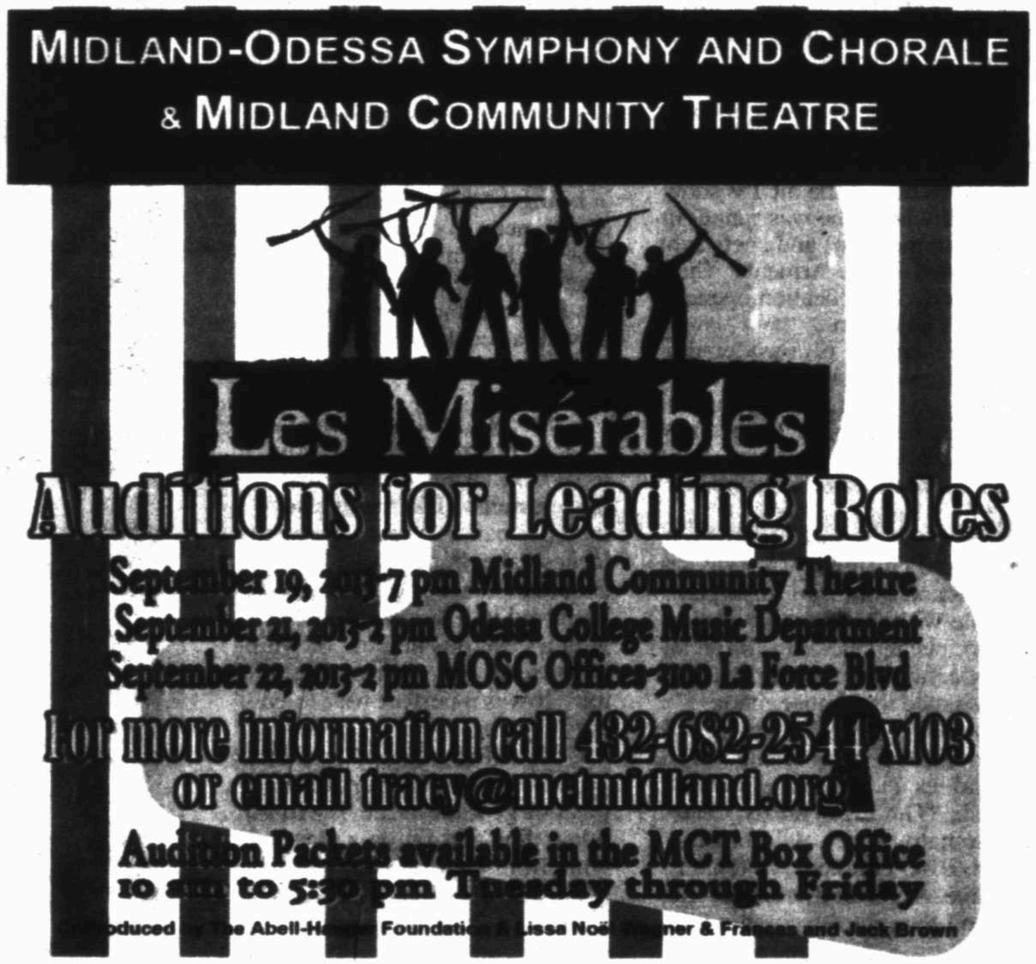
Home-style meals. Serving breakfast (all day), lunch and dinner. Menu includes soups, sandwiches, pork barbecue, fried chicken tenderloin, grilled pork chops, sugar cured ham, smoked ham, hamburger steak and meatloaf. Friday fish fry, Saturday offers made from scratch chicken n' rice with vegetables and Sunday features homestyle chicken. Kid's menu available. Old country store in front of restaurant.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ The Bar (SD)
606 W. Missouri Ave.
685-1757

Opened in 1979 and serves lunch, dinner and Saturday brunch. Menu items include sandwiches, burgers, chili, soups, steaks and more. Smoking is permitted in part of the restaurant. Menu is available at www.thebarmidland.com.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ The Ranch House (OAC)
5103 W. Wadley Ave.
699-0695

Stop by for a quick sandwich. Choices include: chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked briske and barbecue. Sandwiches are $4.50 and come with potato chips. Combination meals are $6.50 and include a side of homemade beans. Homemade bread. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily
3 spoons



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Clear Springs Cafe (SD)
5707 Andrews Highway
522-1188

Burgers, Po'boy, catfish, shrimp, crawfish, oysters, chicken strips, steaks, chicken fried steak and chicken. Specials offered daily. Claim to have the "best onion rings and catfish in Texas, the World and the known Universe." Kid's menu. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Le Bistro inside DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Midland Plaza (SD)
117 W. Wall St.
683-6131

Full breakfast and lunch buffet with daily specials. Also offers full menu of items including specialty appetizers such as mini hamburgers and hotdogs, hot wings, fish assortment and stuffed potato skins. Steaks, seafood, sandwiches and salads are available with various side dishes.
Buffet: $$
Hours: 6:30-10 a.m. breakfast buffet, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet; regular menu until 10 p.m. daily.
4 spoons

JoJo's Eatery
214 W. Texas Ave. (Petroleum Building)
682-3134

Offering a large selection of sandwiches, salads and burgers. Super friendly service and atmosphere. Absolutely do not leave before trying the pie (any kind). Buy it by the slice or whole pies and cakes made to order. Daily specials, catering and call-in orders welcome.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Lori's Café (SD)
2201 W. Wall St.
570-1701

Homestyle cooking. Breakfast includes pancakes, omelettes, waffles, breakfast enchiladas and burritos, as well as traditional eggs, toast, bacon and grits. Lunch offers sandwiches such as French dip, Philly cheesesteak, Reuben and chicken Parmesan. Burgers, a large selection of salads, chicken fried steak and many appetizers.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m Tuesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Strawberry Fields Cafe (SD)
2311 W. Wadley Ave.
684-5869

Fresh foods made from organic and natural ingredients. Meats and poultry are free-range, raised on a natural diet and free of chemicals used on conventional factory farms. All foods are made fresh daily and are free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Salads can be purchased by the pound. Sandwiches, wraps, no-bull burger (veggie burger) and soups. This is the place to go for a guilt-free delicious meal. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours:9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Tater World (SD)
802 S. Garfield St.
682-9111

Taters are front and center on the menu including tater twisters (homemade tater chips), cheddar fries, tater skins and baked potatoes, which weigh one pound or more. Brisket, steak stuffed taters or regular stuffed potatoes. Other dishes include some of the best catfish in town, a variety of salads, sandwiches, burgers, chicken fried steak, breakfast burritos and "hot doggs." Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday.
4 spoons

Eddie's Catfish Company (OAC)
301 N. Lee St.
684-4422

The owners of Eddie's Catfish Company used to serve catfish only on Fridays at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. When they moved into the building on Lee Street, they began serving catfish Monday through Saturday. The menu features one- or two-piece catfish meals, fried shrimp or a combination. Meals include hushpuppies, coleslaw and French fries or onion rings. Large portions. Family packs.
Entree price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
3 spoons

Triple Threat Sports Bar & Grill (SD)
12 Meta Drive
(Village Shopping Center)
683-5300

Sports bar atmosphere with pool tables and several video games. Thirteen big-screen televisions. Happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-7 p.m. with drink specials and free chips and salsa. Menu features a wide selection of appetizers including popcorn shrimp, Buffalo wings, chicken tenders, chips and salsa or queso, fried mushrooms, mozzarella sticks and a sampler platter. Known for their Philly cheese steaks served with fries.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - midnight Sunday.
4 spoons

Denny's (SD)
3701 W. Wall St.
www.dennys.com
520-5306

Always open with a friendly atmosphere. Large variety of menu items from appetizers, snacks, breakfast items, burgers, sandwiches, steaks and chicken. Special combination meals and seasonal dinners also served on holidays. Good food, service and willingness to make customers happy.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 24 hours every day.
3 spoons

The Café at Crestview (OAC)
301 N. Loop 250 West
(inside Crestview Baptist Church)
www.crestviewmidland.org
681-8200 ext. 2007
Catering: 559-2928

A tranquil setting featuring a café that is open to everyone. Signs in the parking lot will direct you to the correct door to enter. Menu includes soup of the day, soup and sandwich and salads ranging from a grilled chicken, chicken Caesar or garden salad. Tex-Mex dishes include chicken fajitas, ground beef burritos or quesadillas and various types of nachos. Signature sandwiches, burgers and hearty specials all at very reasonable prices. Delicious desserts. Wednesday night meals for $7 each or $20 per family. Free drinks with meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-6 p.m. Wednesday
3 spoons

Mexican

Abuelo's (SD)
4610 N. Garfield St.
www.abuelos.com
685-3335

Unique and beautiful atmosphere combined with traditional and non-traditional Mexican fare. Seafood, steaks, pork and chicken house specialties in addition to Tex-Mex burritos, tacos, enchiladas and fajitas. Very extensive menu including a wide choice of appetizers. Salads, soups and children's menu available. Party room available. Lunch specials from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or all day for those over 60.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4.5 spoons

Ajuua's Mexican Restaurant and Drive-Thru (SD)
3205 W. Cuthbert Ave.

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Expansive menu with traditional Tex-Mex favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. Seafood menu features dishes with catfish, shrimp and oysters. Fajitas with beef, chicken, pork, shrimp or fish are available for $7.99 daily. Menudo is available Saturday and Sunday.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
2 spoons

Cancun Grill (SD)
223 W. Wall St.
618-0390

Located inside the Wall Towers across from the old courthouse, this Mexican restaurant offers everything. Colorful dining room and décor. Full service bar. Large menu offering traditional Mexican dishes as well as numerous specialties and seafood, chicken and salads. Food is beautifully displayed on the serving dishes. Tres Leches cake is delicious. Catering. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 5:30-9 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Caramba's Spanish Inn (SD)
3116 W. Front St.
520-9724 or 520-9525

Bustling Mexican restaurant with a wide variety of Mexican foods. Menu features appetizers, light plates with 10 different choices, a "customer favorites" section, Mexican specialties and combination plates, burritos, burgers, steaks and seafood. Several rooms available for parties.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
4 spoons

Casa del Sol Restaurante y Cantina (SD)
523 East Illinois Ave.
686-1118

Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Numerous appetizer selections, Mexican specialties and combination plates. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice. West Texas specialties include country-fried steak, shrimp, grilled or fried catfish. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday
3 spoons

Casa Lopez Cafe (SD)
4411 W. Illinois Ave.
699-7373

Extensive menu featuring Mexican food specialties. Appetizers include bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. Variety of fajitas, combination plates, enchiladas, salads, steaks and a kid's menu. Sports bar in separate room with large TV. Delicious food and friendly service. Catering.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.. Sunday.
4 spoons

Casa Madrid (SD)
911 S. Big Spring St.
685-1350

In business for 25 years. Traditional Mexican dishes, fajitas, combination dinners, steak, tacos, tamales, flautas and enchiladas. Kids menu. Dailyall-you-can-eat lunch buffet for $8.25. Happy hour is each day from 5-7 p.m. offering $2 domestic longnecks and $2 margaritas. They make their own tortillas in the tortilla factory inside the restaurant.
Entrée price range: $8
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday and Saturday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-10 p.m. Friday.
3 spoons

Charlas Restaurante & Bar (SD)
3330 W. Illinois Ave.
699-2440

Delicious Mexican food in and casual atmosphere. Full service bar. Appetizers, enchiladas, tacos, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup, taco and tropical salad. Large choice of steaks, fajitas, burgers, seafood and chicken dishes as well. Delicious chips and salsa. Combination meals available as well as daily lunch specials. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Chito's Mexican Restaurant & Sports Bar (SD)
4400 N. Midland Drive
689-8646
Fax: 689-8647

Mexican restaurant with sports bar atmosphere perfect for gathering with friends. Televisions on every wall. Traditional Mexican fare with large selection of appetizers. Full bar. Kid's menu and daily specials available. Breakfast served on weekends.
Entrée price range: $.
Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-midnight Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Dona Anita's (SD)
305 W. Florida Ave.
683-6727

Traditional Tex-Mex entrees such as tacos, burritos, enchiladas, chile rellenos and combination plates, Dona Anita's is located near downtown and offers weekday lunch specials. Menu also includes fajitas with chicken, steak or shrimp, flautas, salads, quesadillas and American dishes such as hamburgers, a catfish platter and chicken fried steak. We recommend the chile rellenos. Huevos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas available on Sundays.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Monday - Friday; 5-9 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Dos Compadres (SD)
2200 W. Wadley Ave,
#1 Oak Ridge Square
684-7239
www.Doscompadres.net

Appetizers offered include a variety of nachos and quesadillas as well as chile con queso. There are 15 house specials to choose from as well as a large selection of combination plates. Also steaks, seafood and fajitas. Try the carne guisada. Kid's menu available. Catering. Full service bar. Daily specials. Friendly service and family atmosphere.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
3 spoons

Dos Margaritas (SD)
1501 North Big Spring St.
www.dosmargaritasusa.com
618-9536

Warm, inviting atmosphere, friendly service. Traditional Mexican fare. Breakfast platters served from 6 to 11 a.m. include huevos rancheros, chilaquiles and steak, steak and eggs, omelettes, taquitos, breakfast burritos and even pancakes, sausage and eggs. Wide choice of appetizers, salads, grilled items, combination plates and a la carte items. Daily lunch specials served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Full bar.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
3 spoons

El Banquete (SD)

1802 Rankin Highway
620-0123

Appetizers such as chili con queso, guacamole, nachos and quesadillas. Taco salads, burritos, beef or chicken fajita salads as well as various enchiladas plates are also on the menu. Beef tacos as well as soft pork tacos and T-bone steaks are also offered. Breakfast burritos served daily. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday -Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
2 spoons

El Burrito Restaurant (OAC)
1106 N. Big Spring St.
683-9701

In business since 1979 offering wide selection of burritos and more — homemade tortillas, breakfast plates and waffles. Lunch menu includes additional burrito choices and Mexican dishes such as a taco plate, combination plate, flautas, beef and cheese enchiladas, fajitas and tacos al carbon. Grilled chicken and a variety of salads. Non-traditional Mexican food — called "Happy Day Foods" — include steak fingers or chicken strips served with fries, gravy, salad and toast or several choices of hamburgers.
Entrée price range: $

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Hours: 6:45 a.m. -3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Fajitas Bravo (SD)
409 E. Scharbauer Drive
682-6848

The most delicious tender and flavorful beef and chicken fajitas I have had. Order at your table from the large menu on the wall offering barbecue brisket and ribs or grilled chicken breasts with potato salad and beans as well as traditional Mexican dishes such as nachos, burritos, burgers and quesadillas. Larger portion family packs with meats and side dishes also on the menu. Catering available for parties, meetings or any event. Thursday night pool contest from 9 p.m. until closing. Happy hour 7-9 p.m. daily.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m; 6 p.m.-midnight Monday-Friday
3 spoons

Freebirds (OAC)
3322 N. Loop 250 West
www.freebirds.com
689-9100
Fax: 689-9102

Burrito haven with a young vibe. Walk through the line and tell your "roller" how you want your burrito. Choose tortillas from spinach, flour, cayenne or wheat; a choice of cilantro lime or Spanish rice; refried, pinto or black beans; white or dark chicken, steak and carnitas; a wide choice of vegetables, cheeses and dressings and pico de gallo or salsa. Tacos, nachos and salads include same options of fillings or toppings. Online ordering.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Garcia's Burritos (OAC)
1306 N. Lamesa Road
684-4383

Appetizers such as shrimp cocktail, chips and salsa or queso and guacamole, tortilla soup and a variety of burritos including beef, chicken or asado. Fajita plates include beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream with two tortillas. Menudo is offered on Fridays and can be purchased by the pint or quart. Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 when Garcia's opens at 7:30 a.m. daily. Breakfast is served until 10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Small coffee bar.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
2 spoons

Gerardo's Casita (SD)
2407 N. Big Spring St.
570-8012
www.gerardoscasita.net

Mexican entrees, tacos, enchiladas and burritos, grilled specials including burgers, fajitas, steaks, taco salad and delicious tortilla soup. Great fajitas. Daily specials, kid's menu and several rooms for meetings or parties. Full service bar. Catering.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Javi's Mexicano Restaurante (SD)
1511 Rankin Highway
684-4898

Serving breakfast and lunch. Bakery, tortilla and tamale factory — all located right beside the restaurant. Menu includes a wide choice of burritos such as combination, steak with potatoes, chile relleno, great fajitas with chicken and beef or carne guisada. Nachos including bean, beef, chicken and beef fajita or combination. Single entrées can be ordered with a side of rice, beans and two flour tortillas for $5.99. Great selection of burgers with a side of fries. Breakfast burritos and plates can be ordered throughout the day.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Jorge's Café (SD)
3323 N. Midland Drive (Fairmont Shopping Center near Miss Cayce's) 689-0032
4400 N. Big Spring 683-6303

Lunch specials from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Quick service and nice atmosphere. Appetizers, salads, Mexican specialties, combination plates, fajitas, and steaks. Breakfast served on Saturday and Sunday. Full service bar with happy hour 3-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, televisions in bar tuned to sports. Room for party. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar (SD)
2700 N. Big Spring St.
684-5594

Opened in 1972, La Bodega serves a variety of traditional and unique Mexican dishes. Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. Several dining rooms, including an enclosed patio room. The bar is located upstairs and is accessible from both inside and outside the building. The bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. daily
4 spoons

La Herradura Mexican Cuisine (SD)
1422 Rankin Highway
687-3000

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast plates including huevos rancheros, omelettes, pancakes, French toast and other options with potatoes, beans and tortillas are served from 6 -11 a.m. Lunch and dinner options include tacos, quesadillas, tostadas, fajitas, steaks, carne asada, enchiladas, flautas and burritos as well as hamburgers and other sandwiches. The restaurant serves menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends and a daily lunch buffet from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Kids menu.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily
2 spoons

La Mision (SD)
1008 S. Big Spring St.,
682-0320

Festive Mexican atmosphere with colorful décor and lights. Delicious chips and salsa. Large selection of appetizers, main dishes such as cheese enchiladas, carne guisada, hamburgers and fries, chicken fried steak, fajitas, chili rellenos, grilled specialties. Try the sopapillas with ice cream. Full service bar and outdoor seating available. Kid's menu. .
Average entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday
4 spoons

Manuel's Authentic Mexican Food
1 mile south of 1-20 on Rankin Hwy.
www.manuelsdeli.com
682-2258

Food made from authentic treasured family recipes. Well known for the best-selling "Son of a Gun" plate — a 90% lean hamburger steak with onions, jalapeno gravy, beans, potatoes and tortillas — and the hot sauce, which can be purchased to take home. Burgers, sandwiches, Mexican dishes, burritos. Breakfast menu with hearty items to keep customers satisfied until lunch. Menudo on Friday and Saturday.
Hours: 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Entrée price range: $
Rating: 4 spoons

Romie's Mexican Restaurante (SD)
701 S. Marienfeld St.
432-683-5344

Daily specials, most at $6.99. Large selection of appetizers including, stuffed jalapenos and flautitas, nachos and homemade salsa. Traditional Mexican favorites such as chalupas, tacos, enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos. Steak, catfish and burgers and a kid's menu. Friendly and speedy service. Perfect for those working downtown and anyone looking for a delicious Mexican meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11-2 p.m. Monday-Friday
3 spoons

Rosa's Café & Tortilla Factory (OAC)
903 Andrews Highway 520-2358

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2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634
4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489

Large menu of tacos, burritos, nachos and salads and a la carte items. Offering Mexican platters such as a beef burrito plate, cheese enchilada plate, deluxe Mexican plate and chicken or beef fajita plates in addition to a tamale dinner. Family sized portions available. Try the fajita fiesta and don't leave without ordering the queso. Catering. Great atmosphere and quick service. Watch as they make fresh tortillas daily. Kid's menu.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-midnight Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Peno's Café & Catering Company (SD)
4305 W. Illinois Ave.
Facebook: Café J-Peno
262-5720

Daily breakfast menu includes breakfast burritos and breakfast plates with eggs, potatoes Mexican style, beans and flour tortillas. Add any asadero, asado, chile verde, barbacoa or brisket and buttermilk pancakes for a very filling meal. Lunch menu includes enchiladas, gorditas plate and combination plates. Try the tacos. Menudo served on Saturday. Many of the menu items can be purchased by the pound.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Reyna's Mexican Restaurant
3100 S. County Road 1210
(432) 699-2109

Drive south on Midkiff Road, over I-20 and continue about a half mile and Reyna's os on the right. Colorfully painted building with a dining room full of tables and booths. In the back is a smaller room for meetings or parties. Reyna's has a very large set of choices including appetizers, soups, salads, hamburgers, seafood and traditional Mexican fare. Delicious fajitas with large portions, kid's meals, and breakfast plates and burritos.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday; 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday; 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
4 spoons

Sedona Mexican Grill & Cantina (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Ave., #45
570-9600

Sit out on the patio and enjoy traditional Mexican food dishes. Start your meal with delicious chile con carne queso. Enchiladas, quesadillas, burritos, carne guisada and tacos are all on the menu. All Mexican dinners are served with rice, beans, guacamole, and two flour tortillas. Assorted selection of soups, taco salads and sandwiches, burgers and salads, seafood and steaks.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily for restaurant, bar is open until midnight daily.
4 spoons

Tampico Spanish Inn (SD)
2411 W. Wall St.
682-5074

Go early to get a table at this popular Midland eatery. Wide variety of appetizers including jalapeno chips, queso, chile con queso, guacamole, avocado salad, stuffed jalapenos and a selection of quesadillas and nachos (available in whole and half orders). Lunch specials change daily.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9:45 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9:45 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Pizza/Italian

Brianna's Pizza (OAC)
4309 W. Illinois Ave.
689-3901

Dine-in or carry out. Brianna's offers personal, small, medium or large pizzas with a variety of toppings. Specialty pizzas include Hawaiian style, meat lovers, veggie, supreme, Mexican style and Sicilian style. Wings, boneless wings and subs also available. Lunch special from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. of $1.50 per slice of pizza.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday - Saturday
2 spoons

Carino's (SD)
4711 W. Loop 250 N.
520-7600

Carino's offers an extensive menu for lunch and dinner as well as take-out and catering. The restaurant also has an enclosed patio available for parties. Lunch specials for $5.99. Appetizers include Italian nachos, fried calamari and fried mozzarella. Entrees include salads, pizza, traditional Italian dishes and specialty Italian dishes such as baked tortellini, five meat Tuscan pasta and angel hair with artichokes.
Price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
4 spoons

Double Dave's Pizzaworks (OAC)
3208 N. Loop 250 West Suite 100
618-DAVE (3283)

Dine-in, carry out or delivery. Specialty pizzas include "Dave's Fave," "Buffalo Chicken," "BBQ Chicken" and more. Custom pizza start at $4.99 for a small pie; specialty pizzas start at $12.99 for a medium. Other menu items include "Chee-z Rolls," "Peproni Rolls," veggie stromboli, breadsticks; hot wings, chicken parmesan stuffer, garlic spinach stromboli, and dessert pastries. Save room for a few Peproni Rolls. Lunch and dinner buffets.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
3 spoons

The Garlic Press (SD)
2200 W. Wadley Ave.
#6 Oak Ridge Square
570-4020
www.thegarlicpress.net

Fine dining, Tuscan atmosphere. Seafood, steaks, crepes, salads and pasta dishes beautifully arranged on the plates. Dining here is an occasion, not just a meal. Extensive wine list. Kid's menu available. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:30 - 10 p.m. Friday; 5:30 - 10 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

Italian Village Ristorante (SD)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
684-6595

Authentic Italian food with excellent service and food prepared to perfection. Pasta selections include items such as fettuccini di flavia (sautéed gulf shrimp proscuitto, broccoli, artichoke hearts in a creamy vodka sauce), cannelloni, spaghetti bolognese, and beef lasagna. Chicken, veal, steaks and seafood also on the menu. A little piece of Italy that happens to be in Midland.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4:45-9:45 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4:45-9:45 p.m. Saturday
5 spoons

Luigi's Italian Restaurant (SD)
111 N. Big Spring St.
683-6363

Downtown establishment open for more than 51 years. Pasta dishes, baked lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fettuccine alfredo, Luigi's chicken delight, sandwiches as well as appetizers that include soups, salads and an antipasto salad. Low calorie dishes available. Carry out dining as well as take and bake pizzas. Full service bar and kid's menu. Accept reservations for five or more. Romantic atmosphere. Parking is sparse, especially at lunch.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:30 p.m., 5-10 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

MD Pizza Factory (SD)
4706 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 13
(Albertson's parking lot)
432-682-4440

Casual atmosphere for dining in or take out. Signature pizzas such as chicken teriyaki, taco pizza and Genoa pesto chicken. There is also a meat lover's pizza, which includes almost every meat topping you can think of. Soups, salads, sandwiches and breadsticks. Lunch specials, senior citizen discount on Monday nights, teacher discount on Tuesday nights.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 -9:30 p.m. Monday – Friday; 4 -9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
3 spoons

Papa Murphy's- Take 'N' Bake Pizza (pick up)
4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113
(Across from the North side of Wal-Mart)
699-7272
www.papamurphys.com

Take and bake pizza kitchen. They make the pizza to your specific order and you take it home to bake in your own oven at your convenience. Watch your pizza change from a ball of dough to a pie full of your favorite toppings. Coupons given at each purchase for next visit. Daily specials.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Pizzeria Venti (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd. #135
(San Miguel Square)
689-7220
www.pizzeriaventi.com

Pizzeria Venti serves piping hot slices of pizza from their wide selection. Glass display case containing all types of pizzas, a beautiful array of salads and timpanini (stuffed pizza pie). Crust made with extra virgin olive oil, imported Italian water, salt, flour and yeast. Baked pasta such as mostaccioli, cheese ravioli, manicotti and lasagna also on the menu. Soups including Tuscan white bean and minestrone can be ordered in small and large sizes.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
4 spoons

Torino's (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff #110
Facebook @ Torinos Pizzabar
218-6943

Go to Torino's to watch your favorite game. Flat-screen TVs arranged on the walls in the various dining areas offer direct TV. Pizza is made to order and is offered in quarter, half or whole sizes. Favorites include supreme, meat lovers, pepperoni, Italian sausage or cheese. Wings, cheese sticks, fried mushrooms, nachos, stuffed jalapenos and fries are perfect for game-time snacks. Menu also includes salads.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily
4 spoons

Venezia Restaurant (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20
Plaza Oaks Shopping Center
www.veneziarestaurant.info

Named for one of Italy's most romantic cities, the atmosphere of the restaurant has a similar theme. Paintings of Venice, wine racks (they offer one of the largest wine lists in the Permian Basin) and inviting surroundings. Variety of pasta dishes. Tenderloin, ribeye, baby rack of lamb and quail. If you enjoy veal, there is a wide selection with items such as veal marsala, veal piccata and green peppercorn veal. Reservations recommended.
Entrée price range: $$$
Hours: 11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., 5-10:15 p.m. Tuesday - Friday; 5-10:15 p.m. Monday; 5 - 10:30 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons