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City of Midland to mull food handlers permit

Officials say high staff turnovers increase risk of food-borne illnesses

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Restaurateurs could have to send staff through an additional training class if a permit being considered by the city of Midland becomes a requirement.

The combination of a growing food industry and a high turnover rate among staff has created a situation that could increase the risk of food-borne illnesses at a facility, said Celestino "Sal" Garcia, Health Department manager.

With the implementation of a food handler's training certificate — which Garcia said they're not looking to require until the fall of 2012 — those issues could be prevented. Garcia said it's something the city has noticed a need for during the past several years and one they'll present to industry leaders at a meeting Thursday.

"We're in the prevention business and the education business," he said.

Garcia said several cities already have such a requirement. The course would go over the proper ways to handle food and hopefully prevent some of the issues that happen when an employee has a lack of experience and training.

During interviews with food industry employees, Garcia said they found several misconceptions, including that lettuce would wilt if washed and that wearing gloves meant an employee didn't have to wash their hands or put on a pair of fresh gloves when changing food handling tasks during the course of preparation.

Because of a language barrier that sometimes exists between food handlers and restaurant supervisors, Garcia said they've found the need to correct critical violations is not always stressed.

"The end result is many dangerous food-handling practices related to critical control points for food-handling temperatures, personal hygiene, and cross contamination concerns that could greatly be reduced with better education and training," Garcia said.

Jerry Morales, at large city councilman and secretary/treasurer for the Texas Restaurant Association, liked the idea as extra protection for the consumer.

But, he said restaurant owners also have some questions that need to be addressed before they could support being subjected to another requirement.

"The restaurant association has some serious concerns about whether that works or doesn't work," he said, adding he started receiving calls after the meeting was called. "There's a lot of questions. There's not a whole lot of support."

Morales said one of the chief concerns is the cost associated with a course and permit for each employee who handles food. Because the turnover rate is so high in Midland, Morales said restaurateurs don't want to be investing money in someone who will only stick around for a week or so. He said the industry also would want to have a say in the curriculum that would be used.

Garcia said those are the types of discussions they'll

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BACK TO CLASS



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Katy Gillan, music teacher at St. Ann's, talks to first-grade students Monday about how music is everywhere. St. Ann's School started yesterday, a week earlier than MISD. Go online to Facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram to share your pics from the first day of school or to share your favorite school memory.

DPS: Mom leads troopers on high-speed chase

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

An Odessa mother remained in jail Monday evening after she was charged with leading police on a high-speed pursuit with two children in the vehicle.

Amanda Brook Allen, 23, is being held on a third-degree felony charge of evading arrest and detention with a motor vehicle after being arrested Saturday by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A trooper noticed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on Interstate 20 at about 2:15 p.m. Saturday. The trooper began to follow the car, turning south on South County Road 1270 during the pursuit, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

At that point, the trooper activated the emergency lights and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The gray Ford Focus did not stop and continued driving at speeds in excess of 80 mph, the report read.

The trooper alerted the Midland police's communication center to the high-speed chase.

During the pursuit, the driver, later identified as Allen, allegedly threw a cigarette out of the window and continued to flee law enforcement. Allen then turned west on West County Road 150 and continued to elude police. She drove another half mile and then came to an abrupt stop on a dirt road and exited the vehicle, the report read.

She was immediately arrested and placed in handcuffs. Her motive was not known, as of press time Monday evening.

Her two children in the vehicle were later released to Allen's mother. It is also not known if the charges will be upgraded to include a felony count of endangering a child.

Allen was then transported to the Midland County Detention Center for the felony charge of evading arrest in a motor vehicle. She also was cited for speeding and littering near a highway.

She is being held on a $15,000 bond for the felony charge. If convicted, she could serve up to 10 years in prison.

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Read the arrest affidavit at www.mywesttexas.com

Rick Perry touts Texas jobs record as big plus

By Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry contended Monday he has the best economic record and executive experience in government of any Republican presidential candidate, contrasting his credentials with those of his top two rivals, Mitt Romney and Michele Bachmann.

"I respect all the other candidates in the field but there is no one that can stand toe-to-toe with us," Perry told the Associated Press in an interview at the start of his first full day campaigning in the leadoff caucus state of Iowa.

Perry also offered his first policy proposal as a candidate, calling for a six-month moratorium on federal business regulations that he said were holding back job growth nationally. He brought the proposal forward just as President Barack Obama traveled to the Midwest for a bus tour and speeches on the economy.

The Texan argued that the Obama administration's Labor Department and Environmental Protection Agency, for instance, have restrained business growth with excessive restrictions.

Taken together, Perry's comments about his own credentials and the policy proposal were an effort to establish him as the strongest Republican able to challenge Obama on the economy — and lay claim to Romney's mantle of the jobs candidate.

That effort comes in earnest just days after Perry entered the GOP field and as the race comes into sharper focus.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who has emphasized his business experience, sits atop national polls. But he's now facing a double-barreled threat from Perry, Texas' longest-serving governor who formally entered the GOP race Saturday, and Bachmann, the Minnesota congresswoman who won a test vote of Iowans that same day.

In the interview, Perry never directly criticized the two even when given

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Perry declaration answers one question, poses many others

■ Where would President Perry's Crawford be? That and other questions still to be answered.



KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

CHARLESTON, S.C. — So much anticipation. So much excitement. So much trepidation about the unavoidable twists and turns, dips and dives to come.

A presidential race, like a roller-coaster ride, is a voluntary mission from which there is no turning back once you buckle in.

"It's going to be a fun ride," Gov. Rick Perry assured me as he walked onto the stage here Saturday and into the harsh spotlight that will follow him throughout his presidential candidacy.

Perry sounded the right Republican themes as he got into the race and immediately became a highest-tier GOP candidate along with Mitt Romney. As one wag wagged, it's mano-a-mano to pick the party's hair apparent.

"We cannot afford four more years of this rudderless leadership," Perry said at the RedState Gathering, a conclave of conservatives so conservative they think that many conservatives are not conservative enough.

The speech drew enthusiastic response though not everybody in the hotel ballroom is ready to sign on with Perry. The candidate's staffers were pleased with how things went, with one aide glad Perry kept his energy level a notch or two from what the staffer calls "that yell leader mode."

From the front-row seat I wangled, I was able to eavesdrop on crowd chatter about Perry. Some clearly are ready to sign up. But the guy next to me said he needs to hear much more. And the guy next to him said he heard Perry favors amnesty for illegal immigrants.

I've never heard Perry say that. He does, however, take a border governor's approach on immigration, an approach that can be more pragmatic than what's favored by anti-illegal immigration hard-liners.

Perry's speech was far heavier on checklisting our nation's problems than on offering solutions. For now, that's fine. It's a common entry point for candidates, but sooner rather than later, he will have to offer more specific answers than sunny optimism about our nation's future.

"I believe in America," he said. "I believe in her purpose and her promise. I believe that her best days have not yet been lived."

All campaigns are guaranteed one good day — announcement day. For some, it's the best day they'll have. Things have a way of going downhill fast in presidential races. Ask Elizabeth Dole about 2000. Ask Fred Thompson about 2008. Ask Perry about six months from now.

The questions to be answered: How will the Perry campaign style that has served him so well in Texas translate to other cultures? At this point, there's no reason to believe it won't work well, particularly in early contests in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

(Though New Hampshire, whose residents often are adjectived as "flinty," can be a crap-shoot. I remember a George W. Bush event there in 2000 at which Bush's usually successful friendly style was greeted by a stone-faced front row of locals who looked like Mount Rushmore).

Perry in debates? Hard to say. Not much track record (Arguably, he was a winner at the Thursday debate in Iowa in which he did not participate.) Perry on foreign policy? A work in progress. Perry in lengthy, meaty discussions on a wide variety of issues? Better than he once was and perhaps benefiting from low expectations.

And, getting way ahead of ourselves here, what about a running mate? A top Perry aide's eyes lit up when I suggested U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.

And the trivial: Where would President Perry's Crawford be? Lost Creek? Paint Creek? The former is where Perry now lives as governor in a state-paid rental house in the Estates Above Lost Creek while the fire-ravaged Governor's Mansion is under repair.

Paint Creek is the West Texas hamlet where Perry grew up. "It doesn't have a ZIP code," he said Saturday. To the White House press corps, Paint Creek would make Crawford look like Manhattan.

Here's something we do know. When the roller-coaster ride ends, Perry will be one of two things, neither of which he's ever been: a president of the United States or a loser.

And if he's our president, it will mean he will follow two presidents who left office while held in low regard by the populace.

En route to Charleston, a Perry confidante nodded in agreement when I expressed amazement anybody would want to be our president while we're on the current roller coaster.

Under scrutiny, Perry walks back HPV decision

By Jay Root
Texas Tribune

For years, Gov. Rick Perry has taken flak for his 2007 attempt to require girls to be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, the most commonly sexually transmitted disease and the principal cause of cervical cancer. At the risk of angering fellow conservatives, Perry has always insisted he did the right thing.

That unapologetic approach changed this weekend.

A few hours after unveiling his campaign for president, Perry began walking back from one of the most controversial decisions of his more than 10-year reign as governor. Speaking to voters at a backyard party in New Hampshire, Perry said he was ill-informed when he issued his executive order, in February 2007, mandating the HPV vaccine for all girls entering sixth grade, unless their parents completed a conscientious-objection affidavit form. The vaccine, Merck & Co.'s Gardasil, would have protected against the forms of HPV that cause about 70 percent of all cervical cancer, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control.

"I signed an executive order that allowed for an opt-out, but the fact of the matter is that I didn't do my research well enough to understand that we needed to have a substantial conversation with our citizenry," Perry said at the Manchester, N.H., event in response to an audience question about the HPV controversy, according to ABC News. "But here's what I learned: When you get too far out in front of the parade, they will let you know, and that's exactly what our Legislature did, and I saluted it and I said, 'Roger that, I hear you loud and clear.' And they didn't want to do it and we don't, so enough said."

Instead of making the vaccine mandatory, "what we should of done was a program that frankly allowed them to opt in or some type of program like that," Perry told the New Hampshire gathering.

With Perry's declaration Saturday that he is entering the contest for the Republican presidential nomination, his lengthy record — Perry has been an elected official for almost 26 years — will come under intense new scrutiny. As the longest-serving governor in the country and the longest ever in Texas, Perry has a substantial history of political activity and has taken positions on a host of potentially controversial issues.

The new comments about the HPV decision amount to an acknowledgment that Perry has to deal early with controversies that could otherwise dog him in his primary fight against U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, a tea party darling who is running strong in first-test Iowa, and Mitt Romney, a well-funded candidate with strong establishment backing and the ex-governor of New Hampshire's neighbor, Massachusetts.

In recent weeks Perry has also sought to clarify his 10th Amendment-friendly statements on other hot-button issues. A few weeks before jumping into the race, Perry said in Aspen, Colo., that gay marriage should be left up to the individual states. Gay marriage in New York?

"That's their business," Perry said. Later, in Houston, Perry said he would allow states to set abortion policy if Roe v. Wade were overturned some day as he hopes.

The statements prompted criticism among Christian conservatives. Perry also took a pounding from former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, a struggling GOP presidential candidate and social conservative who criticized his laissez-faire approach. Perry has since begun stressing the need for federal constitutional bans on both gay marriage and abortion.

The governor had come under sharp criticism immediately after issuing the executive order on Feb. 2, 2007, to make the HPV vaccine mandatory. The conservative Eagle Forum and top Republicans in the Legislature were caught off guard and, in the words of one of them, "stunned" after Perry used an executive order to make the vaccine mandatory. Many lawmakers accused the governor of usurping parental rights and said the vaccine would encourage girls to be sexually promiscuous. At the time, Perry rejected their arguments.

"Providing the HPV vaccine doesn't promote sexual promiscuity any more than the hepatitis B vaccine promotes drug use," Perry said. "If the medical community developed a vaccine for lung cancer, would the same critics oppose it, claiming it would encourage smoking?"

Perry also was dogged by accusations he was close to Merck, at the time the sole manufacturer of the vaccine. Mike Toomey, his former chief of staff and longtime adviser, was reported to be one of Merck's three lobbyists in Texas. Merck's political action committee donated $6,000 to Perry's re-election campaign. Perry said the donations, small in the relative scheme of big-money Texas politics, had no influence on his decision.

Frequently asked questions about a Perry presidential campaign

By Jason Embry
Cox Newspapers

Q: Can Gov. Rick Perry serve as governor and run for president at the same time?

A: Yes, just as George W. Bush did when he ran for president in 1999-2000. Perry has given no indication that he will resign, and he is not likely to give up the governor's office unless and until he is elected president.

Q: Who is governor while Perry is campaigning?

A: The lieutenant governor takes on gubernatorial duties when the governor is out of state.

Q: If Perry becomes president, who becomes governor?

A: The lieutenant governor. That's how Perry got the job in 2000. This time, however, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is running for the U.S. Senate. So if he wins the Senate seat the same day Perry is elected president, the members of the Texas Senate would choose the lieutenant governor, who would then become governor. Then they would choose another lieutenant governor. Both selections would come from within the 31-member state Senate.

Q: Can Perry spend his state campaign money on a presidential campaign?

A: No. State money is raised under much lighter restrictions, so it cannot be used in a presidential campaign. Donors to a federal race are limited to $2,500 per person, per election. There are no individual contribution limits in Texas. The primaries and the general election are each counted separately.

Q: Where will the Perry campaign headquarters be?

A: The campaign will be run from Austin, although a specific location has not been announced.

Q: Does Perry use taxpayer money when he travels?

A: Perry's travel and other expenses, and those of his campaign staff, will be paid by his campaign. The state troopers who make up his security detail are paid with state taxpayer funds.

Q: Will Perry continue to have his rental home in western Travis County?

A: Yes.

Q: Will Perry campaign workers be stationed in the governor's office?

A: Perry will have a campaign office and a state office, just as he has in state campaigns. Those who are doing only campaign work will not be on the state payroll. Of course, everyone in the governor's office will know that the decisions that come out of the state office could affect the presidential campaign.

Q: If Perry doesn't get the nomination, will he be the vice presidential nominee?

A: That will be up to the presidential nominee. Perry has said he would not seek to serve as vice president. But he also often said he would not run for president.

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opportunities to comment on them directly. Rather, he promoted his own job growth and gubernatorial records.

Later, Perry told reporters during a visit to the Iowa State Fair: "There's plenty of time to look at his four years in Massachusetts and my 10 years in Texas."

As he campaigns, Romney is spending more time talking about his decades in the business world, including his time as an executive at Bain Capital, a venture capital firm he founded, than his record as governor. He's trying to sell himself as the strongest candidate on the economy but has been criticized by former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman for Massachusetts' ranking 47th in terms of job growth, while Utah ranked No. 1.

In the interview, Perry sidestepped an opportunity to assail Romney directly, saying: "Trying to compare the job creation and the numbers of jobs with any other state is just not an apples-to-apples comparison."

But later, Perry, who has worked in government for 27 years, said being a business executive is not the only way to create jobs.

"I was in the private sector for 13 years after I left the Air Force," Perry told reporters at the state fair when asked whether private sector experience trumps. "I wasn't on Wall Street. I wasn't working at Bain Capital. But the principles of the free market, they work whether you're in a farm field in Iowa or whether you're on Wall Street."

Perry said that the more than 1 million jobs added to the rolls in Texas in his 10 years as governor make him the strongest choice for GOP voters on their top priority. He credited his efforts to pass legislation reducing taxes and regulations, and curbing lawsuits.

Perry has ridden an energy boom

By Clifford Krauss
N.Y. Times News Service

HOUSTON — Even before he formally entered the Republican presidential race over the weekend, Gov. Rick Perry and his allies set out to dictate an economic narrative on his terms — a record of controlling spending and creating jobs and suggestion that he could replicate the success of Texas on a national scale. But some economists as well as Perry skeptics suggest that Perry stumbled into the Texas miracle. They say that the governor has essentially put Texas on autopilot for 11 years, and it was the state's oil and gas boom — not his political leadership — that kept the state afloat. They also doubt that the Texas model, regardless of Perry's role in shaping it, could be effectively applied to the nation's far more complex economic problems.

"Because the Texas economy has been prosperous during his tenure as governor, he has not had to make the draconian choices that one would have to make in the White House," said Bryan W. Brown, chairman of the Rice University economics department and a critic of Perry's economic record. "We have no idea how he would perform when he has to make calls for the entire country."

And if Perry were to win the Republican nomination, he would face critics who have long complained that the state's economic health has come at a steep a price: a long-term hollowing out of the state's prospects because of deep cuts to education spending, low rates of investment in research and development, and a disparity in the job market that confines many blacks and Hispanics to minimum-wage jobs without health insurance.

"The Texas model can't be the blueprint for the United States to successfully compete in the 21st century economy, where you need a well-educated workforce," said Dick Lavine, senior fiscal analyst at the Center for Public Policy Priorities, an Austin-based liberal research group.

On the campaign trail, Perry is hearing none of it. In announcing his candidacy in South Carolina on Saturday, he pointed to his policies of low taxes, reduced government spending and regulatory easing as "a recipe to produce the strongest economy in the nation" and one that Washington would do well to duplicate.

Few debate that Perry, 61, has been true to a less-government-is-better-government philosophy in one of the few states without an income tax. The question his detractors raise, however, is whether Perry has gotten a free ride — and has gone untested — because of the state's natural resources.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Porter's Farm Market, 4-7 p.m., 5401 S. County Road 1140. Web: www.portercommunityfarm.com

■ "Dinosaur Big City" (film): 6:30-7:30 p.m. Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. RSVP: 683-4403.

■ Classic Movie Club: "I Wake Up Screaming," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Meetings schedule

■ Airport Planning and Development Board
9 a.m. today
Third floor media room, Midland International Airport
9506 LaForce Blvd.

■ Permian Basin Community Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation
3:30 p.m. today
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
2910 LaForce Blvd.

■ Midland College
4 p.m. today
Gibson Board room, Administration Building
Midland College campus

■ Association of Volunteer Professionals
12:30 p.m. Wednesday
Atmos Energy Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland Airport
Note: For information, contact Adina Crain at 432-230-5784 or check the website at avppb.org.

City's watering schedule

According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

■ Odd addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Sundays through 10 a.m. Mondays and beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays through 10 a.m. Thursdays.

■ Even addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Saturdays through 10 a.m. Sundays and beginning 6 p.m. Tuesdays through 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Community calendar

Midland Need to Read is planning tutor training for 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. today at 1709 W. Wall St.

For more information or to RSVP, call Patti Groce or Cris Shaw at 682-9693.

Leach book signing

Former Texas Tech University coach Mike Leach is to sign copies of his book, "Swing Your Sword," 7 p.m. today at Cinco & Noble Booksellers.

For more information, call 682-8880.

Chip-seal project

The city of Midland Transportation Division's chip-seal project will continue today and Wednesday, weather permitting. "A" Street from Lakes Drive going north to the end of pavement will be chip-sealed today. This roadway is adjacent to the Woodland Park subdivision. Mockingbird Lane between "A" Street and Windridge Circle also will be chip-sealed.

Lamesa Road between Wadley Avenue and Loop 250 will be chip-sealed Wednesday.

It is advised motorists use alternate routes during the project.

MISD campus open house

Carver Center and Midland ISD elementary schools will host open house events this week.

It is an opportunity for parents and guardians to meet teachers and administrators, tour facilities and learn more about their child's school.

Carver Center open house is from 5:30 to 7 tonight.

Elementary schools will hold open house Thursday night, with times differing by campus. For specific times, visit the campus websites at www.midlandisd.net.

Open house at senior high schools will be Sept. 12, junior high schools Sept. 15 and freshman high schools Sept. 19.

School supply donations

■ Bring your donation of school supplies to Casa de Amigos this week for the annual school supplies giveaway. Basic school supply lists can be found at local grocery stores. Special items needed: 3-inch binders, backpacks and spiral notebooks.

■ The Edward Jones office at 4519 N. Garfield St., No. 12, is hosting a school supply drive through Monday.

The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for donors to drop off items. Beverly McCord, office administrator, said they prefer supplies for elementary school students. For more information, call McCord at 687-1487.

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2011. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Aug. 16, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln issued Proclamation 86, which prohibited the states of the Union from engaging in commercial trade with states that were in rebellion — i.e., the Confederacy.

On this date:

In 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Inc.

In 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

Five years ago: New York City officials released new tapes of hundreds of heart-wrenching phone calls from the World Trade Center on 9/11, along with other emergency transcripts.

One year ago: China eclipsed Japan as the world's second biggest economy after three decades of blistering growth.

Today's birthdays: TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 58.

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Safety questions loom over stage collapse

By Tom LoBianco and Tom Coyne
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Nathan Byrd was known as a daredevil, a wiry stagehand who would take on jobs no one else wanted. But one thing scared him: the quality of the canvas roof covering the stage at the Indiana State Fair.

"He said it scared the crap out of him all the time," said Randy Byrd, his older brother.

Byrd was working 20 feet above the stage Saturday night when a wind gust estimated at 60 to 70 mph toppled the roof and the metal scaffolding holding lights and other equipment. The stage collapsed onto a crowd of concert-goers awaiting a show by the country group Sugarland.

Byrd and four others were killed. Twenty-five people remained hospitalized Monday.

As the fair reopened Monday, investigators and the families of the dead and injured were still seeking answers to hard questions: Was the structure safe? Why were the thousands of fans not evacuated? Could anything have been done to prevent the tragedy?

State fair officials have not said whether the stage and rigging were inspected before Saturday's show. Fair spokesman Andy Klotz said initially that the state fire marshal's office was responsible for inspections, but he backtracked Monday, saying he wasn't sure whose job it is.

A spokesman for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security said neither the fire marshal nor Homeland Security officials conduct inspections. And the city does not have the authority to inspect items on state property.

"We do have our own requirements within the city for temporary structures, and we do have our own permitting requirements," said Kate Johnson, spokeswoman for the Indianapolis Department of Code Enforcement. "But in this situation, we don't have that authority because it's state-owned property."

As they investigate, inspectors for the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration will be looking at the weather and any potential structural or design flaws in the stage, among other things, experts said.

Another emerging issue is whether fair organizers responded quickly enough to forecasts of an approaching storm, especially since a different concert nearby was canceled because of the weather.

Just 15 miles north in the suburb of Fishers, about 6,700 people attending a performance by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra were evacuated Saturday from the Conner Prairie Amphitheater.

Tom Ramsey, the orchestra's vice president and general manager, said the group reviews information from a private weather company and consults with the National Weather Service, with a goal of giving patrons at least 30 minutes to get to their vehicles if bad weather threatens.

"We saw a storm that contained lightning dip south a little bit. Once we saw that, I made the decision to stop the concert and send everyone to their cars," he said.

At the fairgrounds, concert-goers and other witnesses said an announcer warned them of impending bad weather, but there were no warnings to clear the area.

Fair officials said the stage that collapsed is erected at the start of the fair each year to provide a framework on which performers can add their own lights or other features. The roof can be raised or lowered based on the act.

Saturday's accident was at least the fourth stage accident since the start of July. Earlier this month, wind blew over a lighting rig at a music festival in Tulsa, Okla., and lightning toppled a stage under assembly near Quebec City. That followed a summer gale that toppled a stage in July at a music festival in Ottawa, Canada, where the band Cheap Trick was performing. Three people were hospitalized.

In 2009, another Canadian storm knocked over a stage in Camrose, Alberta, killing one person and injuring about 75. And that same summer, a stage failed at Quebec City comedy festival.

The owner of the company that installed the rigging in Indianapolis expressed sympathy for the families of those killed or injured. A telephone message seeking comment from a spokesman for Mid-America Sound Corp. was left Monday by the Associated Press.

Industry standards do not spell out exactly how concert organizers should react when unexpectedly severe weather hits an outdoor event using a temporary stage, but they do specify that a safety plan should be in place.

"You have to figure out what are you going to do if some extreme weather event comes up and exceeds what you're designed for? What's your operational plan? How do you get people out of the way? How do you lower the roof?" said Karl Ruling, the technical standards manager for PLASA, a professional trade association for businesses that install equipment for entertainment venues.

"Obviously this is not how they planned it," he said. "But how it ended up being wrong, I don't know."

Bill Gorlin, vice president of McLaren Engineering Group's Entertainment Division, has spent roughly 15 years engineering high-end shows from Super Bowl performances to Lady Gaga concerts.

Gorlin said he is trying to get states and localities to adopt standards that would set building codes for how much temporary structures — like the stage that collapsed Saturday — can handle. Factors such as wind-load — a measure of how much a stage can handle before it is blown over — should be accounted for by state and local officials, he said.

Gorlin also worked on a panel established by the American Society of Engineers to look at what standards should be used for temporary structures like stages.

Sugarland likely saved by tour manager's decision

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It came down to seconds and one instinctive decision that may have saved the lives of country duo Sugarland and others at the Indiana State Fair where five people died when a stage collapsed.

Tour manager Hellen Rollens looked at the sky and decided to hold the band backstage. A minute later, 60 to 70 mph wind gusts toppled the roof and the metal scaffolding holding lights and other equipment Saturday night in Indianapolis. It crashed into the audience, killing four instantly and a fifth later at a hospital. Dozens were injured, some critically.

When they heard the deafening boom of the stage crashing, Sugarland and crew hit the ground and took cover against a wall, thinking it was going to collapse on top of them. At some point, they made it out of the dust and debris and converged on their tour bus.

Gellman said others felt it was safe to go on stage, but Rollens ultimately acted on her intuition.

The calamity has deeply touched Sugarland members Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush.

Nettles said in a statement that she watched video of the collapse on the news "in horror" and was "moved by the grief of those families who lost loved ones." She said she was also "moved by the great heroism" of fans who ran toward the stage to help rescue the injured.

Old text, new wrinkles: Did Butch Cassidy survive?

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A rare books collector says he has obtained a manuscript with new evidence that Butch Cassidy wasn't killed in a 1908 shootout in Bolivia but returned to the U.S. and lived peaceably in Washington state for almost three decades.

The manuscript, "Bandit Invincible: The Story of Butch Cassidy," dates to 1934. At 200 pages, it's twice as long as a previously known but unpublished novella of the same title by William T. Phillips, a machinist who died in Spokane in 1937.

Utah book collector Brent Ashworth and Montana author Larry Pointer say the text contains the best evidence yet — with details only Cassidy could have known — that "Bandit Invincible" was not biography but autobiography, and that Phillips himself was the legendary outlaw.

Others aren't convinced.

"Total horse pucky," said Cassidy historian Dan Buck. "It doesn't bear a great deal of relationship to Butch Cassidy's real life, or Butch Cassidy's life as we know it."

Historians more or less agree that Cassidy was born Robert LeRoy Parker in 1866 in Beaver, Utah, the oldest of 13 children in a Mormon family. He robbed his first bank in 1889 in Telluride, Colo., and fell in with cattle rustlers who hid out at the Hole in the Wall, a refuge in northern Wyoming's Johnson County. He left the area before cattle barons hunted down cattle-rustling homesteaders in the 1892 Johnson County War.

Cassidy then served a year and a half in Wyoming Territorial Prison in Laramie for possessing three stolen horses. But for the better part of the next 20 years, his Wild Bunch gang held up banks and trains across the West and in South America.

The author of "Bandit Invincible" claims to have known Cassidy since boyhood and never met "a more courageous and kinder hearted man."

He acknowledges changing people and place names. But some descriptions fit details of Cassidy's life too neatly to have come from anyone else, said Ashworth, owner of B. Ashworth's Rare Books and Collectibles in Provo.

They include a judge's meeting with Cassidy in prison in February 1895. The judge offered to "let bygones be bygones" and to seek a Cassidy pardon from the governor. Cassidy refused to shake the judge's hand.

"I must tell you now that I will even my account with you, if it is the last act I ever do," Cassidy is quoted as saying by Philips.

Wyoming's state archives contain an 1895 letter by the judge who sentenced Cassidy. The letter relates how Cassidy seemed to harbor "ill-will" and didn't accept the "friendly advances" of another judge, Jay Torrey, who had visited Cassidy in prison.

NTSB: Plane struck mountain in heavy fog

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — An investigator looking into a fatal plane crash in Alaska says one of the four survivors told him the small aircraft struck the side of a mountain in fog so thick, it created whiteout conditions.

The plane was carrying all three teachers for the tiny village of Anvik when it went down Saturday night, killing one of the teachers just days before classes were set to begin. The pilot also died.

Anvik and the other six schools in the Iditarod School District are delaying the start of classes.

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start having through Thursday's meeting and future conversations. The city has asked for input as it's working to develop a curriculum, he said. The teaching guide also is part of what will be presented Thursday.

"We're just trying to be responsive to the citizens of Midland and also to the employees," he said.

Garcia said lower numbers of reported food-borne illness complaints and a reduction in facilities that receive failing inspection scores has occurred in other cities where such courses have been implemented.

The City Council would have the ultimate say in whether the permit becomes necessary as an ordinance would have to pass for the class to be required.

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Studies show 15 minutes of daily exercise can help

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Don't despair if you can't fit in the recommended 30 minutes of daily exercise. Growing evidence suggests that even half that much can help.

It's still no excuse to slack off. Regular exercise strengthens muscles, reduces the risk of some diseases and promotes mental well-being. The more exercise, the better.

But not everyone has the time or willpower. So researchers set out to find the minimum amount of physical activity needed to reap health benefits. The findings by a study in Taiwan suggest just 15 minutes of moderate exercise a day can lead to a longer life.

This "may convince many individuals that they are able to incorporate physical activity into their busy lives," Dr. Anil Nigam, of the University of Montreal, said in an email. Nigam had no role in the research but wrote an editorial accompanying the Taiwan study published online Monday in The Lancet.

Fitness guidelines by the World Health Organization, the U.S. and other countries recommend that adults get at least a half-hour of moderate workout most days of the week. This can include brisk walking, bike riding and water aerobics.

Realizing that it might be difficult for some to break a sweat, health groups have suggested breaking it down into smaller, more manageable chunks of time such as three 10-minute spurts a day on weekdays.

The latest study, a large one led by researchers at the National Health Research Institutes in Taiwan, sought to determine if exercising less than the recommended half-hour was still helpful.

The researchers noted that east Asians — including China, Japan and Taiwan — are generally less physically active than their Western counterparts and their workouts tend to be less intense.

About 416,000 Taiwanese adults were asked how much exercise they did the previous month. Based on their answers, they were put into five groups of varying activity levels from inactive to highly active. Researchers kept track of their progress for eight years on average and calculated projected life expectancy.

The study found those who exercised just 15 minutes a day — or 90 minutes a week — cut their risk of death by 14 percent and extended their life expectancy by three years compared with those who did no exercise. Both men and women benefited equally from the minimum activity.

Each additional 15 minutes of exercise reduced the risk of death by another 4 percent compared with the inactive group. Researchers did not report how additional exercise affected life expectancy.

There were some limitations. Answers were self-reported. The study, though large, was observational, which means the health benefits may not be entirely due to exercise. But researchers said they took into account other factors that might affect health such as smoking and drinking. And outside scientists said the findings are in line with other studies.

For the sedentary, the key is this: Some exercise is better than none.

"Get off the couch and start moving," said I-Min Lee, of the Harvard School of Public Health.

In a study published in Circulation earlier this month, Lee and colleagues found that people who engaged in 15 minutes a day of moderate physical activity had a 14 percent lower risk of heart disease compared with inactive people.

That research, combining the results of nearly three dozen studies of people from North America and Europe, also found that the benefit increased with more activity and may provide more motivation to the physically fit.

People should strive to do the recommended level of exercise, but should not be discouraged if they can't achieve it right away. Start slow and gradually build up.

"As inactive persons start moving, they may very well find that they become more fit" and reaching their exercise goal becomes easier, Lee said.

Until a year ago, Bernadette O'Brien, a retired principal who lives in northern New Jersey, did not make time for exercise. She would occasionally walk around her neighborhood and swim in the pool at her local gym, but she did little else.

After the 80-year-old was diagnosed with diabetes, she decided to change her habits. Now O'Brien exercises between 15 and 45 minutes a day, five days a week. She mixes up her routine with water aerobics and strength training so she won't get bored.

"I feel healthy and energetic. And my balance is pretty good," she said.

Hey tapir, jaguar, smile! You're on Candid Camera

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They are the hidden family portraits of Earth's most remote jungles finally revealed: A touching snapshot of an endangered female mountain gorilla carrying an infant on her back. A giant anteater sticking its enormous snout practically in your face. Soulful eyes of a curious chimpanzee, a speedy jaguar and a rare tapir staring back at you.

Researchers are getting an unusual peek into key tropical spots with 420 hidden automatic cameras snapping candid photos of the truly wild. The first of almost 52,000 pictures were released Monday by Conservation International, a group that promotes wildlife protection, and they are wowing some experienced wildlife biologists.

The cameras snapped away during a month of the dry season, starting in 2008, in seven different countries and will continue to take candids in future years.

"These kind of captured them doing what they're doing, being themselves," said study lead author Jorge Ahumada, technical director of the Tropical Ecology Assessment and Monitoring Network.

What's key is that there were no people involved. The cameras were hidden with camouflage and don't have a visible flash. They are heat-sensitive so when something warm is nearby, the camera snaps a picture. The cameras were positioned to study mammals, but also got large birds, lizards and something else: human poachers, guns in hand.

Ahumada and his team positioned the cameras in seven different wildlife preserves in Suriname, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Tanzania, Brazil, Uganda and Laos. Suriname had the most diversity and Laos the least. Their findings were published in Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B.

"What a great study," said Stanford University biologist Terry Root, who wasn't involved. "Mammals are very hard to census because they are afraid of humans and they have better ways of hiding than we have of finding them."

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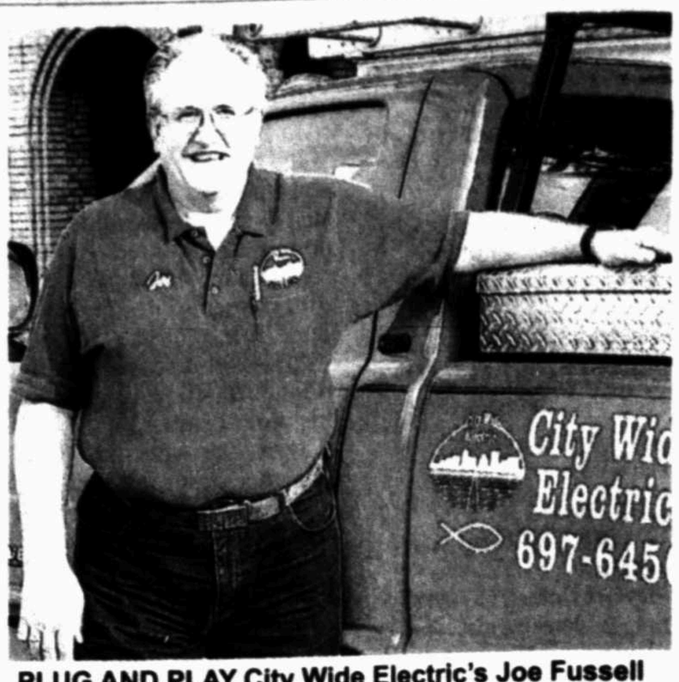
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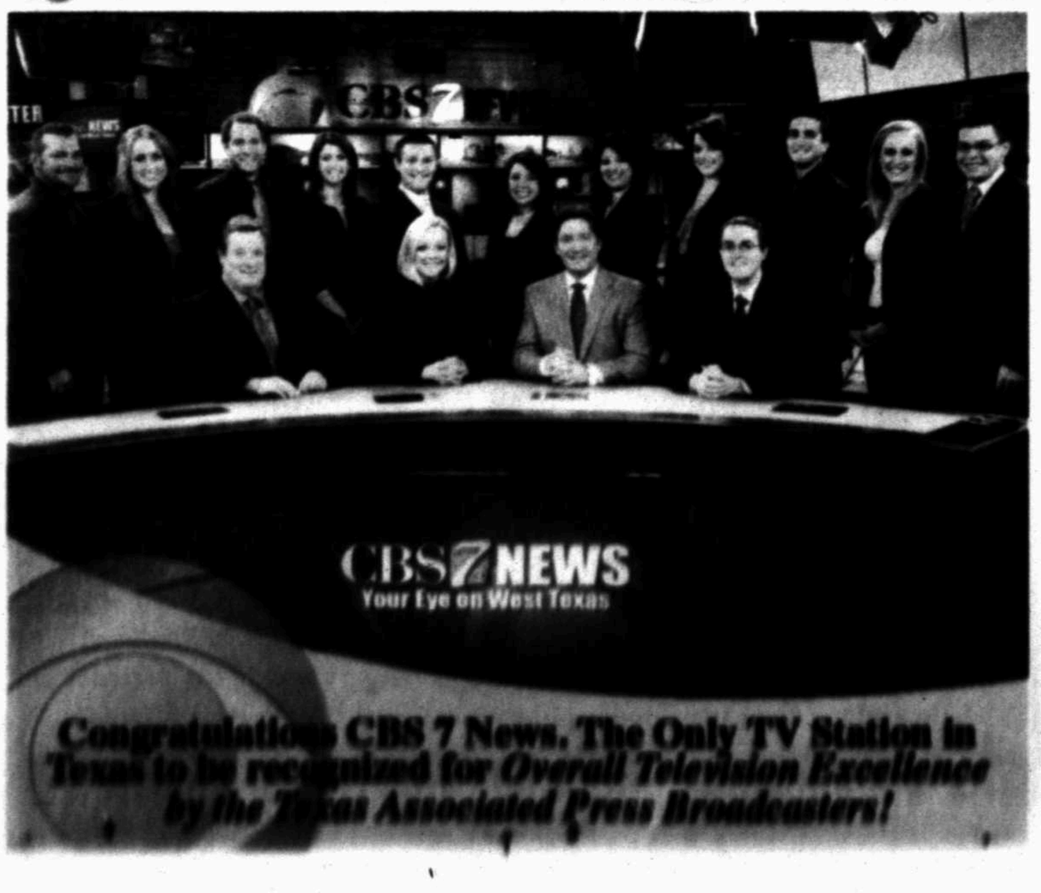
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GOP candidates discover limits of ideological purity

■ Tim Pawlenty did, and Rick Perry may soon find out how it's hard to measure up to the purity standard.



MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

It says something about the state of the Republican presidential contest that a candidate with a history of appealing to independents and an admirable record of center-right governance is out 25 weeks before the first Republican vote is cast.

Tim Pawlenty's problems were not purely ideological. Midwesterners sometimes go to great lengths to hide their charisma. And Pawlenty seemed uncertain of how to exploit Mitt Romney's past crimes against conservatism, having committed a few of his own.

But Pawlenty's explanation for his early exit rings true: "I brought a rational, established, credible strong record of results, but the audience was looking for something different." Pawlenty's campaign was a backhanded tribute to this shift. In normal times, a successful governor seeking promotion to the Oval Office would emphasize his or her cross-party appeal and domestic policy innovations as political virtues — the manner in which the last two presidents who served two terms ran and won. Instead, Pawlenty attempted to adopt tea party themes and outrage, which hung on him like a poorly fitting suit.

Pawlenty ended up with an authenticity problem — symbolized by his sudden, Damascus Road unconversion on a human role in climate disruption. Any Republican who has won tough elections in ideologically diverse states — say, Wisconsin or Massachusetts — will have a few heresies to renounce or defend. RomneyCare is exhibit one. But Mitt Romney's ideological overhaul is not as recent as Pawlenty's. And compared to the last nomination cycle, Romney seems less panting in his desire to please, making him a more confident candidate.

Hopefuls from Texas or the 6th District of Minnesota face fewer immediate authenticity problems. Their constituents more closely resemble the voters who will choose the Republican nominee. Michele Bachmann gained a national platform by winning 159,476 votes in the most Republican House district in her state. Just as sexual purity is less impressive in the absence of opportunity, ideological purity comes easier when there is little political need to appeal across ideological lines. As governor of Minnesota, Pawlenty was required to build diverse political coalitions. Bachmann has made fewer compromises, in part, because she has held fewer responsibilities.

On the face of it, Gov. Rick Perry has his own authenticity problem. As late as 1988, Perry was a Democrat and Al Gore's Texas state chairman. But Gore, it is now difficult to remember, was then viewed as a Southern centrist. And a conservative Democrat in Texas can be as conservative as a Republican anywhere else. Perry's transition to the Republican Party was the political story of much of the South. Perry is not an ideological turncoat; he is the embodiment of a trend that transformed American politics.

Yet Perry, in his own way, demonstrates the complexities of governing that a member of the House is never forced to experience. Perry signed an executive order requiring human papillomavirus vaccinations for girls entering the sixth grade to prevent some types of cervical cancer — a perfectly rational public health measure opposed by some conservatives. More controversially, Perry supported a bill to give in-state tuition to the children of illegal immigrants. This position may have resulted from personal conviction. It certainly reflected a political reality in Texas, where Republican success has involved outreach to Hispanic voters. "We must say to every Texas child learning in a Texas classroom," Perry argued, "'We don't care where you come from, but where you are going, and we are going to do everything we can to help you get there.' And that vision must include the children of undocumented workers."

So three prominent Republican governors can be accused by conservative activists of ideological impurity — Pawlenty on climate, Romney on health care and Perry on immigration. Yet maybe this is not a scandal but a lesson. Successful governors accommodate a diverse electorate within the bounds of their convictions. They build governing coalitions through unexpected outreach. And sometimes they follow their convictions into ideological unpredictability. These are not indications of apostasy but signs of electoral skill and strength.

In the general election, these virtues are not optional. Even the most committed conservative nominee will shift his or her tone on some issues that brought them to prominence — as Bachmann already has begun to do on homosexuality. And as Perry eventually will need to do in order to expand his message beyond the largely negative themes of the 10th Amendment and climate-change skepticism.

In presidential politics, conviction is important but ideological purity is overrated.

OUR VIEW

Keeping Culver open is our responsibility

The countywide budget recently filed contains funding recommendations to keep the Barbara Culver Juvenile Detention Center open, and we don't see why the recommendation should be denied.

County Judge Mike Bradford said, "There is no appetite at the court to close Culver," and we feel the same way.

We've thought all along that even a scaled down version of the center is better than sending our youth elsewhere. The Culver facility is a useful tool in handling youth caught up in all forms of crimes, including burglary, sexual assault and drug use.

It makes much more sense to handle these problems here at home than delegating those duties somewhere else. We really don't want to farm out our youth to other jurisdictions if it can be avoided. We think there may be ample ways to cut this budget without doing a disservice to the city's youth.

In our way of thinking, the job being done daily at the Culver Center is the responsibility of this community, and we cannot turn our back on those responsibilities. We have to find a way to fund the program even though we realize it might have to be scaled back.

Jail project appears to exceed expectations

We are very happy to see the new county detention center go online this week as inmates will begin to be added to the 72-bed, 83,150 square foot facility.

We expect this facility to meet our county needs for years to come, and we are pleased that the project came in well under cost. It is estimated the facility should handle the county's needs for the coming 20 years unless population growth exceeds predictions or the crime rate exceeds expectations.

Midland County now will be able to keep all of its prisoners in the detention center, and it will not have to ship inmates to other counties at a high cost to Midland taxpayers.

The facility was expected to cost $22 million when proposed in 2008-09. In the end, the project was $5 million under budget. County officials are still exploring what to do with the remaining funds. Paying off the bond seems like the most responsible thing to us.

Still, it appears Sheriff Gary Painter provided the leadership needed to get Midland County the jail voters approved in 2008.

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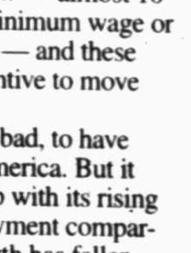
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There's nothing miraculous about Texas economy

■ Rick Perry is getting a lot of credit for something that isn't that outstanding and that he had little to do with.



PAUL KRUGMAN
N.Y. Times News Service

As expected, Rick Perry, the governor of Texas, has announced he is running for president. And we already know what his campaign will be about: faith in miracles.

Some of these miracles will involve things that you're liable to read in the Bible. But if he wins the Republican nomination, his campaign probably will center on a more secular theme: the alleged economic miracle in Texas, which, it's often asserted, sailed through the Great Recession almost unscathed thanks to conservative economic policies. And Perry will claim he can restore prosperity to America by applying the same policies at a national level.

So what you need to know is that the Texas miracle is a myth, and more broadly that Texan experience offers no useful lessons on how to restore national full employment.

It's true that Texas entered recession a bit later than the rest of America, mainly because the state's still energy-heavy economy was buoyed by high oil prices through the first half of 2008. Also, Texas was spared the worst of the housing crisis, partly because it turns out to have surprisingly strict regulation of mortgage lending.

Despite all that, however, from mid-2008 onward unemployment soared in Texas, just as it did almost everywhere else.

In June, the Texas unemployment rate was 8.2 percent. That was less than unemployment in collapsed-bubble states like California and Florida, but it was slightly higher than the unemployment rate in New York, and significantly higher than the rate in Massachusetts. By the way, one in four Texans lacks health insurance, the highest proportion in the nation, thanks largely to the state's small-government approach. Meanwhile, Massachusetts has near-universal coverage thanks to health reform very similar to the "job-killing" Affordable Care Act.

So where does the notion of a Texas miracle come from? Mainly from widespread misunderstanding of the economic effects of population growth.

For this much is true about Texas: It has, for many decades, had much faster population growth than the rest of America — about twice as fast since 1990. Several factors underlie this rapid population growth: a high birth rate, immigration from Mexico, and inward migration of Americans from other states, who are attracted to Texas by its warm weather and low cost of living, low housing costs in particular.

And just to be clear, there's nothing wrong with a low cost of living. In particular, there's a good case to be made that zoning policies in many states unnecessarily restrict the supply of housing and that this is one area where Texas does, in fact, do something right.

But what does population growth have to do with job growth? Well, the high rate of population growth translates into above-average job growth through a couple of channels. Many of the people moving to Texas — retirees in search of warm winters, middle-class Mexicans in search of a safer life — bring purchasing power that leads to greater local employment. At the same time, the rapid growth in the Texas work force keeps wages low — almost 10 percent of Texan workers earn the minimum wage or less, well above the national average — and these low wages give corporations an incentive to move production to the Lone Star State.

So Texas tends, in good years and bad, to have higher job growth than the rest of America. But it needs lots of new jobs just to keep up with its rising population — and as those unemployment comparisons show, recent employment growth has fallen well short of what's needed.

If this picture doesn't look very much like the glowing portrait Texas boosters like to paint, there's a reason: The glowing portrait is false.

Still, does Texas job growth point the way to faster job growth in the nation as a whole? No.

What Texas shows is that a state offering cheap labor and, less important, weak regulation can attract jobs from other states. I believe that the appropriate response to this insight is "Well, duh." The point is that arguing from this experience that depressing wages and dismantling regulation in America as a whole would create more jobs — which is, whatever Perry may say, what Perrynomics amounts to in practice — involves a fallacy of composition: Every state can't lure jobs away from every other state.

In fact, at a national level lower wages would almost certainly lead to fewer jobs — because they would leave working Americans even less able to cope with the overhang of debt left behind by the housing bubble, an overhang that is at the heart of our economic problem.

So when Perry presents himself as the candidate who knows how to create jobs, don't believe him. His prescriptions for job creation would work about as well in practice as his prayer-based attempt to end Texas' crippling drought.

From the Left | Doonesbury



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ACROSSTHENATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TENNESSEE

Fans flock to Graceland to remember Elvis

MEMPHIS — Thousands of fans of Elvis Presley from around the world, some wearing his trademark outfits and thick sideburns, made their way to Graceland for a candlelight vigil ahead of the 34th anniversary of the singer's death.

Droves of fans trek each year to Memphis to remember Elvis, who died on Aug. 16, 1977. The vigil was the main draw of "Elvis Week," and some waited hours outside the stately mansion for the procession set to start at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

LOS ANGELES

Rembrandt drawing stolen from California hotel

A 17th century drawing by Rembrandt was snatched from a private art display at a California luxury hotel while a curator was momentarily distracted, officials said Monday.

The theft of the $250,000 sketch from the lobby of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the upmarket seaside community of Marina del Rey happened around 10:30 p.m. Saturday night while someone who seemed interested in buying another piece held the curator's attention for a few minutes.

The sketch, called "The Judgment," was completed around 1655 and is signed on the back by the Dutch master. Rembrandt von Rijn is widely regarded as one of the finest painters in European art history and his worldwide name recognition has made his work a common target for thieves.

MASSACHUSETTS

Mississippi man treks 1,400 miles for 150 pizzas

STOUGHTON — A Mississippi man who grew up in Massachusetts goes to great lengths for a good pizza.

About 1,400 miles.

David Schuler returned to Jackson, Miss., last weekend with 150 pies from Town Spa Pizza, a restaurant in his home town of Stoughton, just outside Boston.

It's a tradition he started years ago when he couldn't find a good slice in Mississippi.

He returned with 150 frozen, vacuum-sealed pies. That was a record for him. They cost $1,200.

He made the 16-state trek in 24 hours, munching on Town Spa pizzas he kept on the passenger seat.

NEW YORK

Golden decade for defense companies is ending

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are winding down, Osama bin Laden is dead, and the federal government is deeply in debt. This spells the end of what was a golden decade for the defense industry.

In the decade since the Sept. 11 attacks, the annual defense budget has more than doubled to $700 billion and annual defense industry profits have nearly quadrupled, approaching $25 billion last year.

Now defense spending is poised to retreat, and so are industry profits. "We're about to go into the downhill side of the roller coaster here," said David Berteau, a defense industry analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Congress agreed last month to cut military spending by $350 billion over the next 10 years. The defense budget will automatically be cut by another $500 billion over that period if lawmakers fail to reach a deficit-cutting deal by November.

CHICAGO

Sara Lee, Kraft wage wiener war in federal court

The nation's largest hot dog makers argued about the meaning of "100 percent pure beef" and the merits of ketchup Monday in a lawsuit over advertising claims stemming from their years of dog-eat-dog competition.

Attorneys for Sara Lee Corp., which makes Ball Park franks, and Kraft Foods Inc., which makes Oscar Mayer, superimposed giant hot dogs on a courtroom screen as they delivered opening remarks in a case that could clarify how far companies can go when boasting about their products.

Obama attacks GOP field on bus tour

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press

DECORAH, Iowa — Hitting back against an emboldened GOP, President Barack Obama launched a rare direct attack Monday on the Republican presidential field, criticizing his potential 2012 rivals for their blanket opposition to any deficit-cutting compromise involving new taxes.

"That's just not common sense," Obama told the crowd at a town hall-style meeting in Cannon Falls, Minn., as he kicked off a three-day bus tour through Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois.

"You've got to be willing to compromise to move the country forward," the president said later in the day as he delivered the same message at a town hall in Decorah, Iowa.

At the same time Obama was forced to defend his own record as Iowa voters asked him about all the compromises he's made with the GOP.

"I make no apologies for being reasonable," Obama declared as he stood in front of a cheery red barn, surrounded by bales of hay.

The president recalled a moment in last week's GOP presidential debate when all eight of the candidates said they would refuse to support a deal with tax increases, even if tax revenues were outweighed 10-to-1 by spending cuts.

Obama didn't mention any of the candidates by name, and prefaced the remark by saying, "I know it's not election season yet."

But his comment underscored that election season is, indeed, under way. The bus tour, although an official White House event rather than a campaign swing, is taking Obama through three states he won in 2008 but where he now needs to shore up his standing. It's giving him a chance to return to the grassroots campaigning that helped propel him to the White House, and shed his jacket and tie to mix it up with voters in coffee shops and lunch joints far from the Beltway — as he did in three unscheduled stops Monday, including one in a tree-lined Minnesota town where he was swarmed by enthusiastic kids.

The president is traveling in an imposing new $1.1 million bus, outfitted with tinted windows and flashing lights, that the Secret Service purchased.

In Iowa, Obama returned to a state that handed him a key victory over Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton in their nomination fight but where Republicans have now been blanketing the state in preparation for its first-in-the-nation caucuses, attacking the president at every turn. The bus tour came on the heels of Rep. Michele Bachmann's weekend victory in the Iowa Straw Poll and Gov. Rick Perry's contest-rattling entrance into the race.

It also came after the president spent much of the summer holed up in the nation's capital enmeshed in bitter, partisan negotiations on the debt crisis that cratered his approval ratings and those of Congress amid a faltering economy and high unemployment.

The president got a rosy reception from his Minnesota audience, but Iowa voters were a tougher crowd, demanding to know why he'd compromised on principles important to Democrats, and asking to hear his plans for dealing with intransigent Republicans.

The president responded by pledging to present a specific jobs plan to Congress when lawmakers return from their summer recess in September. "And if they don't get it done, then we'll be running against a Congress that's not doing anything for the American people and the choice will be very stark and very clear," the president said.

At both town hall meetings, Obama used questions on his health care bill to take hard shots at Mitt Romney, the GOP front-runner who has had to defend implementing a health care plan while governor of Massachusetts that's similar to the federal version.

"You've got a governor who's running for president right now who instituted the exact same thing in Massachusetts," Obama said, referring to a central component of his law — the requirement for nearly everyone to carry health insurance.

"This used to be a Republican idea," Obama said. "It's like suddenly they got amnesia."

The so-called individual mandate in Obama's health care law was struck down by a federal appeals court last week, but Obama expressed confidence that the Supreme Court ultimately would uphold it if justices follow existing law and precedent.

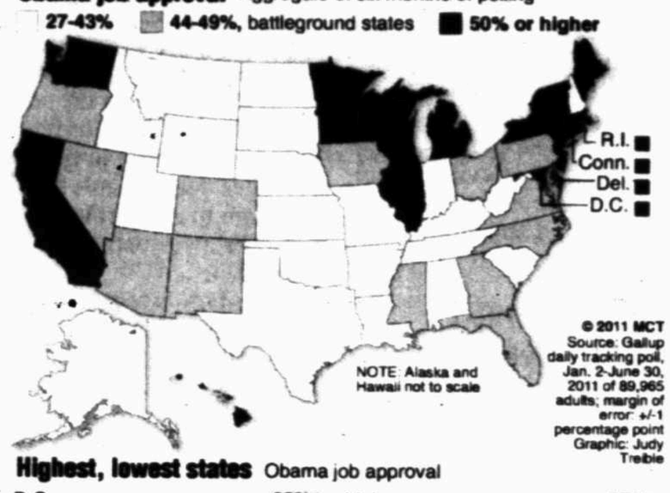
Likely battlegrounds

ELECTION 2012

Based on state-by-state ratings of President Barack Obama's job approval, about a dozen states could be the battlegrounds for the 2012 election.

Obama job approval Aggregate of six months of polling

27-43% | 44-49%, battleground states | 50% or higher



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Highest, lowest states Obama job approval

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Md.	59%	Utah	32%
Del.	59%	Okla.	32%
N.Y.	57%	W.Va.	33%
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AROUNDTHEGLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LIBYA

Rebels try to isolate Tripoli, Gadhafi

ZAWIYA — Libya's rebels threatened to isolate Tripoli by blocking key supply routes and cutting oil pipelines Monday after a dramatic weekend advance put them in the strongest position since the 6-month-old civil war began to attack Moammar Gadhafi's stronghold.

The rebels' push into the strategic city of Zawiya on Saturday brought them within 30 miles of Tripoli, the closest they have ever gotten.

BAGHDAD

Bombs tear through 17 cities, 63 killed

A relentless barrage of bombings killed 63 people Monday in the most sweeping and coordinated attack Iraq has seen in over a year, striking 17 cities from northern Sunni areas to the southern Shiite heartland.

The surprising scope and sophistication of the bloodbath suggested that al-Qaida remains resilient despite recent signs of weakness. Such attacks, infrequent as they are deadly, likely will continue long after American forces withdraw from the country.

CAIRO

Judge halts live broadcasts of Mubarak's trial

The judge trying ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on charges of complicity in the killing of protesters who toppled his regime ordered a halt to the live broadcast of his trial Monday after a chaotic session in which lawyers pushed, shoved and scuffled to get on television.

Showing the hearings live on state television had been a nod by Judge Ahmed Rifaat to activists who complained that the military rulers now in charge of the country were dragging their feet bringing Mubarak and stalwarts of his regime to justice.

Rifaat said his decision to stop the broadcasts was designed to "protect the public interest." He did not elaborate, but the presence of cameras, television commentators and journalists interviewing lawyers had given the trial a circus-like atmosphere.

Lawyers for the victims' families bickered over their turns to address the judge and came close to exchanging blows with Mubarak supporters, all in front of the television cameras. Some among them just waved and smiled to the cameras.

BEIRUT

UN: Palestinians flee refugee camp in Syria

More than 5,000 Palestinian refugees have fled a camp in the besieged Syrian city of Latakia after President Bashar Assad's forces shelled the city during a broad military assault to root out dissent, the U.N. said Monday.

UNRWA, the U.N. agency that aids Palestinian refugees, said the Palestinians fled after Latakia came under fire from gunboats cruising off the coast and ground troops attacking the city over the weekend. It was not immediately clear where the refugees were seeking shelter.

"We are calling for access to the camp to find out what is going on," said UNRWA spokesman Chris Gunness. "There were 10,000 refugees in the camp and we need to find out what is happening to them."

Assad has dramatically escalated the crackdown on a 5-month-old uprising since the start of the holy month of Ramadan, when many Muslims fast from dawn to dusk. Despite blistering international outrage, the regime is trying to establish firm control in rebellious areas by unleashing tanks, snipers and — in a new tactic — gunships.

UN investigating theft of food aid in Somalia

By Katharine Houreld
Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Thousands of sacks of food aid meant for Somalia's famine victims have been stolen and are being sold at markets in the same neighborhoods where skeletal children in filthy refugee camps can't find enough to eat, an Associated Press investigation has found.

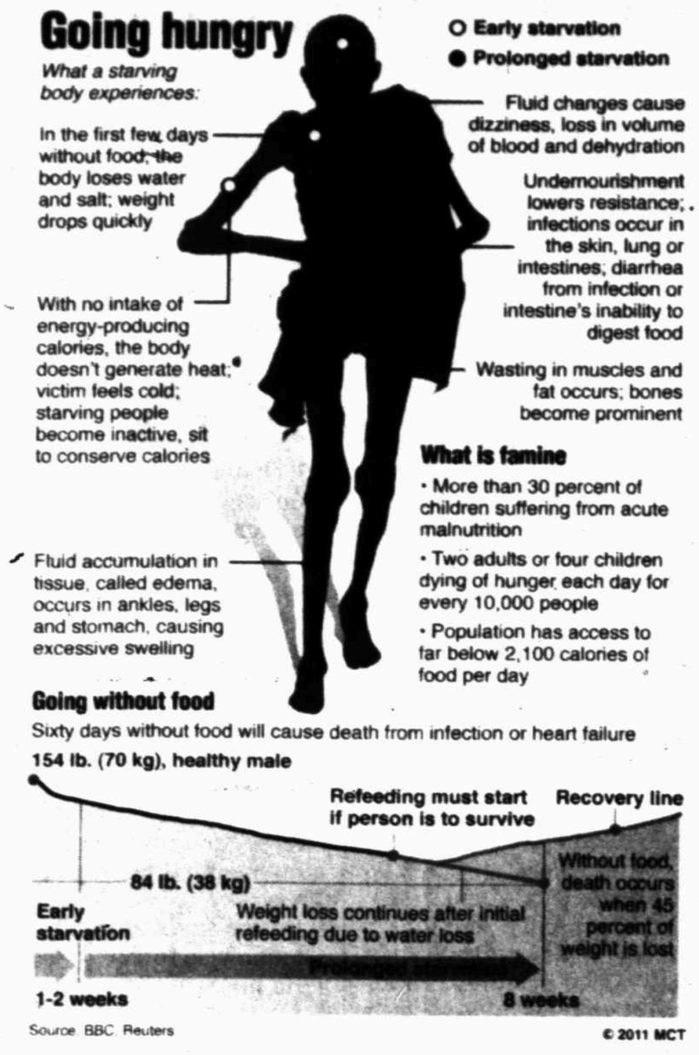
The U.N.'s World Food Program for the first time acknowledged it has been investigating food theft in Somalia for two months. The WFP said that the "scale and intensity" of the famine crisis does not allow for a suspension of assistance, saying that doing so would lead to "many unnecessary deaths."

And the aid is not even safe once it has been distributed to families huddled in the makeshift camps popping up around the capital. Families at the large, government-run Badbado camp, where several aid groups have been distributing food, said they were often forced to hand back aid after journalists had taken photos of them with it.

Ali Said Nur said he received two sacks of maize twice, but each time was forced to give one to the camp leader.

"You don't have a choice. You have to simply give without an argument to be able to stay here," he said.

The U.N. says more than 3.2 million Somalis — nearly half the population — need food aid after a severe drought that has been complicated by Somalia's long-running war. More than 450,000 Somalis live in famine zones controlled by al-Qaida-linked militants, where aid is difficult to deliver. The U.S. says 29,000 Somali children under the age of 5 already have died.



International officials have long expected some of the food aid pouring into Somalia to go missing. But the sheer scale of the theft taking place calls into question aid groups' ability to reach the starving. It also raises concerns about the willingness of aid agencies and the Somali government to fight corruption, and whether diverted aid is fueling Somalia's 20-year-civil war.

"While helping starving people, you are also feeding the power groups that make a business out of the disaster," said Joakim Gundel, who heads Katuni Consult, a Nairobi-based company often asked to evaluate international aid efforts in Somalia. "You're saving people's lives today so they can die tomorrow."

WFP Somalia country director Stefano Porretti said the agency's system of independent, third-party monitors uncovered allegations of possible food diversion. But he underscored how dangerous the work is: WFP has had 14 employees killed in Somalia since 2008.

"Monitoring food assistance in Somalia is a particularly dangerous process," Porretti said.

In Mogadishu markets, vast piles of food sacks are for sale with stamps on them from the World Food Program, the U.S. government aid arm USAID and the Japanese government. The AP found eight sites where aid food was being sold in bulk and numerous smaller stores. Among the items being sold were corn, grain and Plumpy nut — a specially fortified peanut butter designed for starving children.

An official in Mogadishu with extensive knowledge of the food trade said he believes a massive amount of aid is being stolen — perhaps up to half of aid deliveries — by unscrupulous businessmen. The percentage had been lower, he said, but in recent weeks the flood of aid into the capital with little or no controls has created a bonanza for businessmen.

The official, like the businessmen interviewed for this story, spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid reprisals.

The AP could not verify the official's claims. WFP said that it rejected the scale of diversions alleged by the official.

At one of the sites for stolen food aid, about a dozen corrugated iron sheds are stacked with sacks. Outside, women sell food from open 110-pound sacks, and traders load the food onto carts or vehicles under the indifferent eyes of local officials.

Stolen food aid is not new in Somalia — it's the main reason the U.S. military become involved in Somalia during the country's 1992 famine, an intervention that ended shortly after the military battle known as Black Hawk Down. There are no indications the military plans to get involved in this year's famine relief efforts.

WFP said in a statement that it has put into place "strengthened and rigorous" monitoring and control in Somalia.

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Local & State

Commission approves retail district at corridor

■ 4-3 vote approves zone on Highway 191, light industrial district on FM 1788.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Although a zoning proposal for the Highway 191 corridor passed its first hurdle on Monday, the discussion is hardly finished.

In a 4-3 vote, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a zoning request to establish a local retail district along three tracts of land on the north side of Highway 191 and create a light industrial district along a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

The request was brought forward by the city as part of its council-directed efforts to establish a retail corridor along Highway 191. It was met with some opposition from land owners in the area who said they either won't fit into the retail district or are worried such a zone would hinder their ability to develop in the near future.

The council will make the final decision. Commissioners said they expect the conversation about how to strike a balance between encouraging certain kinds of development without halting the growth of established businesses only will continue there.

"There's got to be some way to make it fair for everyone," said Commissioner Bill Woodruff, who voted against the zone request, along with Cindy Lanning and Royce Watkins.

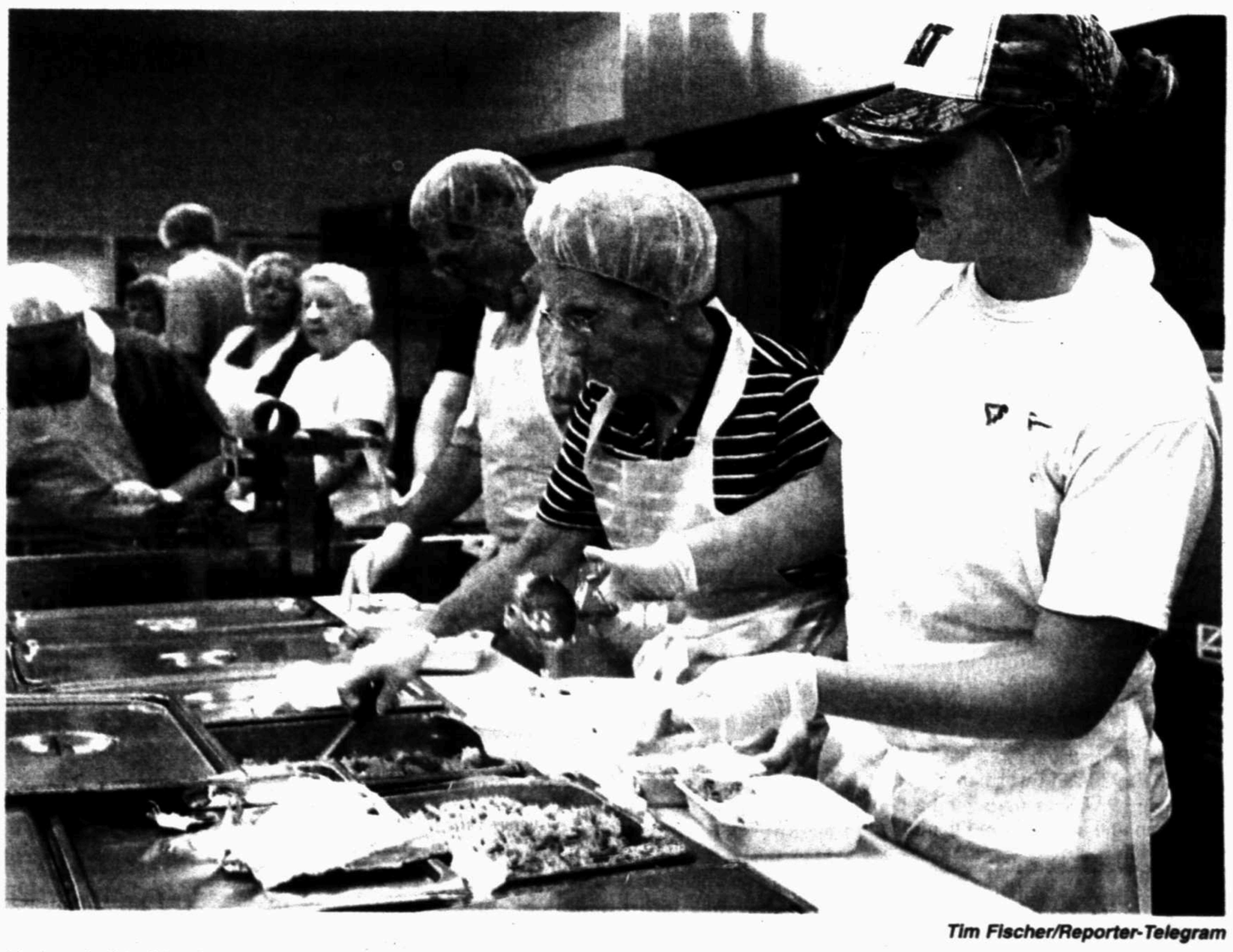
Planning Division Manager Cameron Walker said the two areas being considered are "critical and key" economic corridors in the region. Since being annexed in 2009, the land has been zoned as a Future Development District, which doesn't allow for any development or growth of existing businesses.

"It was considered to be a holding zoning until further zoning occurs," Walker said.

The City Council has indicated it wishes Highway 191 and its intersection at FM 1788 to become a retail corridor, he said, which is why staff proposed a local retail district. The proposal for a light industrial district along a 336.70 acre area on FM 1788 would fit in with recent zoning that's been granted, including a request by Butch's Rat Hole Service that will allow the business to expand at its present

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GREAT EXPERIENCE



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lindsay Leible fills plates in the Meals-on-Wheels kitchen as she and other volunteers help put the hot meals together Monday morning.

Meals-on-Wheels seeks volunteers to fill back-to-school gap

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Decked in her hat and apron Monday morning, Lindsay Leible scooped a helping of rice onto the tray and scooted it down for the next side to be added.

The Midland College freshman who — along with a handful of other Meals-on-Wheels volunteers — is getting ready to head back to school said using the summer to complete her volunteer hours at the nonprofit has been a great experience.

"You see the look on people's faces," she said, describing the clients to whom she brought meals. "They like seeing the young people."

With classes resuming next week at Midland Independent School District and kicking off the following week at Midland College, Meals-on-Wheels is in recruiting mode, working to replace those who've dedicated part of their summer to cooking, packing and delivering food.

"We've been really blessed having all of these extra kids and teachers," said Billie Nietert, scheduler at Meals-on-Wheels.

Because several students are trying to earn the 40 volunteer hours needed for a Legacy Scholarship to Midland College, Nietert said they had a few who would drive an hour every day. Other routes have been filled by teachers who had the summer off and still others by students home from universities outside of the area.

Want to help?

If you are interested in volunteering with Meals-on-Wheels, call 689-6693.

The more than 450 meals prepared each weekday are delivered to senior citizens at area community centers and in homes that fall on 38 different routes.

Nietert said they like to have a driver and a helper for each route, as well as about eight volunteers for the morning kitchen shift.

She starts each afternoon preparing for the next day's route and said when volunteers are low, like always happens at the start of school, she can have as many as 16 routes she has to find substitutes for on a given day.

"Many of them, it's the only meal they get," she said, of the clients. "Many of them don't see anybody except the volunteers at noon."

Allison Young said she started volunteering about six months ago when she began working from home. With her daughters out of school for the summer, she was able to take her girls along and have them assist in bringing meals up to the houses.

"The people like to see the kids," she said.

Meals are provided to disabled residents and those who are 60 or older and are considered homebound. In addition to bringing lunch, Nietert said they train volunteers to check on the client and to know who to call if medical assistance is needed.

David Yoxsimer, who will start graduate school for speech pathology at Texas Tech University this month, said he volunteered for years with his mom and sister and wanted to come back and help while he was home. In addition to working in the kitchen, he's been driving a route each Thursday.

Leible, who plans to study nursing, said she hopes she'll have time between classes to occasionally help in the kitchen or accompany her grandfather on his Meals-on-Wheels route.

"I enjoy doing it," she said.

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Benefit to raise money for cancer fight

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Singer-songwriter Cody Hughes Davidson has always enjoyed playing concerts and spending time with friends.

That's why he agreed to help fellow musician Brice Pool organize a benefit concert seven years ago.

What the duo expected to be an acoustic show with a short shelf-life has become an annual event celebrating cancer survivors and the work done by the American Cancer Society.

This Saturday, Music Fest 2011: The Dottie Hill Memorial Cancer Benefit will feature Brandon Jenkins, Texas Renegade, the Tugboats and the Cody Hughes Davidson Band.

The pair started the benefit in 2005 to honor Hill, someone Pool called his "second mother."

"She was fun. Everything she could laugh about, she did. Nothing ever slowed her down," Pool said. Hill died in 1998.

"Everyone has either lost someone that has cancer or knows someone that has cancer," Pool said. "This was a way I knew I could help out."

The first year, the concert and silent auction raised $1,100. The event has grown each year and more than $25,000 has been donated to the American Cancer Society.

Neither Pool or Davidson imagined it would become an annual event, but when the two moved away and got involved with touring, Davidson's mother, Jeana, volunteered to coordinate the event.

"I wasn't expecting it to be the way it was ... but Jeana just came down and ran off with it," Pool said.

Held annually at the Hog Pit, where Davidson and Pool met playing shows, the event features well-known Texas songwriters and local bands.

"We know we could go to a different venue and go and get a big Nashville act out here, but this is something for the down to earth kind of people who want to hear good music and support a good cause," Jeana Davidson said.

For Pool, it's the first year he won't be

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Post-rain opinion: 'No West Texan is goin' to hell'



SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

We were perhaps confused when the hostess asked if we wanted an "umbrella escort" back to the car. But then the restaurant door opened to a downpour, and it suddenly became clear. We weren't going anywhere for a while, instead we would watch in awe as it kept coming down.

Soon it became apparent that, more entertaining than the pouring rain, were reactions from other stunned patrons setting foot outside the establishment.

My dinner companion was just as enthralled, so we settled onto a patio bench and I started taking notes. Everyone would step outside, stop in their tracks, and look skyward.

"Awesome!" one young woman exclaimed. "We should all be doing some kind of shot." With that, someone shouted "cheers!"

Two kitchen workers, presumably on break, were seen dancing around the building in wet clothing, hooting and hollering. "It's raining, it's raining, it's raining!"

Strangers were talking to each other, and most were thanking God for the rain.

> "Several 'hallelujas' were shouted, as were other forms of praising the Lord, and one lady declared it an outright miracle."

"My 9-month-old granddaughter has never seen this!" one man excitedly remarked as deep puddles formed in the parking lot. "It doesn't get much better than this."

Several "hallelujahs" were shouted, as were other forms of praising the Lord, and one lady declared it an outright miracle.

"Wow, what is this?" one middle-aged patron asked upon exiting. Unlike the 9-month-old child, we knew he had seen precipitation before.

Surprisingly, one mother actually had a minature umbrella in her purse; I think the kind that comes along with the handbag. Her family waited as she fumbled.

"She's having trouble with the umbrella," someone in her clan said. "Well, it's been so long," another commented.

Word apparently spread inside the restaurant as we all marveled at what was falling from the sky.

My friend and I agreed, what we saw and heard outside Outback Steakhouse last Thursday night was better than live theater.

Across town, as I would later hear, my colleagues were also frolicking in the rain. Makeshift celebrations no doubt were taking place throughout the Permian Basin.

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Family to raise money for child's cancer treatment

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

An 8-month-old's battle with stage 4 cancer has inspired family and friends to host a benefit concert for his family's expenses.

Colton Ward, of Odessa, was 6 months old when his mother, April Ward, noticed a lump on the baby's scrotum while changing his diaper. A doctor's appointment led to the conclusion that the child had a hernia, but she soon found yet another unusual lump. A CT scan revealed the child had a three-inch tumor on his adrenal gland. Colton had stage 4 neuroblastoma in his liver, right adrenal gland and scrotum.

"It seemed like every time we turned around, we were getting worse and worse news," said April Ward's father, Ronnie Parker. "His parents are just devastated over this."

Neuroblastoma is the most common type of cancer among infants, according to MD Anderson Cancer Center. Sometimes children with neuroblastoma have no symptoms, or those of common illnesses such as diarrhea, bruising, loss of appetite and bone pain.

Colton Ward will go through two different types of chemotherapy at University Medical Center Children's Hospital in

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Associated Press

Bataan Death March survivor Albert Brown speaks with members of the SIUC Army ROTC at his daughter's home in Pinckneyville, Ill. in 2005. Brown died in Nashville, Ill., at the age of 105.

Oldest survivor of Bataan Death March dies at 105

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A doctor once told Albert Brown he shouldn't expect to make it to 50, given the toll taken by his years in a Japanese labor camp during World War II and the infamous, often-deadly march that got him there. But the former dentist made it to 105, embodying the power of a positive spirit in the face of inordinate odds.

"Doc" Brown was nearly 40 in 1942 when he endured the Bataan Death March, a harrowing 65-mile trek in which 78,000 prisoners of war were forced to walk from Bataan province near Manila to a Japanese POW camp. As many as 11,000 died along the way. Many were denied food, water and medical care, and those who stumbled or fell during the scorching journey through Philippine jungles were stabbed, shot or beheaded.

But Brown survived and secretly documented it all, using a nub of a pencil to scrawl details into a tiny tablet he concealed in the lining of his canvas bag. He often wondered why captives so much younger and stronger perished, while he went on.

By the time he died Sunday at a nursing home in southern Illinois' Nashville, Brown's story was well-chronicled, by one author's account offering an encouraging road map for veterans recovering from their own wounds in many wars.

"Doc's story had as much relevance for today's wounded warriors as it did for the veterans of his own era," said Kevin Moore, co-author of the recently released "Forsaken Heroes of the Pacific War: One Man's True Story," which details Brown's experience.

Brown, recognized in 2007 at an annual convention of Bataan survivors as the oldest one still living, couldn't muster the strength to talk about his experiences until about 15 or so years ago, said his granddaughter, Susan Engelhardt of Pinckneyville, Ill.

"I'm not a big military buff at all. But just reading the story about the death march and the situation in the Philippines, it's an incredible story. And incredibly sad," Engelhardt said. "He's an incredible man, and he had an incredible legacy. He came through horrible times and came out on top, rebuilding his life. But so many of those men and women triumphed."

Brown's account described the torment that came about every mile as the marchers passed wells U.S. troops dug for natives but weren't allowed to drink from once they became prisoners. Filipinos who tried to throw fruit to the marchers frequently were killed.

Brown remained in a POW camp from early 1942 until mid-September 1945, living solely on rice. The once-athletic man — he lettered in baseball, football, basketball and track in high school — saw his weight whither by some 80 pounds to less than 100 by the time he was freed. Lice and disease were rampant.

Despite the hardships, Brown focused on bright spots, including a prisoner called on to fix Japanese soldiers' radios. The prisoner managed to steal radio parts, scraping together enough components to build a functioning unit of his own. Brown helped craft a listening tube for the device, which brought the captives news from San Francisco that the U.S. actually had won a battle the Japanese soldiers were celebrating as a naval victory.

"He had this incredible spirit to live and overcome," Moore said. "Positive thinking or whatever you call it, he survived."

Born in 1905 in North Platte, Neb., Brown was the godson of Wild West folk hero "Buffalo Bill" Cody, who often let the boy sit on his lap and tug his beard. Brown moved with his family to Council Bluffs, Iowa, after his father — a railroad engineer — died when a locomotive engine exploded.

He studied dentistry at Creighton University in the 1920s and was called to active duty in 1937, leaving behind a wife, children and a decade-old dental practice his war injuries prevented him from resuming.

By the time the war ended in 1945, the 40-year-old Brown was nearly blind, had weathered a broken back and neck and suffered through more than a dozen diseases including malaria, dysentery and dengue fever.

He took two years to mend, and a doctor told him to enjoy the next few years because he had been so decimated he would be dead by 50. But Brown soldiered on, moving to California, attending college again and renting out properties to the era's biggest Hollywood stars, including Joan Fontaine and Olivia de Havilland. He became friends with John Wayne and Roy Rogers, doing some screen tests along the way.

"I think he had seen so much horror that after the war, he was determined to enjoy his life," Moore said.

Obituaries



Bitterweed Bob Lynch

San Angelo - Bitterweed Bob Lynch left for a new adventure on Sunday morning, August 14, 2011.

Visitation will be all day Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at the funeral home, with the family present from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, in Pioneer Memorial Park with nephew, C. L. Wallis officiating. Pallbearers will be Coy Lynch, Doc Dodson, Debi Wallis, Joe Short, Tim Byrd, and Kevin Byrd. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Grape Creek.

Bob was born to Leon "Boots" and Martha Jean Lynch on December 3, 1949, in Coleman, Texas. Bob served his country proudly during Vietnam, with many honors. He fought that war until he left us. He saw everything he wanted to see and did everything he wanted to do. He made friends all over the world and every one and every place had a story he shared. He spent a lot of time around McCamey and the "Girvin Social Club". He was our "Little Mountain Man" and was probably the first "Swamp Person" and self proclaimed mayor of his neighborhood. He left us satisfied that he had lived his adventure to the fullest and was looking forward to his new adventure. His family and friends will keep his memories alive with his many stories.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; two younger brothers, Billy Lynch and Mike Lynch.

He leaves behind to tell his stories, his son, Joey Lynch and wife, Starla and their two sons, of Georgia; his brother, Coy Lynch and wife, Dollie of McCamey, Texas; his sisters, Barbara Wallis and husband, Lonnie of Grape Creek, Peggy Morgan and husband, Tim of Greenwood; and little sis, Cydney Dodson and husband, Doc of Midland. He is also survived by his best friend, Joe, and many other family members and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to VistaCare Hospice, Theresa, and Dr. Rahmann, who took great care of him.

Shaffer Funeral Home/ Grape Creek, 325-481-3131.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com



Larry Dean Lasater

Larry Dean Lasater, 72, of Midland, died on Saturday, August 13, 2011, in a local hospital.

Funeral services for Larry Dean and his son, Joe Dean Lasater, who also died on Saturday, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 18, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland, with Rev. Herbert Crisp, officiating.

Larry was born on June 18, 1939, in Gorman, Texas, and married Barbara Greene in Deleon, Texas. She preceded him in death on February 28, 2004. Larry worked as a contract painter, loved fishing, and being with his grandchildren. He also loved his garden and giving the produce away.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Lasater and wife, Tracy of San Angelo, and Lonnie Lasater and Paul Lasater, both of Midland; twelve grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and one brother, Harold Lasater of Ft. Worth.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Almos and Annis (Overstreet) Lasater; one brother, Aubrey Glenn Lasater; one son, Joe Dean Lasater; and one grandson, Billy Joe Lasater.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

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

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Death Notices

Joe Dean Lasater

Joe Dean Lasater, 50, of Big Spring, passed away on Saturday, August 13, 2011.

Funeral services for Joe Dean and his father, Larry Dean Lasater, who also died on Saturday, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 18, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, at Trinity Memorial Park, in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Kristen Lasater; one son, Austin Lasater; three daughters, Amanda Lasater, Misty Lasater, and Jayne Johnston; one step daughter, McKenzie Schrecengost; seven grandchildren; three brothers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Joel Diaz Lopez

Joel Diaz Lopez, 63, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2011.

Funeral Services will be at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Lupe Lopez; one daughter, Rosa Linda Lopez; two sons, Ben Gonzales and Chris Gonzales; two brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Leonard Melton Coffman, Sr.

Leonard Melton Coffman, Sr. passed away on August 11, 2011, in Granbury.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Brenda Wallace, and four children, Kevin Coffman, Mel Coffman, Kim Henley, and Elizabeth Parks; twelve grandchildren; one brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

Lyndon Gene Priest

Lyndon Gene Priest, 74, of Big Spring passed away Sunday, August 14, 2011.

Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at College Baptist Church. Graveside services, with Military Honors, will be at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, at the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Gene is survived by his wife, Dean Priest; two children, Kathy Daniels (Gordon), and Kenneth Priest; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and three brothers.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Medal of Honor recipient Charles Murray dies in SC

By Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Col. Charles Murray Jr., who received the Medal of Honor in World War II for single-handedly stopping an attack on U.S. troops by 200 Germans during World War II, has died.

Murray died from congestive heart failure Friday while taking a nap in his Columbia home. He was 89 and had a pacemaker implanted about six weeks earlier, said his son Brian Murray.

Col. Murray was part of the 3rd Infantry Division that fought through France and Germany during the last years of World War II. He received the highest military award given by the U.S. government for his actions as commander of a company in the mountains of far eastern France in December 1944.

Murray was ordered to lead his men to take over a bridge and build a roadblock. But as he descended into a valley, he found German troops had pinned down an American battalion on the crest of a ridge. The Germans were protected by a sunken road, and the only way to attack was from their flanks. Instead of committing his entire patrol, Murray decided to see what he could do on his own, according to the citation that accompanied his Medal of Honor.

Murray first ordered artillery strikes, but his radio went dead right after the first shells missed the German troops. Murray then started firing at the Germans, first with grenades, then with an automatic rifle, all while taking heavy fire. He killed 20, wounded many others and sent the enemy into such disarray that they withdrew.

Murray captured 10 Germans in a foxhole on his own. An 11th soldier appeared to be surrendering, but threw a grenade at Murray that sent shrapnel into his legs, causing eight separate wounds. Murray waited to go to a hospital until he positioned his men and selected the location for the roadblock. He returned to his unit four days later.

Along with the Medal of Honor, Murray also won three Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and the French Legion of Honor for valor. He went on to serve in wars in Korea and Vietnam before commanding the Old Guard, which protects the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Murray was born in Baltimore, raised in Wilmington, N.C., and was attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill when he enlisted in the Army in September 1942.

Murray was both humble and proud of his Medal of Honor. He made it to just about every ceremony and figured he met each living recipient going back to the Boxer Rebellion around 1900. Earlier this year, his son said he was excited to meet Salvatore Giunta, the first living soldier to receive the award since Vietnam. He gave Giunta some advice.

"Don't let them eat you up," Brian Murray recalled his dad saying. "You wear the medal, and people try to focus on that. But there is so much left in your life."

Col. Murray proved that in his own life. He worked in planning for the South Carolina Department of Corrections after retiring from the military and accepted hundreds of requests to talk to schools about his service, his son said.

Brian Murray said his dad didn't mind talking about the Medal of Honor, but always made sure credit was given to anyone who put on a uniform to protect his country.

"If you told him, look what you did, he would say, look what all of us did," Brian Murray said.

Visitation will be held starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Dunbar Funeral Home on Devine Street in Columbia. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church.

Brian Murray said members of the Old Guard are finalizing plans to be a part of Col. Murray's service. Organizers hope to use a horse-drawn caisson to take Murray's casket through several blocks of downtown Columbia, followed by the Old Guard and then by the Medal of Honor flag.

Col. Murray's son said the World War II hero will be buried at a special part of Arlington National Cemetery set aside for Medal of Honor recipients.

Jeffrey Ash, Broadway ad man and producer, dies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jeffrey Ash, a theatrical advertising executive who later became a successful producer for shows on Broadway, off-Broadway and in London's West End, has died. He was 65.

Publicist Shirley Herz said Monday that Ash died Aug. 8 at his home in Manhattan. Although no cause of death was immediately known, Ash had long suffered from an autoimmune disorder.

As an ad man, Ash helped represent such original Broadway shows as "A Little Night Music," "Pippin," "Pacific Overtures," "Annie," "Evita," "Glengarry Glen Ross," "Nine," "La Cage Aux Folles" and "M Butterfly."

As a producer, he found success with the off-Broadway hit "Other People's Money" in 1989. He went on to produce the 2002 Broadway revival of "The Crucible" and the revival of "Finian's Rainbow" in 2009, among many others.

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location.

Greg Schwartz, of X-Chem, said since establishing a location in Midland two years ago, the business has grown from two employees to 20. He anticipates continued growth and would like to be exempted from the local retail district because such a zone would prevent the business from expanding under their current structure.

"We've invested over $1 million in property," he said. "For us to be stagnant going forward is not a good option for us."

Commissioner Galen Gatten said he understood the request but thought it best to establish the local retail district as a base zone for the area. Anyone who wanted to make a change from there could then do so through a special request, he said.

"We would go down a bad path if whoever shows up gets carved out," he said.

Land owner Fletch Smith, who owns about 800 acres near FM 1788 and Highway 191, said he doesn't understand how the city can establish a retail zone without first extending utilities to the area. His land was not part of Monday's proposal but already has been given council's initial approval for transformation into a retail zone.

"You're putting the buggy before the horse," he said. "It's not going to allow anything to happen."

Smith said if the area is going to be retail, he understands. But without water and sewer lines, or at least a firm estimate of when those will be available, he doesn't foresee being able to sell his property for that type of use. Because it won't be zoned for other development, he said, he'll be stuck until utilities are provided.

"If they want to do LR2 (local retail), I want utilities so I can continue on with my project," he said.

Jim Nichols, assistant city manager, said the city is looking to have sewer and water lines extended along a portion of Highway 191 by December 2013.

Building Official Steve Thorpe said development also can happen without water lines. Individuals simply have to comply with international fire code requirements, which vary depending on the size and use of the building.

For some, Smith said, those requirements are cost prohibitive, which means development still will be stalled.

Jeff Sparks, city councilman for District 1, said he will consider allowing property owners who already are established to be exempt from the zoning proposal. If they are granted a planned district status, Sparks said the council still could ensure the exterior of the building meets certain standards.

"They've been out there way before we annexed them," he said. "If it's retail looking, I think it's fine."

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TREATMENT

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Lubbock, Parker said, before heading to Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth for a bone marrow extraction. He'll receive more chemo, then go back to Fort Worth for a stem cell transplant. The baby will be flown back and forth over the course of months to New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, which specialized in neuroblastoma, for antibody treatments.

"The cost is going to be overwhelming," Parker said. April Ward and her husband Celey Ward have four other children, the oldest at 17 years of age, and hope to keep the family together as much as possible throughout the treatments.

"April and Celey have insurance — we thank God for that," Parker said. "The insurance will fly Colton and his mother, but we're trying to keep the family together during all these treatments, and that's expensive."

Parker said he expected the treatments for the baby's care to cost more than $1 million before insurance. April Ward said she recently received a one-inch stack of claims from two or three visits to the Lubbock hospital, of which three pages totaled more than $40,000 before insurance. The time needed for travel and monitoring the baby has cut into April and Celey Ward's hours at work as well, leaving them struggling to make ends meet for basic necessities and monthly bills.

Parker and his wife will host a benefit concert for the Ward family at 8 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Ector Theatre in Odessa. Southern gospel and country artists David Newton and the Crosswinds Band, Jerry Dugan and Westwinds, Donny Hill and Colton Crotwell and Tina Mobley will perform. No tickets are required to attend, but an offering will be accepted during the show. The family is also accepting donations at Security Bank locations in Midland and Odessa through the "Colton Ward" account.

Though the family has been devastated to see the pain their child is going through, Parker said, the infant gives them faith through his strength.

"It's kind of a miracle because after he comes home from the chemo and after he gets over his initial sickness he's still a little, happy baby," Parker said. "He curls his feet in and laughs just like any baby."

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able to attend the event, but he said he knows it will continue to be successful.

Though he's retired, Davidson said his band is looking forward to playing together again.

It's something they always played and is very important to the members, he said.

"Our little event doesn't bring in the money that lots of bigger events do, but every little bit helps," Davidson said.

Meredith Moriak can be reached at

If you go

- **What:** Music Fest 2011: The Dottie Hill Memorial Cancer Benefit
- **Who:** Brandon Jenkins, Texas Renegade, The Tugboats and the Cody Hughes Davidson Band
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	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Stock Tip"	Seinf. "The Strike"	90210 "Nerdy Little Secrets"		Shedding "The Devil's in the Details"		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne	Roseanne	South Park	South Park
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	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. Hollisa Alewine	Update News	Rico Cortes	La Luz del Suroeste				NewBeginning	NewBeginning	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	It's Worth What? "Best Buds" (N)		America's Got Talent The judges bring back their favorite acts. (N)				News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(:35) LateNight	
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		History Detectives		Frontline "Law & Disorder"		POV "The Oath"			PBS Previews	News	Tavis Smiley
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	HBO3	304	70	16	102		(5:30)	★★ Illegal Tender		★★ Robin Hood ('10, Adv) Russell Crowe.					Treat.	★★ The Door in the Floor		
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	PLEX			96			(:20)	★ What to Do in Case of Fire?			(:10)	★ Micmacs ('09, Com) Dany Boon.				★★★ An Education		Movie
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	BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Millionaire		Flipping Out (N)		Housewives NJ		Flipping Out		Most Eligible Dallas	
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	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		John King, USA		Piers Morgan	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Dirty Jobs		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Money	Money	Auction	Auction	Money	Money
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Babysit.	Wizards	GoodLuck	Shake Up	★ Tinker Bell & the Lost Trea...		GoodLuck		Wizards	Babysit.	Wizards	Wizards
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	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars (N)		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Mavericks Insider	The Car Show (N)		Cowboys Camp (L)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)					
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	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	My Place	Property	Unsell.	HouseH	House	For Rent	Property	Property	Property
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Shot (N)		Top Shot		To Be Announced	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers "Laurel and Hardy"		American Pickers "Mike's Breakdown"		Picker Sisters	Picker Sisters	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Old Christine	Met Your Mother
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Sponge	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	'70s	'70s	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	RepoG	RepoG (N)	WaysD	WaysD
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00)	★ Moby Dick		★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest Johnny Depp.					★ The Land That Time Forgot			
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Fix-Up"	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Conan		Lopez Tonight Danny Trejo	
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00)	★ The Drown...		★★ A Kiss Before Dying Robert Wagner.				★ The Sound and the Fury Yul Brynner.			★ Rachel, Rachel	
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	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Collision"		Rizzoli & Isles "Rebel Without a Pause"		Memphis Beat "The Feud" (N)		HawthoRNe "A Shot in the Dark" (N)		Memphis Beat "The Feud"		HawthoRNe "A Shot in the Dark"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	All Family	All Family	MASH	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Divorced	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Bang"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Alien"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Storm"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Ripped"		NecessRough "Who's Team Are You On"		CSI: Crime Scene "Who & What"	
	VERSUS	38	39				Poker Heads Up		★★ Any Given Sunday ('99, Spt) Jamie Foxx, Al Pacino.						Yachting		★ Any Given Sund...	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park -- Houston, Texas (L)						News	Scrubs	South Park	South Park

Sharp wins approval as Texas A&M Chancellor

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — John Sharp, the former Texas comptroller who was student body president at Texas A&M in the early 1970s, is in line to head the entire 11-university A&M System.

Sharp, 61, won approval Monday from the A&M Board of Regents as the sole finalist to become A&M System chancellor.

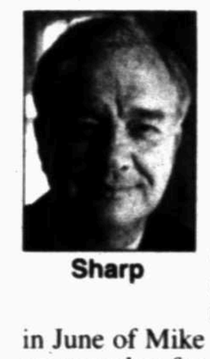
Under state law, the appointment becomes final in 21 days.

Sharp was a classmate of Gov. Rick Perry at A&M. Perry was yell leader. They both received bachelor's degrees from College Station in 1972.

In 1998, Republican Perry narrowly defeated Democrat Sharp in the election for lieutenant governor.

Years later, in 2006, they worked together as Sharp was chairman of the Perry-created Texas Tax Reform Commission that overhauled the state business taxes.

Sharp will succeed Jay Kimbrough, a former Perry chief of staff, who has been interim chancellor since the retirement in June of Mike McKinney, another former Perry chief of staff.


Sharp

"I'm quite certain that none of the successes I've had in my life would have been accomplished had I not gone to Texas A&M," Sharp said Monday.

Sharp, born in Placedo, also served in the Texas House from 1979 to 1983 and the Texas Senate from 1983 to 1987, when he was elected to Texas Railroad Commission. He was comptroller from 1991 to 1998.

"John's years of combined service to our state and to Texas A&M make him an ideal choice for this role," said Richard A. Box, chairman of the Board of Regents. "Throughout his career, he has remained dedicated to ensuring the A&M System's success, and as a board, we believe he can provide the steadfast commitment it will take to achieve our ongoing preeminence in teaching, research and service as one of the country's leading university systems."

After graduation, he spent four years in the Army reserves.

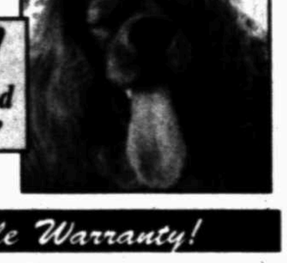
"John's lifelong commitment as a public servant is an exemplary reflection of the A&M System's mission of service," said Morris E. Foster, who led the chancellor selection committee. "During his many years in state government, he has become acutely aware of the many challenges that our universities, state agencies and health science center face, but he also understands the tremendous opportunity that lies within the A&M System."

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STATE BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON
City enacts mandatory water restrictions

Mayor Annise Parker has ordered mandatory water restrictions for Houston because of the drought.

Parker said Monday the city has implemented Stage 2 water conservation methods because of decreasing levels in Lake Houston, which helps provide the city's water supply.

The restrictions will mean residents can water their lawns no more than twice a week and homeowners would have to repair water leaks on their property within 72 hours.

Parker said residents will at first be warned of any violaions. But she says repeat offenders will be fined.

The city also will take various steps to help conserve water, including discontinuing the washing of city vehicles or equipment except for health or safety reasons.

GALVESTON
Burglar claiming to be vampire arrested

Galveston police say a 19-year-old man claiming to be a vampire is being held on $40,000 bond and awaiting a mental health examination after he broke into an apartment and attacked a woman.

Lyle Monroe Bensley, of Galveston, was charged with burglary with intent to commit assault. Police Capt. Jeff Heyse told the Houston Chronicle that Bensley made growling and hissing noises during the attack Saturday. She was able to break free and flee.

Police said Monday he didn't know her and didn't appear to be on drugs. Officers summoned to the apartment said they heard growling and shrieking sounds outside and saw Bensley. He was arrested after a brief chase. He told them he'd been alive 500 years and was a vampire.

SARITA
5 tons of marijuana seized in South Texas

More than five tons of marijuana wrapped in plastic and stacked on pallets have been seized from a truck loaded with broccoli at an inland South Texas checkpoint.

The Border Patrol says its agents discovered the contraband Saturday night at its Sarita checkpoint, about an hour north of the border on U.S. Highway 77, after a drug-detecting dog alerted them.

Border Patrol announced Monday that the 470 bundles of marijuana were worth about $8.2 million. The driver, who was not identified, was turned over with the drugs to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

KILLEEN
House fire victim, 81, identified

Police have found no sign of foul play in a Central Texas house fire that left an 81-year-old woman dead.

Killeen police have identified the victim as Edith Collins.



Houston Chronicle

HISD Superintendent Terry Grier hugs recent Lamar High School graduate, Thu-Mai Nguyen, 18, after Nguyen won a new Scion tC car during the inaugural HISD Foundation Cool to Be Smart Celebration at Delmar Fieldhouse on Sunday in Houston. The event recognized 2011 HISD graduates who enrolled in five or more college-level Advance Placement or International Baccalaureate courses and took corresponding exams.

HISD Foundation honors top students in Houston

By Naheeda Sayeeduddin
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Thu-Mai Nguyen begged her older brother to drive her to HISD's "Cool to Be Smart" celebration so she could spend a little time with her high school friends before they all went their separate ways for college.

But the 18-year-old won't need to ask for a lift anymore.

The recent Lamar High School graduate walked away with the top prize — a Toyota Scion — at Superintendent Terry Grier's event to reward students who took a full load of college-prep courses.

HISD Foundation's inaugural celebration recognized recent graduates who enrolled and tested in a minimum of five Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses. Of the more than 950 students who qualified, roughly 250 showed up to Sunday's event, where scholarships, laptops and the car were raffled.

An ecstatic Nguyen ran to the stage after her name was announced. Her plan had been to carpool with her brother to University of Houston this fall. "I have a car now, but my parents still need to let me drive it," said Nguyen, who lacks a driver's license.

> "We want more of our students taking rigorous courses. We want more of our kids getting into tier one universities."
> — TERRY GRIER
> Houston Independent School District superintendent

HISD officials hope this event will motivate incoming seniors.

"We want more of our students taking rigorous courses," Grier said. "We want more of our kids getting accepted into tier one universities."

The district increased teacher training and started footing the testing fee for students, moves that helped increase Advanced Placement participation more than 40 percent in 2010. Those who score high enough are awarded college course credit.

While students at the celebration said the prizes weren't their motivation for tackling the tougher classes, they were thrilled to have their efforts recognized.

Lamar High School graduate Stephanie Mills scored a Sony Vaio laptop.

"It will be really useful to have," said the 18-year-old who will be attending Tulane University this fall. "I'll be able to download a lot of programs that will help me make everything easier in school"

Esti Arriaga, the district's AP/IB school improvement officer, hopes the event encourages more students to participate by removing any negative stigma that advanced courses are for "students who are considered nerds or for students who are being considered uncool."

Arriaga said the celebration drew skepticism from some teens.

"We did a call out to get students to come and participate in the event and some folks sounded as if they didn't believe us," she said.

District officials said they plan to do a better job spreading the word about the event next year. They're also considering ways to throw the party before graduates start leaving for college.

"This (event) is going to make it very clear," Arriaga said. "We're serious about this and this is exactly how we want to recognize students that participate in these courses."

SISSOM
From 1B

It was a day none among us will soon forget.

But just a few days earlier...

A West Texas gentleman encountered a truck driver as the two were discussing the heat and drought.

"The Lord's showing us how it's going to be in hell," the trucker told Tommy Tims.

Now, Tommy, devout man that he is, had this to say:

"No West Texan is goin' to hell."

So as he chuckled, I asked how he figured that to be so. "Because we all prayed for rain and got it."

After 319 days, we can all agree it didn't get here a moment too soon.

Shanna Sissom can be reached at ssissom@mrt.com.

Texas exoneree suing to receive full compensation

By Danny Robbins
Associated Press

DALLAS — One of Texas' best-known wrongly convicted men sued the state comptroller Monday claiming he's unjustly been denied full compensation for the time he spent in prison.

Johnnie Lindsey, 59, filed papers with the Texas Supreme Court contending that Comptroller Susan Combs has failed to pay him what he's due under the Tim Cole Act, the 2009 state law that provides exonerees with $80,000 for each year of incarceration.

The Dallas man spent nearly 26 years in prison on an aggravated sexual assault charge before the conviction was thrown out in 2008 after DNA testing of a rape kit excluded him as a suspect. His case was later featured on the Discovery Channel series "Dallas DNA."

According to Lindsey's lawsuit, the comptroller has denied him eight years' worth of payments on the grounds that he was serving a concurrent sentence for a guilty plea to attempted rape in an unrelated case. However, Lindsey contends he should be paid for at least four of those years, or $320,000, because he would have been released halfway through the sentence for good behavior if not for the wrongful conviction.

"All I'm asking for is what the law says I should get," Lindsey said in an interview. "I think the comptroller is being a little bit hard-nosed with me. Why, I don't know."

Lindsey, who already has been authorized to receive $1.4 million, said getting the additional money is important because he was diagnosed with colon cancer while in prison and currently has no health insurance.

"If it flares up again, I'm broke," he said of his illness.

In a written statement, the comptroller said the law doesn't allow for compensation when the prison time stems from a concurrent sentence.

Mensa to hold membership test

From staff reports

Permian Basin Mensa is offering a membership test Aug. 20 near San Angelo for prospective new members.

The test will be at the Eola Schoolhouse Restaurant, Brewery and Lodge at 3 p.m. Aug. 20. The fee is $40.

The local Mensa group hosts a variety of activities each month, including special guest speakers. Also, members may attend national and international events.

Mensa is open to anyone who scores in the top 2 percent on a supervised, standardized intelligence test. For more information on the test and Mensa, visit www.us.mensa.org.

FELONY ARRESTS
FROM STAFF REPORTS

Nathaniel C. Paul, 24, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland police on a charge of intoxicated assault with a motor vhecile.

Ricky D. Wilson, 45, of Midland, was arrested Sunday by Midland County deputies on a charge of evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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STATE BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Man charged with trafficking Texas teens for sex

SANTA ANA — Federal prosecutors say a Southern California man has been charged with bringing three teenage girls from Texas to Orange County to work as prostitutes.

U.S. attorney's office spokesman Thom Mrozek says 26-year-old Samuel Martinez Gonzalez appeared in federal court in Santa Ana Monday after his arrest and the rescue of the girls, ages 15 and 16, Friday night. He was charged with one count of transporting minors with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity.

Authorities said they started searching for the girls after a relative contacted the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Authorities say one teen told investigators that Martinez took them shopping for dresses and heels for their so-called "job."

DENTON

University of North Texas gets $22 million pledge

The University of North Texas has received the largest gift in its history with a $22 million pledge from a former student from Thailand.

The Denton school said Monday the gift from Charn Uswochoke is intended for professorships, academic chairs, scholarships and programs for the school's music, engineering and business colleges.

Uswochoke received his graduate business degree from North Texas in 1973, went into the semiconductor business and now is a land developer in his native Thailand. He said he wanted to help the next generation have a better education "so that we all can have a better world."

School Provost Warren Burggren said some of the gift is expected to be boosted by qualifying for matching funds under the state's program to help emerging research universities.

FORT WORTH

Haggard feels ill, cancels performance

A spokeswoman says country star Merle Haggard has left a North Texas hospital after not feeling well and canceling a show.

Tresa Redburn said Monday that the 74-year-old entertainer is being driven, on his tour bus, to his home in the Redding, Calif., area. She said Haggard will be checked by his own doctors.

New Mexico Gov. Martinez sets special session

By Barry Massey
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Gov. Susana Martinez announced on Monday she's calling the Legislature back to work in a special session starting Sept. 6.

The Republican governor's announcement of the date for the session puts an end to speculation on when lawmakers will return to the Capitol to deal with the politically thorny task of redistricting and a host of issues Martinez wants the Legislature to consider, including a package to finance capital improvement projects in the state.

The Legislative Council, a leadership group, had recommended a Sept. 12 session start date.

Scott Darnell, a spokesman for Martinez, said the governor is working with Democrats and Republicans to try to reach a consensus on as many issues as possible before the session.

"She is hopeful that she will be able to work together with legislators to draw fair and competitive electoral districts and pass legislation that will help to create jobs, keep New Mexicans safe and provide for those most in need," Darnell said in a statement.

Besides redistricting, the agenda for the session will include the governor's proposal to stop the state from issuing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. The driver's license measure failed during the 60-day legislative session earlier this year.

It's up to the governor to set the agenda of a special session, which likely will cost between $40,000 and $50,000 a day. Historically, special sessions are paid for out of the Legislature's cash balances, which are about $2.3 million, according to the Legislative Council Service.

Among the proposals that Martinez wants lawmakers to consider are ones to:

■ Allow local governments and the state to ban all fireworks during extreme drought conditions. Currently, cities and counties can ban the sale and use only of certain fireworks: firecrackers and aerial fireworks, such as bottle rockets.

■ Shore up the finances of the fund that pays for unemployment benefits to jobless New Mexicans. The governor vetoed a $128 million tax increase on businesses that the Legislature approved to ensure the solvency of the unemployment trust fund. A group of Democratic lawmakers challenged the vetoed in court but the state Supreme Court has put the case on hold to see if the Democratic-controlled Legislature and governor can resolve the issue during the special session.

■ Allocate money for a state program that supplements federal food stamp benefits for low-income elderly and disabled New Mexicans. The governor has earmarked federal stimulus funds to keep the program going through September.

■ Revamp a preference given to in-state businesses for bidding on government contracts and clarify provisions of a tax credit given to businesses that create high-wage jobs.

■ Finance capital improvements statewide. A $240 million capital outlay package died in this year's Legislature.

During redistricting, lawmakers will draw new boundaries for legislative, congressional and other elective office districts to adjust their populations for changes during the past decade.

Ten years ago, a redistricting special session lasted 17 days.



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2 people sent to hospital after crash

A two-vehicle accident Monday at the intersection of Midkiff Road and Northfield Drive sent both drivers to the hospital with minor injuries.

Audit finds improper use of fresco project money

By Barry Massey
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A foundation for the National Hispanic Cultural Center improperly spent nearly $147,000 the state of New Mexico provided for a fresco project at the center in Albuquerque, according to an audit released Monday.

Gov. Susana Martinez's administration released the audit and said the foundation is returning the money. The state will then oversee use of the money for its original purpose — capital improvements to the cultural center's entrance tower, which houses the 4,000-square-foot fresco. The money must be spent by the end of the budget year in June 2012.

The fresco depicts 3,000 years of Hispanic history from Europe to the American Southwest.

At issue was $285,000 approved by the Legislature in 2008. Some of the money went for administrative costs as well as production of a videotape about the fresco. Auditors concluded those expenses were not proper because the Legislature had allocated money for construction of capital improvements.

After questions were raised about the expenditures, the foundation earlier this year returned an unspent balance of about $138,000.

Auditors said the $285,000 was supposed to go for lighting and roofing upgrades as well as heating and cooling system improvements to the torreon, or the round tower that greets visitors to the cultural center.

Astorga goes to Supreme Court over sentencing

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A defense attorney is asking the state's highest court to allow him to present evidence about New Mexico's repeal of the death penalty when jurors consider the sentencing of an Albuquerque man for the murder of a Bernalillo County sheriff's deputy.

A jury meets next month to decide whether to impose the death penalty on Michael Astorga for the 2006 killing of Deputy James McGrane Jr.

Astorga's lawyer said the repeal of the death penalty in 2009 should be a mitigating factor the jury considers in deciding whether to sentence Astorga to death or life in prison.

Defense lawyer Gary Mitchell filed his request Monday with the Supreme Court. He also wants to present evidence to try to show the sentencing jury that Astorga is innocent of McGrane's murder.

Dallas firefighter dies after fall through roof

Associated Press

DALLAS — A veteran Dallas firefighter has died after falling through the roof of a burning structure.

Dallas Fire-Rescue has identified the victim as 41-year-old Lt. Todd Krodle.

Authorities said Krodle, who'd been with the department since September 1993, fell Sunday afternoon while fighting an apartment complex blaze. He was pronounced dead at a Dallas hospital.

Investigators said no residents were hurt in the fire, which was blamed on an electrical malfunction in a first-floor unit of the two-story complex.

Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said Krodle was a brave man who died doing the dangerous job he loved.

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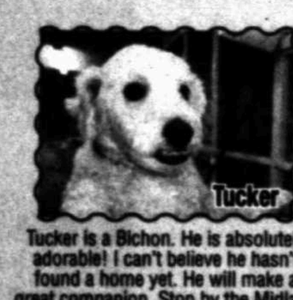


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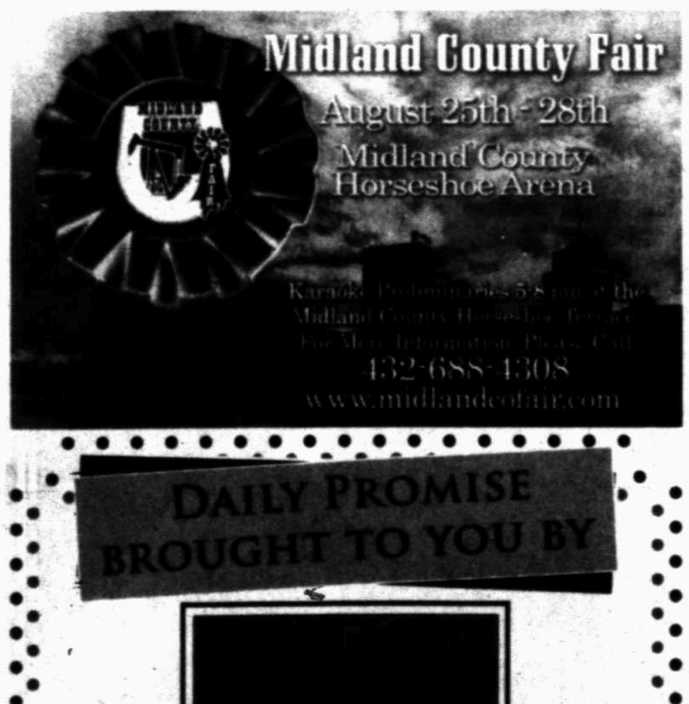


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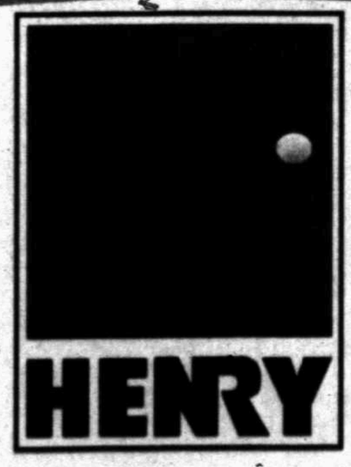


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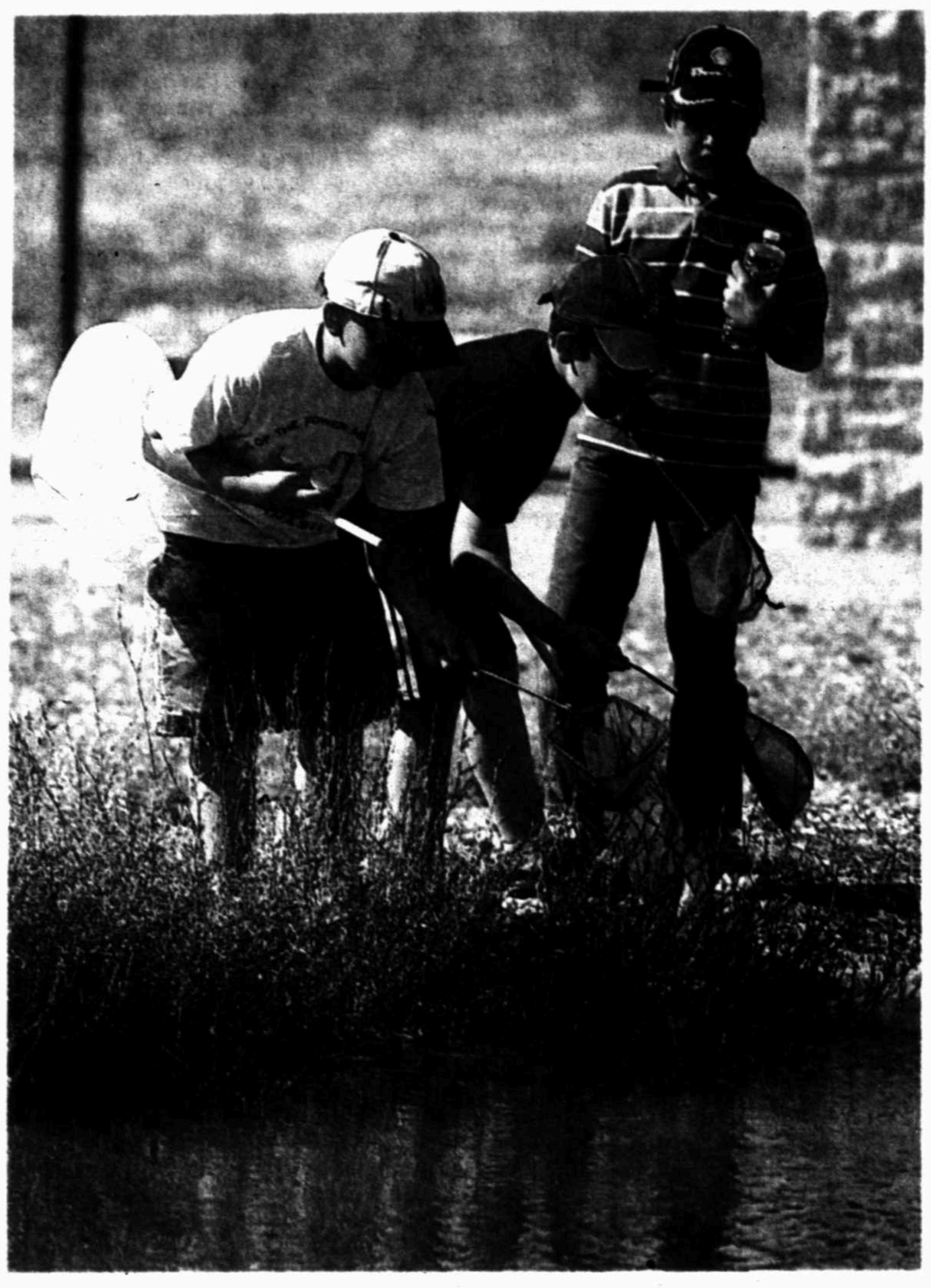
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Camp time





Sibley bug camp

Kids hunt for creepy, crawly things at nature center







TOP LEFT: Ryker King, from left, William Hoak and Max Hilgraf, all 9, try to capture insects they will identify at Sibley Nature Center's Summer Camp. TOP RIGHT: Anna Vark, 10, examines some of the insects she found and collected recently. CENTER: Jet Franks takes a swipe with his net trying to collect insects. ABOVE: Carson Payne, 10, looks for insects. RIGHT: Cameron Payne, 11, looks in his net for any insects he may have caught. At the four-day camps offered throughout the summer, kids roamed Sibley's 49 acres looked for bugs, listened to presentations on insect behavior and physiology and learned techniques for creating an insect collection.

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Sports

Aggies move two steps closer to SEC

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M on Monday moved two big steps closer toward bolting the Big 12 and joining the Southeastern Conference. One step took place in Aggieland, the other in Austin.

In College Station, A&M regents unanimously approved A&M president R. Bowen Loftin taking any actions necessary concerning "conference alignment." In Austin, State Rep. Dan Branch postponed indefinitely a planned hearing for the House Higher Education Committee on conference realignment scheduled at the Capitol for today, citing "no immediate need" for the meeting.

An A&M insider on Monday dubbed the action of Branch, whom the insider said had been inundated with phone calls from Aggies, a "good thing" for proponents of A&M switching allegiances to the SEC, perhaps as soon as next year. Following the regents meeting, Loftin held a press conference in the board room on Gene Stallings Boulevard.

"I'm an Aggie, and Aggies aren't always patient," Loftin said. "But we're looking at anything we might do as a very long-term prospect. It's a 100-year kind of decision."

On Sunday, the SEC presidents announced their league intends to stick with 12 universities — for now. An A&M official said that marked the first official step in the Aggies' shift to the SEC, as the two sides clearly established a timeline of events for legal reasons. On Monday as part of that process — in establishing that A&M contacted the SEC first — Loftin said that he had "reached out to (SEC) commissioner (Mike) Slive by telephone" on July 21st, following a regents meeting.

"We began a conversation we've had off and on now for the last few weeks," said Loftin, who added that he and Slive are longtime friends.

Loftin said that he has only had discussions with the SEC, and that there is no timetable for a potential move to that league.

"A number of issues are out there," Loftin said. "It's not so much what's wrong with the Big 12, it's what's right

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More stability



Tom Reel/AP

Marcus Spears, seen here rousing the crowd during a Jan. 9, 2010 playoff game against the Philadelphia Eagles, was prepped for the possibility of leaving the Cowboys but has found more stability.

Spears, once prepped to leave, now solid with Dallas

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Marcus Spears was prepared to accept the real possibility that he might have played his last game for the Dallas Cowboys.

Spears missed the second half of last season because of a calf injury. Plus, the Cowboys had salary cap issues and were hoping to retain Stephen Bowen, the defensive end who had replaced Spears in the starting lineup after he got hurt.

But Spears got to stay, suddenly getting a new five-year contract from the Cowboys only after Bowen took a five-year deal from Washington. That came once the NFL lockout was settled just in time for training camp to start.

"I might not have been the first guy they wanted to bring back, but it worked out that way," Spears said. "The day I agreed to terms, everybody was excited about it and we just moved on. I understand that it's a business aspect to this. And then it's this part, it's football."

During training camp Monday at Cowboys Stadium, the defensive front seven was going through some alignment drills with new coordinator Rob Ryan at one end of the field. Lined up to the right of Spears was linebacker DeMarcus Ware, the 11th overall pick by the Cowboys in 2005, nine spots before they got Spears out of LSU in the same draft.

Dallas switched Ware from defensive end to linebacker in their 3-4 defense. He has since developed into one of the NFL's top defensive players, a five-time Pro Bowler.

While Spears has been a solid starter at end throughout his career, his primary job often is to occupy offensive linemen so linebackers can make plays. That means he doesn't pile up a bunch of big stats.

"I appreciate it, he's one of the best at what he does and he just gets after it," linebacker Bradie James said. "Spears, he's great. He's great in the locker room, he's a great person and taking those blockers. Taking two guys is tough, but he does it, and he does it with grace and style."

There were questions last season about whether Spears was still part of the Cowboys' long-term plans. Consider that backup ends Bowen and Jason Hatcher were both paid more after Spears, then a restricted free agent, accepted a tender offer at an "original draft choice" rate of $1.2 million last year.

"From the way it happened, there was some doubt," Spears said. "I got injured, didn't play eight games, and you know it was made a point that they wanted Bowen to come back. ... I went by what I was getting from them, and I got a phone call and said they wanted me back and I was happy to be back."

Now Spears has some stability with his new contract and is still starting.

Coach Jason Garrett said the 6-foot-4, 311-pound Spears understands how to use leverage and his hands in the run game, and gets a push in the pocket as a pass rusher to get in the backfield.

"He is a strong guy. He loves to play. He's very passionate about it," Garrett said Monday. "He's a great teammate to a lot of these guys, which is something we think is a positive thing."

Because of the salary cap issues, Gar-

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Ogbonnaya shines as Texans beat N.Y. Jets

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chris Ogbonnaya caught a touchdown pass from Matt Leinart and ran for the winning score in the fourth quarter of the Texans' 20-16 win over the New York Jets on Monday night.

The regular starters for both sides only played the first quarter.

Mark Sanchez looked sharp, completing 6 of 7 passes, two to Santonio Holmes. Sanchez's usual backup, Mark Brunell, who did not play because of a finger injury, leaving the rest of the game to seventh-round draft pick Greg McElroy, the former Alabama star.

Texans	20
Jets	16

Matt Schaub, meanwhile, looked shaky for the Texans. He went 2 for 5 for 20 yards and was sacked once before Leinart replaced him.

Ogbonnaya accounted for 104 total yards — 37 on the ground and 67 receiving. He was just about the last running back standing for Houston after Derrick Ward left in the first half with a head injury. Arian Foster, the 2010 NFL rushing champ, and backups Steve Slaton and Ben Tate were sidelined with hamstring injuries.

Houston trailed 16-13 in the final quarter when Derrick Townsel returned a punt to the New York 37. Two plays later, rookie T.J. Yates completed a 28-yard pass to rookie Lestar Jean to the 1. Ogbonnaya dived into the end zone on the first play following the 2-minute warning.

The Jets had a chance to win it in the final minute, but undrafted free agent Michael Campbell dropped a 32-yard pass from McElroy in the end zone.

Houston's defense, learning a 3-4 scheme under new coordinator Wade Phillips, produced seven sacks. But McElroy, a seventh-round draft pick, still found gaps and completed 23 of 39 passes for 208 yards and a touchdown.

Matt Leinart, who turned down offers from other teams to return to Houston and

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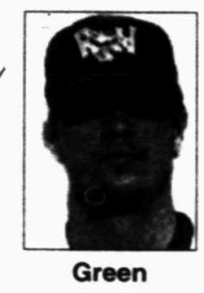
Houston Texans running back Chris Ogbonnaya crosses the goal line for a touchdown Monday during the second quarter of an preseason game against the New York Jets in Houston.

Green propels RockHounds past Naturals

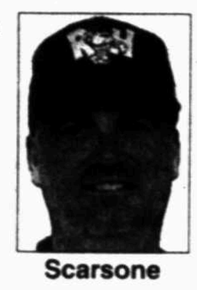
By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Grant Green had no idea he'd been named Texas League Player of the Week Monday, but that didn't stop him from playing like it as the center fielder had a part in three of his team's four runs in the Midland RockHounds' 4-2 win against the Northwest Arkansas Naturals.

"For a guy that made a position change and could've easily let that distract him," RockHounds manager Steve Scarsone said, "he was able to continue to, if anything, step up his offensive game and not let that position change overwhelm him."



Green



Scarsone

'Hounds	4
Naturals	2

Green, who moved over to center from shortstop in July, continued his hot hitting of late, extending a 14-game hitting streak while going 3-for-4 with an RBI and two runs to help Midland keep pace with the first-place San Antonio Missions, who it trails by three games in the Texas League South.

"I'm seeing the ball well right now," Green said. "So, I'm just trying to keep it going."

Scarsone said Sunday that he wanted to see his team get out to a faster start in its next game, and Midland did just that Monday, leading off the first with a walk and a Green single before Stephen Parker hit into an RBI groundout to open the scoring.

Two pitches later, Michael Spina lined one to left to score Green and put the RockHounds up 2-0 in the opening frame.

"We were aggressive," Scarsone said. "I thought we did some good things."

Midland, though, would see the lead it worked so hard to build evaporate in frustrating fashion.

Jamie Romak led off the top of the second with a flare to the right of the mound that Gary Daley went airborne to nab but wasn't able to control for the diving catch.

Romak advanced to second on a wild pitch, then third on a groundout

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Russ Hamilton Sr./AP

Marcos Ambrose, left, celebrates a win Monday with a crew member in Victory Lane after a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Watkins Glen International in Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Ambrose wins at Watkins Glen

By John Kekis
Associated Press

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Marcos Ambrose missed his daughter's first day of school. She probably won't mind.

The snakebitten Ambrose, deprived more than once of a NASCAR victory, beat Brad Keselowski and Kyle Busch on a two-lap dash to the checkered flag Monday to win the rain-delayed Sprint Cup race at Watkins Glen International.

It was his first victory in 105 starts in NASCAR's top series and atoned for a slip-up a year ago on the road course at Sonoma, when he stalled his car under caution while leading with six laps to go and finished sixth.

"I've tried for 2 1/2 years," Ambrose said. "We're going to onward and upward from here. It's a proud day."

Ambrose has won all three Nationwide races he's entered at Watkins Glen, and in three Cup starts here, he's notched one second and two thirds, including an impressive drive from last to third in 2008.

Finally pulling into Victory Lane was a feeling like no other.

"This is almost surreal," the affable Australian said in his No. 9 Ford for Richard Petty Motorsports after crossing the finish line.

Ambrose signed a multiyear deal with struggling RPM a year ago to drive the No. 9 this season. That

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HOUNDS

From 1C

before Nick Francis drove him in on a sacrifice fly that made it 2-1.

Then in the third, with two men down, Christian Colon dropped a beautiful bunt to reach first, then advanced to third when Daley's pickoff attempt got away from Spina for a two-base throwing error.

On the very next pitch, Jeff Bianchi ripped one up the middle to score Colon and tie the game at two.

Yet that was the last run Daley gave up as he gave the RockHounds 6 2/3 solid innings, allowing just five hits and one earned run.

"Seem's like he had a lot of movement on his pitches and was getting behind in counts but was bearing down and making pitches when he needed," Scarsone said.

Midland responded in the next inning when Spina sent a laser to left that allowed Parker to score from first and put Midland up 3-2.

The inning, though, ended in disappointment as the RockHounds left the bases loaded on a Ryan Ortiz strikeout.

Midland missed another golden opportunity in the fifth when Adam Heether hit into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded.

The RockHounds finally got one across in the seventh when Green turned on an 0-1 pitch from Buddy Baumann and blasted it into the left field bullpen for a solo home run and a 4-2 lead.

"That was a big solo shot," Scarsone said. "He gave us that extra-run lead — obviously a big difference between a run and a two-run game going to the ninth."

That was all the run-support Midland needed, though, as Jonathan Ortiz, who Scarsone said was key, combined with Jared Lansford to keep the Naturals off the board the rest of the game.

The RockHounds now begin a six-game road swing before returning home for the final homestand of the season Aug. 23.

And Green said his team has as good a chance as any to make the playoff if it continues to play the way it did Monday.

"As long as we can keep the momentum going, hopefully, we'll be able to carry it on in the next roadstand, homestand, and then after that we've got San Antonio for four," Green said. "If we have the momentum for that, you can probably pretty much flip a coin on who's going to win the second half."

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'HOUND BITES: RockHounds first baseman Michael Spina started Monday 3-for-3 with two RBI after enduring an 0-10 stretch coming into the game. ... RockHounds shortstop Wes Timmons had a nice defensive paly in the fourth when Nick Francis hit a chopper right toward him. Timmons, staring right into the setting sun, backpedaled, fielded the ball, then, still backpedaling, whipped it to second to turn the 6-4-3 double play and end the inning. Timmons turned a second 6-4-3 double play in the very next inning. ... Midland remains three games behind first-place San Antonio in the Texas League South after the Missions snapped a three-game losing streak against the Arkansas Travelers Tuesday. The RockHounds need to win the Texas League South to make the playoffs.

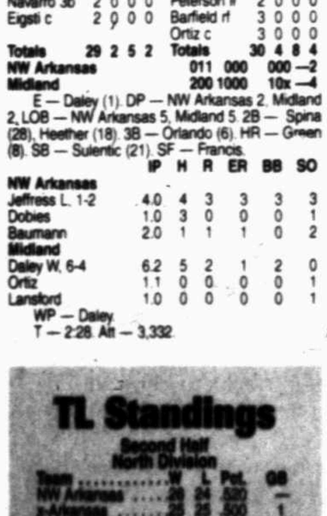
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MONDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

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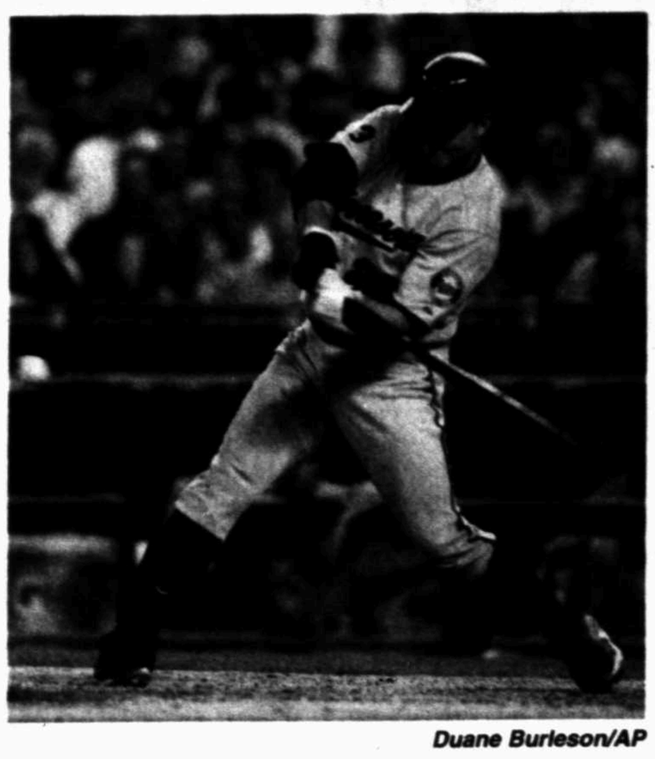
American League

TWINS 6, TIGERS 5: At Detroit, Jim Thome hit his 600th career home run an inning after he hit No. 599 to help the Minnesota Twins outslug the Detroit Tigers 9-6 on Monday night.

Thome became the eighth major league player to reach 600, hitting a three-run shot off Daniel Schlereth in the seventh inning to give Minnesota a 9-5 lead. An inning earlier, Thome reached 599 with a two-run homer off Rick Porcello (11-8) that broke a 3-all tie.

YANKEES 7, ROYALS 4: At Kansas City, Mo., Derek Jeter drove in three runs, including two with a go-ahead triple in the sixth, and struggling A.J. Burnett finally won a game in August for New York.

Burnett (9-9) scattered 10 singles and a walk over 5 2-3 innings, but they only resulted in three runs. The right-hander had been winless in 13 starts in August since signing a five-year, $82.5 million deal with New York, going 0-8 with a 7.18 ERA.



Duane Burleson/AP

Minnesota's Jim Thome swings for his 600th career home run Monday during the seventh inning against the Detroit Tigers in Detroit. Thome's home run was a three-run shot.

National League

CUBS 4, ASTROS 3: At Houston, Geovany Soto had three hits and two RBIs and Kerry Wood earned his first save in over a year as the Chicago Cubs won for the 12th time in 15 games with a 4-3 win over the Houston Astros Monday night.

Rodrigo Lopez (4-3) pitched an effective 5 1-3 innings, allowing two earned runs and the bullpen held on for Chicago. Wood's last save came on June 29, 2010 against Toronto while he was with Cleveland, but he had his club record tying streak of eight straight strikeouts dating back to Aug. 5 broken by Jason Michaels, who flew out to begin the ninth. Wood struck out the last two batters.

BRAVES 5, GIANTS 4: At Atlanta, Freddie Freeman capped a three-run rally against San Francisco closer Brian Wilson in the ninth with a two-run single to lift the Atlanta Braves to a 5-4 win over the Giants on Monday night.

Wilson (6-4) couldn't hold a 4-2 lead. He gave up three hits and two walks in the ninth for his fifth blown save in 40 chances.

PIRATES 6, CARDINALS 2: At Pittsburgh, Ryan Doumit went 4 for 4 and hit a tiebreaking three-run home run to lift the Pirates to a victory over the Cardinals.

BREWERS 3, DODGERS 0: At Milwaukee, Randy Wolf tossed eight effective innings and the Brewers turned a triple play as part of a superb defensive effort in a victory over the Dodgers.

MLB postpones vote to approve sale of Astros

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball postponed a vote to approve the proposed sale of the Houston Astros from Drayton McLane to Jim Crane.

The $680 million agreement was reached May 16, and baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said at the All-Star game last month that the sale was on track for approval. McLane said Monday that the settlement of a discrimination suit a decade ago against Crane's former company was not an issue.

"The standard due diligence that must be completed before any transaction of this magnitude can close remains ongoing," the commissioner's office said in a statement. "Because that procedure is continuing, it is not expected that the proposed sale of the Astros will go to the approval process at this week's owners meetings. Major League Baseball will continue to work as expeditiously as possible to complete the process."

McLane and Crane had anticipated a vote when owners meet Thursday in Cooperstown.

"He was certainly disappointed," McLane said after speaking with Crane. "If you could just see the form you have to fill out on every investor, and then they have an investigative group, and they follow up on all of that. Jim knows the complexity. He was anxious. We had hoped to get this thing completed a week from today. It will most likely get done in two weeks."

Houston's proposed sale price trails only the $845 million purchase of the Chicago Cubs by the Ricketts family two years ago. The $660 million sale of the Boston Red Sox in 2002 currently is second.

Like the Astros' deal, the transactions involving the Cubs and Red Sox included related entities.

"The Jim Crane group is a large group, and the commissioner called today and said for a number of reasons, they have not been able to complete all of the work, both with the financial and the investigation, and it should take no more than 10 days to two weeks to get that completed," McLane said. "The financing is good. I think the investigation of the individuals, they are some of the most outstanding people in Houston. I see no issue, whatsoever."

In October 2001, Crane's former company, Eagle Global Logistics, agreed to a $9 million settlement of a lawsuit — by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which alleged race, sex and age discrimination against employees and job applicants. It included $8.5 million in back pay and damages and a $500,000 fund to train women and minorities for leadership jobs at the company.

"The EEOC issue, I think that's all been investigated, talked about," McLane said. "That was 11 years ago, and a fair settlement with the Department of Justice was reached. They moved on on that issue. I think that's not an issue that's involved at all."

With the postponement of the vote, no major actions are expected at the owners' meeting.

Bankrupt Rangers entity sues former team owner

DALLAS (AP) — The bankrupt entity of the Texas Rangers is suing the baseball team's former owner, Tom Hicks, seeking recovery of "tens of millions of dollars" generated from parking lots he still controls at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington and nearby Cowboys Stadium.

According to the suit filed Monday in state court in Dallas, attorneys for the Rangers partnership under bankruptcy administrator Alan Jacobs say Hicks ignored team obligations and bought land for lots and roads and "build a real estate empire on the backs of the Texas Rangers' players and creditors and fans." The suit alleges the Rangers were left insolvent "without sufficient money to field a competitive baseball team."

The team emerged from bankruptcy last year with new ownership.

Lisa LeMaster, a spokeswoman for Hicks' company, called the allegations "absolutely untrue."

Fan who died from fall at ballpark to get statue

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers fan killed last month when he fell from the stands at Rangers Ballpark while reaching for a ball will be honored with a bronze statue at the stadium.

The Rangers announced Monday that the statue will depict Brownwood firefighter Shannon Stone and his 6-year-old son Cooper at a Rangers game. The statue likely will be in place for next season outside the park's home plate gate.

Rangers CEO and President Nolan Ryan said it's a fitting tribute to honor Stone, who fell as he reached for a foul ball tossed his way by Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton.

Stone's wife, Jenny, said her family was "touched and grateful" and hoped the sculpture would be a reminder of "the importance of a family's love — love of each other, love of spending time together, and love of the game."

Cole, Pirates agree at $8 million just before deadline

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — UCLA pitcher Gerrit Cole and the Pittsburgh Pirates have agreed to a minor league contract with an $8 million signing bonus.

Cole had been among 23 first-round draft picks facing a midnight deadline to reach agreements with major league teams.

Scott Boras, Cole's agent, also negotiated a $7.5 million signing bonus for high school outfielder Bubba Starling with the Kansas City Royals, and a $7.4 million, four-year major league contract for Rice third baseman Anthony Rendon with the Washington Nationals. Starling was the fifth overall pick and Rendon sixth.



Cole

Boris Said goes off on Biffle after Watkins Glen

By John Kekis
Associated Press

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Boris Said touched off a wild crash that ended the Sprint Cup road race at Watkins Glen International. He was looking to wreak some more havoc off the track afterward.

Greg Biffle, who finished 31st, confronted Said in the pits afterward and gave him a couple of quick hits while Said was still in his car.

"He wouldn't even let me get out of the car. He comes over and throws a few little baby punches and then when I get out, he runs away and hides behind some big guys," Said said. "He is the most unprofesional little scaredy-cat I've ever seen in my life. He wouldn't even fight me like a man after. He needs a whooping, and I'm going to give it to him. He won't hide from me long. I'll find him.

"I won't settle it on the track ... but he'll show up at a race with a black eye one of these days."

Biffle finished a lap down and well behind Said. Said relayed a message to Biffle's spotter that he wanted to meet Biffle after the race.

"I think Biffle has had a problem with Boris from a previous race, so leading into this race they already had some aggression toward each other," said Nick Harrison, crew chief for Said's No. 51 Chevy. "Early in the race, Biffle had run out of gas and was multiple laps down and was racing Boris."

The rain-delayed race won by Marcos Ambrose ended with a violent crash entering the second turn. Said appeared to touch the back of David Ragan's No. 6 Ford, and Ragan slammed David Reutimann's 00 Toyota, which then caromed off one guardrail, flipped, and slid back across the track upside down while Ragan slammed head-on into the barrier.

Biffle used his Twitter page to respond to Said's remarks.

"Boris, the roadcourse ringer' caused that wreck," he posted on his page, later adding. "There Mr. Class pulls in behind my truck after the race today?! Shouldn't you go check on David & David? How unprofesional & disrespectful!"

Ragan said the accident was typical considering the mad dash that develops in the closing laps of most races.

"It's just a product of close-quarters racing at the end," said Ragan, who had rallied nicely after running out of fuel early in the race and was ready to move on. "I felt like I had Boris clear, and I think he got a little better run than we did and just hooked us. He certainly could have given a little more of a break and we all could have gotten through there. But he was aggressive. We were all aggressive."

Both were treated at the track and released.

"Something flew in there and got hold of my shin and ate it up a little bit," Reutimann said. "Just not a very good day for us, but that's just how it goes."

Said, a road racer who doesn't have a regular Cup ride, was competing in only his second race this season. He finished 22nd, one spot ahead of Ragan.

Notebook

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capped a tumultuous summer in which he opted to leave the No. 47 at JTG Daugherty Racing at the end of 2010 with one year left on his contract, even though he knew he was taking a big risk in difficult economic times.

"There were days, weeks when I was anxious," Ambrose said. "There were times I was sitting around the boardroom table and there was nobody else there. But you've got to roll the dice sometimes."

It was Ford's first victory on a road course since Geoff Bodine won here in 1996 and the 15th different winner in Cup races this year.

Busch, trying to win a second time from the pole at Watkins Glen, led the field to the green flag for the final two laps. But Keselowski, racing with a broken left ankle and trying for his second straight win and third of the season, dove from third to the lead entering the first turn with Ambrose also streaking past Busch.

"Those guys didn't care to give me any room," said Busch, who finished second to brother Kurt here in Saturday's Nationwide race. "There's only one corner you've got to make, and as soon as you make it through that corner and can keep everybody behind, it's smooth sailing from there."

Ambrose then closed on Keselowski in the chicane after zooming through the high-speed esses and passed him for the lead before the final lap.

"I wanted to win," said Keselowski, who has the first wild card for the Chase and moved up four spots in the standings to 14th. "We had a shot at it, and that's all you can ask as a driver."

Busch finished third, and Martin Truex Jr. and Joey Logano rounded out the top five.

Kevin Harvick was sixth, followed by defending race winner Juan Pablo Montoya, AJ Allmendinger, Jeff Burton and Jimmie Johnson.

Kurt Busch, who won at Sonoma in June, crashed early and finished 38th. He wasn't alone: Denny Hamlin, who entered the day 11th in points, also crashed and finished 36th; five-time Watkins Glen winner Tony Stewart, who ran up front all race, was taken out on the final lap in the chicane and finished 27th; and Paul Menard, also in the hunt for a spot in the Chase, brought out the race-changing caution when he crashed on the 86th lap and finished 32nd.

The top 10 drivers in the standings and the two drivers with the most victories in 11th to 20th place earn spots for the 10-race Chase.

Keselowski never got the chance to challenge for the win on the final lap. The race ended with a caution as David Reutimann and David Ragan crashed violently entering the second turn, with Ragan slamming head-on into the guard rail and Reutimann's car bouncing hard off the barrier and sliding upside down across the track.





NFL Preseason

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	28	23
New England	1	0	0	1.000	47	12
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	16	20
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	3	10

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	14	3
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	10	33
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	12	47

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	6	13
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	3	34
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	16

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	1	0	.000	23	24
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	0	25
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	18	24
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	17	24

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	13	6
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	16	7
N.Y Giants	0	1	0	.000	10	20

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	20	10
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	3
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	25	0
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	23	28

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	10	3
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	34	3
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	3	14

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	24	18
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	33	10
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	3	24

Thursday's Scores
Philadelphia 13, Baltimore 6
New England 47, Jacksonville 12
Seattle 24, San Diego 17
Dallas 24, Denver 23
Arizona 24, Oakland 18

Friday's Scores
Detroit 34, Cincinnati 3
Miami 28, Atlanta 23
Washington 16, Pittsburgh 7
Tampa Bay 25, Kansas City 0
New Orleans 24, San Francisco 3

Saturday's Scores
Cleveland 27, Green Bay 17
Chicago 10, Buffalo 3
Tennessee 14, Minnesota 3
St. Louis 33, Indianapolis 10
Carolina 20, N.Y Giants 10

Monday's Score
Houston 20, N.Y. Jets 16

Thursday, Aug. 18
New England at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19
Washington at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20
Oakland at San Francisco, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Denver, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21
Cincinnati at N.Y Jets, 6 p.m.
San Diego at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 22
Chicago at N.Y Giants, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Western & Southern Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Monday
At The Lindner Family Tennis Center
Mason, Ohio
Purse: Men, $3.2 million (Masters 1000); Women, $2.05 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Victor Troicki (14), Serbia, 6-4, 6-1.
Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Marsel Ilhan, Turkey, 6-3, 7-5.
Alex Bogomolov Jr., United States, def. Robby Ginepri, United States, 6-4, 6-3.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Richard Gasquet (12), France, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 6-1, 7-6 (4).
David Nalbandian, Argentina, def. Kei Nishikori, Japan, 6-4, 6-4.
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3.
Ryan Harrison, United States, def. Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Andy Roddick (11), United States, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-1.
Women
First Round

Christina McHale, United States, def. Svetlana Pirronkova, Bulgaria, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.
Ana Ivanovic (15), Serbia, def. Alexa Glatch, United States, 6-0, 6-2.
Andrea Petkovic (9), Germany, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 0-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, def. Rebecca Marino, Canada, 7-5, 6-2.
Shahar Peer, Israel, def. Sabine Lisicki, Germany, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Sara Errani, Italy, def. Sloane Stephens, United States, 6-1, 7-5.
Zheng Jie, China, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (14), Russia, def. Jill Craybas, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-0, 6-0.
Alona Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-3, 4-1, retired.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-0.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 7-5, 6-3.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Boxes

TWINS 9, TIGERS 6

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Revere cf	5	1	1	2	AJckson cf	5	0	1	0
Plouffe lf	3	2	1	1	Raburn 2b	5	1	1	1
Mauer c	5	0	0	0	Dthorg lf	4	1	2	1
Thomas 1b	4	1	1	1	MCarr 1b	4	0	1	0
Kubel rf	5	1	1	0	VMrtnz dh	4	1	1	2
Thome dh	4	2	3	5	JhPerlt ss	4	0	0	0
Valenci 3b	3	1	1	0	Ordonz rf	4	1	2	0
Tolbert 2b	4	1	3	0	Avila c	4	1	3	1
Nishiok ss	3	0	0	0	Betemit 3b	3	0	0	1
Totals	**36**	**9**	**11**	**9**	**Totals**	**37**	**6**	**11**	**6**

Minnesota	**003**	**003**	**300 — 9**
Detroit	**102**	**002**	**100 — 6**

E—Revere (7), Betemit (9). Raburn (14). LOB—Minnesota 5, Detroit 7. 2B—Plouffe, Morneau (14), Tolbert (9), Avila (22). 3B—Revere (4), Avila (4). HR—Thome 2 (11), Raburn (11), D.Young (5), V.Martinez (7). SB—Revere (21), Plouffe (2). S—Plouffe, Nishioka. SF—Betemit.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Liriano W,8-9	6	9	5	5	1	4
A.Burnett	0	2	1	1	0	0
Perkins	1	2-3	0	0	0	3
Capps	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan S,10-13	1	0	0	0	0	1
Detroit						
Porcello L,11-8	6	9	6	4	1	2
Schlereth	2	2	3	3	2	3
Coke	1	0	0	0	0	2

A.Burnett pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by A.Burnett (D.Young). WP—Schlereth.
T—2:49 A—36,211 (41,255).

YANKEES 7, ROYALS 4

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr lf	4	1	2	2	AGordn lf	3	2	1	0
Jeter ss	4	1	3	3	MeCarr cf	3	0	1	2
Grndrs cf	3	0	0	0	Butler dh	4	0	3	0
Texeir 1b	3	0	1	1	Hosmer 1b	4	0	1	0
Cano 2b	5	1	2	0	Franc rf	4	0	2	0
Swisher rf	5	0	2	0	Giavtll 2b	4	0	3	0
ErChvz 3b	5	0	0	0	S.Perez c	4	0	1	0
Posada dh	2	2	1	0	Mostks 3b	4	1	1	0
Jones ph-rf	2	0	1	1	AEscor ss	4	1	1	0
Martin c	5	1	1	0					
Totals	**38**	**7**	**13**	**7**	**Totals**	**34**	**4**	**12**	**4**

New York	**020**	**003**	**110 — 7**
Kansas City	**000**	**030**	**100 — 4**

DP—New York, 2. LOB—New York 11, Kansas City 5. 2B—Cano (31), Swisher (23), Me.Cabrera (33). 3B—Jeter (3). SB—Jeter (13), A.Gordon (12). CS—Francoeur (6), Giavotella 2 (2). S—Jeter.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
A.J.Burnett W,9-9	5	2-3	1	0	3	1
Logan		2-3	0	0	0	0
R.Soriano		2-3	1	1	1	1
Robertson		1	1	0	0	0
Ma.Rivera S,31-36		1	0	0	0	1
Kansas City						
F.Paulino L,1-5	5	1-3	8	5	5	5
Collins		1-3	2	1	1	0
Teaford		1	1-3	3	1	1
*St.Wood		2-3	0	0	0	2

HBP—by F.Paulino (Gardner).
T—3:18 A—24,879 (37,903).

NL Boxes

CUBS 4, ASTROS 3

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
SCastro ss	5	0	1	0	Bourgs cf	4	0	0	0
Barney 2b	4	1	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0
ArRmr 3b	5	1	3	0	JMrtnz lf	3	2	2	0
C.Pena 1b	5	0	2	2	CA.Lee 1b	3	0	2	0
Byrd cf	3	1	1	0	MDwns 3b	4	0	2	2
RJhnsn lf	4	1	1	0	Meincn p	0	0	0	0
Colvin rf	4	0	0	0	Bogovc rf	4	0	0	0
Soto c	4	0	3	2	Michals ph-rf	2	0	0	0
RLopez p	3	0	0	0	Barmes ss	3	0	1	0
JRuss lf-p	2	0	0	0	Wallac c	2	0	0	0
Smrdzj p	0	0	0	0	Pareds 3b	1	0	0	0
DeWitt ph	0	0	0	0	Quinter c	1	0	0	0
Marshll p	0	0	0	0	Sosa p	2	0	0	0
K.Wood p	0	0	0	0	DCrpnt p	0	0	0	0
					SEscln p	0	0	0	0
					WRosr ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**37**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**5**	**2**

Chicago	**200**	**002**	**000 — 4**
Houston	**000**	**000**	**300 — 3**

E—Colvin (1). S Castro (20). DP—Chicago 1. Houston 1. LOB—Chicago 10, Houston 5. 2B—C.Pena (17). Soto 2 (21). M.Downs 2 (13). Barmes (20).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
R.Lopez W,4-3	5	1-3	5	3	2	2
J.Russell		2-3	0	0	0	1
Samardzija		1	0	0	0	1
Marshall		1	0	0	0	1
K.Wood S,1-5		1	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Sosa L,0-2	6	7	4	4	2	6
Da.Carpenter		2-3	1	0	0	2
S.Escalona		1-3	0	0	0	0
Fe.Rodriguez		1	1-3	1	1	1
Melancon		1	1	0	0	2

S.Escalona pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
PB—Quinter.
T—3:07 A—20,138 (40,963).

BREWERS 3, DODGERS 0

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Miles 2b	4	0	0	0	CHart rf	4	1	1	0
Elbert p	0	0	0	0	HrstnJr cf	4	0	1	0
MacDgl p	0	0	0	0	Braun lf	4	1	2	1
Blake 3b	3	0	0	0	Colgsm 1b	3	0	0	0
Ethier rf	3	0	0	0	McGeh 3b	3	0	0	0
Kemp cf	3	0	1	0	YBtncr ss	3	0	0	0
Uribe ss	3	0	0	0	JoWlkr 2b	3	0	0	0
Loney 1b	2	0	0	0	Kottars c	2	0	0	0
DNavrr c	3	0	1	0	Lucroy ph-c	1	1	1	1
Sellers ss	3	0	0	0	Wolf p	1	0	0	0
Lilly p	2	0	0	0	FLopez ph	1	0	0	0
JCarrll ph-2b	1	0	1	0	Axford p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**27**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**Totals**	**33**	**3**	**6**	**3**

Los Angeles	**000**	**000**	**000 — 0**
Milwaukee	**000**	**100**	**02x — 3**

DP—Milwaukee 4. LOB—Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 5. 2B—D.Navarro (6). HR—C.Hart (18). Braun (23), Lucroy (9). SB—Braun (23).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	73	46	.613	—	—	5-5	L-2	37-22	36-24
New York	73	46	.613	—	—	6-4	W-2	40-21	33-25
Tampa Bay	64	55	.538	9	9	7-3	L-1	31-28	33-27
Toronto	61	59	.508	12 1/2	12 1/2	5-5	W-2	31-29	30-30
Baltimore	46	72	.390	28 1/2	28 1/2	3-7	W-1	29-35	17-37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	64	57	.529	—	—	5-5	L-2	33-28	31-29
Cleveland	60	57	.513	2	1/2	6-4	W-2	33-25	27-32
Chicago	60	60	.500	3 1/2	1 1/2	8-2	W-2	28-33	32-27
Minnesota	53	67	.442	10 1/2	8 1/2	2-8	W-2	30-30	23-37
Kansas City	50	72	.410	14 1/2	24 1/2	2-8	L-3	31-33	19-39

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	69	52	.570	—	—	8-2	W-3	39-23	30-29
Los Angeles	65	56	.537	4	9	5-5	L-2	32-25	33-31
Oakland	53	67	.442	15 1/2	20 1/2	4-6	L-3	31-27	22-40
Seattle	52	67	.437	16	21	5-5	W-2	31-30	21-37

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	78	41	.655	—	—	8-2	W-1	42-19	36-22
Atlanta	71	51	.582	8 1/2	—	7-3	W-1	36-24	35-27
New York	66	52	.483	20 1/2	12	5-5	L-1	34-24	32-28
Washington	57	62	.479	21	12 1/2	4-6	L-1	32-23	25-39
Florida	56	64	.467	22 1/2	14	1-9	L-2	24-39	32-25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	71	51	.582	—	—	9-1	W-4	45-15	26-36
St. Louis	65	57	.533	6	6	5-5	L-1	32-27	33-30
Cincinnati	59	62	.488	11 1/2	11 1/2	5-5	L-1	34-30	25-32
Pittsburgh	57	63	.475	13	13	3-7	W-1	27-32	30-31
Chicago	54	67	.446	16 1/2	16 1/2	3-7	W-3	29-33	25-34
Houston	38	84	.311	33	33	1-9	L-7	19-41	19-43

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Arizona	68	53	.562	—	—	7-3	W-6	36-26	32-27
San Francisco	66	56	.541	2 1/2	5	4-6	L-1	35-25	31-31
Colorado	56	66	.459	12 1/2	15	4-6	L-1	30-31	26-35
Los Angeles	55	65	.458	12 1/2	15	5-5	L-1	31-34	24-31
San Diego	54	68	.443	14 1/2	17	6-4	W-1	23-36	31-32

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores
Minnesota 9, Detroit 6
N.Y.Yankees 7, Kansas City 4
Baltimore at Oakland, late
Texas at L.A. Angels, late
Toronto at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Shields 11-9) at Boston (Lester 11-6), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Minnesota (Blackburn 7-9) at Detroit (Verlander 17-5), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Niemann 7-4) at Boston (Bedard 4-7), 6:10 p.m., 2nd game
Cleveland (Jimenez 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 10-10), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Nova 11-4) at Kansas City (Duffy 3-6), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Matusz 1-4) at Oakland (Moscoso 5-6), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 10-4) at L.A. Angels (Chatwood 6-8), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Mills 1-2) at Seattle (Vargas 7-10), 9:10 p.m.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lilly L,7-13	7	2	1	1	2	6
Elbert	1-3	1	1	1	2	0
MacDougal	2-3	3	1	1	0	2
Milwaukee						
Wolf W,10-8	8	6	0	0	5	5
Axford S,35-37	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:32 A—38,551 (41,900).

PIRATES 6, CARDINALS 2

St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi	Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi
Schmkr cf	4	0	1	0	Paul rf	5	1	2	1
Furcal ss	3	0	1	0	Jhnsn 3b	4	0	1	0
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	0	Wlod 3b	0	0	0	0
Holliday lf	4	0	2	0	AMcCt cf	4	0	0	0
Brkmn rf	2	0	0	0	Ludwck lf	3	1	0	0
Descals 2b	3	1	1	1	Walker 2b	4	2	2	2
YMolin c	3	0	0	0	Gjones 1b	4	1	1	1
Descals ph	1	0	0	0	Doumit c	4	1	4	3
Freese 3b	4	1	1	1	Cedeno ss	4	0	1	0
Westrk p	0	0	0	0	JMcDnl p	2	0	0	0
Rhodes p	0	0	0	0	Grilli p	0	0	0	0
Pfhrpn ph	1	0	0	0	Diaz ph	1	0	0	0
MBiggs p	0	0	0	0	DMcDl p	0	0	0	0
Jay ph	1	0	0	0	Veras p	0	0	0	0
					PAlvrz ph	1	0	0	0
					Hanhrn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**Totals**	**35**	**6**	**11**	**5**

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Pittsburgh	**100**	**301**	**10x — 6**

E—Furcal (5). Cedeno (10). DP—Pittsburgh 3. LOB—St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 7. 2B—Furcal (7), Holliday 2 (29), Walker (21), Cedeno (19). HR—Paul (2), Doumit (6). S—Westbrook.

Westbrook	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Westbrook L,9-7	5	2-3	9	5	4	1
Motte	1	-3	0	0	0	0
M.Boggs		2	2	1	1	1
Salas		1	0	0	0	1
Pittsburgh						
McDonald W,8-6	5	2-3	6	2	2	2
Grilli	1	-3	0	0	0	0
J.McCutchen	2	-3	2	0	0	1
Veras H,22	1	-3	0	0	0	0
Hanrahan		1	1	0	0	0

HBP—by Ja.McDonald (Berkman).
T—3:00 A—19,798 (38,362).

BRAVES 5, GIANTS 4

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
C.Ross cf	4	0	0	0	Bourn cf	4	0	0	0
Apprgr 2b	4	0	1	0	Prado 3b	4	1	1	1
PSndbl 3b	1	0	0	0	McCnn c	4	1	1	1
Fontent 3b	3	1	1	1	Uggla 2b	4	0	1	0
Huff lf	4	1	2	1	Frmn 1b	3	1	1	1
JaLozp p	0	0	0	0	Heywrd rf	4	0	0	0
BrWlsn p	0	0	0	0	AlGnzlz ss	4	0	0	0
Schrhlt rf	2	2	1	1	Constnz lf	3	1	3	1
Belt lf-1b	3	0	0	0	Thurbn p	3	0	0	0
OCarer ss	3	0	1	1	CMrtnz p	0	0	0	0
Whitsd c	3	0	0	0	Hinske ph	0	0	0	0
Bmgrn p	3	0	0	0	Logp p	0	0	1	0
Rownd lf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**31**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**Totals**	**36**	**5**	**11**	**5**

San Francisco	**000**	**201**	**010 — 4**
Atlanta	**110**	**000**	**003 — 5**

Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—AdGonzalez, Boston, 352 Kotchman, Tampa Bay, 335, M.Young, Texas, 333, V.Martinez, Detroit, 321, Mc.Cabrera, Detroit, 320, Ale.Gonzalez, Toronto, 319, Hafner, Cleveland, 319, Hill, Oakland, 319, Cano, New York, 318, Bautista, Toronto, 311.

RUNS—Granderson, New York, 107, Ellsbury, Boston, 85, Bautista, Toronto, 84, AdGonzalez, Boston, 81, Kinsler, Texas, 81, Mc.Cabrera, Detroit, 78, Cano, New York, 78, Pedroia, Boston, 78, Zobrist, Tampa Bay, 78.

RBI—Granderson, New York, 94, AdGonzalez, Boston, 92, Teixeira, New York, 86, Konerko, Chicago, 82, Cano, New York, 81, M.Young, Texas, 80, DOrtiz, Boston, 79.

HITS—AdGonzalez, Boston, 169, M.Young, Texas, 159, Mc.Cabrera, Kansas City, 156, Ellsbury, Boston, 153, Pedroia, Boston, 143, Kendrick, Kansas City, 142, Cano, New York, 141.

DOUBLES—Zobrist, Tampa Bay, 37, AdGonzalez, Boston, 36, Kotchman, Kansas City, 36, Francoeur, Kansas City, 34, M.Young, Texas, 34, Mc.Cabrera, Kansas City, 33, McCabrera, Detroit, 33.

TRIPLES—Granderson, New York, 9, Bourjos, Los Angeles, 8, Aljackson, Detroit, 8, JWeeks, Oakland, 7, Cano, New York, 6, RDavis, Toronto, 6, Gardner, New York, 6, M.Young, Texas, 6, Zobrist, Tampa Bay, 6.

HOME RUNS—Bautista, Toronto, 34, Granderson, New York, 33, Teixeira, New York, 32, Konerko, Chicago, 27, MarReynolds, Baltimore, 26, AdGonzalez, Boston, 26, Hafner, Cleveland, 25, DOrtiz, Boston, 24, Cano, New York, 24, Hamilton, Texas, 24, Pedroia, Boston, 24, Suzuki, Seattle, 20, Aybar, Los Angeles, 20.

PITCHING—Verlander, Detroit, 17-5, Sabathia, New York, 16-7, Weaver, Los Angeles, 14-6, Tomlin, Cleveland, 12-5, Haren, Los Angeles, 12-6, Scherzer, Detroit, 12-7, 10 tied at 11.

STRIKEOUTS—Verlander, Detroit, 196, Hernandez, Seattle, 176, Sabathia, New York, 175, Shields, Tampa Bay, 167, Price, Tampa Bay, 158, CWilson, Texas, 153, Weaver, Los Angeles, 153.

SAVES—Valverde, Detroit, 35, MaRivera, New York, 31, Soria, Texas, 31, Papelbon, Boston, 30, Nathan, Detroit, 29, Wilson, Tampa Bay, 28, Bell, Kansas City, 27, Perkins, Minnesota, 27, Fuentes, Oakland, 26, Rodney, Chicago, 25, Uehara, Baltimore, 25.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FCS

TSN FCS Preseason Poll

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The top 25 teams in The Sports Network/Fathead.com Football Championship Subdivision preseason poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2010 records, points and 2010 final ranking.

Team	Record	Pts	Fin
1. Eastern Washington (30)	13-2	3,397	1
2. Appalachian St. (14)	10-3	3,142	4
3. William & Mary (20)	8-4	3,110	10
4. Georgia So. (11)	10-5	3,095	5
5. Delaware (2)	12-3	2,806	20
6. Montana State	9-3	2,623	11
7. Northern Iowa	7-5	2,492	19
8. Wofford	10-3	2,357	6
9. Jacksonville State	9-3	2,028	12
10. New Hampshire (1)	8-5	2,025	7
11. North Dakota State	9-5	1,720	9
12. Montana	7-4	1,668	20
13. Lehigh	10-3	1,351	14
14. Villanova (2)	9-5	1,262	15
15. James Madison	6-5	1,247	—
16. Richmond	6-5	987	—
17. Stephen F. Austin	9-3	869	8
18. Central Arkansas	7-4	961	—
19. Southern Illinois	5-6	934	—
20. McNeese State	6-5	701	—
21. Chattanooga	6-5	672	—
22. Liberty	8-3	630	21
23. South Carolina State	9-3	628	16
24. Sacramento State	6-5	587	—
25. Massachusetts	8-5	519	—

Others receiving votes: Penn 456, Bethune-Cookman 425, Southeast Missouri 394, Murray State 315, Western Illinois 247, Southern Utah 240, Jacksonville 215, Cal Poly 168, Stony Brook 163, Grambling State 146, Eastern Kentucky 139, Jackson State 76, Florida A&M 75, Colgate 75, **Sam Houston State** 75, Harvard 54, Indiana State 51, UC Davis 48, South Dakota State 40, Youngstown State 28, Central Connecticut State 26, Coastal Carolina 25, Dayton 21, Northwestern State 20, Northern Arizona 18, Elon 16, Yale 15, Weber State 13, Illinois State 12, Tennessee Tech 12, Rhode Island 11, Maine 10, Albany 9, **Texas Southern** 10, Northern Colorado 10, Furman 10, Brown 8, South Dakota 7, Old Dominion 5, Columbia 5, Missouri State 2, Robert Morris 2, Hampton 1, Duquesne 1, UT Martin 1.

Division II

AFCA Division II Coaches Poll
Preseason
(with 2010 record and final ranking)

Team	Record	Pts	Fin
1. Minnesota-Duluth (28)	15-0	724	1
2. Colo State (Miss.)	11-2	657	2
3. NW Missouri St (1)	11-2	654	3
4. **Abilene Christian**	11-1	607	8
5. Grand Valley St	10-3	577	4
6. North Alabama	9-4	468	22
7. **Texas A&M-Kingsville**	10-2	457	9
8. Augustana (S.D.)	9-4	426	6
9. Albany State (Ga.)	11-1	379	4
10. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	10-3	377	5
11. Shepherd (W

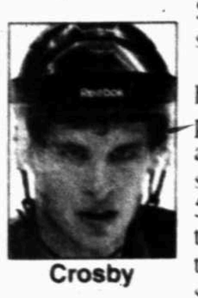
Penguins still playing waiting game with Crosby

By Will Graves
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby's summer vacation is almost over. Still, there's no telling when the Pittsburgh Penguins star will return to work.

General manager Ray Shero said Monday the former MVP is still dealing with concussion-like symptoms and it's too soon to know if Crosby will be available when the Penguins open camp next month.

"There's no expectation from me that he won't be ready or he will be ready," Shero said.



Crosby

Crosby hasn't played in a game since Jan. 5, missing the rest of the regular season and Pittsburgh's first-round playoff loss to Tampa Bay as he slowly recovered from a concussion. He said in April he would be back for training camp, but with about a month to go before the team reports, Shero wouldn't guarantee No. 87 will be in uniform.

The 24-year-old Crosby has spent the summer in Canada working out on his own. Shero doesn't anticipate Crosby returning to Pittsburgh until a week before camp begins. Crosby will undergo a thorough evaluation before he's cleared to participate in full-contact drills.

"He won't be pushed to come back," Shero said.

Though Shero acknowledged Crosby has dealt with lingering symptoms "off and on" over the summer they have not prevented him from shutting down his workout program.

"The good news is he continues to work out, he's worked out hard during the summer," Shero said. "We'll see where we are come training camp."

Coach Dan Bylsma doesn't think the team will need to treat Crosby with kid gloves whenever he's cleared. Bylsma doesn't anticipate holding Crosby out of the preseason if his superstar has been OK'd by doctors.

"I don't think when Sidney Crosby is healthy and ready to go, he's not going to shy away from contact, nor is he going to shy away from competition," Bylsma said. "It would take quite a bit to keep him out of getting ready for the start of the regular season."

Crosby was in the midst of an MVP-type season before the injury, amassing 66 points (32 goals, 34 assists) in 41 games. He sustained hits in consecutive games in early January before being diagnosed with the concussion. He flirted with returning during the playoffs before a series of setbacks kept him off the ice.

Both Shero and Bylsma have been in frequent contact with Crosby since the season ended, with Shero saying most of their discussions have centered on the team, not Crosby's health.

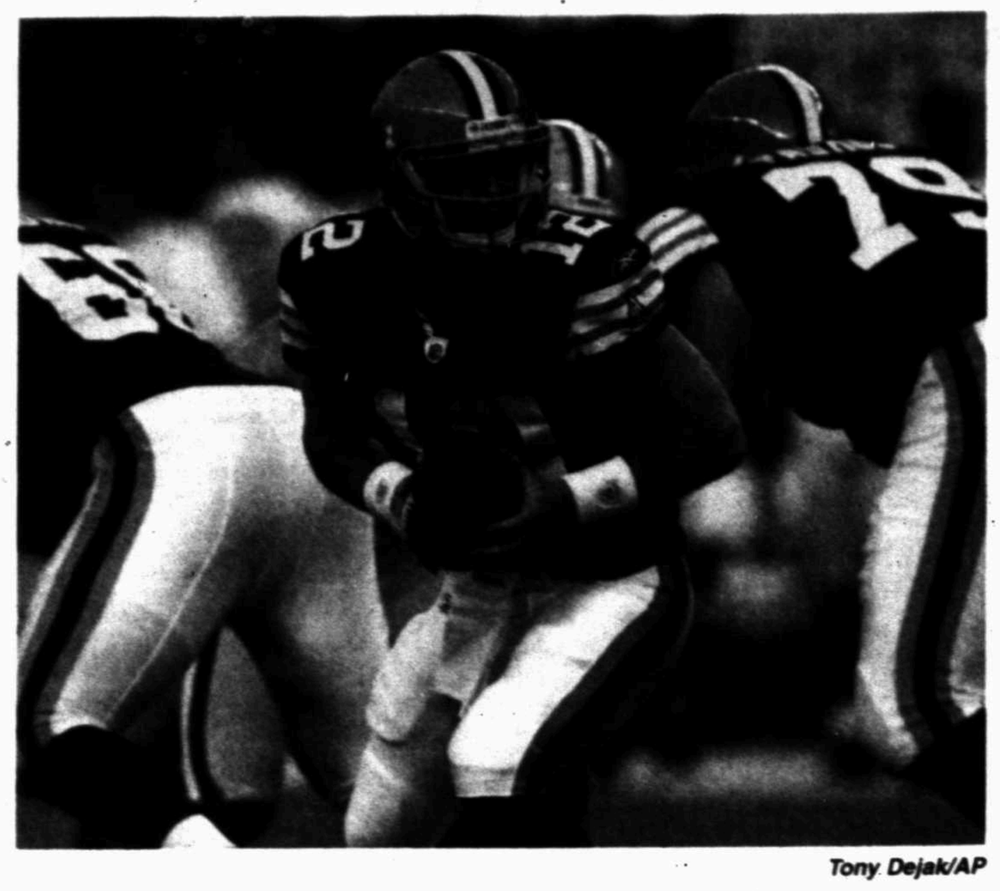
Spurs forward Green signs deal in Slovenia

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia (AP) — San Antonio Spurs forward Danny Green has signed with Slovenian basketball league champion Union Olimpija.

The 24-year-old Green will be reunited with former college teammate Deon Thompson. The two helped North Carolina win the 2009 NCAA title.

Olimpija did not mention financial terms of the deal Monday or whether Green signed an out clause to return to the NBA after the lockout.

Green averaged 5.1 points in eight games last season for the Spurs.



Tony Dejak/AP

Cleveland Browns quarterback Colt McCoy turns to hand off the ball against the Green Bay Packers on Saturday in the first quarter of their preseason game in Cleveland.

McCoy dazzles for Browns

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Colt McCoy showed up for his postgame news conference wearing a T-shirt endorsing a fishing tackle company.

Maybe best to reel in the expectations right away.

After all, McCoy may have a tough time topping his exhibition debut.

Looking poised and comfortable in Cleveland's new West Coast offense, McCoy outshined Super Bowl star Aaron Rodgers and was nearly flawless as the Browns beat the Green Bay Packers 27-17 on Saturday night, making Cleveland rookie coach Pat Shurmur a winner in his first NFL preseason game.

McCoy completed 9 of 10 passes for 135 yards, one touchdown and compiled a 152.1 passer's rating — just a few points shy of perfection. The Browns, who have spent the past decade in a frustrating search for a franchise quarterback to lead them back to respectability, are hoping McCoy, may finally answer their prayers.

He's off to a nice start.

"Pretty good," McCoy humbly said in assessing his performance. "We understand we have a long way to go."

No doubt. But for the first time in ages, the Browns, who have just one playoff appearance since 1999 and lost at least 10 games in seven of the last eight seasons, seem to be headed in the same direction. And, they're counting on McCoy to lead the way.

Needing to get up to speed on the complex offense during the offseason, McCoy sought advice from a West Coast master.

Brett Favre was happy to help.

As the league's labor lockout dragged on, McCoy went to Hattiesburg, Miss., and spent a few days with the three-time NFL MVP, who learned the West Coast system while playing for Browns president Mike Holmgren in Green Bay. McCoy gleaned all he could from the-retired-at-the-moment Favre, who won a Super Bowl with Holmgren in 1996.

"Since I couldn't get coached, it was a great opportunity to pick the brain of a guy who played in the system for 20 years," McCoy said through a team spokesman. "It was a chance for me to get a lot of questions answered. We worked on footwork, progressions, reads and things like that. It was definitely a positive trip."

McCoy is expected to offer more on the Favre visit Tuesday.

Shurmur was encouraged by McCoy's first outing in the passer friendly system the first-year coach brought from St. Louis, where he taught it to Rams quarterback Sam Bradford. Shurmur knows it can work, and is pleased with how quickly McCoy has picked it up in training camp.

"He was efficient," Shurmur said after Monday's practice. "He saw what was going on extremely well. He was pretty accurate with his throws and pretty solid with his decision making. But again, once you have what would be considered a solid performance, then it's all about consistency and he was right back on the stick this morning, getting better at some things."

McCoy will get a chance to build off his impressive debut on Friday, when the Browns host Detroit.

After dissecting the Packers, who were without star cornerback Charles Woodson and are currently thin in the secondary, McCoy was careful not to make too much of his strong game. He also made sure he spread the praise around to his teammates.

His night didn't start well.

On Cleveland's first snap, McCoy couldn't find an open receiver, and in a panic, lateralled to rookie fullback Owen Marecic, who recovered his fumble. McCoy regrouped and completed five straight passes, the last a 27-yard TD strike to Josh Cribbs.

When he came to the sideline, McCoy acknowledged his early mistake to Shurmur.

"He said, 'Coach, I should of just ran with it,'" Shurmur said. "He knows what he's looking at. As we get more and more comfortable with one another, as he gets more and more comfortable with his players and the system, I hope he will progress next week."

SPEARS

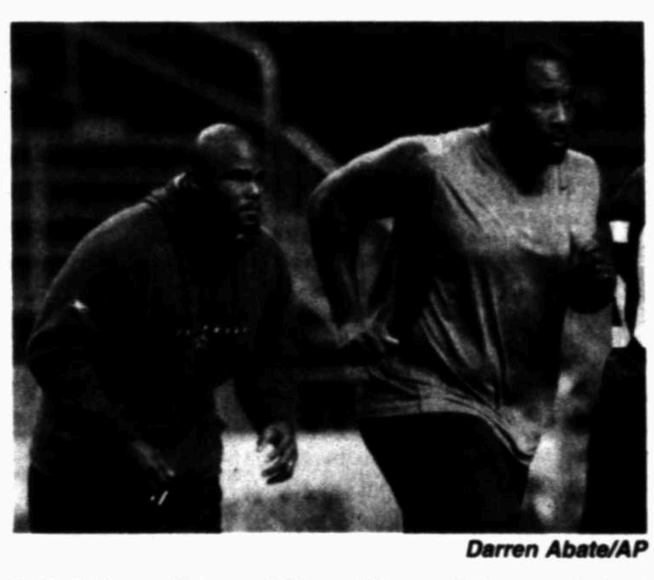
From 1C

rett said the Cowboys didn't think they were going to have a chance to re-sign Spears and Hatcher. They got both after Bowen decided to go to the NFC East rival Redskins.

"All along, this is where I wanted to be. ... Now that I'm here, I don't have anything to complain about," he said. "You can let it get personal, but I've seen it get personal and I've seen it get ugly. I'm a football player, I don't deal with peoples' emotions and why they make decisions."

Spears insisted that he "wasn't trying to pick Stephen and Jerry's brain" — referring to Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and executive vice president Stephen Jones — about the team's plans for him since his contract was up again.

"As it turned out, they appreciate and value what I do," Spears said. "And I value the type of guys they are and how they run the organization, and it worked out. ... I like the fact that I have to earn some things, and I like the fact that they made a commitment to me and I'm making a commitment to them to just give them good work."



Darren Abate/AP

Dallas' Marcus Spears, right, and Kenyon Coleman take part in drills on July 31 during training camp in San Antonio.

TEXANS

From 1C

back up Schaub, also looked solid, except for an interception that led to the Jets' lone touchdown. Leinart went 8 for 14 for 78 yards in about two quarters of action.

Sanchez completed his first four throws, and the Jets drove inside the Houston 15. Linebacker Xavier Adibi sacked Sanchez on third down, forcing New York to settle for Nick Folk's 33-yard field goal. Folk, who signed a one-year deal after going 30 of 39 on field-goal attempts last season, is competing with veteran Nick Novak for the job.

Leinart replaced Schaub at the start of the second quarter, and immediately completed a pass to James Casey for a 9-yard gain. On third down, Leinart rolled left and threw a short pass to Ogbonnaya, who picked up 29 yards to the Jets' 31.

The drive stalled, and Neil Rackers' 49-yard field goal tied it with 12:13 left in the first half.

McElroy replaced Sanchez on New York's first drive of the second quarter.

Linebacker Jesse Nading sacked McElroy, forced a fumble and defensive end Tim Jamison recovered at the Jets' 14. Ogbonnaya converted a fourth-and-1, and Jets' coach Rex Ryan stomped up the sideline and angrily called a timeout and ripped off his headset before Houston could snap it again.

Leinart then rolled left again and flicked an easy pass to Ogbonnaya for a touchdown.

Ogbonnaya had a 15-yard run, and gained 16 more yards on a screen pass on Houston's next possession. Rackers capped the drive with a 47-yard field goal with 57 seconds left before the break to put the Texans ahead 13-3.

TEXANS 20, JETS 16

N.Y. Jets	3	0	10	3	—16
Houston	0	13	0	7	—20

First Quarter

NYJ—FG Folk 33, 8:39

Second Quarter

Hou—FG Rackers 49, 12:13

Hou—Ogbonnaya 4 pass from Leinart (Rackers kick), 7:45

Hou—FG Rackers 47, :57

Third Quarter

NYJ—FG Novak 36, 8:25

NYJ—Keller 2 pass from McElroy (Folk kick), 3:56

Fourth Quarter

NYJ—FG Folk 47, 4:58

Hou—Ogbonnaya 1 run (Rackers kick), 1:58. A—70,511.

	NYJ	Hou
First downs	21	14
Total Net Yards	310	221
Rushes-yards	26-100	19-62
Passing	210	179
Comp-Att-Int	28-45-0	16-31-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-41	3-18
Punts	6-41.7	7-44.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-65	4-25
Time of Possession	30:04	23:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

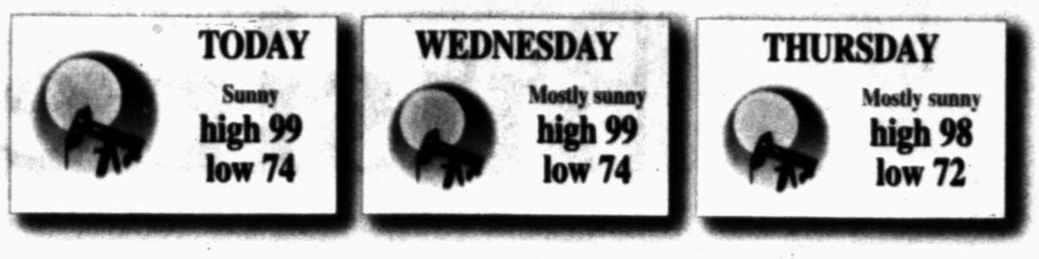
RUSHING—N.Y. Jets, Greene 5-30, Powell 6-25, J.McKnight 8-24, McElroy 4-24, Tomlinson 1-4, Jennings 1 (minus 1). Texans, Ogbonnaya 17-57, Ward 2-5.

PASSING—N.Y. Jets, McElroy 23-39-0-208, Sanchez 5-7-0-43. Houston, Yates 6-12-0-97, Leinart 8-14-1-78, Schaub 2-5-0-24.

RECEIVING—N.Y. Jets, Cumberland 6-77, R.Turner 5-61, Keller 5-41, Powell 3-27, Mason 2-21, Kerley 2-20, Holmes 2-17, Greene 1-6, J.McKnight 1-4, Campbell 1-3. Houston, Ogbonnaya 6-47, Casey 3-30, Walker 3-29, Ward 1-11, Graham 1-10, Caddo 1-9, Hester 1-8, Santos 1-8, Martin 1-5, Jones 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None


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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 99 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 74 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 99, a low around 74 and south winds around between 10 and 15 mph.

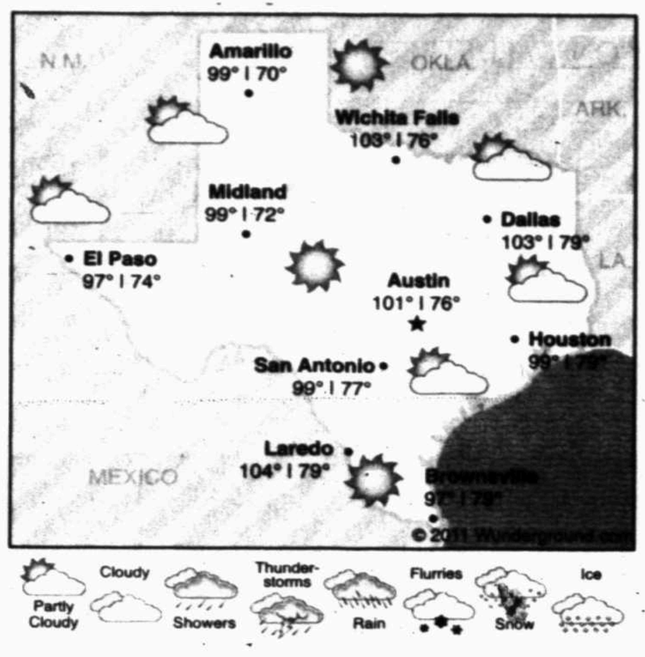
Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 98 and a low around 72.

The high on Monday reached 98 while the low dropped to 71. The record high for Aug. 15 is 104 set in 1969. The record low is 60 set in 1940.

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A slow-moving storm will produce leftover showers and thunderstorms across New England and the Middle Atlantic coast Tuesday as it tracks away from the United States. Behind this storm, drier and more comfortable weather will move into the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley.

The comfortable weather will make it into much of the Southeast, with sunshine and low humidity expected. The exception will be across South Florida, where a few showers and thunderstorms will linger thanks to a stalled frontal boundary.



Precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.44 in.
Total for year	.0.60 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.8.71 in.

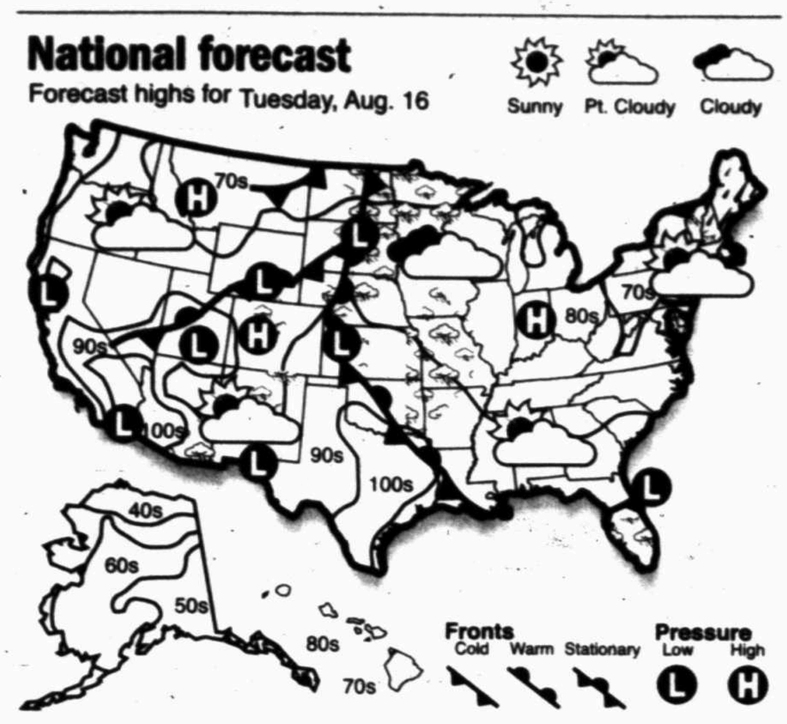
Monday's temperatures

High	98
Low	71
Normal high	94
Normal low	69

Sunrise ... 7:14 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:32 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Aug. 16



Bargain-hunting hubby has serious hoarding problem

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: Your response to "Secondhand Rose" (June 11) was well-intentioned but won't provide the level of intervention her husband needs. He's clearly a compulsive shopper and hoarder, and her going along on his buying trips will only lead to more family conflict and bad feelings without solving anything.

He needs cognitive behavioral therapy, the sooner the better. Like all addicts, he will probably be unwilling to admit he needs treatment and resist going. The best way to deal with this is family intervention — like what is done with alcoholics and drug addicts.

The family would be helped by going to Al-Anon meetings for support and to help them understand. Just substitute the word "hoarding" for alcohol and the picture will be clear. If there's a Clutterers Anonymous meeting nearby and he is willing to go, that would be ideal. There are also online meetings.

Hoarding is a serious, life-threatening and life-consuming disorder like any other addiction. Getting better without treatment is unlikely. — GLORIA V., ONE WHO KNOWS

DEAR GLORIA: Many readers felt as you do, that "Secondhand Rose's" husband has a serious disorder and needs professional help. One organization that has been mentioned before in this column is the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation. Its website is www.ocfoundation.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for Rose. Why not check with a local charity and ask what it needs? Give her husband the list and have him search for bargains, then donate them to the charity. It's win-win. The donation can be declared on their tax return, they won't have loads of clutter, the charity benefits, and her husband can continue to use his bargain-hunting skills. — VICTORIA IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: Hoarding goes far beyond being an avid shopper or simply a clutterbug or pack rat. Hoarding is compulsive. It gets worse over time and turns one's home into a dangerous, dusty and unhealthy place to live. Hoarders' inability to let go overrides everything else — their families' needs for functional space to sleep, eat and prepare food.

Recently some TV shows have shed light on this behavior. It hurts those closest to the hoarder. Children of hoarders are not able to visit their parents, and the legacy of shame and hurt of the illness goes on for a lifetime as family members realize that stuff means more to the hoarder than they do.

This isn't a problem someone can fix easily. The hoarder has to be willing as well, and professional intervention is needed. — ADULT CHILD OF A HOARDER

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible that this collector could turn his hobby into a business? In this poor economy, more people are buying used. Some options would be: garage sales of his own, or rent a small shop or space in a consignment store. We may have a budding entrepreneur here. — PAULA IN JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

DEAR ABBY: Rose's husband has a form of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Her conclusion that her home is turning into a warehouse is correct; hoarders value trash and are blind to their illness, believing they are only "collectors." They twist every conversation you have with them in an attempt to save their trash and will destroy normal relationships with family.

Rose needs to educate and protect herself before it's too late. Eventually her home will completely deteriorate because normal maintenance will be impossible. She won't be able to clean because of the piles of junk. — STILL DIGGING OUT IN CALIFORNIA

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Analyze This

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A 4 3
♡ A 10
◇ A Q J
♣ 9 8 7 6 4

WEST
♠ K J
♡ K Q J 8 4
◇ 10 5 2
♣ A Q 2

EAST
♠ 5 2
♡ 7 6 3 2
◇ 9 8 4 3
♣ J 10 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 9 8 7 6
♡ 9 5
◇ K 7 6
♣ K 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	Dbl	3♡	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: King of ♡

Study the diagram above from a team match. Can four spades be defeated on any lead?

The answer is no, not legitimately. Yet at one table four spades was set a trick, and we would venture to suggest that most skilled declarers would have been taken in by the defense.

East's jump to three hearts over the takeout double was pre-emptive, although we would venture to suggest that that action is usually taken on something a whit stronger than a balanced bust with four trumps. At both tables South became declarer at four spades, and at both West led the king of hearts. At both declarer won with dummy's ace (a holdup is often better, but not on this hand).

At one table the ace of spades fetched the jack. Declarer cashed three rounds of diamonds and then threw West in with a heart to the jack. The defender could cash the king of trumps, but then was forced to either lead a club up to the king or yield a ruff-sluff. Either way, declarer lost only one trick in each suit except diamonds.

At the other table West dropped the king of spades under the ace! Declarer thought there was a simple way to land the contract and continued with a spade from dummy, finessing the 10.

West won this trick with the jack! Now it was a simple matter for the defender to cash a heart and exit with a diamond, then sit back and wait to collect two club tricks for a one-trick set.

Brilliant defense earned a fitting reward!

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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 Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011:

This year, you will have an opportunity to relate closely to key people in your life. Often you will be resourceful and imaginative, especially at work or within your community. To others, you seem to be unusually fortunate. From June 2012 on, before your birthday, you experience unusual success. You expand your circle of friends. If you are single, you could meet that special person during this time period. If you are attached, do more together as a couple. Express your caring to each other more often. ARIES helps you act on a dream.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Finally, you are able to communicate, and a situation can be resolved. New beginnings become possible as you express the depth of your caring appropriately. Your timing is 100 percent right-on. Tonight: Celebrate. You have reason to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. Meetings and interactions could bring you even better results than you dreamed of. Verbalize what you want. You discover that others will support you. Tonight: Have a long-overdue talk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Organization merges with intention to create unexpected success. Yes, you thought you would succeed, but not at this level. An opportunity opens up that might seem too good to be true. Jump on the moment. Tonight: Find your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Realize what is going on with a partner by walking in his or her shoes. Add in some detachment, and you can finally relate to this person in a powerful and effective way. Share a good idea. Tonight: You could be working until the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Continue adding your personal touch. Someone might be incredibly thrilled to have your time and attention. You could be flattered; most definitely you get a sense of how this person feels about you. Tonight: Make a long-distance call. Take off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to rethink your attitude with others. Certainly if the cards are not in your hand, you might as well acknowledge that fact. Others express their gratitude, but also their interest in your opinions. Open up to a discussion. Tonight: Chat over a meal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ A nice, easy pace could make a big difference in what goes on. Remain clear and direct in your dealings. There is absolutely no need for any ruse. Focus on getting the job done. Tonight: Find your way out the door! Have fun!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Tap into your imagination to find answers. Your innate creativity often comes through, not only for you but also for those in your immediate crowd. Someone might be a little facetious in saying thank you. Let it go. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Getting going might take a little effort, as you enjoy yourself at home and/or with favorite people. In fact, if you can, call in. What a perfect day! Someone wants to have a lengthy conversation. To do or not to do? Tonight: And let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be late today. Try to move everything important to the morning. You will feel much better as a result. Do a better job of listening, and you will be less fallible. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Be aware of the costs of preceding in a set manner. You might want to revise your thinking regarding finances and spending. New beginnings become possible, though you might not see how right now. Open up to the possibilities. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You are energized and want to dive right into errands, work or whatever's on your plate. You will enjoy yourself so much more than usual. Someone opens up to you. Know how very special a compliment that is. Tonight: Buy a gift or token of affection for a friend.

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BORN TODAY

Singer Madonna (1958), actress Angela Bassett (1958), talk-show host Kathie Lee Gifford (1953)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

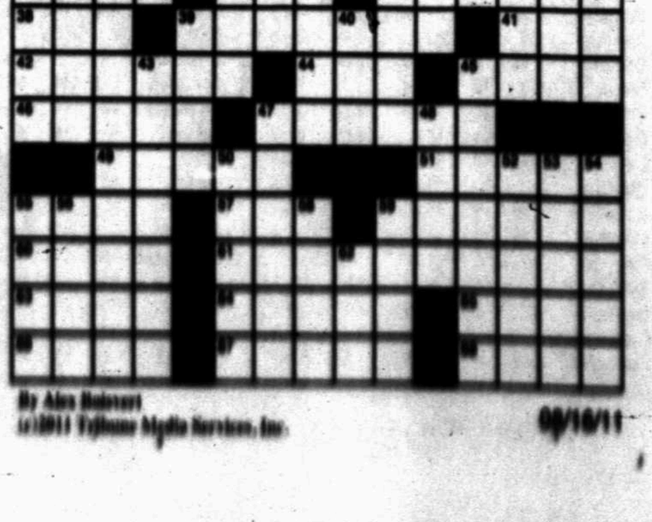
ACROSS
1 Big Harley, in slang
5 "Marching Along" autobiographer
10 "Mamma Mia!" group
14 Soap Box Derby state
15 Hearth debris
16 Off-peak period
17 Meat used in place of a puck?
19 Untidy type
20 John Williams quintet?
21 Fridge sound
22 '70s Olympics name
23 Fab Four member
24 Prepare beans, Mexican-style
26 Scary fly
30 Place for care instructions
33 Mouse catchers
36 Expected
37 Professor's goal
38 Corrida cry
39 Surcharge for a cab ride?
41 English __
42 Drum heard in Westerns
44 Actress Basinger
45 Bar brews
46 Mar. parade celeb
47 Presario PC brand
49 Significant period
51 Comfortably rewarding
55 Dinner and a movie, say
57 D-backs, on scoreboards
59 Gillette razor named for its blade count
60 One with a password
61 Davy Jones at an abbey?
63 Gimlet garnish
64 Game show host
65 Throw in a chip
66 SoCal force
67 Country singer Rimes
68 Tabloid tech

DOWN
1 Hostess snack cakes
2 "__ of golden daffodils": Wordsworth
3 Neopagan religion
4 Some Soap Box Derby entrants
5 Articulates
6 __Kosh B'Gosh
7 "Rats!"
8 Out of harm's way
9 Invitation on a rep's button
10 Losing candidate
11 Intimidator on the bovine playground?
12 Online journal
13 Jessica of "Sin City"
18 Slips up
25 Show off one's muscles
27 Dutch cheese
28 Prom duds
29 Bulova competitor
31 14-Across's Great Lake
32 Tennis net grazers
33 Summer cabin beds
34 Boatloads
35 Short-term Arizona State employee?
37 Pack (down)
39 Four-legged Oz visitor
40 Comical Conway
43 Like a pencil point
45 Sea-dwelling superhero
47 Car trim
48 Farmland division
50 Skating maneuver
52 Teatime snack
53 Help for the clueless
54 "Omigosh!"
55 Boring
56 Where most people live
58 Bygone Peruvian
59 Not-so-little kid
62 Barbie's guy

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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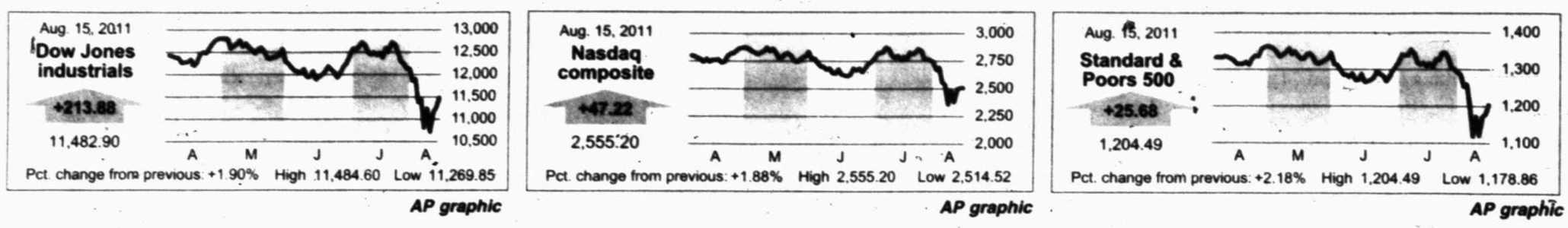
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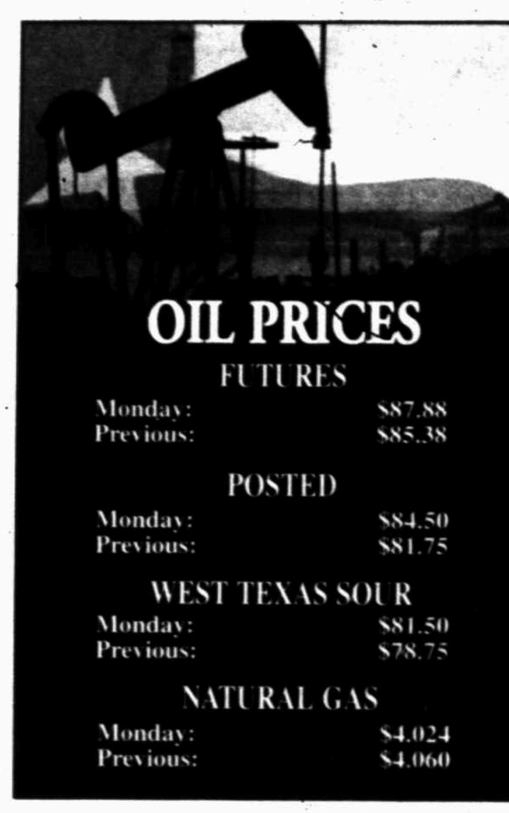


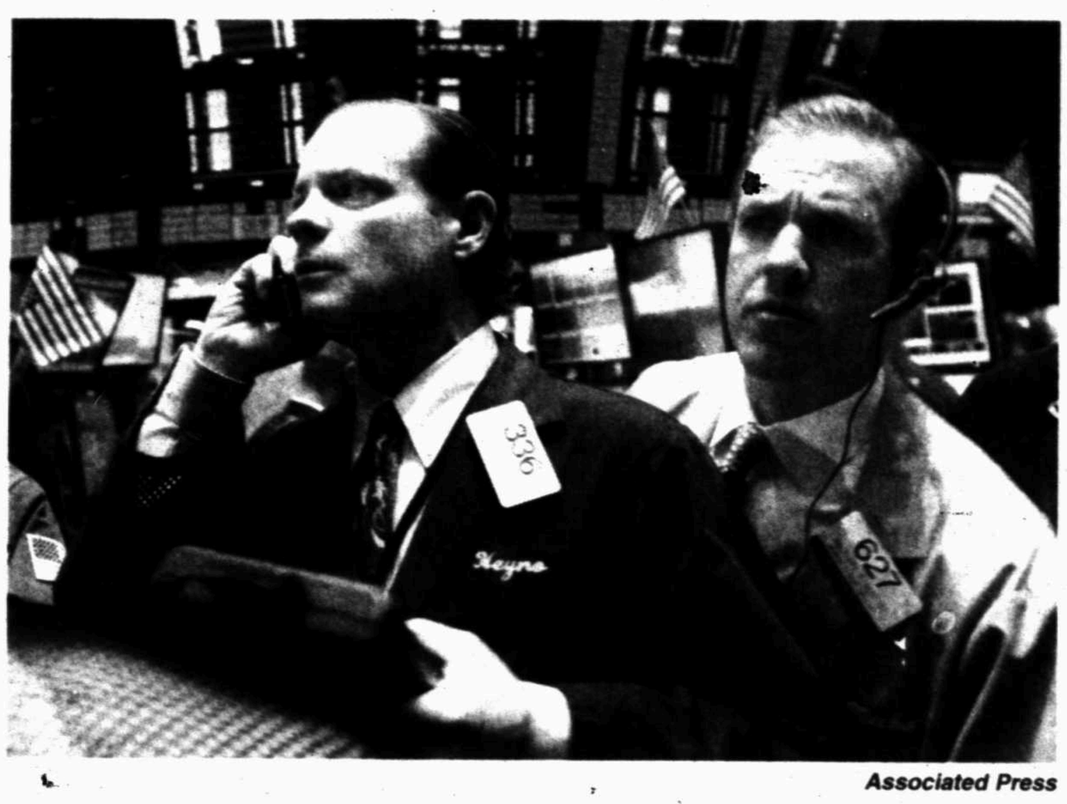
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A DAY ON WALL STREET







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Traders Andrew Igoe, left, and Michael Smyth work near the post that trades Motorola Mobility on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday.

Stocks rise after acquisition flurry

By Stan Choe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average notched a three-day win streak Monday for the first time in six weeks. A $19 billion corporate buying spree and encouraging economic news from Japan sent the Dow up 213 points and erased its losses from last week.

The return of what's called "Merger Monday" on Wall Street made investors more optimistic about the future. So did a report that Japan's economy shrank less than feared after the earthquake and tsunami there on March 11. That helped ease worries that the U.S. economy may slide into another recession.

The Dow rose 213.88 points, or 1.9 percent to 11,482.90. It has gained 763 points since Thursday. That's the best three-day point gain since it rose 927 in November 2008, during the depths of the financial crisis. The Dow is also up 7.1 percent over the three days, the biggest percentage gain since it rose 9.5 percent the first three days of the bull market in March 2009.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 25.68, or 2.2 percent, to 1,204.49. The Nasdaq composite index rose 47.22, or 1.9 percent, to 2,555.20.

Markets may have stabilized the last three days, but financial analysts warned investors not to assume that stocks have fully settled down after last week's swings. The Dow rose or fell by at least 400 points in four straight days for the first time. The first downgrade of the U.S. credit rating triggered the volatility. It was worsened by concerns that Europe's debt problems are worsening and that the U.S. economy is weakening.

"You might have these moments of quiet, but the debt crisis in Europe did not go away," said John Hailer, chief executive for the U.S. and Asia of Natixis Global Asset Management. "Our issues with the debt, with what our tax policy is going to be going forward, our unemployment did not go away."

"We are probably going to have to look at some very different levels of volatility than what a lot of investors grew up with over the last 25 to 30 years," he said.

A period of relative stability has been common in past volatile markets. In 2008, stocks plunged between mid-September and mid-November. From mid-November until the beginning of January 2009, the Dow was in a lull of sorts. It ratcheted up and down, mostly in the high 8,000 range. But in early January 2009, it began to plunge again and finally hit bottom at 6,547 on March 9.

Despite its three-day gain, the Dow remains down 9.8 percent since its most recent high on July 21 and down 10.4 percent since its 2011 high set on April 29.

More swings could come this week. Leaders of France and Germany meet Tuesday to discuss Europe's debt problems. Spain and other countries have borrowed sillion in cash.

Companies across the United States have accumulated a record amount of cash since the recession ended. They have increased their cash reserves every quarter for more than two years. Those in the S&P 500 index had a total of $963.3 billion at the end of March, according to the most recent data from Standard & Poor's.

Investors have been waiting for companies to use some of that cash on acquisitions, dividend increases and stock buybacks. Many market strategists believe that companies are more confident about the future if they're willing to buy other businesses.

Oil up 3 percent

Oil jumped to the highest level in more than a week on some positive news about the global economy.

Oil was also pushed higher by a fall in the dollar. As the greenback weakens, investors who hold stronger foreign currencies are able to buy more crude. Monday's 3 percent rise to more than $87 per barrel all but erased losses in oil markets last week.

For people filling up at the pump, though, crude is still in a range above last year's levels. That means gasoline prices should be higher than what they were in 2010.

On Monday, gasoline cost $3.594 per gallon, on average, down less than a penny, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon is still about 84 cents higher than it was last year, although regular is 8 cents cheaper than it was in July.

Crude rose Monday after Japan's economy shrank less than expected from April to June.

"Last week, we saw a market that was really driven by fear," PFGBest Phil Flynn said. "The data out of Japan shows that the world isn't falling off the map."

Dollar down

The dollar slid as investors favored assets considered riskier, such as stocks, even as manufacturing and investment reports in the U.S. showed some weakness.

A report on New York manufacturing Monday suggested that activity has worsened in the region for the third month in a row.

That doesn't exactly line up with hopes that the U.S. economy will bounce back any time soon, said David Watt, a currency strategist with RBC Capital in Toronto.

Still, investors bought up stocks after the recent upheaval in world stock markets. Big acquisitions by major companies also helped boost investors' taste for stocks and riskier currencies, despite concerns about the U.S. economy.

Meanwhile, investors hoped that a key summit of French and German leaders Tuesday will work on building a more lasting solution to Europe's debt crisis. Worries about European governments defaulting on their debts have overshadowed the euro bloc for more than a year and a half.

Gold for December delivery rebounded Monday, finishing up $15.40 at $1,758 an ounce, after it eased off a high just above $1,800 an ounce during last week's volatile trading.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $25.55 Up 1.54

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $60.64 Up 3.08

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $87.52 Up 3.42

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $36.53 Up 1.77

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.95 Up 0.95

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.22 Down 0.02

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.79 Up 0.48

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2606033	7.76	+.57
S&P500ETF	1920366	120.62	+2.50
SPDR Fncl	1112795	13.19	+.41
NokiaCp	1015783	6.29	+.93
MotrlaMo n	950125	38.12	+13.65

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MotrlaMo n	38.12	+13.65	+55.8
TrnsRty	3.75	+1.16	+44.8
VlyNB wt18	2.05	+.44	+27.3
BeazerH13	11.15	+2.13	+23.6
NoAmEn g	6.06	+.96	+18.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Syswin n	2.05	-.45	-18.0
C-TrCVOL	37.95	-5.55	-12.8
DnRsaBear	41.23	-5.24	-11.3
DRE Bear	11.93	-1.50	-11.2
CSVSzVxS	35.36	-4.38	-11.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,839
Declined	268
Unchanged	51
Total issues	3,158
New Highs	13
New Lows	6
Volume	4,424,574,651

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VimetX	35939	21.66	+3.97
ChenereEn	34507	8.70	+.77
NwGold g	34072	12.00	+.56
GoldStr g	30962	2.29	+.01
VantageDrl	28791	1.57	+.18

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VimetX	21.66	+3.97	+22.4
SynergyRs	3.64	+.54	+17.4
eMagin	4.14	+.50	+13.7
ParaG&S	2.63	+.27	+11.4
SaratogaRs	5.80	+.55	+10.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ContlMatls	15.08	-2.12	-12.3
StreamG un	2.77	-.23	-7.7
Fredmind	9.29	-.74	-7.4
TnoTch	3.37	-.22	-6.1
GlbiScape	2.03	-.12	-5.6

DIARY

Advanced	367
Declined	105
Unchanged	23
Total issues	495
New Highs	4
New Lows	5
Volume	97,916,044

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	923247	1.90	+.03
Cisco	643004	16.03	+.04
PwShs QQQ	637928	54.36	+.79
RschMotn	552998	27.11	+2.55
Microsoft	549054	25.51	+.41

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SGOCO n	4.25	+1.44	+51.2
ChXDPlas	4.61	+1.29	+38.9
ShengInno	2.19	+.57	+35.2
AcuraPhm	3.24	+.67	+26.1
Motricity	2.87	+.56	+24.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ImageSens	6.24	-1.66	-21.0
AtlCstFn	3.80	-.95	-20.0
Atmns rsh	2.75	-.60	-17.9
Cvtcn wt	2.03	-.39	-16.0
InterDig	64.96	-10.76	-14.2

DIARY

Advanced	2,128
Declined	498
Unchanged	58
Total issues	2,684
New Highs	48
New Lows	48
Volume	1,922,631,510

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	28.81	+.58	-1.9
Abraxas	...	**74**	**3.72**	**+.34**	**-18.6**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	**...**	**9.99**	**+.22**	**-7.0**
AlcatelLuc	...	...	3.84	+.14	+29.7
Alcoa	.12	14	12.56	+.30	-18.4
AlonUSA	.16	...	9.80	+.61	+63.9
Amgen	**1.12**	**11**	**51.60**	**+1.60**	**-6.0**
Anadarko	**.36**	**44**	**74.32**	**+2.61**	**-2.4**
Annaly	2.59e	6	18.35	+.47	+2.4
Apache	**.60**	**11**	**105.42**	**+2.24**	**-11.6**
ApldMatl	**.32**	**10**	**11.87**	**+.27**	**-15.5**
ATMOS	**1.36**	**14**	**32.20**	**+1.01**	**+3.2**
AutoData	1.44	19	47.88	+.61	+3.5
BP PLC	**1.68**	**...**	**41.65**	**+1.48**	**-5.7**
BakrHu	.60	20	64.57	+2.81	+12.9
BkofAm	.04	...	7.76	+.57	-41.8
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	32.18	-1.95	-14.4
BasicEnSv	...	80	25.55	+1.54	+55.0
BerkHa A	**...**	**171086600.00**	**+1000.00**		**-9.8**
BerryPet	**.30**	**28**	**51.90**	**+3.25**	**+18.8**
BlkHillsCp	**1.46**	**15**	**30.04**	**+.94**	**+.1**
BrMySq	**1.32**	**15**	**28.17**	**+.20**	**+6.4**
BrownFA	**1.28a**	**17**	**66.90**	**+.78**	**-3.6**
BrownFB	**1.28a**	**18**	**68.58**	**+.53**	**-1.5**
CVS Care	.50	14	34.00	+.75	-2.2
Cameron	...	21	49.82	+1.69	-2.2
Caterpillar	1.84f	15	91.37	+1.56	-2.4
Celestic g	...	9	8.51	+.40	-12.3
CntryLink	2.90	13	34.98	+.37	-24.2
ChesEng	.35	11	32.29	+.99	+24.6
Chevron	**3.12**	**9**	**99.10**	**+3.24**	**+8.6**
Chicos	.20	19	13.04	-.37	+8.4
Cimarex	.40	11	70.00	+3.50	-20.9
Cisco	.24	14	16.03	+.04	-20.8
Citigrp rs	.04	10	31.27	+1.42	-33.9
ClayEng	**...**	**18**	**60.64**	**+3.09**	**-27.8**
CocaCola	**1.88**	**14**	**68.20**	**+1.06**	**+3.7**
ColgPal	**2.32**	**18**	**86.80**	**+.92**	**+7.3**
Comcast	.45	15	21.27	+.63	-2.7
CompPrdS	...	15	31.39	+1.16	+5.8
ConAgra	**.92**	**13**	**23.60**	**+.61**	**+4.5**
ConocoPhs	**...**	**9**	**87.03**	**+3.42**	**-.9**
ConocoPhil	**3.64**	**9**	**67.48**	**+1.49**	**-.9**
Corning	.20	7	15.56	+1.16	-19.5
CrackerB	.88	10	41.77	+1.06	-23.7
CrosTim	**2.91e**	**16**	**44.91**	**+.77**	**+12.6**
DCP Mid	2.53f	...	39.00	+.71	+4.3
DTE	2.35	12	48.36	+1.41	+6.7
Dataram h	...	...	1.25	-.15	-20.4
Dawson	**...**	**...**	**36.53**	**+1.77**	**+14.5**
Dell Inc	...	9	15.50	+.63	+14.4
Dndreon	...	...	12.65	+2.28	-63.8
DevonE	**.68**	**5**	**69.78**	**+1.78**	**-11.1**
DnrFnBull	...	...	15.36	+1.29	-44.8
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5,627.85	4,010.52	Dow Jones Transportation	4,684.44	+61.86	+1.34	-8.27	+11.39
442.01	381.43	Dow Jones Utilities	425.98	+14.77	+3.59	+5.18	+9.98
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2,490.51	1,830.65	Amex Index	2,305.41	+40.13	+1.91	+4.39	+20.65
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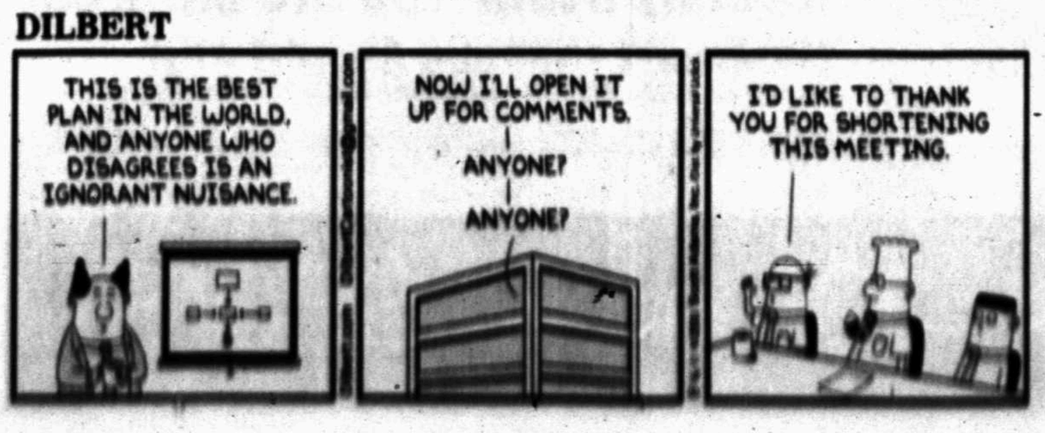
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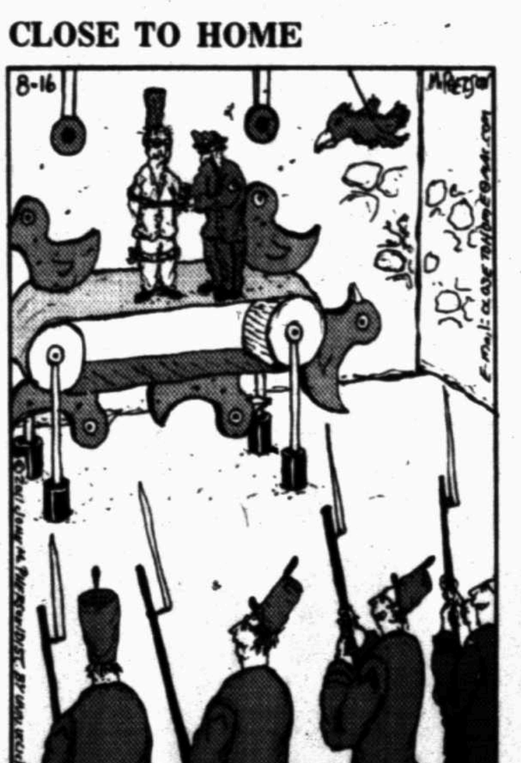
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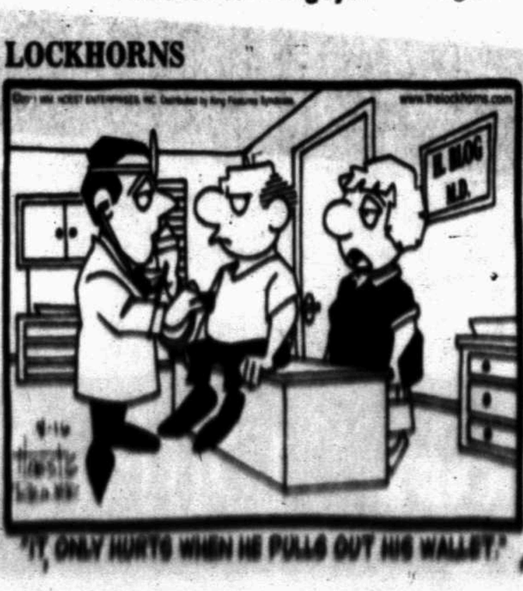
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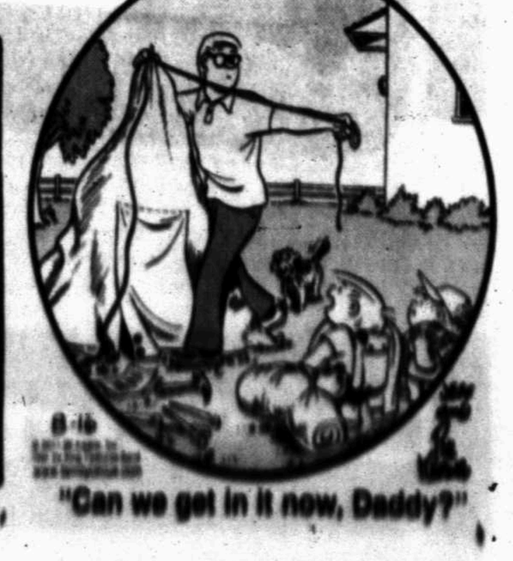
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The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Goldsmith Formation in the Goldsmith San Andres Unit Lease, well number: B057RW. The proposed well is located at 440' FNL & 1320' FWL, Blk 44, Sec 14, T&P RR Co Survey, which is approximately 3 miles South from Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County, TX. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3854' to 5111' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as emended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Legacy Reserves FT
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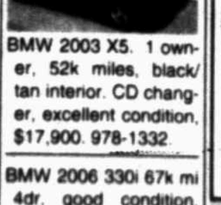
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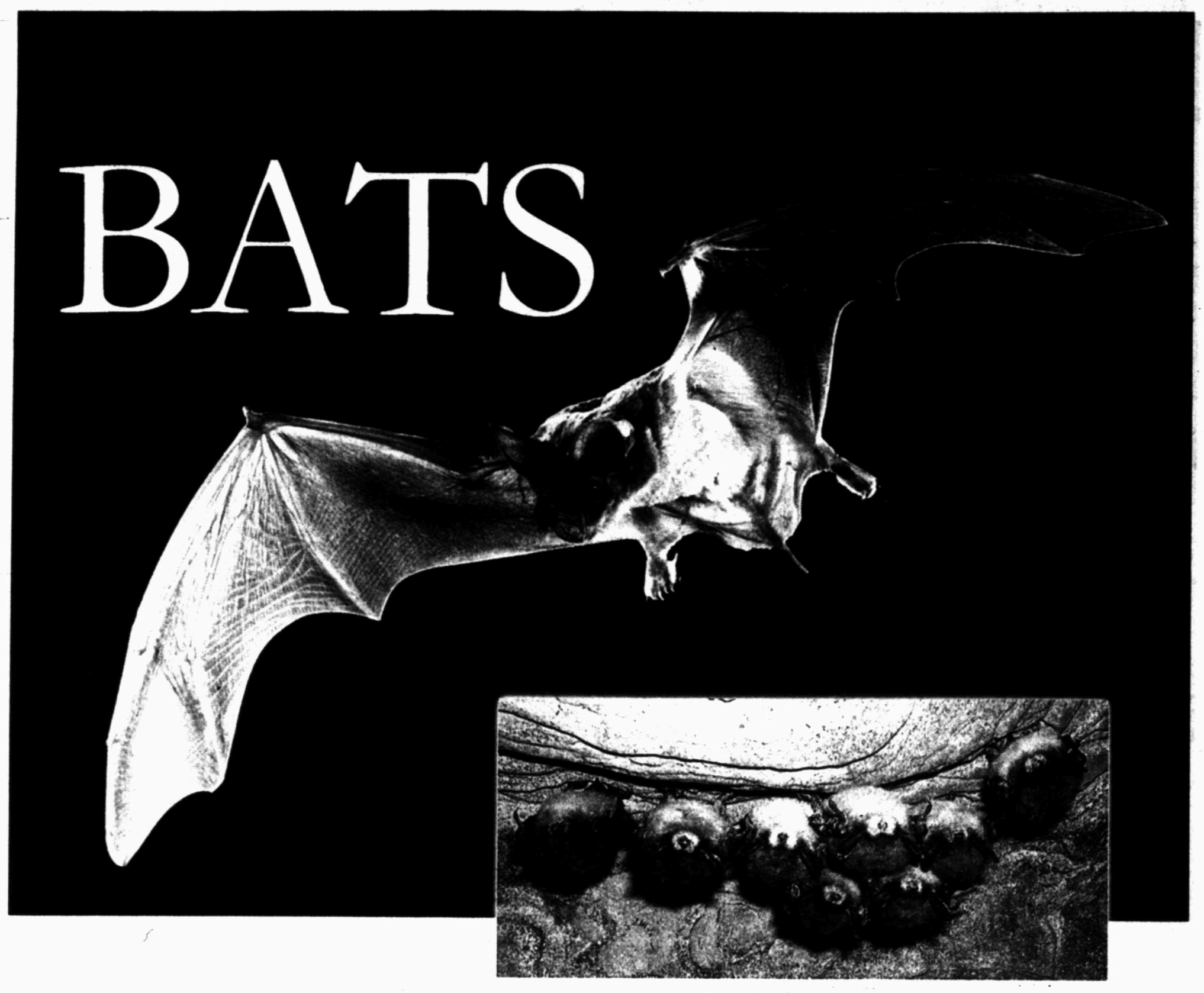
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Bats are integral part of ecological system

By Nancy O'Donnell
Hearst News Service

Now is a good time to discuss the truth about the little, flying mammals of the night sky.

Upstate New York is home to six species of bats. The most common is Myotis lucifugus, the little brown bat. Its body measures a mere 2 inches long and 8 inches from wingtip to wingtip, but we seem to tremble at its presence overhead.

So what do you know about bats? Did you know that they're mammals? They are the only true flying mammal; sorry, but flying squirrels actually glide. Bats are warm-blooded and have either fur or hair. They birth their young live — no egg-laying for them — and the moms nurse their babies.

Baby bats are referred to as "pups" and are born bald, usually in early summer. Mating occurs in the fall, but here's a cool fact: The female safely stores the sperm in her body until spring, when fertilization actually takes place.

Bats don't build nests. Instead, they create roosts: places where they hang upside-down and sleep. Depending on the species, roosts can be found in caves, under bridges, in the crevices of trees, in buildings and, of course, in attics. Pregnant females often roost together in what has been dubbed a nursery roost; hundreds can roost at one time. Almost immediately after birth, these mini-mammals have the ability to hang upside-down. Within a month's time, they are flying and hunting on their own, and no longer relying on mom.

Bats are an integral part of our ecological system. The diet of the bats found in New York state is strictly insects, and lots of them. A single bat can consume nearly its body weight in insects a night. That's thousands upon thousands of insects in an evening's flight. These are insects that would otherwise be biting us, spreading diseases or wreaking havoc on food crops. In other parts of the world, bats dine on pollen, fruit, small amphibians and an occasional slurp of blood.

Vampire bats do exist. They live in Latin America, so uncover your neck! They don't suck the blood; they prick their sleeping victim and allow the blood to pool, and then they drink it.

When its victim wakes up, the small puncture wounds have scabbed over, and the animal can go about its day. As for rabies, Bat Conservation International says that over the last 50 years, only 48 people in the United States have contracted rabies because of a bat bite, putting your chance right up there with winning the lottery.

Bats are not blind, as many folks believe. Rather than use their eyes at night, they are blessed with a built-in sonar system called echolocation. They send out a high-frequency screech that our ears can't detect. The sound waves created bounce off objects in front of the bat. When the waves return, the bat is able to create a "picture" of objects, insects and predators from the echoes.

When the insect population dwindles in late fall, the bat goes into hibernation until spring. Bats living to the ripe old age of 30 was not uncommon until now. Sadly, our little brown bat could be extinct as early as a quarter-century from now. A fungal infection called "white nose syndrome" is rapidly overtaking these little fellas, while they do nothing more than sleep the winter months away.

In 2009, Scientific American reported the first discovery of the disease here in the United States: in 2006, in Howe Caverns.

Cavers who took photos of hibernating bats found something white and fuzzy covering their muzzles and wings. Numerous dead bats also were found on the cave's floor.

The N.Y. state Department of Conservation has since recorded 1 million bat cases in New York state alone. The disease disorients the bat. It wakes up from its slumber while it's still winter and burns through its stored fat reserves. That leaves the bat with a low body-fat concentration for the remainder of the cold months, resulting in starvation or death by freezing. The disease is highly infectious, has caused the death of entire colonies of bats within one winter, and is moving throughout the southern states and north into Canada.

The bacterium that causes white nose fungus is believed to be spread by bat droppings that get picked up unknowingly by other bats or on the clothing or boots of spelunkers. A cure is not known yet. What is known is that, without help, our little brown bat and eight other species of bats of North America face extinction.

Fitbit device offers alternative for those bored with workout-themed games

Dear PropellerHeads: I've shed some pounds playing workout-themed games on the Nintendo Wii, but I'm getting bored with those. Any suggestions for what to try next?

A: So you thought, "Who's techno-savvy but needs to lose a few pounds?" And then you emailed us — is that it? Well, by sheer coincidence, we do have a suggestion for you. But this is a family column, so let's move on.

If you want a gadget that will motivate you to exercise without requiring you to stand in front of the TV, check out the Fitbit (fitbit.com). This $100 device is the size of a thumb drive and acts like a pedometer on steroids (but without the rage and acne). Combined with your personal profile on the Fitbit website, this little guy makes exercise fun.

The Fitbit clips onto your waistband, bra, or shirt, and uses sensors like those in the Wii remote to track movement. A screen on the front shows distance traveled, calories burned, and number of steps taken for the day.

A start/stop button lets you record statistics for a particular activity or length of time, and an image of a flower "grows" on the screen as your activity level increases. Exercise enough and the flower fills the screen, with the amount of work required for this to happen increasing over time.

A flower?! That's my motivation?!

No. That's where the website comes in. Fitbits include free access to a site that stores your statistics, charts your fitness goals, and tracks health-related habits.

The Fitbit battery lasts about a week. To charge it, you snap the unit onto a USB cradle. This is when your exercise data is transferred to the website for analysis.

Creating a user profile on the site requires you to specify your gender, age, height, and weight. The site then calculates how many calories you burn every day. The apparatus can't distinguish between walking and biking (for example), so you can choose from a list of activities to to supply more accurate information.

Previous versions of the site did not make this information private by default, leading to some embarrassing headlines after certain strenuous activities were recorded in too much detail.

Which brings us to … sleep. Wear the included wrist band at night and the Fitbit will cal-culate your sleep quality based on how much you toss and turn. Like your exercise stats, this data is brought to life on the site with pie charts, bar graphs, and reports.

The site motivates you to exercise in different ways. You can set fitness goals — steps per week, distance covered per week, or number of pounds to lose — and the site "dashboard" graphs out your progress.

Not enough? Then try beating your friends' stats (assuming they also have Fitbits). Or compete within the groups you belong to – people of the same gender, age group, or Body Mass Index.

Even better, compete against your best earlier self. The dashboard shows the dates of your own personal bests: the maximum number of steps in a single day, the longest distance, and the highest activity level. How are you going to top that day you chased down the ice cream truck? Better get to work.

The hardware can be a little fragile at times, so try not to drop the Fitbit. And it can be too sensitive, mistaking bumpy car rides for exercise, which you can correct on the web-site. Overall, though, we're quite happy with the Fitbit, and glad to see technology helping us become more active for a change (I'm looking at you, Xbox).

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