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Cornyn amendment may halt lizard listing

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

The Permian Basin oil industry received a boost Tuesday in its fight to keep the sand dune lizard off the endangered species list.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, filed an amendment to the Economic Development Administration reauthorization bill that would exempt the lizard from the Endangered Species Act. Industry leaders are concerned that such a listing could greatly hamper or close down much oil activity in the eight Permian Basin counties that are considered the lizard's habitat.

"With reptilian ability, the Obama administration changes its colors on domestic energy from one day to the next based on the political environment," Cornyn said in a statement. "Though the president recently claimed he was all for expanding domestic energy production, to see his true colors, meet a little-known species: the sand dune lizard.

"If the Obama administration has its way, this scaly political pawn will land on the Endangered Species List, without sufficient supporting research to back up the move, and effectively bring new and existing oil and gas production in parts of Texas and New Mexico to a screeching halt," he added.

Ben Shepperd, Permian Basin Petroleum Association president, commended Cornyn's efforts.

"Not surprisingly, we're in support of that (legislation)," said Shepperd. "There is absolutely no justifiable reason to list the sand dune lizard as an endangered species."

Although the amendment is attached to the EDA reauthorization bill, it would actually make a change to Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The amendment reads, "This Act shall not apply to the sand dune lizard."

A Cornyn aide said the wording was attached to the EDA reauthorization bill because keeping the sand dune lizard off the endangered species list is

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SCHOOLPRAYER

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Kris Hill, lead volunteer, leads children at First United Methodist Church's vacation Bible school in song and praise Tuesday at the chapel. For more coverage of upcoming vacation Bible schools and other summer activities for children, see PULSE in Thursday's Reporter-Telegram.

Pair arrested in murder, attack given $1.25M bond

■ Details still unknown; court orders documents sealed.

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Two men have been arrested for the murder of a 25-year-old Midland man and were being held Tuesday on $1.25 million bonds.

Whitworth

Lee

Although many of the details remain a mystery, Midland County deputies said Christopher Aaron Easley was found dead and bloodied, face down in a mesquite bush next to several drag marks. The second set of marks, authorities believe, belong to his unnamed girlfriend who is in critical condition at the Midland Memorial Hospital.

Stephen Craig Whitworth, 21, of Del Rio, and Paul Curtis Lee, 24, of El Paso, both are charged with a first-degree felony for

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School officials hopeful stall won't affect completion date

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Midland Christian School officials said they're hopeful their new facility still can open by the fall of 2012.

After the Planning and Zoning Commission denied the school's request for a re-plat this week, board member Alan Brown said he and the other members now are waiting for a decision from the City Council. If construction can start by the fall — which he said he's hopeful — the planned new middle school/high school facility still could be ready for students by the start of classes in 2012 because construction should take 12 months, he said.

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"We will wait," Brown said. "We've appealed to the City Council and have every belief that the City Council will approve the re-plat."

He said Monday's vote surprised officials because the request was to turn the various lots the school owns into one larger lot. It also would include a portion of Culver Drive that was closed June 1. The re-plat of the lots was the last step needed before the city could provide the school with building permits.

Commissioners voted down the request, 4-3, after several school neighbors spoke against the request. Neighbors asked the re-plat be denied because single family residential zoning does not call for specific building plans to be approved by the commission or the City Council.

Schools are part of what's permitted in residential zones, said Planning Division Manager Cameron Walker. The building plans for the school submitted to the city also don't include any variances from the city's codes, he said.

Some commissioners said they would have preferred to be able to approve the building plan along with the re-plat. After the incident with the Blue Ridge Apartments, said Chairman Brian Carney, they are being careful.

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Groups happy about animal cruelty bills on Perry's desk

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Midland residents who spent the session advocating for tougher restrictions on puppy mills and cockfighting activities said they're ecstatic new laws are nearly in place.

A bill that enacts regulations and licensing on cat and dog breeders and one that will allow for broader enforcement against those watching or

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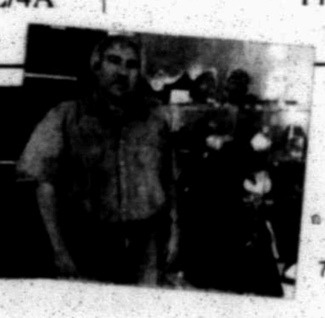

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Nurse: Talks on doc's cases delayed

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

A whistleblower nurse told jurors Tuesday that she tried for months to get hospital officials to investigate a doctor before anonymously reporting him to the Texas Medical Board, which prompted the doctor's friend — the sheriff — to target her and another nurse in a criminal investigation.

Anne Mitchell testified during the trial of Winkler County Sheriff Robert L. Roberts Jr., who is accused of retaliating against her and Vickilyn Galle after they sent an unsigned letter about Dr. Rolando Arafiles Jr. to the board in 2009. The letter said Arafiles was unethical and endangering patients, alleging he used herbal remedies and tried to use hospital supplies for at-home procedures.

Prosecutors said Arafiles complained to Roberts, who uncovered the women's identities and sought criminal charges. Both women lost their jobs and were indicted, but Mitchell was acquitted last year and charges against Galle were dropped. They later settled a lawsuit against the county, Winkler County Memorial Hospital, Roberts and others for $750,000.

The Texas Attorney General's Office then went after the sheriff, Arafiles and another county official. In their opening statements earlier Tuesday, prosecutors said "smoking guns" would show how Roberts misused his power to retaliate against the women.

Mitchell told jurors that she intended to discuss Arafiles' cases during hospital officials' regular monthly meetings, but the meetings were repeatedly cancelled in late 2008. When the hospital's governing board met in January 2009, a letter sent by another hospital employee that raised concerns about Arafiles was discussed. Roberts showed up at the meeting and defended Arafiles.

"He basically said that (Arafiles) was his physician and he was in support of him," Mitchell testified. "Everyone got very quiet" after the sheriff finished speaking, she said. "There was no more discussion."

A few months later, she and Galle sent their anonymous complaint because "it seemed like we were just getting nowhere," Mitchell said.

Roberts faces two felonies — retaliation and misuse of official information — and a misdemeanor. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison. The trial is being held in Midland, about 330 miles west of Dallas, after it was moved by the judge.

During his opening statement, Assistant Texas Attorney General David Glickler said Mitchell and Galle were targeted because "good ol' boys wanted to silence a couple of ladies."

"They made the terrible mistake of trying to do their job," Glickler told the Midland County jury.

Glickler said one of his three "smoking guns" included a pair of letters — one missive from Roberts and another one to him — though he didn't offer details on other evidence Tuesday.

Defense attorney Jason Leach said Roberts was merely doing his job by investigating information in a complaint. Leach noted that the sheriff wasn't the one who indicted and prosecuted the nurses.

"This is a case about a man who has dedicated the better part of 30 years of his life to law enforcement," Leach told jurors.

The trial is expected to resume Wednesday.

After the nurses were charged, nursing associations and health care watchdogs across the country rallied around them. During Mitchell's trial, the groups said the case was a key test of physician accountability and warned of a potential chilling effect on medical professionals and consumers.

Arafiles, licensed in Texas since 1998, has said the nurses' letter to the board was intended to harm him personally. The Texas Medical Board placed Arafiles on probation for four years in February, and told him he could continue practicing if he completed additional training.

The board concluded that Arafiles failed to properly treat emergency room patients, didn't appropriately apply hormone therapy to a female patient and failed to document patient diagnoses and treatment plans.

The board also found that Arafiles improperly tried to intimidate Mitchell and Galle.

Lawmakers passed legislation this year that adds protections from retaliation when nurses advocate for patients. The bill, which has been sent to Gov. Rick Perry for signing, provides immunity from criminal liability for reporting unsafe care.

TEXAS ROUNDUP
FROM WIRE REPORTS

GRANBURY

Report: Mobile home fire appears accidental

A fire marshal said a mobile home fire that left six people dead in a North Texas lakeside community appears to have started accidentally and no charges will be filed.

The Hood County Fire Marshal's Office released its final report Tuesday on the blaze that broke out in Granbury after a teen's birthday party in March. Six people ages 16 to 30 were killed, all from the Fort Worth area. Three others were injured.

Fire Marshal Brian Fine's report said the fire started in the master bedroom, caused by a cigarette or a faulty lamp.

Friends said the victims had fallen asleep after the party. The report also said the victims tested positive for carbon monoxide and several for alcohol and some drugs, any of which may have incapacitated them.

AUSTIN

House panel OKs changes to prison health care

A House committee has approved legislation meant to cut down on soaring health care costs for prisoners in Texas.

The panel voted Tuesday for a bill that would require inmates who initiate a visit to the doctor to pay a $100 annual fee unless they are indigent. It also requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to house inmates with similar health conditions in the same units to reduce costs.

The legislation requires the department to provide certain over-the-counter medications and at no cost to indigent inmates.

A budget analysis predicted the bill will save the state nearly $10 million over the next two years.

The bill's author said he will try to amend the measure onto a Senate fiscal matters bill Thursday.

No bodies found in Texas home after psychic tip

Associated Press

HARDIN — A sheriff's official said no bodies have been found at a Texas farmhouse where a person claiming to be a psychic told officials multiple bodies were buried.

Liberty County Sheriff's Capt. Rex Evans said there is no indication of bodies being anywhere on the rural property, about 70 miles northeast of Houston.

Officials said the sheriff's office had received two calls from a person who said dismembered bodies would be found. Evans said authorities took the tip seriously in part because the caller had details about the interior of the house that only someone who had seen it could have known.

He said authorities now have a name and number for the caller and are working to track them down.

FELONY ARRESTS
FROM STAFF REPORTS

Rosie E. Brodnex, 46, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland police on a charge of tampering with evidence.

Rosalinda M. Cereceres, 26, of Midland, was arrested Monday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Steven C. Garcia, 26, of Midland, was arrested by 238th Judicial District Court officials on a third or more charge of driving while zintoxicated.

Steven C. Garcia, 26, of Midland, was arrested by Midland County deputies on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Casey L. Jones, 22, of Midland, was arrested by Midland police on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Paul C. Lee, 24, of El Paso, was arrested by Midland County deputies on a charge of murder.

Noel C. Olivas, 36, of Midland, was arrested by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

James A. Richardson, 37, of Midland, was arrested by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Parish S. Strong, 25, of Midland, was arrested by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Guillermo E. Tarango, 63, of Midland, was arrested by Midland police on a charge of violation of probation.

Stephen C. Whitworth, 21, of Del Rio, was arrested by Midland County deputies on a charge of murder.

Kenneth R. Wilke, 39, of Midland, was arrested by Midland County deputies on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.

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Choice between taxes, schools a symbolic one

JASON EMBRY
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — A couple of votes in the Texas House and Senate offered an unusually clear view of the choices lawmakers faced in this tough budget year.

The Senate vote came Friday, at the end of the first week of a special legislative session, when Democratic Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth proposed amending a school funding bill by ending a tax exemption for the natural gas industry.

The high-cost gas tax exemption, created in 1989, was designed to spur drilling for natural gas. It began as a temporary measure but was made permanent in 2003, and this year it has been a frequent target for lawmakers who decry the Legislature's decision to rely solely on spending cuts and accounting tricks to fix a budget shortfall.

The exemption cost the state about $1.2 billion in 2009, according to the Legislative Budget Board. Repealing it would allow at least some of that money to flow to public schools, which are set to receive $4 billion less in the next budget than the state owes them under current law.

But Davis' effort to repeal the exemption failed, with the Senate's 11 other Democrats voting with her and 18 Republicans voting against her. Sen. Steve Ogden, a Bryan Republican who works in the oil and gas industry, registered "present not voting."

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said the issue was worth further study but that Friday was not the right time to make such a change.

Similarly, Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, last month proposed suspending the exemption when the price of natural gas reaches $6 per 1,000 cubic feet or when per-student education spending dips below 2011 levels. Every Republican who cast a vote and a few Democrats voted no, handing Villarreal an overwhelming defeat.

These votes came and went with little fanfare, but they offer an important glimpse into the philosophical differences that colored this year's budget debate.

The prevailing view on these votes and in the Legislature generally this year was that lawmakers shall not and will not raise taxes. This view says that tax increases on business during a recession would force those businesses to leave the state, taking with them jobs and the tax dollars they're already paying.

From this perspective, keeping taxes low to help the private sector prosper is as important as anything state government does.

The other view says that, at a time when lawmakers are reducing scholarships and talking about pay cuts for teachers, industry should have to share some of the budget burden as well, and this particular tax exemption has served its original purpose.

From this perspective, education funding is more important than blanket opposition to tax increases because an investment in the future workforce will deliver a greater societal benefit and help businesses thrive in the long run.

Most every politician talks about wanting low taxes and good schools. But rarely do lawmakers have to make a simple choice between the two in a single vote.

There's no telling which issues will decide the next round of legislative elections. But no matter where you come down on it, this one should certainly be in the mix.

Lawmaker demands definition of 'cross-border violence'

By Gary Martin
San Antonio Express-News

WASHINGTON — Partisan squabbling between Obama administration officials and Texas Republicans over "cross-border violence" escalated Tuesday when a South Texas lawmaker said he was sponsoring legislation demanding a federal definition of the term.

President Obama and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano contend that the federal manpower placed along the U.S.-Mexico border has doubled the size of the Border Patrol and the border is the safest it has been in decades.

But Gov. Rick Perry and other Texas Republican office holders say Mexican drug cartel violence is spilling over the Rio Grande and threatening American cities and citizens.

"Violence is spilling over the border from Mexico into the United States and endangering the lives and property of Americans who live along the border, despite the claims made by Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano and President Obama," said Rep. Francisco Canseco, R-Texas, whose district includes San Antonio.

Canseco filed a bill last week, without co-sponsors, that would create a federal definition of the term "cross-over violence," or "spillover violence."

There is no companion legislation filed in the Democrat-controlled Senate, making it an uphill battle for Canseco's bill to actually become law.

Security along the border has become a sticking point in the congressional immigration debate. GOP lawmakers say they will not support immigration reform legislation that offers illegal immigrants a path to citizenship until U.S. borders are secured.

Canseco, whose congressional district includes 800 miles of U.S.-Mexico border, has planned a news conference today on the steps of the Texas Capitol in Austin.

Canseco will be joined by several Texas border sheriffs, who have received funds from Perry to battle crime along the Rio Grande.

Steve McGraw, Texas Department of Public Safety director, testified before Congress last month that there have been 22 murders, 24 assaults, 15 shootings and five kidnappings in Texas linked to Mexican cartels since 2010.

Still, Grayling Williams, the U.S. Homeland Security Department director of counternarcotics enforcement, told Congress that U.S. border cities are "not seeing the level of crime and overall viciousness that you are seeing in Mexico."

Amy Pope, the Justice Department deputy chief of staff, said U.S. cities were seeing no spillover violence, but admitted the government lacks a definition.

Canseco said he has called on border sheriffs to attend the news conference and to provide first-hand accounts of the violence he said is coming across the border from Mexico.

Canseco said he sponsored his bill "to force the federal government to acknowledge the reality faced by my constituents every day who live and work along the border."

Perry adds immigration issues to special session

Associated Press

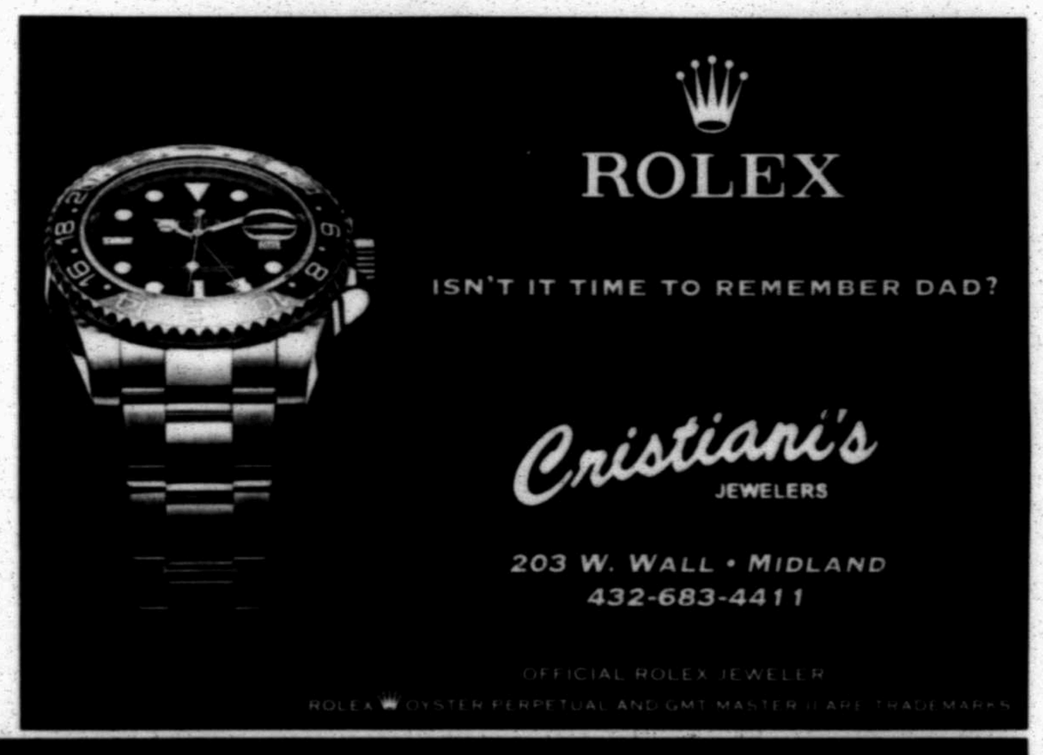
AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry added immigration legislation to the special session's agenda Tuesday, including a measure that would remove local law enforcement agencies' ability to make immigration violations a lower priority.

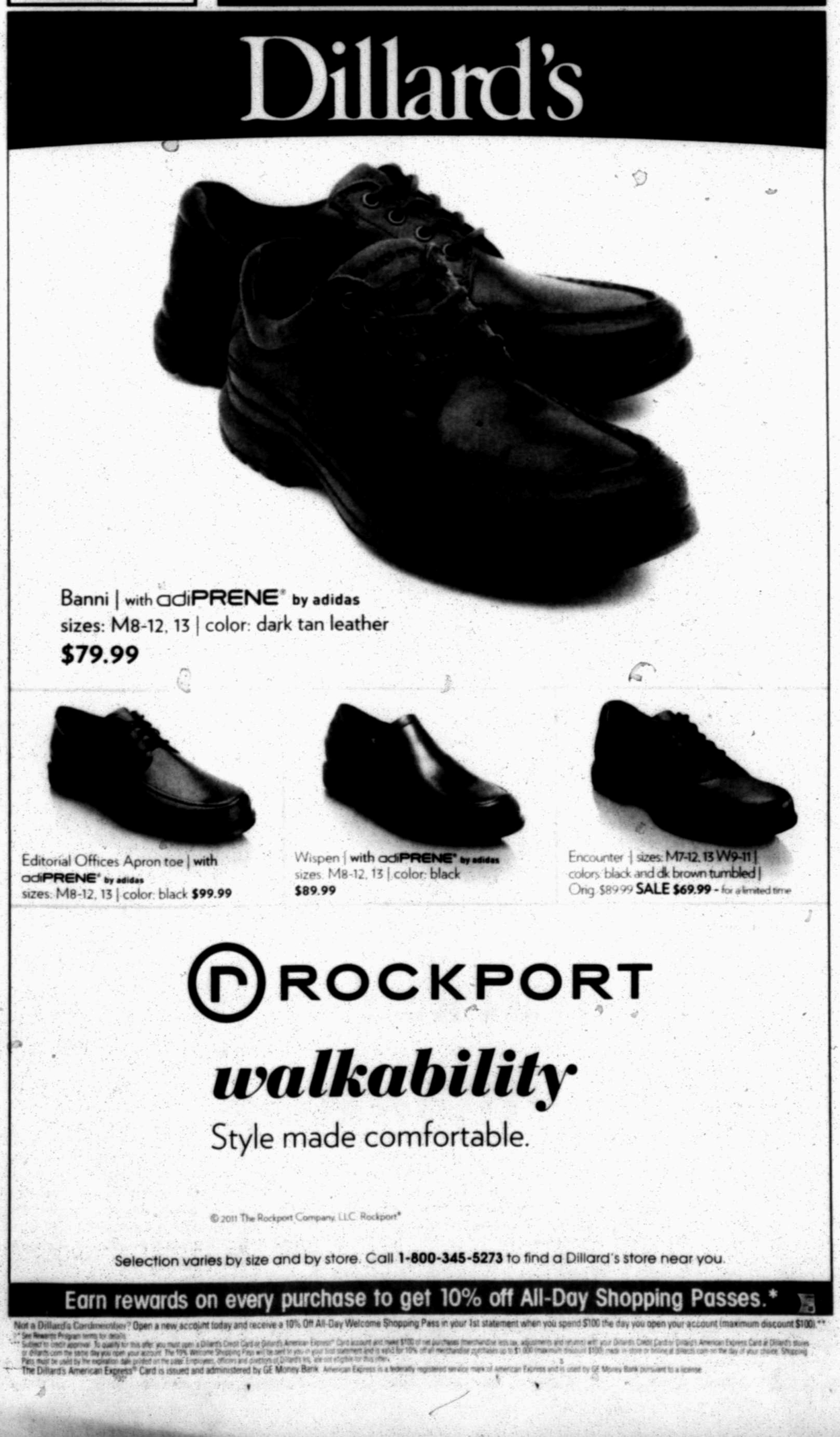
Other items he added include how local police use the federal Secure Communities program to check people's immigration status when they are arrested and checking an applicant's immigration status before issuing driver's licenses and personal identification certificates, according to a statement from Perry.

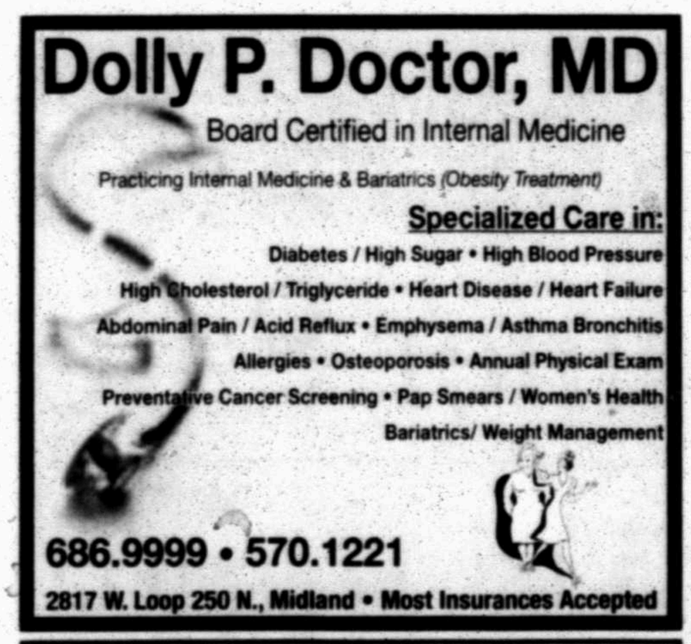
The governor had named similar items as emergency legislation in the regular session, but the bills failed to reach the full Senate for a vote.

Opponents said the measures will lead to racial profiling and the harassment of minorities.

Texas Democrats vehemently oppose all the measures and successfully used parliamentary procedure to stymie them until after the deadline passed for passage during the regular session.







Lawmakers OK changes to hurricane insurance

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lawmakers approved big changes Tuesday to the insurance authority that covers coastal residents in case of a hurricane.

The House Insurance Committee passed a bill overhauling the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association. Gov. Rick Perry put the matter on the special session's agenda, saying he hoped it would be passed before another hurricane hits. The bill now goes to the full House for consideration and if approved, on to the Senate.

The association is a nonprofit, state-supervised insurer of last resort for people who can't get private property insurance. The organization is subsidized with mandatory dues from for-profit insurance companies.

Following Hurricane Rita, there were numerous allegations of collusion between claims adjusters and the association. More than 1,900 policyholders sued the association for failing to pay for legitimate damages. The Texas Department of Insurance placed the association under administrative oversight in February.

The most controversial part of the bill would limit how much a property owner could win in punitive damages if the nonprofit association doesn't fulfill its obligation for coverage. The proposed bill would eliminate claims for punitive damages. Trial attorneys and advocacy groups have opposed that provision.

Ware Wendell, legislative director of the consumer advocacy group Texas Watch, said the measure takes away vital rights to sue that people with policies issued by for-profit insurance companies can currently use to force insurers to fulfill their policies.

School

From 1A

At least a few council members said they plan to support the school's request when it comes before them.

City staff said it hasn't been decided yet whether the issue will be brought to the June 14 or July 12 council meeting.

When the council voted 5-2 to vacate a portion of Culver Drive, it did so with the knowledge that a building would eventually go up in that area, said Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1.

"I think they made an error," Sparks said of the commission. "There was no doubt when the City Council voted to approve closing Culver and selling the right of way to the school that the intent was to re-plat it as a single property so that the school could do its renovation and upgrade."

Jerry Morales, at-large councilman who's been working with the school on its plans, agreed and said he'll vote for the re-plat.

"It was just a platting issue," he said. "I'm kind of confused again on why the P&Z committee chose not to support that and why they were hoping for the council to make the decision."

Morales said he understands neighbors not wanting the building but said he thought the school and residents were at least "on the same boat" in agreeing on plans that suited both parties to a degree. Among concessions made by Midland Christian School, Morales said the second story windows were to be frosted and the building was being moved back from the alley so it wouldn't be too close to homes.

Brown said they tried to include neighbors, but know they can't please everyone.

"We have a neighborhood committee that has seen all of the plans and had significant input and even had opportunity to change the plans according to their input," he said. "It would be impossible to have every neighbor make a contribution."

Neighbors at Monday's meeting argued the residents on the committee do not include those who vehemently disagree with the school's expansion.

Clayton Hooper, who's mother and sister live in the neighborhood, said in general residents don't oppose the school but the way it is handling its growth.

"This is kind of their last leg to stand up," he said, speaking to commissioners about the re-plat request. "They're not against the school. They're against the way it's been handled. Once it's re-platted that's it."

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Animals

From 1A

participating in cockfighting rings now are awaiting the governor's signature to become law.

"We were delighted," said Lynda Webb, a member of the West Texas chapter of the Texas Humane Legislation Network (THLN). "With all of our budget problems, we are thrilled that the animals actually had a voice in this session."

Members of the West Texas group and area supporters spent the past several months petitioning lawmakers to support the measures, said Kim Kempton, president of the area chapter.

"We're just so thoroughly pleased," Kempton said.

House Bill 1043 strengthens the existing cockfighting laws and puts them in line with Texas dog fighting laws already in existence. Under the bill passed by the Senate and House, it would be illegal to not only participate in a cock fight but also to watch, bet on, use or provide land for such a fight and to own or train a bird meant for the fights. Individuals also would not be permitted to manufacture, sell, possess or trade sharp objects meant for attachment to a male bird's feet in preparation for a fight, according to the bill.

Previously, only those participating in fighting the birds could be prosecuted and only if they were caught in the act.

Nicole Paquette, the Texas senior state director for the Humane Society of the United States, said because of those regulations and the more stringent laws in surrounding states, cockfighting has become widespread in Texas.

"Most of these people, there's no fear going to these cockfights or even participating," she said, adding their investigations over the past 18 months found 100 active cockfighting pits in Texas.

If Gov. Rick Perry signs the bill passed, she said it should dramatically reduce the number of fights.

"We think the bill is going to help law enforcement and provide them with the necessary tools to really crack down on this illegal activity," she said.

Paul O'Neill, director of Midland's Animal Services, said any cockfighting bust requires manpower from several agencies, so having laws that will help prosecute those involved should help those efforts.

MRT file photo

Paul O'Neil, Midland Animal Services director, opens the cage of one of the roosters taken into custody by the Midland County Sheriff's Department after a raid. A bill that makes prosecution of cockfighting rings is one of two animal cruelty bills now waiting Gov. Rick Perry's signature.

In 2009, law enforcement broke up a bird fighting ring in Martin County that led to 80 individuals being sent to the Midland County Detention Center. O'Neill said they also found a small ring in Midland County in more recent months, but those instances are not common.

"It's pretty rare out here, I think just because there's so much wide open space in the county and surrounding areas," he said.

House Bill 1451 works to reduce the instances of inhumane breeding conditions as it requires dog and cat breeders to be licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Additionally, the breeders would have to adhere to inspections every 18 months to ensure animals are treated properly. The rules would apply only to breeders with 11 or more non-spayed females who also sell or exchange at least 20 animals each year, according to the bill.

Standards include requirements such as providing animals daily exercise, access to food and water, rest between breeding cycles and one veterinary exam per year, among other things.

O'Neill said the legislation is good "in theory" and its effectiveness will depend on how many inspectors can be hired to look at breeding facilities. The bill allows for breeders to be charged a fee for licensing and regulation, which is meant to prevent the state from incurring additional costs to enforce the legislation.

Paquette said enforcing the law, if Perry signs it, will take some time, but it should increase the quality of life for animals as it goes into place.

"This will make a huge difference for the animals that are going to be covered by this bill," she said, adding it may the first time some have seen a vet or been taken outside.

Kempton said they're crossing their fingers Perry will sign the bills.

"We've all been sending emails and letters and faxes to Gov. Perry," she said. "We're just hopeful they'll have a strong impact on him."

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Murder

From 1A

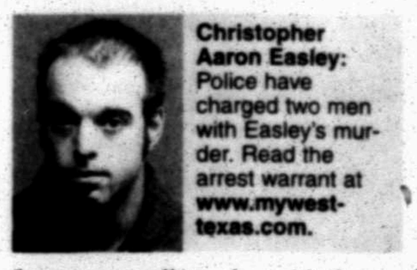
the murder of Easley and a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for their alleged attack on the unnamed woman.

The woman remains in critical condition in the Midland Memorial Hospital on a "breathing machine," Sheriff Gary Painter said. Painter said her name is not being released at this time.

Details surrounding the murder and assault have not been made public. District Attorney Teresa Clingman filed a motion to seal the arrest affidavits, among other reports and documents.

"There are sensitive details that should not be released to the public," Clingman said about her motion granted by Judge John Hyde to seal court documents.

She also said the investigation is still ongoing. But she added that the documents may become public at some point in the future; regardless she said, the details will come out during trial.



Christopher Aaron Easley: Police have charged two men with Easley's murder. Read the arrest warrant at **www.mywesttexas.com.**

Authorities have said at 6:27 a.m. Monday, dispatchers received a 911 call from a person on South County Road 1210 who had seen a woman covered in blood run into the roadway to flag down traffic.

The woman said she and her boyfriend had been assaulted by two suspects and that her boyfriend was dead.

The woman was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital by EMS responders where she underwent surgery for multiple stab wounds.

The crime scene was located on a lease road west of South County Road 1210 where the body of Easley was found face down behind a mesquite bush at the end of set of drag marks, authorities said. Another set of drag marks also was found next to the body, and investigators confirmed the drag marks were from the unnamed female who survived the attack.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Judge Joe Matlock pronounced Easley dead at the scene and has ordered an autopsy. The body was sent to Fort Worth.

The search warrant issued Monday evening ordered the search of room 136 at Travelodge Motel on the 2500 block of Commerce Drive. Whitworth and Lee were believed to be staying at the room, according to search warrant and Painter.

Midland County deputies found a knife believed to be used in the assault of Easley and the unidentified woman.

Investigators also found bloodied clothing, but it is unclear if the knife and clothing were discovered in the motel room or in the suspects' 1999 black Pontiac Sunfire.

Detectives also discovered shoes in the search that match to footprints left behind at the crime scene, Painter added.

The female victim gave a partial description of the two attackers, which helped investigators to match them with the suspects. The woman also identified them by their first names.

The sheriff's office said it does not anticipate any other arrests related to this crime. Neither Whitworth or Lee have previously been arrested in Midland County, according to clerk of the court records.

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Staff writer Audrie Palmer contributed to this report.

Lizard

From 1A

considered economically sound.

"It serves as an opportunity to highlight the danger the listing could do to a major economic engine for Texas — the Permian Basin," the aide said, adding it also addresses the issue of domestic energy production.

There is precedent for singling out a species for special treatment, Cornyn's aide said. On April 14, Congress passed legislation that included a provision returning authority for managing the gray wolf population to individual states that are following Fish and Wildlife Service management plans. Montana and Idaho were among the states so empowered.

Also, a bill recently filed by Rep. Frank Guinta, R-NH, would, if passed, prevent bluefin tuna from being treated as an endangered species. According to Guinta's web site, that bill's aim is to protect fishermen who depend on this fish for their livelihoods.

The EDA bill is being considered this week on the Senate floor. All amendments, including Cornyn's, are subject individually to up-or-down votes. Should the amendment and the entire bill stand, it would have to pass the Senate and the House to become law.

Cornyn's aide would not speculate as to the bill's chances of passage.

"We don't know what the final bill will look like," the aide said.

Shepperd, while also declining to predict an outcome, noted that such an amendment's chances may be better today than they were two years ago, when an overwhelming Democratic majority was swept into both houses of Congress. Whatever the bill's fate, the amendment will have an impact.

"It will bring much needed attention to the issue," Shepperd stated.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Meetings schedule

Colorado River Municipal Water District board
9 a.m. today
400 E. 24th St., Big Spring

Nonprofit meetings

■ A private applicator training and testing will be June 17 at the Midland County Extension Office, located on Business 20. Cost of the training is $60 (pre-registered) or $70 at the door. Contact the Midland County Extension Office at 686-4700 for more information.

■ The Midland Police Department will host a Kids Police Academy from June 20-24.Classes will be from 8 a.m.-noon each day at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane. The class is opened to ages 8-12.

Space is limited, so those interested in participating should sign up as soon as possible. Applications are available at the front desk of the Midland Police Department, 601 N. Loraine, or online at www.midland-texas.gov, click on Residents, then Police Department.

'Housing' ceremony for Engine No. 8

The Midland Fire Department will host a "Housing" ceremony for Engine No. 8 at 11 a.m. Saturday at station No. 8, 3301 Haynes Ave.

Engine No. 8 will be washed and then "pushed" into the station, which will signify it's ready for use. Housing ceremonies date back to the 1800s when fire engines were pulled by a team of horses and thus needed to be "pushed" back into the fire station after a fire. The neighborhood generally would assist with the "pushing" of the heavy engine because the horses were ineffective at backing such a large and heavy rig.

The Midland community is encouraged to attend.

Lake levels report

Representing totals from early June 2008-11

	2008	2009	2010	2011
O.H. Ivie	65.34	50.53	41.80	26.60
Lake Thomas	9.26	6.79	7.90	3.58
Lake Spence	12.86	8.09	1.38	1.30

Delivery (in gallons)
Midland: daily average this week 23.779 million*
Midland: daily average last week 23.887 million
Odessa: daily average this week 26.143 million
*indicates different number than reported below by the city of Midland.

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District weekly report

Water allotment update

In monitoring water usage, the city of Midland Utilities Department has observed a trend that the city has exceeded the amount of water allotted to us by our raw water supplier, the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD).

The city's maximum delivery from CRMWD has been set at 24.7 million gallons per day, below is our CRMWD usage over the past seven days.

May 30	23.495 million
May 31	24.952 million
June 1	24.851 million
June 2	24.639 million
June 3	24.631 million
June 4	26.689 million
June 5	27.348 million

Source: City of Midland

Teachers to attend institutes

Two Midland teachers have been selected to participate in summer teacher institutes this June, sponsored by Humanities Texas, the University of Houston and the Center for Texas Studies at Texas Christian University.

William Roberts, who teaches U.S. history at San Jacinto Junior High School, will attend "Shaping the American Republic to 1877" on the TCU campus in Fort Worth. Sherry McCrary, who teaches U.S. history at Abell Junior High School, will attend "Shaping the American Republic to 1877" on the University of Houston campus.

The institutes offer teachers the opportunity to work closely with leading scholars, studying major aspects of U.S. history and culture before 1877.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 4-9-8
Pick 3 night: 0-9-6
Daily 4 day: 9-4-6-8
Daily 4 night: 0-8-7-5
Cash Five: 4-10-14-25-30
Mega Millions: 29-32-35-47-52 MB: 13 Megaplier: 4

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, June 8, the 159th day of 2011. There are 206 days left in the year.

On this date:

In A.D. 632, the prophet Muhammad died in Medina.

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president during the National Union (Republican) Party's convention in Baltimore.

In 1967, 34 U.S. servicemen were killed when Israel attacked the USS Liberty, a Navy intelligence-gathering ship in the Mediterranean. (Israel later said the Liberty had been mistaken for an Egyptian vessel.)

In 1995, U.S. Marines rescued Capt. Scott O'Grady, whose F-16C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2.

Ten years ago: A knife-wielding man killed eight children at a Japanese elementary school on the outskirts of Osaka.

Five years ago: The Food and Drug Administration approved a vaccine against HPV, the virus that causes cervical cancer.

One year ago: In several high-profile Republican primaries, Meg Whitman won the nomination for California governor while Carly Fiorina got the nod to oppose three-term Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer.

NMROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SANTA FE

New casino would benefit Jemez Pueblo, report says

An off-reservation casino on the Texas-New Mexico border would create 375 jobs and generate $157 million in economic activity.

That's according to a new draft environmental impact statement by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Santa Fe art dealer Gerald Peters and the Jemez Pueblo have proposed building the $55 million casino in Anthony, about 300 miles south of the pueblo.

The plan was shot down in 2008 by the BIA, which said it was too far from the pueblo to generate jobs for the tribe. But the Obama Administration has re-opened review on some off-reservation casinos.

If approved, Gov. Susana Martinez also would have to approve it. And a spokesman said she is not convinced of the benefits would outweigh the negative effects of setting an off-site gaming precedent.

PORTALES

13-year-old sentenced for murdering ENMU student

A 13-year-old boy convicted of shooting an Eastern New Mexico University student has been given the maximum penalty under New Mexico law.

Curry County District Attorney Matt Chandler said Judge Drew Tatum ordered the boy committed to juvenile custody until he is 21.

The boy was convicted in April of second degree murder for the July 2010 shooting of Angel Vale. Prosecutors said he broke into Vale's house in Portales, stole her fiance's rifle, then shot her when she stumbled upon him with the gun in her back yard.

Prosecutors said state law prevented them from seeking adult sanctions against the boy

CLOVIS

Inmate's ear bitten off in fight over music player

A jailhouse fight over a personal music player ended after a New Mexico inmate had part of his ear bitten off.

The Clovis News Journal reported that two inmates were fighting over an MP3 player Friday night at a Curry County jail. Undersheriff Wesley Waller said the scuffle ended when one of the inmates bit off a portion of the other's ear.

He said each inmate now faces charges from the argument.

Inmates are allowed to have approved MP3 players brought in by their families.

LAS CRUCES

2 men arrested in stomping case

Two men are locked up in Las Cruces on suspicion of stomping a man's head over a $16 debt. The Las Cruces Sun-News reports the victim was found with a shoe print on his face Friday evening outside a motel.

The men were arrested after a witness identified the pair and police found blood on their shoes and socks.

Is Internet sex cheating? Many folks say yes

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

Jon Austin's wife, Amy, had a blunt assessment for her husband as the Minneapolis couple watched Rep. Anthony Weiner's stunning confessions on television this week.

"You'd be dead," she told him.

Regardless of his professional future, it's Weiner's predicament at home that seems to be launching countless discussions among couples like the Austins. And this time, it's not a question of actual physical cheating — a la Eliot Spitzer and his prostitution scandal — but the murkier backdrop of Internet relationships: sexting, tweeting lewd photos, emailing.

If it's virtual, does it constitute infidelity? Many Americans seem to think it does.

"Would you text it, post it, send it with your spouse looking over your shoulder?" asks Austin, 52, who works in corporate public relations and takes no issue with his wife's frank appraisal of the situation. "If yes, then it's not infidelity. If no, you're cheating."

In online postings and follow-up phone calls with the Associated Press, dozens of people echoed the same thought: Cheating need not be physical.

"I think the emotional betrayal is just as bad," says Marissa Bholan, a 22-year-old graduate student in Syracuse, N.Y. "A married person should not be flirting online — or in any manner, really. It demonstrates a clear unfaithfulness. You're married. Act like it."

For one woman in Texas, the danger of online relationships became painfully apparent when she caught a boyfriend trading amorous instant messages with an Internet friend — at one point on her own laptop.

When Beky Hayes confronted him, he told her he never felt his virtual friend was "a real person" — even though an actual, clandestine visit seemed to be in the planning stages.

"I think there's a perception that what you're doing online is somehow not real," says Hayes, a musician in Austin. "But of course it is."

And men, Hayes adds, may be more vulnerable to the lure of Internet relationships "because they allow them to escape the responsibilities and pressures of real relationships." She is no longer seeing that boyfriend.

A specialist in Internet addiction agrees that many people turn to online relationships to escape the pressures of their daily lives, reveling in the anonymity — particularly if, like a congressman, they are well known.

But some, says Kimberly Young, director of the Center for Internet Addiction Recovery, experience a more dangerous sense of detachment, somehow convincing themselves once the laptop is closed: "I didn't really do that. That wasn't me." And they don't see their actions as infidelity.

"I've seen married people go to great lengths to cover things up, hiding phone bills and the like," says Young, a practicing psychologist. "But they don't think it's cheating. They say, 'I love my wife.'"

Monica Turner knew something was seriously wrong when she looked at a phone bill of hundreds of pages — a record of text messages between her common-law husband and a female friend from elementary school that he had reconnected with on Facebook.

Over just a few weeks, there were thousands of messages, says Turner, 49, who works in communications and graphic design in Orlando, Fla. Her boyfriend, with whom she had shared eight happy years, told her she was overreacting.

"He told me he wasn't falling in love, but I wasn't sure. And in any case, I thought she was falling in love," says Turner, who even wrote a song about the ordeal: "Don't Let Facebook Screw Up Your Life."

Ultimately, Turner gave her man an ultimatum, and he ended the texting relationship, though still maintaining it was merely a friendship. "I believe him when he says that he loves me and couldn't imagine his life without me," she says now.

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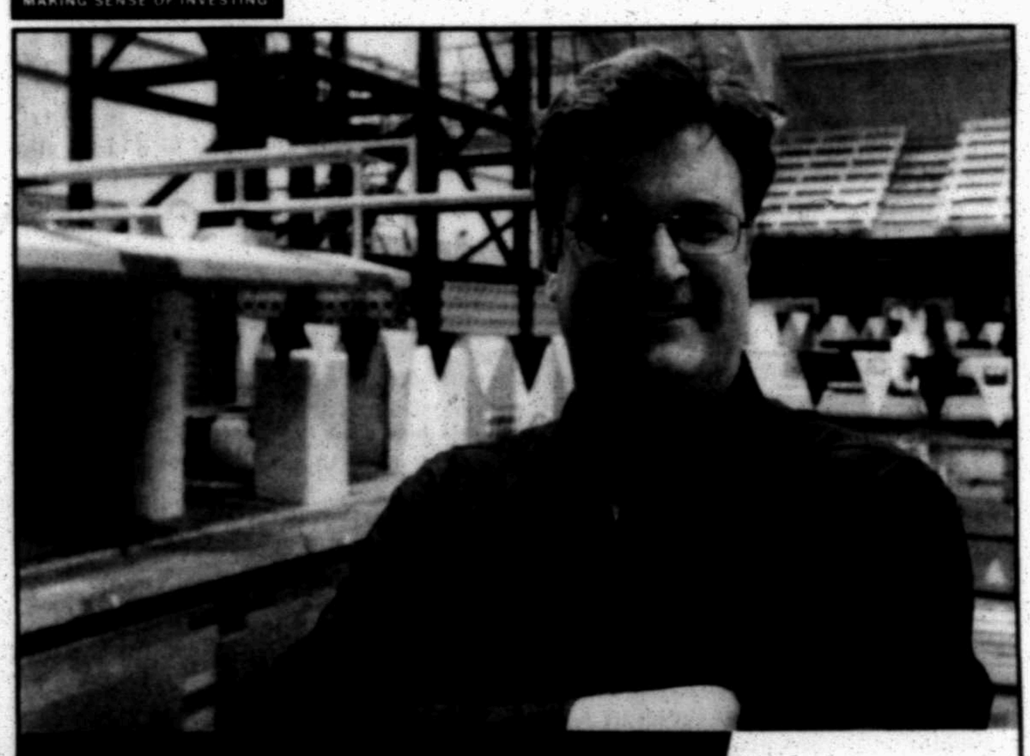
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President Obama kills the War Powers Act

■ There is some irony that president has found a way to get around the act created by liberal Democrats nearly four decades ago.

RICH LOWRY
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Somewhere, Richard Nixon is smiling. In 1973, he vetoed the War Powers Act, insisting it was unconstitutional. Congress overrode him, but almost every one of Nixon's successors has agreed with his assessment of the resolution.

It took President Barack Obama, though, to rip the War Powers Act into little pieces and sprinkle it over his Libyan intervention like a premature victory parade.

The thrust of the War Powers Act is clear enough: 60 days after reporting the start of a military intervention, the president must secure congressional authorization or a declaration of war or remove our forces. Presidents have typically acted "consistent with," but not "pursuant to," the law's provisions — basically, humoring Congress while never conceding the law's constitutional legitimacy.

President Obama is dispensing with all pretense. He's simply ignoring the law. This is the kind of highhandedness Dick Cheney was always accused of, although the Bush administration was old-fashioned enough to get prior congressional approval of its wars.

Obama launched the Libya War on his say-so and doesn't even want to bother to explain to Congress why the War Powers Act doesn't apply to a conflict begun some 80 days ago. On Libya, the Obama administration is making a gigantic rude gesture to Congress and all the liberal professors and national-security experts who have made such a fetish of the War Powers Act through the years.

Before tangling with Moammar Gadhafi, Obama counted himself among their number. As a senator, he maintained, "The president does not have the power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation."

President Obama joins a long list of presidents going back to Thomas Jefferson whose views of the limits of executive power didn't survive their first contact with the presidency.

President Obama isn't doing his reputation for consistency or the legal theories of his supporters any favors, but he is paying a backhanded compliment to the Constitution. The War Powers Act is an excrescence on the American constitutional order that deserves to be the dead letter Obama is making it. The president's inherent powers as commander in chief do not depend on affirmative acts of Congress.

What Congress can do is wield its own powers — most decisively, the appropriation of funds — to limit or end a military action. Of course, Congress usually refuses to do that because it involves an action for which it could be held politically accountable. Predictably, the grand confrontation between the legislative and executive branches over Libya has been an instance of the cowardly fighting the disingenuous.

The Obama administration implausibly pretends the president's posture hasn't changed on the War Powers Act. A spokesman argues its briefings of members of Congress constitute compliance. But the resolution doesn't call for collegial chats after 60 days. The administration's other possible defenses — that Libya isn't really a war, that it's a piddling war, that we are "leading from behind" — don't help, either. The act doesn't make exceptions for small, euphemistic wars waged under NATO auspices by reluctant presidents.

If this were the Bush administration, Nancy Pelosi would be agitating for impeachment. Yale law professor Bruce Ackerman has written in despair that "Obama is breaking new ground, moving decisively beyond his predecessors." At this rate, he notes, "history will say that the War Powers Act was condemned to a quiet death by a president who had solemnly pledged, on the campaign trail, to put an end to indiscriminate warmaking."

History comes full circle. In the aftermath of Vietnam and the midst of Watergate, liberal Democrats passed the War Powers Act as part of a broad assault on presidential powers. The act reached the end of the line with a liberal Democrat in the White House, who wanted to avail himself of the full sweep of his powers. No doubt, Nixon wouldn't just relish the result, but appreciate the irony.

OUR VIEW

Midlanders should support next step in water restrictions

Midland exceeded its Colorado River Municipal Water District allotment four times in seven days between May 30 and Sunday, so it's a good bet Midlanders could be facing tougher restrictions in the coming weeks.

The target is for Midland to cut its water usage by 10 percent from rates used a year ago. Last year, however, the drought conditions were not as severe. Midlanders naturally now feel like they must water more. The drought is compounding the water usage issue.

That's exactly why we are having limited watering times. Our water resources are drying up. O.H. Ivie Reservoir, according to the CRMWD, has gone from 65.34 percent full in June 2008 to 26.6 percent full this month. Lakes Thomas and Spence have been measured at 3.58 and 1.3 percent full, respectively.

Midland's limit is set at 24.71 million gallons per day. On Sunday, the city used 27.348 million gallons — the most used in one day this year. We simply cannot continue on this usage path.

That leaves us to ask the question: What is the best way to curb water usage in the city. It is a question that needs an answer. Currently, the "volunteer" approach isn't working. Odessa and Big Spring already have put systems in place to issue citations to those not complying with water restrictions. It must be noted, however, neither city has not fined individuals.

We think whatever method of enforcement is employed must be fair and even-handed for everyone. We need to look at what is driving our watering habits. For sure, whatever course we take, we have to err on the side of making sure water continues to come to Midland.

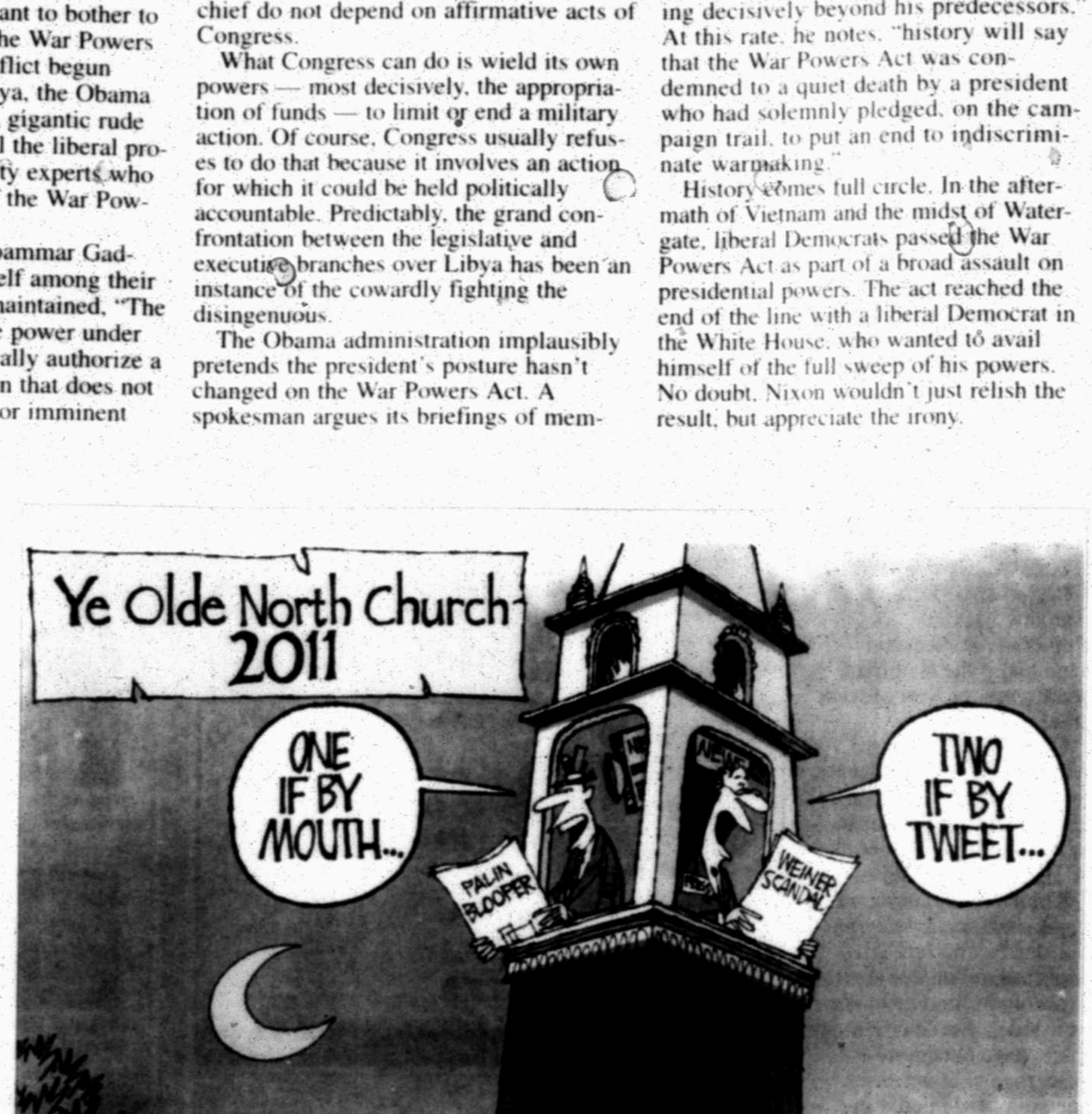
We are a bit skeptical about the assumption that fining those who water at the wrong time or on the wrong day might keep the city from using more water. Still, doing nothing is not working, and yes, we support limiting watering from three to two times a week.

We also hope the City Council does a thorough study of Midland's water usage. We may find residential usage is not the main culprit in water violations. We may need to monitor high-end users of city water to see if they are complying with city mandates.

We also hope exemptions, if handed out, are done on really extreme cases. At this point, it's a bit hard to justify exemptions when there has been only 0.18 inches of rain in the last eight months. No one should fall short of a 10 percent reduction. Exemptions, we believe, only create hardships for others and hurt the city's overall mandate of cutting water usage by 10 percent.

John Grant, CRMWD executive director, has said he will recommend the board reduce the amount of water being provided to each city by as much as an additional 10 percent. This will certainly pressure the council to start fining those who do not follow the ordinance.

We had hoped voluntary cutbacks in water usage would work out for all of us. But the drought conditions persist, and we are facing dire conditions. We have to do whatever it takes to protect our water resources. It remains our hope, however, that protection measures are the same for everyone.



There's one liberal Democrats want silenced

■ Cornel West, an African-American, has been a critic of the president, and liberals in re-election mode aren't happy about it.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Who's afraid of Cornel West and what he has to say about Barack Obama?

Quite a few folks. For the past few weeks, journalists, liberal bloggers and academics have been piling on the Princeton professor and best-selling author with one vicious attack after another. The gloves are off, and it's all because one of the country's most prominent African-American intellectuals did the unthinkable: He criticized the nation's first black president.

In a recent interview with an online magazine, West called Obama a "black mascot of Wall Street oligarchs and a black puppet of corporate plutocrats." He also went so far as to suggest Obama "has a certain fear of free black men" because he grew up in "a white context."

Those are harsh words. But anyone who has followed West knows belligerence is how he gets his point across. Besides, the lefties like it when West's barbs are aimed at Republicans. West campaigned on behalf of Barack Obama during the 2008 campaign, racking up 65 dates for the Democratic candidate. For which, he received — nothing. Not even a thank you, according to West, who was upset Obama stopped returning his calls and that he didn't get tickets to the inauguration.

West's critics chalk up his tirade against Obama to sour grapes. But there is much more to this story. In an appearance on MSNBC, West battled the Rev. Al Sharpton, who was pushing back in the other direction and defending Obama.

Only a few days earlier, the supposedly post-racial president had traveled to New York to pay homage to Sharpton by speaking at the national conference of his organization, the National Action Network. So Sharpton clearly was motivated to return the favor and show Obama some love. He vouched for the president's progressiveness and attacked his "ivory tower" critics. West responded by warning Sharpton he was being "used" by the White House to squelch dissent. Tempers flared, and talking turned to shouting.

Oddly, the liberal establishment — especially the *white* liberal establishment — is too busy punishing West to heed what is a liberal message about Obama not being progressive enough or doing enough to serve the poor and downtrodden.

Obama partisans don't want to hear this. They're in re-election mode, and they're going to defend their man against all critics — even ones with whom they might agree. They know West has influence with some African-Americans. Obama supporters are not worried about losing the black vote to the Republican nominee; a recent Gallup poll found that 84 percent of blacks approved of Obama's overall job performance. But they might be worried many black voters have lost enthusiasm for Obama and will sit out the election. If West says anything to help dampen that enthusiasm, then he has to be discredited — firmly and publicly.

The same thing happened last year to Tavis Smiley, who co-hosts a show with West on Public Radio International. During the debate over the jobs bill, Smiley bristled at the suggestion from establishment black leaders — including Sharpton — that Obama didn't need a "black agenda." Appearing on Tom Joyner's radio show, Smiley asked: "Do we think we can give President Obama a pass on black issues and somehow, when he is no longer in office, resurrect the moral authority to hold future presidents accountable to our concerns?" Sharpton called into the show to confront Smiley, and things got heated in a hurry.

The significance of these episodes goes well beyond the African-American community. We all need to pay attention to better understand race and power in America.

We also can learn a lot about liberalism, which pretends to be all about freedom. In the latter part of the 20th century, liberals fought and marched to give African-Americans, Latinos and other minorities the freedom to attend public schools and universities, the freedom to protest and vote, and the freedom to have equal access to both public accommodations and private businesses. Somehow those liberals didn't get around to something that was equally important: giving African-Americans and other minorities the freedom to think and speak for themselves.

Along with others in the black intelligentsia, Cornel West is doing that. You don't have to agree with him. But that's no excuse for trying to silence him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

weekdays

Thanks for a special year at Lee

On behalf of Robert E. Lee High School's faculty, staff, students and our entire Lee community, I want to thank everyone who has been involved in making our yearlong activities and celebrations related to our 50th anniversary a success.

Many community members and businesses contributed to our events and activities, both financially and in their services. We inducted our inaugural group of alumni and former faculty members into the Lee Legacy Wall of Honor in the fall, various groups and organizations had reunions and celebrations throughout the year, and we concluded the 50-year activities with graduation May 28.

We were honored to have former first lady Laura Bush, a LHS graduate with the Class of 1964, speak to our students at graduation. It was a special day for LHS, and I could not have been more proud of the way our 626 graduates conducted themselves. Seniors, you represented LHS, MISD and Midland well, and I thank you.

Stephanie Howard,
principal of Lee High School

Lizard study doesn't make much sense

I would like to comment on the front page article in the Reporter-Telegram on June 1. The article about the lizard is outrageous, ridiculous and down-right silly.

How many of our tax dollars were spent toward this study? As a lifelong oilfield worker, I've been involved in hundreds of wells drilled in West Texas and the Permian Basin. I've never seen a lizard killed nor a roughneck who could catch one.

I live in south Midland, and I can assure you there is shortage of lizards. Where are the horned toads and tarantulas? If this is a sensible article, then I must be stupid.

John Franks

DOONESBURY

By Garry Trudeau

NY accident illuminates perils of 'bounce houses'

Associated Press

OCEANSIDE, N.Y. — They look like harmless fun — fluffy castles, ships and slides filled with children carelessly bouncing around, their parents letting their guard down a bit during playtime.

But an accident that sent three of the huge toys aloft on a breezy afternoon on New York's Long Island, seriously injured a woman and hurt 12 other people, is drawing attention to the little-known hazards of the inflatable playthings sometimes called "bounce houses" and the inconsistent regulations covering them.

"I never thought there would be any serious issues, any concerns with safety," said Mike Perniches, a father who ran to the rescue of the injured after Saturday's accident. "But now, I'm like, forget it."

At least 10 inflatables around the country have been toppled by winds or collapsed under too much weight in the past two months, injuring more than 40 people, according to RideAccidents.com, a website that tracks amusement ride accidents.

It's not the toys themselves that are the problem, it's the way they are set up and supervised, said Jim Barber, a spokesman for the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials, based in Brandon, Fla.

"I wish this was a rarity, but it's not. It happens all the time," Barber said. "These are probably the most dangerous amusement devices they have."

A few states, such as New Jersey, make sure operators are trained on all inflatables, while others require operators only to have insurance. Most have no guidelines.

"It's actually crazy," said Matthew Mark, who owns a party rental company near Detroit and seven years ago founded the Safe Inflatable Operators Training Organization. "They're not quite carnival rides, but they should be regulated almost like them."

The injured, killed or merely frightened in recent years include:

■ An 11-year-old boy who suffered bruises after a gust of wind tossed a slide about 70 yards at a church festival near Cincinnati.

■ A Pennsylvania man who was killed in June 2010 after an inflatable slide collapsed and pinned him at a Cleveland Indians game.

■ A 5-year-old boy who was killed in March 2010 when he fell off an inflatable and landed on a concrete floor in Wichita, Kan.

■ A 5-year-old girl who had to be rescued after winds blew a bounce house into a pond during a birthday party in January 2010.

■ Four children in Arizona were injured in the Tucson area, including two sisters when a bounce house blew onto a roof. A boy and girl were blown in a bounce house across three lanes of traffic in April.

■ Several children injured in late April when two slides collapsed at separate events in California.

Saturday's accident during a youth soccer tournament in Oceanside came when a rogue gust on a clear but breezy day blew three inflatables off the ground, including a two-story slide, into bystanders. No children were on the slide, but it isn't clear whether anyone was in or on the other two inflatables.

Michael Mazzocco, who was coaching his 6-year-old daughter's soccer game, watched the airborne toys with disbelief. Fathers, coaches and bystanders raced toward them, some using knives to furiously stab and deflate them before anyone else was injured.

"We were all sprinting toward it, trying to grab the big one and get the air out of it," said Mazzocco, whose wife caught the scene on a video that went viral. "There was kind of pandemonium at first with kids not knowing where their parents were and parents on the other side trying to find their children. There were a few tense moments."

Thirteen people ended up at the hospital, including children, most with bumps and bruises. But Cathleen Hughes, 36, of Oceanside, suffered head and spinal injuries when the slide landed on her, according to Newsday.

"She was walking on the track and it hit her," Perniches told The Associated Press. "She was lying still on the ground; there was blood coming out of her mouth."

• Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice said her office would investigate. It wasn't immediately clear how strictly inflatables are regulated in New York.

The devices were secured properly, and each had an operator, Gina Michielini, the owner of Affordable Inflatables and Party Rentals, which supplied the inflatables.

The company has been in business for 10 years, and operators have shut them down in bad weather before, Michielini said.

Barber, of the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials, noted that the rides don't just float away "if they're properly installed" with stakes securely fixed in the ground.

A Consumer Product Safety Commission report released in 2005 linked the growing popularity of inflatables with an increasing number of injuries at emergency rooms from 1997 to 2004. The agency identified an estimated 1,300 injuries in 1997 and 4,900 in 2004, the most recent data available.

The commission warns that operators should anchor inflatables to the manufacturer's requirements and that bigger inflatables, such as slides, should have at least two operators. It also says weight limits should be watched closely.

Most accidents are caused by improper anchoring, high winds and lack of supervision, according to a risk management advisory that New Hartford, N.Y.-based Utica National Insurance issued to groups that use inflatables.

Barber acknowledged that it would be expensive for all states to regulate the thousands of inflatables operators in existence. Industry observers estimate there are 10,000 operators or renters nationwide.

It would be worth it, though, for all states to do so, said Mark, the safety promoter near Detroit. Too many people rent a bounce house for a party, he said, and think of them as a baby-sitter.

Regulations and inspections won't make a difference if safety guidelines aren't followed, said Kimble Oliver, a risk management expert from High Falls, Ga., who insures owners of inflatables.

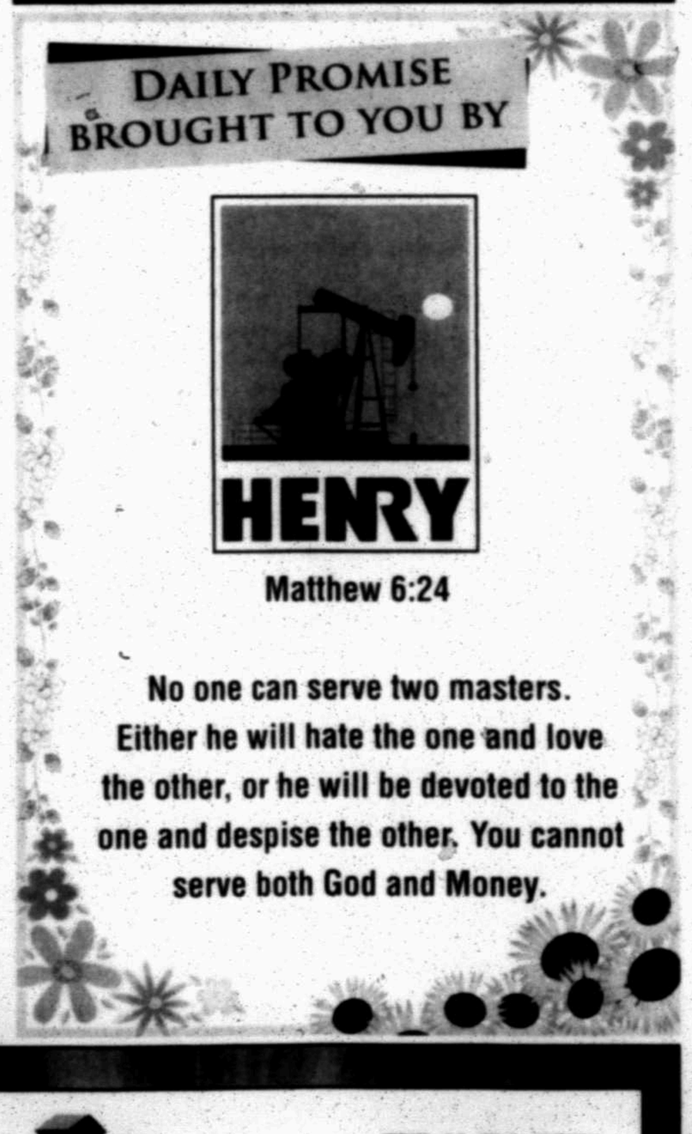
"It's all about the operator," he said. "Just like anything, you need somebody competent doing it."

Mazzocco said he just hopes the Long Island accident will lead to changes.

"If we can get someone to make sure this doesn't happen again, I will be happy," he said.

Kim LoPiccolo/AP

BOUNCE HOUSE HORROR In this June 4 photograph, participants in an Oceanside, N.Y., soccer tournament run from an airborne inflatable "bounce house" after high winds sent it flying, scattering spectators and injuring 13 people, one critically. Saturday's inflatable mishap is the latest in a growing series of similar accidents, experts say.



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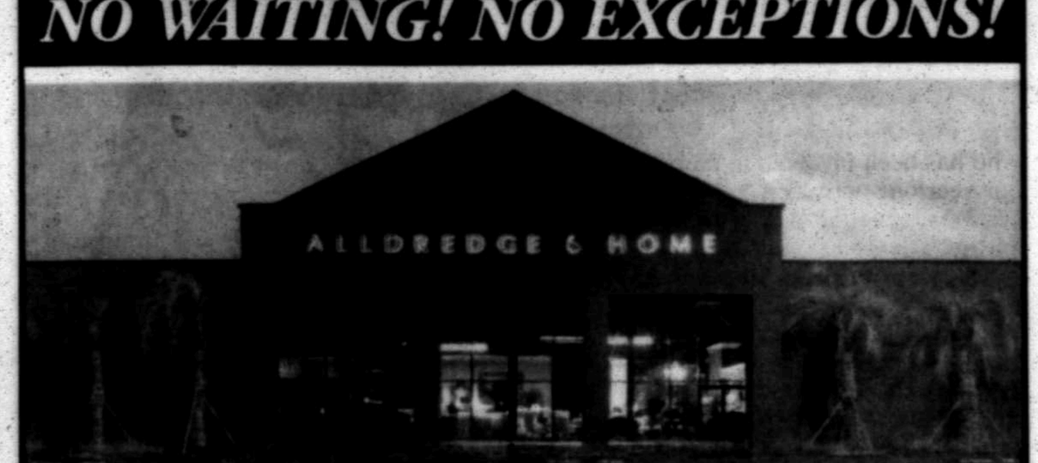

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AROUND THE GLOBE

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LONDON

Experts criticize bungled German E. coli inquiry

Outside health experts and German lawmakers roundly criticized Germany on Tuesday for a bungled investigation into the world's deadliest E. coli outbreak, saying the infections should have been spotted much sooner.

Many experts have been surprised, even shocked, at lapses in the German inquiry, and some say the culprit food may never be known.

Weeks after the outbreak began on May 2, German officials still arelooking for its cause. Spanish cucumbers initially were blamed, then ruled out after tests showed they had a different strain of E. coli. On Sunday, investigators pointed the finger at German sprouts, only to backtrack a day later when initial tests were negative.

JAPAN

Shelter life takes mental toll on earthquake victims

KORIYAMA — Life in evacuation shelters is taking a severe psychological toll on those left homeless by Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami, a situation likely to worsen as tens of thousands face the prospect of staying at least the rest of the year in temporary housing.

Though the suffering is spread out along Japan's ravaged northeast coast, the problem is particularly severe for Japan's "nuclear refugees," who were forced to flee from homes near the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant and have been told to expect to remain in limbo for the next nine months, at least.

"I have pretty much given up," said 63-year-old Eiichi Kogusuri, who lives in one of the country's biggest shelters, a sports arena housing nearly 1,000 refugees in the city of Koriyama, about 40 miles from the nuclear plant.

LIBYA

NATO unleashes blistering airstrikes

TRIPOLI — Moammar Gadhafi stood defiant Tuesday in the face of the heaviest and most punishing NATO airstrikes yet — at least 40 thunderous daylight attacks that sent plumes of smoke billowing above the Libyan leader's central Tripoli compound.

In late afternoon and as the strikes continued, Libyan state television broadcast an audio address from Gadhafi, who denounced NATO and the rebels challenging his rule. He vowed never to surrender.

"We will not kneel!" he shouted.

Syrian mutiny, loss of town shows cracks in regime

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT — A deadly mutiny of Syrian soldiers and loss of control over a tense northern town appeared to show extraordinary cracks in an autocratic regime that has long prided itself on its iron control.

Details about the events in Jisr al-Shughour remained murky on Tuesday. The government said 120 forces were dead, without explaining the enormous loss of life, and acknowledged losing "intermittent" control of the area.

But the reports Tuesday from residents and activists — and the television appearance of a soldier who says he switched sides after his hometown was bombarded — were the clearest sign yet that the weekly protests of thousands of Syrians are eroding President Bashar Assad's grip.

The foreign minister of France, Syria's former colonial ruler with whom Assad maintained good relations, said the president had lost his legitimacy to rule. British foreign secretary William Hague said Assad must "reform or step aside."

Unlike the early days of the rebellion in Libya, Assad has managed to keep his government together. On Tuesday, the network France 24 aired audio it said was of the Syrian ambassador to France issuing a stinging resignation; less than an hour later Syrian state television broadcast different audio of a woman's voice denying she had quit and threatening to sue the French network.

It was not possible to reconcile the two accounts or contact Ambassador Lamia Shakkour.

Activists and residents of Jisr al-Shughour told The Associated Press that a number of soldiers joined forces with protesters after days of crackdowns in the region, leading to fighting with officers and security guards in which dozens were killed.

The Jisr al-Shughour resident said people were fleeing the area for the Turkish border about 12 miles (20 kilometers) away, fearing retaliation from a regime known for ruthlessly crushing dissent. The government vowed Monday to respond "decisively" to the violence there.

"People were struck by fear and panic after the government statements last night, it's clear they are preparing for a major massacre," he said.

Radwan Ziadeh, a Syrian dissident and a visiting scholar at the Institute for Middle East Studies at George Washington University, said the scale of the mutiny was unknown.

Ziadeh said the Syrian army was a strong institution "but in the end, the army is from the people. The outrage over the killings is growing and the longer it goes on the more deserters we're going to see," he said.

An alleged army deserter identifying himself as Lt. Abdul-Razzaq Tlass appeared on the Al-Jazeera television network Tuesday, saying he was deserting because of the regime's "crimes" all over the country. He called on other officers to protect protesters against the regime.

"Remember your duties," added Tlass, who shares a last name with a former defense minister and said he was from the town of Rastan in central Syria. The name Tlass is common among Syrian officers from Rastan — which has also come under deadly government bombardment in recent days.

Jisr al-Shughour drew the most recent assault by Syria's military, whose nationwide crackdown on the revolt against Assad has left more than 1,300 Syrians dead, activists say. A resident said tensions began last week with snipers and security forces firing repeatedly on peaceful protests and then funerals, killing around 30 people.

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The resident said a number of soldiers ultimately defected, angered by the thuggish behavior of progovernment gunmen known as "Shabiha," a fearsome name that some believe has roots in the Arabic word for "ghost."

The resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared reprisals, said the gunmen were terrorizing residents and trying to stir up sectarian tensions.

Jisr al-Shughour is predominantly Sunni but there are Alawite and Christian villages in the area. The Alawite minority rules over Sunni majority in Syria.

"There was heavy gunfire and very loud explosions from across the river on Saturday and Sunday," he said, adding he could not see what was happening from where he lives.

"We heard there were massacres, bodies thrown in the river."

There have been sporadic reports since the uprising began of troops defecting and even reports of military units fighting each other, but if the government's toll is confirmed, this would by far be the deadliest mutiny.

Assad's army has always been the regime's fiercest defender.

In many ways, Syrians say, the Shabiha are more terrifying than the army and security forces, whose tactics include firing on protesters. Most Shabiha fighters belong to the minority Alawite sect, as do the Assad family and the ruling elite. This ensures the gunmen's loyalty, built on fears they will be persecuted if the Sunni majority gains the upper hand.

A prominent activist outside Syria with connections to the area said many Syrians had taken to carrying weapons in response to the killings of protesters. But he said clashes over the past few days were mainly between supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood and Syrian security forces.

He said the weapons were smuggled from Turkey.

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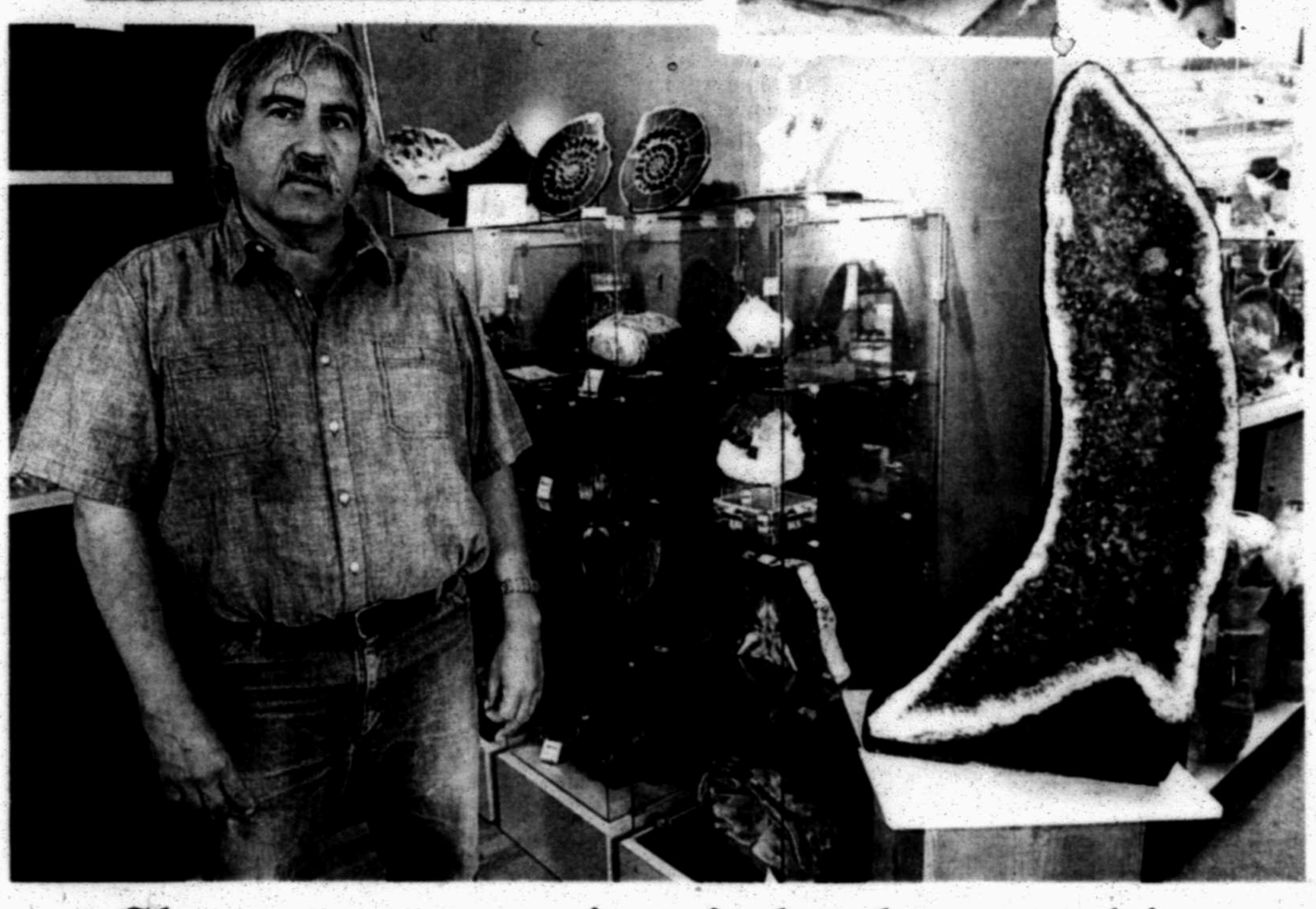

Shop owner, artisan's background in geology at core of his business

The oil well cores sitting behind Larry Marquez's rock shop don't appear to have any special qualities. The varying sizes of stone cylinders easily could be mistaken for chunks of cement. But the lamps and other pieces Marquez creates for Core Craft Natural Earth Gift Shop show the drilling byproducts hide beautiful treasures under their dreary exteriors.

Marquez opened the shop in 1989 as an unemployed petroleum geologist with $5,000 in savings. He had graduated from Texas Tech University in 1973 with a degree in geology, and ultimately settled on a job as a surveyor in Dallas. The 1970s oil boom brought Marquez back out to the Permian Basin in 1974, though he had promised himself he'd never return to West Texas after attending school in Lubbock. As an exploration geologist for an independent oil company, he successfully discovered a field in Glasscock County.

"It was exciting," Marquez said. "I still have the pictures from it and everything."

When the oil bust came in the early 1980s, Marquez was laid off from his exploration job and moved to a more hands-on position in a small petroleum company. The business ultimately had trouble staying afloat, and in 1986 Marquez received his last dependable paycheck. Consulting work helped him to barely keep his head above the water before he decided to start his own business.

Marquez made his first core lamp after he bought his original equipment in 1982 from a co-worker who was moving to Dallas.

"I've still got it," he said of his first attempt at polishing a core. "It's horrible; it's crooked. But I still have it."

As Marquez practiced and perfected the craft, he began giving lamps to friends and family as presents on special occasions. He decided to make a business out of it, and rented a shop just a few houses away from his current location north of Cuthbert Avenue on Big Spring Street. He started out selling only core products.

"Back then you could get all the core you wanted," he said. "At the lab they had a trailer full of core, and would just take whatever was left over

Please see **CORE**/6B

WORKING FOR A LIVING

Story by Sara Higgins • Photos by Tim Fischer

CORE Larry Marquez, owner of Core Craft and Natural Earth Gift Shop, shows some of the natural crystal formations and fossils from around the world available in his shop. TOP RIGHT: Marquez demonstrates how he shapes, sands and polishes core samples to make into lamps or other items. TOP LEFT: Samples of different type of rock taken as a core sample.

SARA HIGGINS
Staff Writer

Reporter's Notebook

'Huachas' game serious business at Mex-Tex Family Fiesta

Though thousands of people filled the commons area of the Scharbauer Sports Complex for concerts Saturday evening, the crowd at this past weekend's Mex-Tex Family Fiesta still was pretty slim when I arrived earlier that afternoon. There did seem to be a bit of action going on in a cleared-off area in the middle of the lawn, so I went to check it out.

I was in for a treat — my first washers tournament. Men stood on opposite sides of their teammates, rubbing a 3-inch metal washer in one hand before throwing it with finesse toward a tiny, 3-inch hole 45 feet away. Though they usually guarded their remaining washers in the same hand they held an ice cold beer, the looks on their faces showed this was serious business.

One man's shirt had the word "huachas" on it. I wondered what it meant, and as I sounded it out in my best Spanish, I realized it was a locally-developed play on its English counterpart: "wah-shas." Having this pronunciation in my pocket for the rest of the tournament somehow helped legitimize my presence there. I learned to pronounce it with a little Mexican sabor, or flavor, by emphasizing the first syllable.

I wanted to learn more about the game, so I asked the man in charge of the tournament, Gapi Bernal, why it was so popular.

Bernal and his friend, Boss Salcido, began participating in washers tournaments five years

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FOOD ETC.
Freelance writer Joan Huff may be reached at foodetcmrt@aol.com. For more recipes, visit www.mywesttexas.com and click on "Entertainment - food."

Hot dogs are essential part of baseball season

Baseball, especially RockHounds baseball, and hot dogs go together. Sometimes I wonder what came first, the baseball game or the hot dog. Our local team will be in town starting today, and now is the perfect time to gather your friends and take them out to the ballpark. To get in the spirit of things, you might want to cook some of today's featured recipes.

A German immigrant, Charles Feltman is given credit for this American invention we know as the hot dog. He sold them at a stand in Coney Island in 1871 and they were so popular hot dog vendors appeared at the World Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Midlanders have the opportunity to enjoy hot dogs almost daily from local vendors that appear around town during the lunch hour.

A hot dog does not have to be made from a traditional bun, wiener and toppings. It can be wrapped in a tortilla as in the "Pigs in Panchos" or the wiener might be made from Italian sausage or even in the form of a corn dog. If you really want to get into the theme of things, make the hot dog shaped cake. It is easily constructed from a loaf pound cake, a couple of Twinkies and colored frosting.

Please see **FOOD**/4B

Extreme Home Makeover

Friends work to update family's new home

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The walls had 1980s wallpaper and the carpets and floorings were old and worn out. It was a house they had looked at a couple years ago, but never had the opportunity to buy.

There were seven bedrooms and three and a half baths — enough space for their family of nine.

But then Sid and Wendy Harper started reading a book, "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan, with a small group at their church. And Wendy found a little boy with Down's Syndrome in a Ukraine orphanage she felt they should adopt.

So the family let the house go and continued renting the four bedroom, 1,100-square-foot home where they were staying.

They went through the adoption process and started working to bring home the boy named Charlie. The couple got approved for two children and they found Levi, who also had Down's at the same orphan home. They prayed about bringing him back to Midland, too.

On Oct. 20, 2010, the house was listed for sale again. This time, God provided enough money for the family to offer a down payment.

"It's been a huge blessing," Sid Harper said. "We really feel like we're in the middle of a God moment."

Friends in the community and at church started asking the Harpers questions about the needs of the couple and their now nine children ranging in age from three to 16. Their small group at church had just finished a study on the book "Radical" by David Platt and were looking for a way to implement what they had learned.

Sid's brother Kenny sent out an email to a group at church saying they wanted to surprise the Harpers by doing an "Extreme Home Makeover" on the new house. Within a day, he had more than 30 families respond that wanted to be involved.

Sid and Wendy became suspicious. Initially their friends wanted to keep it a surprise, but finally his sister-in-law took Wendy out for breakfast to tell her about the plan.

"There's something I need to tell you," Wendy remembers her saying.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

TILE WORK Molly Eggleston and Amber Cremeens prepare a bathroom counter for new tile recently as they help repair a house for the Harper family.

Obituaries

Cali Rose Coplen

Cali Rose Coplen, infant daughter of Tye Coplen and Hayli Bloomer, was still born late Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Funeral services will be 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Andy Hill, Pastor of West Texas Cowboy Church in Gardendale will officiate. Burial will be in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Cali Rose is survived by her parents, as well as grandparents, LaDonna Tidwell, of Andrews; Marsha Lee Coplen and Venna Giesler, both of Odessa; and great grandfather, Kenneth Tidwell of Andrews.

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Jesse "Robby" Roberson

Jesse "Robby" Roberson, 89, of Midland, surrounded by family in his home went peacefully to be with his Lord on Sunday, June 5, 2011. He was born in Harmon, Louisiana, to Julius Horace and Nancy Elizabeth Roberson on January 18, 1922. He grew up loving sports, and lettered in football and basketball at Vivian High School. After graduating in 1941, he worked around Vivian as a roustabout, and in 1942, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, joined the Navy. He served as a gunners mate in the Naval Armed Guard, manning gun mounts on cargo ships, tankers, and troop ships during convoys all over the Pacific. During the war, he saw high seas storms, submarines and torpedoes, shipmates injured by Kamikazes, and soldiers off to battle, but his most memorable event occurred during leave in June 1944, when he met the love of his life, Lila Lee Claus. Jesse and Lila knew each other four days before getting married on D-Day, June 6, 1944. After the war, Lila and Jesse returned to Louisiana, and he went to work for Arkla Oil Company. In 1948 he took a job with Magnolia Petroleum as a roustabout, eventually transferring to the West Texas Division in Midland in 1953, to take a job as a Petroleum Engineer Assistant. In 1959, Magnolia was incorporated into Mobil Oil Company and he stayed on, eventually becoming a Production Assistant at the Pegasus Unit.

Jesse leaves behind many, many friends, as he and Lila are active members of Crestview Baptist Church, and the Mobil retirement club. He was an avid carpenter and enjoyed making wood crafts. He made centerpieces for the Crestview XYZ group, giving them enough for 7 months without using the same ones twice.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Annie Stevens; a brother, Cecil Roberson; and a sister-in-law, Lola Pace.

Left to cherish Jesse's memory is his loving wife of 67 years, Lila; son, Glenn Roberson and his wife, Tonya, of Brownwood, TX; daughter Elaine Sullivan and her husband, Edwin, of Southaven, MS; son, Mark Roberson and his wife, Carlene, of Midland; son, Robby Roberson and his wife, Wendy, of Midland; and daughter Linda White, of Southlake, TX. Also left to love and admire their Papaw are twelve grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at Ellis Funeral Home. Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 9, 2011, at Crestview Baptist Church. Private graveside services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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801 Andrews Hwy (432) 683-5555

Eleanore Wigley

Eleanore Wigley, 89, of Midland, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2011, at her residence.

Graveside services will be held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, June 10, 2011, at Resthaven Memorial Park, with Rev. David Johnson, officiating.

Eleanore was born July 16, 1921, in Philadelphia, PA to Margaretta (Sweeney) and Curtis Asher Hearn. She married Marvin L. Wigley on May 18, 1946, in Philadelphia. They lived in Jackson, MS, Hattiesburg, MS and Wichita Falls, TX. They made Midland their permanent home in 1954.

Survivors include husband, Marvin, of Midland; daughter, Linda L. Wigley of Grapevine; son, Robert Wigley and wife, Gayla of Midland; grandsons, Stan Wigley of Midland, and Daniel Corbell and wife, Crystal of Liberty Hill, TX; great grandson, Rhyder Corbell of Liberty Hill; nieces, Susan Bishop Haigh of Hawaii, Janice Haigh of Oakland, CA, Nancy Widner of Peachtree, GA, Janet Johnson of Crystal Springs, MS, and Barbara Alfaro of Pearl, MS; and nephew, Arthur Haigh, Jr. of Orienda, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

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Jasper McKee

Jasper McKee, 72, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at a local hospice.

Jasper was born in a small town in Panola County on November 11, 1938, to the late Jasper and Flossy McKee.

In 1956, he joined the U.S. Army, and in 1959 he married his soul mate, Elnora Moore. Jasper enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Jasper is preceded in death by his father, Jasper "Buddy" McKee; step-mother, Lucille McKee; mother, Flossy Anderson; and brother, Jessie Raymond McKee.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elnora Moore McKee of Midland; four sons, Ronald McKee of Dallas, TX, Leroy McKee of Temple, TX, Elroy McKee of Tyler, TX, and Jasper McKee of Midland; four daughters, Teresa Jackson, Rochelle Barasa, Laura Young, and Lucille Mackey, all of Midland; two brothers, Leroy McKee and Billy McKee, both of Carthage, TX; five sisters, Linda McKee, Mae Ethal McKee, Norma Jean McKee, and Zeth McKee, all of Marshall, TX, Gertrude Carter of Dallas, and Annie Maye Jackson of Lubbock, TX; 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two uncles.

Family will have a gathering and receiving of friends, Friday, June 10, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., at the Westside Church of Christ, located at 4410 W. Illinois.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home

Death Notices

Sabrina Robinson

Sabrina Robinson, 54, of Midland, passed away June 4, 2011. She is survived by her husband, Ron Mott; son, Nicholas Robinson; one sister; and one brother; several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and other family members and friends.

Memorial Services will be held this morning at 10:00 a.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel.

Services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home, 2508 N. Big Spring St. Midland, Texas 79705.

Bobby Ray Hollander

Bobby Ray Hollander, 79, of Odessa, passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, in Odessa.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at the Crescent Park Church of Christ in Odessa. Burial will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens at 3:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

He is survived by his wife, Clarice Wahnelle Hollander; his children, Dr. Bobby Mal Hollander (Renee), Kimberly Jane Hollander Huet (Michael); and Bruce Hollander (Melinda); five sisters; three brothers; six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Clyde W. Threadway

Clyde W. Treadway, 83, of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, June 6, 2011, in Stanton.

Survivors include wife, Ivaglyn Treadway; three daughters, Lois Treadway, Patsy Harmon (Jimmie), and Renee Treadway; two sons, James Treadway (Wanda), and Troy Treadway (Lori); twelve grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren; and four great great grandchildren.

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

Dance workout connects daughter and mother stricken with Alzheimer's

Jeremy Goldmeier
Features Writer

Every morning when she was growing up, Linda Moran and her two sisters would cut a rug to the sweet sounds of Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass. The daily dance, which took place in the family living room, was her mother's idea. Barbara Lepp wanted her three daughters to be avid exercisers, like she was.

The family later would joke that Lepp had a Barbie-size closet, filled with bright-colored outfits for her workout classes.

Naturally, that enthusiasm rubbed off on Moran. Both of her parents instilled in her a love of being active.

But it wouldn't be until years later, when she was all grown up, that Moran could return the favor to her mother.

About seven years ago, Lepp began to develop Alzheimer's disease. The disease progresses differently for everyone, but Moran had seen what it had done to her two grandmothers. The most important thing, she knew, was to keep her mother active — the way she's always been.

So with her parents back in the Abilene area after time spent in Houston and Arkansas, Moran got the idea of attending exercise classes with her 75-year-old mother.

It wasn't just about physical activity, but also about having a social outlet.

"She's always been around women, doing women things," Moran, 49, said of her mother.

First, they tried a Zumba class. But the high-energy, party-hearty approach proved to be too fast.

So instead, Moran opted for the old standby: Jazzercise, which is in many ways the precursor to the modern dance workout craze.

Lepp had fallen in love with the program while living in Houston, and although the curriculum had changed a bit since then, there was an instant familiarity.

Moran has an interesting choice of words in describing her mother's reaction to picking up Jazzercise again: "It was like she came home."

Maybe it was the moves, or just dancing with her daughter again, but something about the program opened up a side of her mother Moran worried might have been lost.

"She just glows from ear to ear," Moran said. "She's shaking her hips, really having a good time."

Started in 1969 by professional jazz dancer Judi Sheppard Missett, Jazzercise prides itself on its all-ages appeal. The contemporary version mixes jazz dancing with hip-hop moves, resistance training, Pilates, yoga and other disciplines.

Kim Romines, who manages Abilene's two Jazzercise franchises, said a number of mother-daughter pairs take classes together.

But most of those are younger mothers bringing in their children. Moran and Lepp, who continue to work out together every Wednesday, make for an especially inspiring case.

"The first day they came to my class, Linda came up to me after class with tears in her eyes," Romines said via email, adding Moran said she saw the mom she remembered out there dancing on the floor. "(It was) one of those moments that reminds me why I love my job so much!"

Woman promotes scuba diving for healthy living

By Charles G. Anderson Sr.
Abilene Reporter-News

Lorraine Wilson is as much at home below the deep waters of Honduras, Mexico, Australia or the Bahamas as she is in dry West Texas.

As well she should be: Wilson, 56, an associate professor of exercise science, health and nutrition at Abilene Christian University, is a master scuba diver and instructor.

Although Wilson spent her early years in California, Washingto, and Michigan — where there was lots of water — she took to scuba diving only after moving to Abilene.

Wilson was on a college swimming team in Michigan, where she swam the 200- and 500-yard freestyle.

She said she'd wanted to dive when she was younger but didn't have the opportunity — or the money — to do so.

"I started scuba diving in 1985 after coming to Abilene," Wilson said. "I started out at Lake Possum Kingdom."

Wilson started the ACU scuba diving course in 1988.

Now she teaches scuba diving and swimming not only to ACU students, but to others as well. She and her husband, J. Wilson, own The Dive Spot Inc. and travel to various locations around the world, leading students and others on diving or snorkeling expeditions.

She touted the health benefits of diving. In addition to diving often, Wilson said she walks laps, does cardio exercises and swims.

"Scuba diving is something that most people can do," she said. "They can exercise in the water even if they might not be able to do much on land."

She said people with physical disabilities often feel right at home exercising in the water.

Wilson said people not only find enjoyment in diving, but they get a good workout — both mental and physical.

"We prepare students to serve and lead through the development of healthful lifestyles," she said.

Another safety warning to ponder

MARIA ANGLIN
San Antonio Express-News

I've spent the past few days reassessing my relationship with my cellphone.

And it isn't about some petty dropped call recrimination. It's about cancer.

Last week, the World Health Organization announced that there might — might — be a link between mobile phone use and cancer. The radiation emitted could be cooking the user's brain. Those at increased risk, say experts, are kids and teenagers because of their — ha! — thinner skulls.

Reports say it's as bad for you as engine exhaust, and one expert likened the radiation emitted from cell phones to the radiation emitted from a low-power microwave. We don't avoid traffic and microwaves for good health but, then again, we don't exactly have to sit in traffic or stick our heads right up to the revolving Lean Cuisine for at least an hour a day just to revel in our gift of gab.

Although I suspect some of us would.

It's hard to take warnings seriously, especially when you're being warned about a lifeline you have come to need. Americans face so many warnings about carcinogens, pollutants, chemicals that can dampen your mood and elements that can slow down the ol' ticker, and yet as a nation we continue to smoke, drink, eat fast food, etc. Who can blame us? We love to feel good, warnings be damned.

And we don't like nannies telling us what to do.

In that vein, if this had been an actual emergency, wouldn't I have been instructed to tune in to some solid scientific findings? Wouldn't there be warning labels on phones? Wouldn't the people trying to ban toys in fast-food meals be making a fuss over kid-friendly cell phones?

(Actually, anyone who watches "Mad Men" understands that there was a time people merely suspected a connection between cigarettes and cancer, so they kept right on smoking. And there is small print on some cell phones. But who the heck reads the fine print when unpacking all the cool gear?)

This alert is not exactly new. For years, the cell-phones-rot-your-brain warning has been a favorite among the the technology impaired, the manners police and, rightfully so, the Drive Now, Talk or Text Later set. But up until now, the jury had been out on the brain cancer rumors. As neurosurgeon and CNN chief medical correspondent Sanjay Gupta said, the WHO's announcement "dealt a blow to those who have long said, "There is no possible mechanism for cell phones to cause cancer."

There has been a lot of that, because there's no one blinder than he who just won't see — or rather, won't accept that there might be a downside to this technological love affair that won't crop up until after decades of exposure. Dr. Gupta blogged on CNN.com about how he mostly uses a wired earpiece to put a safe distance between his brain and the cell phone, just to be on the safe side. That's got to mean something; he is, after all, a neurologist.

But we ought to pay attention. We need to push for more conclusive science, and we should heed warnings. We might merely proceed with caution, wire up like Gupta or simply opt for a text. Except, of course, while driving.

That could be bad for you.

In Remembrance

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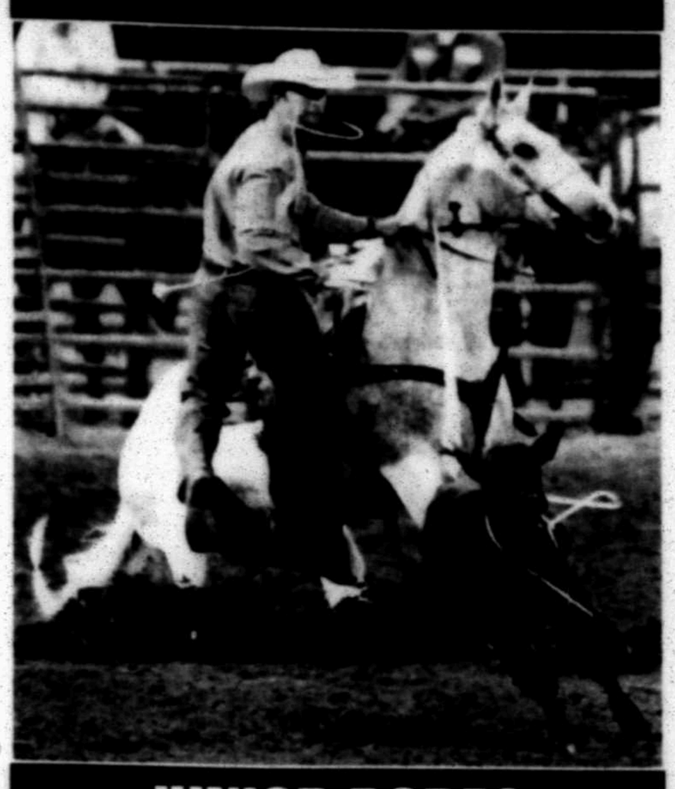

JUNIOR RODEO

- Several Midland and area youth competed recently at the state rodeo finals. Find out how they did and what drives them to spend more of their time on a horse than on a couch.

INSIDE SUNDAY

- Jim May talks about the physical and emotional pain of a broken heart.
- MRT Real Estate Account Executive Robin Kingham documents the last leg of training for a half marathon to benefit Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.
- Burr Williams discusses the unique wildlife habitat created by sanddunes.
- Alex Rose discovers the secret to losing weight.
- Also, look for some of our regular business columns running this week in Sunday's West Texas Living section.

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BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	The Middle	Modern Family	Modern Family	20/20 (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss		Criminal Minds "Today I Do"		Blue Bloods		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) LateL (N)	
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. The Beard	Seinf. "The Lip Reader"	Next Top Model "Karolina Kurkova"		Next Top Model "Patrick Demarchelier"		House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Roseanne "Bingo"	Roseanne	South Park	SouthPk "Towelie"
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and Half Men	Two and a Half Men	So You Think You Can Dance "Las Vegas Callbacks" (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Diana Dye	Yohanan Salamanca	Update News	Bill Cloud	Light of the Southwest				NewBeginning	NewBeginning	Rico Cortes	Y Salamanca
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	Minute Win "Jackass in the Circle" (N)		America's Got Talent (N)		America's Got Talent (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(:35) LateN (N)	
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		Bear Island		Nova "Parallel Worlds, Parallel Lives"		Niagara Falls		Charlie Rose		News	Tavis Smiley (N)
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PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65		165		(5:05) Men With ...		★★ Sliver ('93, Thril) Sharon Stone.				★★★ Domestic Disturbance			★★ XX/ XY Mark Ruffalo.		
	HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00) Temple Gra...		How to Train Your Dragon			(:45) 1stLook	Game of Thrones		Bill Maher		Treme	
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) Scott Pilgr...		1000Pics (:45) Making		Bobby Fischer				★★ A Perfect Getaway		(:10) Get Him to...	
	HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	★★ My Blueberry Nights			★★ Jennifer's Body				(:45) Making	★★ Indecent Proposal	Robert Redford.	
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Sherlock Holmes			Robert Downey Jr...		★★ Vampires Suck				★★★ The Losers	
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:05) National Lampoon's Animal House				★★★ Old School				(:35) Femme	(:05) Sin City Diaries	"Luck Is a Lady"	
	PLEX			96			(5:50) Wagon	(:45) Have Gun	(:05) Gunsmoke		★ Lights of Old Sa...		★★★ Hombre ('67, West) Paul Newman.				★ A Bullet For Sa...	
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) Letters To ...		United St	Nurse J.	Nascar	The Janky Promoters			Nascar		★★★ Youth in Revolt	
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	★ Spin ('10, Com) Katie Cassidy.			★ Extreme Movie				★ Finding Bliss (:10)	Leelee Sobieski.	★ The Game	
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48		Beyond Scare "Jessup Women's Prison"		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Dog the Bounty Hunter "Jack & Jill"		Beyond Scare "Jessup Women's Prison"	
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:15) ★ Hang 'Em ...		★★★★ Dirty Harry Clint Eastwood.						(:15) ★★★★ Dirty Harry ('71, Act) Clint Eastwood.		Br. Bad	
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	BRAVO	65	63		41		H.Wives "Girl Fight"		Housewives NJ		Top Chef Masters		Top Chef Masters (N)		Top Chef Masters		Housewives NJ	
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		Crime Inc. (N)		Crime Inc.		Mad Money		Crime Inc.	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	MythBusters		MythBusters		Myth "Fixing a Flat"		Deception		MythBusters		Myth "Fixing a Flat"	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Wizards	Wizards	★ Thunderbirds Brady Corbet.		(:40) Suite		(:05) Good	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Montana
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees (L)								Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter	NFL Live
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Football	NFLLive (N)	NCAA Softball Division I Tournament World Series						SportsC		SportsNation	
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Fried Green Tomatoes ('91, Com/Dra) Kathy Bates.						Switched at Birth		The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		B. Flay	B. Flay	Food Network Star "Lights, Camera, Cook"				Diners	Diners	Food Network Star	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase (L)	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark Arlington, Tex. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	The Final Score	WPT Poker L.A. Classic	
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2	★★★ Taken ('08, Thril) Liam Neeson.				★★★ Blow ('01, Dra) Rachel Griffiths, Johnny Depp.					Rescue
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	Income	Property	HouseH	House	House	Income	Income	House
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	To Be Announced		States got Shapes		Truckers "Pushing the Edge"		Ice Road Rage"		Marvels "Icebreakers"		States got Shapes	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	The First 48		The First 48 "20 Bucks/ Family Friends"		VanishedHolloway "Lunsford/ Grinstead"		Met Your Mother	Mother "I Heart NJ"	Old Christine	Christine "Crash"
	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	Chris	Chris	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	70s	70s	Nanny	Nanny
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	UFC '131' (N)		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	RepoG	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed	
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Haunt Collector (N)		Treasure	Treasure	Haunted Collector		Treasure	Treasure
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Soul Mate"	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	Conan	Peter Sarsgaard	Lopez Tonight	Terry Crews, James Adomian
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:30) The Young ...		Dave Brubeck: In His		Own Way		Straight No Chaser		(:15) Eastwood After Hours			
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Mi Corazon Insiste		Herederos del monte		La Casa de al Lado		Noticiero	El Cartel		Decision
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Couponing	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	NY Ink "Back in a New York Groove"		Extreme Coupon	Extreme Coupon	NY Ink "Back in a New York Groove"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Red Tide"		The Mentalist "Ladies in Red"		F.&Bash "She Came Upstairs to Kill Me"		Men of a Certain Age "The Pickup" (N)		F.&Bash	She Came Upstairs to Kill Me"	Men of a Certain Age "The Pickup"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	All Family	All Family	All Family	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	Hot In	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Under Covers"		NCIS "Shard Returns"		NCIS "Friends and Lovers"		NCIS "In the Dark"		NCIS "The Curse"		CSI: Crime Scene "Bloodsport"	
	VERSUS	38	39				Stanley ...	H. Central	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs: Vancouver vs. Boston (L)					H. Central	Poker World Series		Bull Ride Professional	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	Mother "Miracles"	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	SouthPk "Towelie"

Award-winning entertainers to perform at rodeo

From Staff Reports

BIG SPRING — The 78th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is slated for June 16-18 at the Rodeo Bowl near the intersection of FM 700 and Business Interstate 20. Events begin each day at 8 p.m.

Thursday's kick-off party will include photo opportunities with the Six White Horses from Hardin Simmons University, free T-shirts to the first 100 arrivals and a meet-and-greet with special acts, rodeo clowns and announcer Mike Mathis. Thursday also is "Pack the Bowl Night" and admission tickets will be sold at the gate for $1. Proceeds from the night's gate tickets will benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund in memory of longtime board president Skipper Driver.

This year's special acts include award-winning rodeo entertainer and comedian Keith Isley. This year will be Isley's third year to perform at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. His acts often include trick roping, high-low impact aerobics, animal routines and trick riding.

Also performing this year will be Blake Goode of Ravenna. Goode, who jumps through a ring of fire while riding two Brahma bulls, was nominated for the PRCA's Rodeo Entertainer of the Year Award. For more information, contact Derek Wash at 432-816-5161.

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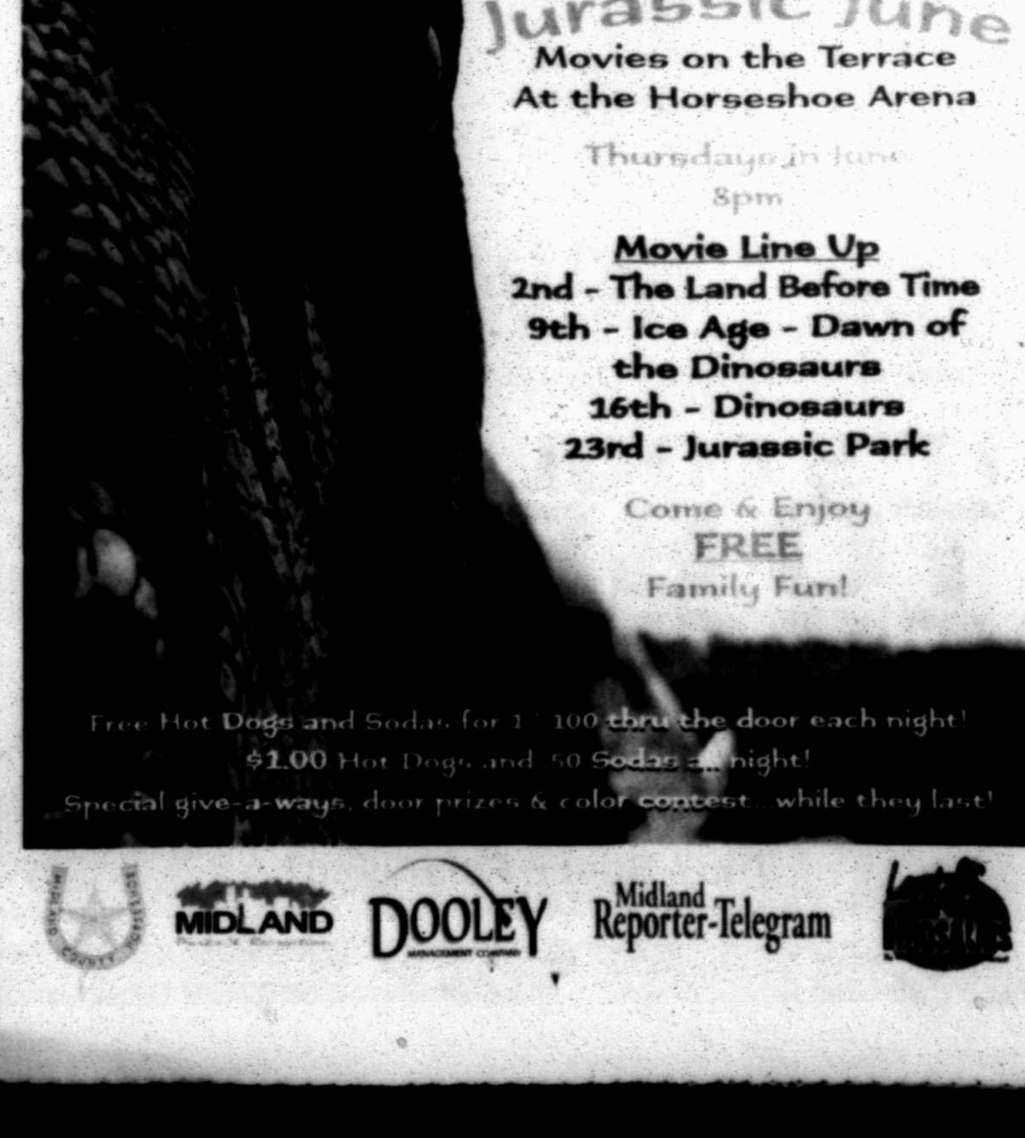
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Food

Hot dog and Fries Cake

From 1B

Pigs in Panchos (Tortilla Wrapped Franks and Beans)

From Every Day with Rachael Ray, June/July 2011

8 good-quality hot dogs
1 (16-ounce) can vegetarian spicy refried beans
1 large poblano pepper
16 (8-inch) flour tortillas
1 1/2 cups salsa verde
Yellow mustard or honey mustard
2 1/2 cups shredded Monterey jack cheese
Cooking spray

Preheat an outdoor grill, indoor griddle or grill pan to medium-high heat. Parboil the hot dogs for a few minutes to heat through. In a medium saucepan, heat the beans over medium heat adding a little water to thin slightly.

Meanwhile, grill the poblano (or broil) until evenly charred. Transfer to a bowl, cover and let cool, then peel and slice. Make the ponchos: Top each of 4 tortillas with a thin layer of salsa verde, a swirl of mustard, a few slices of poblano and lots of cheese, then cover each with another tortilla.

Spread the top tortilla with some beans and set a dog at one end. Wrap and roll up the tortilla stack around the dog; repeat with remaining ingredients. Spray the ponchos with cooking spray and grill for a few minutes to brown and crisp the tortillas.

Barbecue Italian Sausages

From Taste of Home Holiday, May 2010

4 uncooked Italian sausage links
1/2 cup green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/3 cup dry red wine or beef broth
1/2 cup ketchup
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/8 teaspoon Liquid Smoke, optional
4 hot dog buns, split

Grill the sausages, covered, over medium heat for 5-8 minutes on each side or until no longer pink. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, sauté green pepper and onion in oil for 3-4 minutes or until tender. Stir in wine or broth. Bring to a boil; cook for 2 minutes or until liquid is evaporated.

Stir in the ketchup, vinegar, soy sauce, brown sugar, cumin, chili powder and Liquid Smoke if desired. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer for 2-3 minutes or until thickened. Place sausages in buns; serve with sauce.

Corn Dogs

From Food Network Magazine, June 2011

1 1/2 cups fine yellow cornmeal
1 cup all purpose flour, plus more for dredging
2 tablespoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon mustard powder
Kosher salt
1 cup milk
2 large eggs
2 tablespoons peanut oil, plus more for frying
8 hot dogs

Whisk cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder, mustard powder and 1 1/2 teaspoons salt in a large bowl. Whisk the milk, eggs and peanut oil in another bowl, then add to the cornmeal mixture and whisk until smooth. Pour the batter into tall drinking glass, reserving any extra batter.

Heat 3 to 4 inches peanut oil in a large wide saucepan over medium heat until a deep-fry thermometer registers 365 degrees. Spread some flour in a shallow dish. Thread each hot dog three-quarters of the way onto an 8-inch wooden skewer. Dredge the hot dogs in flour, tapping off the excess.

Working in batches, dip the hot dogs into the glass of batter; let the excess drip back into the glass, then lower the hot dogs into the hot oil. Fry, turning, until golden, 4 to 5 minutes per batch. (Refill glass with batter as needed.) Remove the corn dogs with tongs and drain on a paper towel-lined plate; season with salt.

Chili Dog Fries

From Simple and Delicious, July/August 2006

4 cups frozen French-fried potatoes
1 (15-ounce) carton vegetarian chili
5 hot dogs, halved lengthwise and sliced
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Prepare fries according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a microwave-safe dish, combine the chili, hot dogs and onion. Cover and microwave on high for 5 to 6 minutes or until heated through, stirring once. Serve over fries; sprinkle with cheese. Yield: 4 servings.

Chili-Cheese Dog Fondue

From "Pillsbury's Dough Magic"

1 (11-ounce) can Pillsbury Refrigerated Breadsticks
24 cocktail-sized smoked link sausages (from a 16-ounce package)
1 (1-pound) package Velveeta
2 (15-ounce) cans chili without beans

Heat oven to 375. Unroll dough, separate into strips. Cut dough strips in half crosswise. Wrap 1 breadstick half around center of each sausage; pinch ends of dough strip to seal. Place seam side down and about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake immediately, or cover and refrigerate up to 4 hours.

Bake at 375 for 13 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Meanwhile in a fondue pot or medium saucepan, combine cheese and chili. Cook over medium heat until cheese is melted, stirring frequently. Serve hot fondue with warm wrapped sausages to be speared with fondue forks for dipping.

Classic Coney Island Hot Dogs

From www.rachaelray.com

8 hot dog buns
1 pound ground beef
2 onions, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
1 tablespoon yellow mustard, plus more for topping
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons brown sugar
8 beef hot dogs

Preheat oven to 300. Wrap the hot dog rolls in foil. In a large skillet, cook the beef, half of the onions and the garlic over medium-high heat, breaking up the meat, until the onions are softened and the meat is cooked through, about 5 minutes. Stir in the chili powder and cumin and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 minutes. Stir in 1 cup water, the tomato paste, mustard, Worcestershire sauce and brown sugar. Bring to a boil, then cover, reduce the heat to medium and cook until thickened, about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile in a large saucepan, cover the hot dogs with water and bring to a boil. Cook until heated through, about 8 minutes. Place the rolls in the oven and heat through. Place the hot dogs in the rolls and top with the chili, the remaining onions and extra mustard.

Hot Dogs on a Stick

From www.delish.com

1 (16-ounce) package hot dogs
1 (11-ounce) can refrigerated bread stick dough
10 skewers

If using wooden skewers, soak in water for 20 minutes before using. Prepare grill or campfire. Insert skewer in one end of hot dog and push through. Unroll bread dough; separate into strips. Wrap one bread stick around each hot dog in spiral fashion. Place on grill grate or hold over campfire. Cook 8 to 10 minutes until hot dog is cooked through and bread is golden browh, turning frequently.

Hot Dog and Fries Cake

From Family Fun

1 baked loaf pound cake
2 Twinkies
1 cup hot-dog red frosting (red and brown mixed)
Yellow icing in a tube
Red icing in a tube
Green fruit slices or gumdrops, diced (optional)

To make the hot dog bun, cut a one-inch strip out of the top of the cake. Do not cut all the way to the bottom of the cake, only cut one-inch wide by one inch deep. Place the two Twinkies in the "bun" opening you have made. Frost them hot-dog red. Add a squirt of mustard (yellow icing) ketchup (red icing) or relish (diced gumdrops).

For the fries, slice off the outer brown edges of the cake and place on a cookie sheet. Brown edges of the cake pieces on all sides. Cool, slice in strips and drizzle with red frosting.

Huachas

From 1B

ago, and decided to start their own organization when they kept getting poor draws in tournament brackets. They formed the "Huacha Kings" to help organize players of the backyard family sport. Now they are members of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which has hosted the Mex-Tex event for the past 24 years.

Twenty-three teams of two showed up Saturday for the event, which was one of many tournaments that happen in the Permian Basin.

Washers is similar to horseshoes, where the object is to either land in the hole or nearest to it in order to score. Formats can cause the washer bits to be 21 feet, 30 feet or even 45 feet away from each other.

"It has to be a perfect shot with this format," Bernal said of the tournament's 45-foot setup.

Much was on the line Saturday. First place finishers received $300, second $150 and third $75, as well as special edition Mex-Tex washer sets. Most important, though, were the bragging rights.

Last year's Mex-Tex winners, Martin Brito and Lorenzo Cereceres of the Midland-based "South Team," were back this year to defend their title.

Brito has been playing washers competitively for a couple of decades. He said he and Cereceres have won more than $3,000 in cash and prizes over the last three years. They play in about 15 tournaments each year.

"It's good exercise in a friendly environment, and you get to do it with your friends," Brito said. "It keeps you off the streets."

The men's families sat under canopies, watching carefully and offering encouragement, or a cold beer, when necessary. Their wives chatted about how much time the men spend practicing. Brito gives up only three nights a week to play, while Cereceres plays almost daily. He gets home from work about 5 p.m. and often will play as late as midnight with almost a dozen friends.

"We're gonna win, just wait," Brito said after one game. It looked like the men would have to settle for third after they lost a match in the semi-finals of the double-elimination tournament. But as the number of spectators grew and began to encircle the tournament area, they came back to beat their opponents twice and take first-place bragging rights.

Though the event was filled with laughter and jokes, the measuring tapes Bernal held on the tournament booth's table for official rulings showed games were not left to chance.

"It's serious," Bernal said. "Some people live and breathe this stuff."

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Elaina Lawrence, above, applies touchup paint to one of the bedrooms in the Harper family's house. RIGHT: Shane Stokes works on the frame of a closet door.

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MAKEOVER

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When the family closed on their new house May 13, friends started coming over the next day to help as they could.

Individuals and families adopted separate rooms of the house and purchased supplies to decorate the living spaces. For the older girls' rooms, new furniture, bedspreads and curtains were bought as well as paint and decorations for the walls.

One daughter wanted purple, another hot pink and zebra striping decor and another wanted the colors red, white and black. They each got just that.

"They made every room unique for the child," Wendy said.

Volunteers re-textured the walls in the living room and donated entertainment chairs for seating. A small office space was turned into a bedroom for two of the boys with built-in bunkbeds. Another room that houses two of their sons will be decorated with hunting and fishing designs.

"They didn't just buy a new bedspread. Everybody did stuff that took a lot of pride and a lot of love," Sid said.

The outside patio was redone and new furniture was purchased for that as well. Someone already has offered to come back next week to set up the family's trampoline in the yard so the kids have something to play on.

"It'll be a fun little place out here for them," Wendy said.

The new house is 3,600-square-feet, more than triple the size of their previous home.

"Everything's bigger than what I had," she said looking out across the kitchen and dining room.

The previous owners had dogs and cats. The floors were worn out and the carpets needed to be cleaned. Wendy really wanted new ones but they weren't going to spend the money on them. Instead, a group of employees at a local company heard about the floors and raised enough money in 24 hours to present the family with a check to purchase new carpets, along with another check to help cover additional expenses that may arise.

It's little things like that that have really made their new home a miracle house, the couple said.

The Harpers have talked about possibly adopting more children in the future. They said they've made a commitment to live out their faith and use the gifts God has given then. They understand they can't change the whole world, but they said by adopting Charlie and Levi, they believe they can change the world for those two boys.

As Levi danced in the living room with an orange, plastic toy guitar, Wendy said she couldn't imagine if their family hadn't adopted him and brought him home. Within a few months of getting him to Midland, the Harpers realized he was suffering from endocarditis and was sick with an infection in his heart. Left untreated, he would have died in the orphanage.

"We might not have a lot of fancy things, but we can give love and you can't ever give too much of that," Sid said. "Every morning we pray, 'Thank you God for providing for us and continue to do that.' And he does."

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For more information or to follow the Harper family, check out their blog online at www.harper9.blogspot.com.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
Junior Master Gardener specialist Geriann Green, right, poses with Karin Wallace, Master Gardener program assistant with the national Agrilife Extension office in College Station, after accepting the award for Texas Junior Master Gardener Extension Educator of the Year Award in May.

Courtesy photo

Junior Master Gardener specialist shares love of science with kids

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Kids learn science better when they can get their hands dirty. At least that's what Junior Master Gardener specialist Geriann Green has found out.

Green was chosen as the Texas Junior Master Gardener Extension Educator of the Year during the 2011 Texas Master Gardener Conference in Glen Rose last month. The award is given to a Junior Master Gardener educator who shows strong leadership and is an outstanding contributor to the program.

Though Green has been a specialist for only two years, she has volunteered with the Junior Master Gardener group for more than a decade.

"My degree is in education and I enjoy working with kids," explained Green, who has been a Texas Master Gardener for 12 years. "I saw the potential for this program when it was getting started in Midland."

The junior group is aimed toward kids in third through eighth grade. The program either can supplement curriculums at elementary schools or serve as an after-school program for churches, schools and organizations like Casa de Amigos and Kiwanis.

The Junior Master Gardener program uses more than 400 hands-on activities to teach kids about science and nature. One of Green's favorites involves teaching younger children about the concept of symmetry by using graham crackers, peanut butter, and Twizzlers candy to create butterflies.

"The fun part is they get to eat it afterward," she said, laughing.

Though she loves working with children, Green's main job as a specialist is to train teachers and leaders for groups that will be working with youth.

"She goes out of her way to make things easier for whatever you're working on," said Permian Basin Master Gardener president Carol Siddall, who sent in Green's nomination for the award. "She's always willing to help and always gives 110 percent. She does what she does because she loves it and wants to do it."

Retired AgriLife Extension horticulture agent Debbie Frost said Green has been able to utilize volunteers locally to increase the number of leaders and help spread awareness of the program. Green trained four new groups of leaders for the program in 2010.

"She's just got a lot of energy, she's very innovative and she's done a great job growing the program," Frost said.

When Green talks about her work, her love for teaching science to kids is evident. She recalls a time she was teaching a fourth-grader to plant, when suddenly a sixth-grader exclaimed, "I remember when you taught me that!"

"My heart just got warm," Green remembered. "I enjoy working with the kids because the kids then get to go outside and apply this knowledge they've learned."

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Doc Brinkley parachuted into Normandy on D-Day

TALKIN' TEXAS

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

R.L. "Doc" Brinkley of Andrews joined the Army in 1943 when he was 18 years old. It was during World War II and he heard paratroopers got extra money, so he signed up for paratrooper training.

"We had to have five jumps to qualify for our wings," said Brinkley. "It was quite an honor to earn those wings." There was no door on the plane that took them up for jumps. A red light meant get ready; green meant jump. He took advanced training in small weapons and hand-to-hand combat, "just like it would be on the front lines."

Brinkley took part in the largest military invasion in history June 6, 1944 on the coast of Normandy in France. It was dark when he landed. He was issued a cork and matches for camouflage. He blackened the cork and rubbed it on his face so it wouldn't reflect any light.

He and his fellow jumpers also were issued a military version of a toy cricket, the little tin noisemaker. They devised a code for identification purposes. "If you heard somebody, you couldn't see who it was. So you give them one click. He's supposed to answer you with two clicks. If he doesn't he's not one of our guys."

Brinkley was a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He jumped with other paratroopers from Canada, France and England. "There were hundreds of planes that had flown for two hours getting in just the right position to let the paratroopers jump."

Anti-aircraft fire hit the plane he was on just before he left it. Lots of the planes got shot down. Brinkley said he saw several on the ground in different places, with bodies still in them. Allied troops from Poland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Holland, New Zealand and Norway also took part in the invasion. D-Day forces were deployed from bases along the southern coast of England.

"We landed in an open field. It was right in front of a thick natural fence or hedgerow made of trees and bushes. There was a German gun position just beyond the hedgerow. We were about 100 yards from it. I hugged that ground for several hours. I had to. I was pinned down. If I had jumped up they would have got me. They started shooting at us with small arms. Tracers were hitting all around me."

At daylight the next day he and his fellow soldiers attacked that gun position. "A buddy of mine had a Browning automatic and he was shooting into the gun position on one end and we were on the other end. The Germans that weren't shot we took as prisoners. I think there were 25 or 30 of them."

He was on the front lines for 33 days before he was relieved to go back to England for a break. "We were dirty and had little food. We had C-rations, but they didn't last long. We scrounged food from farm houses."

Years later, Brinkley returned to the coast of Normandy and took pictures of the place where he landed. He still has his cricket and part of his parachute.

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What is an oil well core?

Cores are sample plugs that once commonly were obtained by geologists to check for the presence of oil and gas. They are extracted during the drilling process, usually measuring 60 inches long with a 4-inch diameter, then broken up into smaller pieces by a diamond bit for evaluation. These layers of earth can be from anywhere between a few hundred feet to several miles underground, and are composed of sediments that have been compressed into stone. Though cores were abundant in past decades, Marquez said, updated forms of well-bore analysis have made core sampling much less common today.

CORE

From 1B

to the dump."

Polishing core is a six-step process, Marquez said. The first five steps are mostly grinding and sanding, and during the final step he polishes the core with a soft pad. He works mechanically and strategically, almost like a potter, rotating a 17-inch piece of core back and forth on a spinning disc.

Marquez's artisan work with cores has become a smaller part of his business as he grows older and no longer can spend all day doing taxing labor. He now sells about 100 core lamps each year. His storefront also boasts colorful crystals, jewelry, fossils and even an alligator head. His geology background comes in handy when he acts as a personal shopper, fulfilling orders for clients who aren't sure where to find what they're looking for.

Part of the evolution of Marquez's business is obvious when a client enters the door and smells sweet incense from the back of the store. He began carrying more metaphysical items like crystals and stones about five to 10 years after he opened the business.

"One customer came in buying all of these stones," he said. "I didn't even know what metaphysical was."

When that customer began a trade show, Marquez opted to be a vendor, and in spite of his science background began seeing the value in that branch of philosophy. Today his customers range from energy-seekers to kids doing research for school projects. The diversity of the customers is one of Marquez's favorite parts of his job.

"It's definitely the people," he said. "It keeps it interesting to see a variety of people. I'm in the happy business, I really am."

Marquez started out thinking the shop simply would be a temporary way to make money, but knew he wouldn't return to the oil industry after his business took off. As he looks toward the future, he's unsure of what will happen to his rock shop when he no longer is able to keep it up. Looking back, he's glad he went into a business he loves.

"It's small, but I'm proud of it," Marquez said. "It's been a good ride."

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NEIL SPERRY'S GARDENS

"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). He can be contacted at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Runners in St. Augustine likely caused by pathogen

Dear Neil: Why has my St. Augustine developed long, ugly runners that arch out from the ground?

Answer: There probably is some very minor pathogen involved. You'll notice there are only nubs where roots should be. Lift the runners up before you mow, and the blade will clip them off. Other than the short-term unattractiveness, this issue is of no particular concern.

Dear Neil: We have had our blackberry plantings for 12 years. We faithfully remove all the fruiting canes as soon as we finish the harvest, because we know they do not produce again. However, we are getting fewer and fewer fruit, and they are getting smaller each year. Should we consider cutting all of the canes back drastically to try to get some new vigor in the planting?

A: Probably not. While it might create a little short-term vigor, it also would cause a thicket of growth that might come at the expense of next year's crop. After all, the canes that will produce fruit next year already have been growing for several months. In my own personal observations, blackberry plants (especially their roots) become congested after that long. The soil improvements we originally made have long since worn out, and trees and their shadows even may have overtaken parts of the garden. You might want to leave these plants in place for one more year, harvesting transplants for a second and a new bed you would start next winter.

Dear Neil: Where can I find a weedkiller I can use near a pond? I'm concerned about effective control of the weeds, but I'm also concerned about the fish.

A: Talk to a water garden supplier, or most farm supply stores also will be able to advise you. Both sell the kinds of products you're needing. They'll also be able to interpret the product's directions for you.

Dear Neil: I removed several trees that were close to our house's foundation. I also removed the stumps, but I'm not sure I got all of the roots. Do I need to do more?

A: Probably not. If you removed the core of the stump, you probably won't have very many, if any root sprouts, and if there are any, they probably won't be very strong. You can remove any that develop by hand, or you could apply a broadleafed weedkiller directly to them.

Dear Neil: We have property in Southwest Texas, and I planted a sago palm there three months ago. The soil isn't very good, and now the plant's center is turning yellow. The local garden club members told me it was probably iron deficiency. What should I do to help it?

A: That's awfully fast to be seeing iron deficiency. Few of this plant's roots would have grown out into the alkaline, iron-poor soil in that length of time. It certainly wouldn't hurt to apply an iron additive directly to the soil around the plant. Keep it off masonry surfaces that could be stained. You should see a green-up within a couple of weeks if that was the problem. However, it's also possible it's encountered sunscald, or it got far too dry one time. It's really hard to diagnose without more details. You probably should take photos of it to a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional.

Dear Neil: I have several 1-inch tall Texas mountain laurel sprouts. When and where can I transplant them? How quickly will they grow to become trees?

A: As small as they are, you could dig them now and put them into one-gallon pots. Hold a 3-inch ball of soil in place around their roots as you lift them out. Put them in a shady location for a few days to help them acclimate. Then, gradually move them out into the sunlight. Do not allow them to dry out excessively. Your other option would be to wait to dig them until late winter. They will grow into trees, but they won't do so rapidly. It will take 8 or 10 years (or longer) for them to get 10 feet tall and taller.

Dear Neil: My dianthus plants are dying out. What can I do to save them?

A: Almost all dianthus varieties are annual flowers in Texas. Bath's garden pinks are perennial, and there are a few others, but the rest are cool-season annuals. There probably isn't much you can do to save them. It's time to replace them with hot-weather annuals.

Dear Neil: We have two Chinese pistachios that were purchased and planted from 5-gallon pots at the same time five years ago. One is healthy, and the other leafs out normally but then turns brown. It starts at the bottom, then spreads up the tree. The only difference I might expect would be the possibility of shallow, rocky soil beneath this one tree. I soak it with the hose for 15 minutes each week, but it doesn't help. This is not the first tree to die in this location. Any ideas?

A: Your analysis could very well be true, in which case 15 minutes might not be enough. You might want to try a soaker hose laid around the tree's drip line and allowed to run for several hours. Think, too, about any weed killer or weed-and-feed product that might have been used in only the one area. Look closely at the tree's trunk to see if there has been any sunscald on the sunny side. Beyond those things, you're probably ready for a certified arborist to stop by.

Drip irrigation systems help conserve water

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Deborah Benge Frost is a former extension horticulture agent for Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Midland and Ector counties.

One of the best techniques for watering the home landscape and garden is drip irrigation. Drip irrigation is a controlled, slow application of water directly to the soil surface. Water flows under low pressure through plastic pipes or hoses and then drips out onto the soil from small holes that are precisely formed in the hose wall, in-line built-in emitters or emitters added to the lines where they are needed.

Drip is useful in ornamental beds, rose gardens, herb, vegetable and even in container plants. It also has been installed to irrigate some commercial and home lawns.

Drip irrigation is not designed to be left running. Just like sprinkler irrigation, it should be turned on for a period of time until the root zone of plants is watered, then turned off until water is needed again.

With proper management, drip irrigation reduces water loss by up to 60 percent or more as compared to traditional watering methods.

Traditional sprinklers deliver water at a faster rate than most soils can absorb it, making run off a big problem. With drip irrigation, the water soaks in slowly because water is being applied slowly. Because flooding or run-off is rarely a problem with drip, less water is wasted.

With a proper design, desirable plants can be watered, while weeds, walkways, driveways and non-growing areas are avoided. Because the drip lines lay on the soil surface, blowing, drifting and evaporation is not a problem like it is with sprinkler irrigation. If mulch is covering the drip lines, there is even less evaporation and less water loss. Brick, windows and cars are spared from water spots as are plant leaves, reducing salt burn and leaf diseases.

If you have shied away from installing a drip irrigation system because it looked too complicated or too costly, Texas AgriLife Extension Service offers "Efficient Use of Water in the Garden & Landscape" that can be found on the website under "Aggie-horticulture" and "Earth-Kind." This information can help you plan and install your own drip irrigation system. Local irrigation supply stores are another great source of information on drip irrigation design and installation.

The financial investment is reasonably small if you are willing to spend a few hours to plan, assemble and install the system. Savings in water combined with increased yield and quality of vegetables and flowers more than pays for the cost of parts to maintain a drip system.

The life of a drip system is extended by proper design, proper filtering, protection from sharp tools, keeping it covered with mulch and flushing and draining lines when necessary. AgriLife Extension Service and Permian Basin Master Gardeners have several demonstration gardens around the area with drip irrigation systems, some of which are 10-12 years old and still functioning well.

A source of clear water which flows at a rate of at least 2 to 5 gallons per minute with at least 30 to 40 pounds pressure is needed.

Clean water is essential for successful drip irrigation because sand, silt, organic material and other foreign material easily can clog small emitter openings. City water sources generally do not require a filter; however, some gardeners add a filter to avoid clogging. The filtration system required depends on the type and quantity of foreign materials in the water and/or emitter characteristics.

The benefits to drip irrigation are numerous, but the best reason to use it is avoid wasting water. Go to the Aggie-horticulture website and search the Earth-Kind section for more advice on drought preparedness and good horticultural practices.

Sports

Berry to take over MHS girls basketball

From staff reports

The Midland ISD Athletic Department announced on Tuesday that former Cisco High School head girls basketball Ron Berry has been hired to take over the girls basketball program at Midland High.

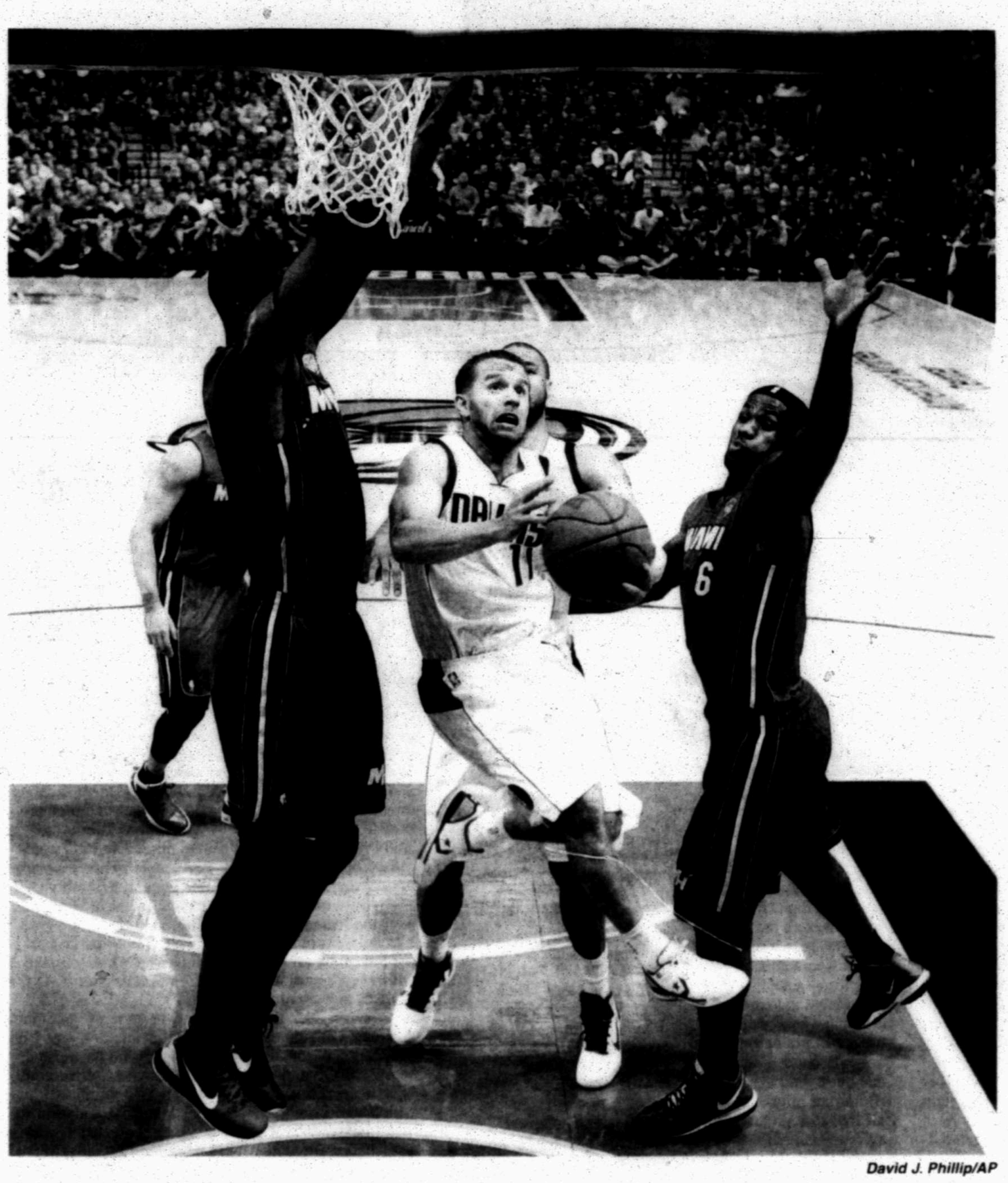
Berry comes to the Lady Bulldog program with nearly 40 years of coaching experience and a coaching record of 714-320, which includes winning 13 district championships.

Berry began his career in 1972 and has had head coaching stints at Wellman-Union, Poolville, Irving, Stephenville (twice), Canyon Randall, Weatherford, Frisco, Hamilton and most recently Cisco. At Cisco, Berry compiled a 65-35 record.

Berry will take over for former coach TC Willis, who resigned in May to go into private business.

Berry's hiring is pending the approval of the Midland ISD Board of Trustees, and he will be introduced at a press conference at 2 p.m. today at the Midland High gymnasium.

'INCREDIBLE HEART'



David J. Phillip/AP

Dallas' Jose Juan Barea (11) shoots between Miami's Chris Bosh and LeBron James (6) on Tuesday during Game 4 of the NBA Finals in Dallas. The Mavericks beat the Heat 86-83 to even the series at 2-2.

Ailing Nowitzki finds enough support to even series

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks have pulled off another stunning comeback, tying the NBA finals at two games each.

And this time, Nowitzki did it while battling the flu.

Nowitzki shook off three poor quarters to score 10 of his 21 points in the final period as the Mavericks outscored the Miami Heat 21-9 over the final 10:12 for an 86-83 victory in a memorable Game 4 on Tuesday night.

The Mavs avoided going down 3-1, a deficit no team has ever overcome in the finals, and guaranteed the series will return to Miami for a Game 6 on Sunday night. Game 5 is Thursday in Dallas.

Mavericks	**86**
Heat	83

* Series tied 2-2

"We just played with incredible heart and passion," Dallas center Tyson Chandler said.

Dwyane Wade scored 32 points, but fumbled an inbounds pass with 6.7 seconds left. He knocked the ball back to Mike Miller for a potential tying 3-pointer, but it wasn't even close to hitting the rim.

Chris Bosh scored 24 points for Miami, but the Heat got a stunningly unproductive game from their biggest star, LeBron James. He scored only eight points, making just 3 of 11 shots. He contributed nine rebounds and seven assists, but his lack of scoring sticks out

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Courtesy Texas A&M Track and Field

POTENTIAL 3-PEAT Texas A&M Track coach Pat Henry is looking to guide the men's and women's teams to history at this week's NCAA Outdoor Championships

Aggies' Henry eyes prize other than titles

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Many college coaches simply own a vision of winning a national championship. Texas A&M track coach Pat Henry is way past that.

Henry, who turns 60 next month, needs more in his life than NCAA titles — his Aggies men's and women's teams have won four in the past two years alone. Henry said he needs a place for his titlists to proudly call home.

"We haven't run a home (outdoor) track meet in seven years," Henry said during a recent interview in his office. "We've got people graduating who've never run a home meet in front of their peers. If that was baseball, or basketball or football, there would be an uprising."

Henry, meticulously straightening paperwork throughout in his already pristine confines, pointed to his vision — an artist's depiction of a world-class outdoor track complex he helped design, and one in the planning stages at A&M.

"We're trying to create an uprising," he said. "There should be an uprising. This is the most successful group of young people on campus, and they deserve to be able to run in front of their peers, and have a track meet here."

The Event

- **What:** Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- **When:** Today through Saturday
- **Where:** Drake Stadium on the campus of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa

Meanwhile A&M, which practices on what Henry dubs an outdated outdoor track, continues tearing up the track elsewhere. Starting today in Des Moines, Iowa, the Aggies will try and become the first NCAA program in history to win dual titles for three consecutive years. The NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships run through Saturday.

"You know now that when you come to Texas A&M and put on that uniform, you've got a target on your back," Henry said.

Seven years ago, A&M athletic director Bill Byrne hired Henry, now with 31 national titles to his name, away from LSU with the idea of turning the Aggies into a national contender. The plan worked.

"More than I expected," Byrne said, smiling. "One of the things I noticed when I came here (in 2003) was that

Please see **HENRY**/4C

Smith, Williamson taken on second day

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Baseball dreams came true on Tuesday with several players with local ties being selected in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, including two from Midland.

Former Midland Christian pitcher Carson Smith, who is a junior at Texas State, was taken in the eighth round of the by the Seattle Mariners. And while Smith was hopeful he might be taken a couple rounds sooner, he doesn't have any real complaints about the opportunity he's been given.

Smith

Williamson

"It's always been a dream for me," Smith said of being the draft's 243rd overall selection. "It's coming true so far. Hopefully it continues to come true all the way to the top level and I play in the major leagues some day. I'm a little disappointed I lasted so long, but at the same time, what more could I ask for?"

Also being drafted on Tuesday from Midland was former Lee High School standout and current Dallas Baptist pitcher Brandon Williamson, who was taken in the 20th round by the Milwaukee Brewers.

Smith, like all the other players who have been or will be selected in the draft, has until Aug. 15 to decide if he wants to sign with the Mariners or not. The former MCS pitcher said he spoke with the Mariners prior to the draft and knew they were interested in him. During the phone call, Smith

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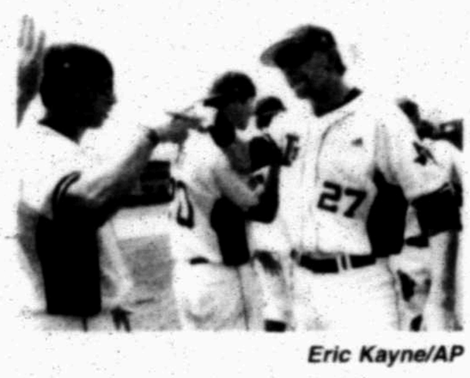

Eric Kayne/AP

AGGIES ADVANCE Texas A&M's Jacob House (27) celebrates with teammates Tuesday after the Aggies beat Arizona, 3-0, in College Station.

Wacha shuts out Arizona, Aggies move on

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — First came a heavy rain on Monday night, just after the Star-Spangled Banner and right before the scheduled first pitch of the NCAA tournament regional title game. Texas A&M coach Rob Childress later dubbed the downpour a "blessing" — a stroke of luck that led to a few strokes of Michael Wacha's cell-phone keypad later that night.

"Nowadays, you don't get phone calls anymore — you get texts," Childress said. "Michael said he was ready to go."

To Childress, no more beautiful words had ever been pecked. Thanks especially to Wacha's outstanding outing on short notice, the Aggies defeated Arizona 3-0 on Tuesday afternoon, in advancing to their first super regional in three years.

Aggies	**3**
Wildcats	0

"After the rain delay, I knew my arm would have another day of rest," said Wacha, who shut Arizona down over seven innings, in his second start of the regional. "I (texted) coach that I was ready for the start — that I could go out there and do a good job."

Wacha in the last two weeks has become A&M's No. 1 starter, after ace John Stilson was diagnosed with a torn labrum just prior to the NCAA tournament. Wacha, who wasn't scheduled to start had Tuesday's game been played a day earlier, won the regional opener over Wright State on Friday, and followed that gem with another in allowing zero runs over a combined 13 innings.

"He gave us an incredible performance," Childress said.

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Several local softball players playing in all-star game

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — A number of area softball players will be playing in this weekend's Greater West Texas Softball Coaches Association All-Star games at Lubbock Christian on Saturday.

In the Class 4A/5A game, three players from Lee and Midland High will play in the game slated to begin at 3:30 p.m. Midland High's Kelsey Hoppel, who was the District 3-5A Most Valuable Player in 2011, will play for the North team, and Lee seniors Jamey Lane and Rebecca Long will play for the South team.

The trio of Midland players will be joined by six players from Odessa High and Odessa Permian also playing.

In the Class 3A/2A/A/TAPPS game, five players from Greenwood are on the roster and Rangerette coach Lee Ann Curry will coach the East team.

Kandace Hillis, Krystal Hillis, Heather Neagle, Shae'na Price and Kelsi Yow are all on the East roster, along with Big Spring's Valerie Ross and Jillian Valle.

The Class 3A/2A/A/TAPPS game will be played at 1 p.m.

Tigers beat Rangers behind Porcello's pitching

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Austin Jackson had three of Detroit's season-high 20 hits and Rick Porcello won for the sixth time in his last seven outings to help the Tigers beat the Texas Rangers 8-1 on Tuesday night.

Porcello (6-3) gave up a run over six innings against the AL West-leading Rangers as the Tigers improved to 8-1 in their last nine games. Porcello has allowed less than two runs in five of his last nine starts.

A night after getting 18 hits, Jackson helped Detroit win its fourth straight with three RBIs. The Tigers scored four runs in the fourth off Matt Harrison (5-5). Every Tiger in the lineup had at least one hit, including Casper Wells, Alex Avila, and Victor Martinez, who also had three hits apiece.

Harrison allowed four runs on eight hits in four innings after not allowing a run in his previous 19 2-3 innings.

In the fourth, Raburn's liner to left scored Martinez with the first run of the game. The big blow came on Jackson's two-run single to right.

Jackson appeared to strike out but home-plate umpire Ed Hickox ruled that a fouled third strike hit the ground before going into catcher Mike Napoli's mitt. Replays showed Napoli caught the ball cleanly before Jackson singled two pitches later for a 3-0 lead.

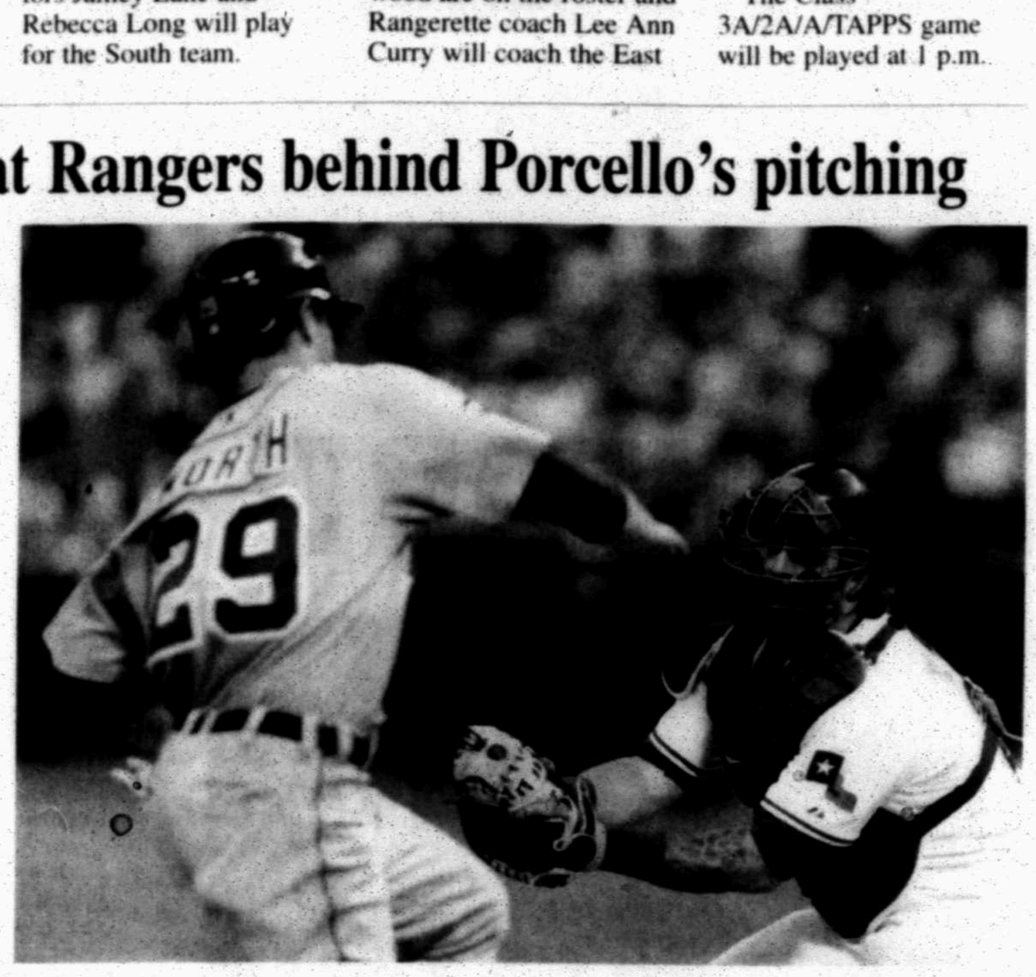
Jackson moved to second when right fielder Nelson Cruz misplayed the ball and scored on Wells' double down the left-field line.

Texas trimmed the deficit to 4-1 in the sixth, stringing together three hits off Porcello. Ian Kinsler scored from third on Michael Young's infield single, but Porcello got Adrian Beltre to line out to short and fanned Cruz with two runners aboard to end the threat.

Detroit added a pair of runs in the sixth on RBI singles from Jhonny Peralta and Raburn. The lead stretched to 7-1 in the eighth when Wells crushed his second double of the night and Miguel Cabrera followed with an RBI-single.

Harrison was pitching for the first time in nine days after missing his last start June 2 in Cleveland with a blister on his right index finger. He also developed a kidney stone and had been in discomfort since last Saturday. He has not passed the stone and there was some concern about whether he would be forced to skip another turn in the rotation.

Tigers	**8**
Rangers	1



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COLLISION AHEAD Texas catcher Mike Napoli waits to make the tag on Detroit's Danny Worth (29) in the fourth inning Tuesday in Arlington.

Westbrook leads Cards to win over Astros

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jake Westbrook shook off early trouble on the mound and helped his cause with a three-run, tie-breaking double to help the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-4 win over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

It was the NL Central leading Cardinals' fourth straight win. The Astros have lost four in a row.

Westbrook (6-3) gave up a two-run homer to Carlos Lee in the first inning, but didn't allow another earned run to get his fourth win in a row. His bases-loaded, two-out double off Houston starter Brett Myers made it 5-2 in the fourth inning.

Former Houston star Lance Berkman hit his 13th homer of the season on a two-run shot in the first inning and Albert Pujols homered for the fourth straight game with a solo blast to left field in the eighth.

Fernando Salas allowed one run in two innings for his 11th save.

Myers (2-5) yielded six hits and five runs with four strikeouts in six innings. Houston left 13 runners on base and was 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position until Chris Johnson's RBI double made it 7-4 in the ninth inning.

Westbrook allowed eight hits and two earned runs while walking three in 5 1-3 innings, but he consistently escaped trouble with Houston runners in scoring position after giving up a two-run home run to Carlos Lee in the first inning that tied the game 2-2.

Westbrook allowed two singles in the sixth before J.R. Towles reached on an error by shortstop Ryan Theriot when the ball rolled between his legs to load the bases. Westbrook was replaced by Jason Motte, who plunked pinch hitter Matt Downs on the right hand to walk in a run and get Houston within 5-3.

Motte settled down after that and was able to limit the damage by striking out Michael Bourn before Clint Barmes grounded into a force out to end the inning.

Berkman returned to the Cardinals lineup after sitting out Sunday following a cortisone shot to the left wrist he injured making a diving catch last month. In his second trip to Houston since a trade last year, the slugger, who spent 12 seasons with the Astros, was greeted by a mixture of cheers and boos each time he came to the plate.

Myers allowed consecutive singles to Yadier Molina and Skip Schumaker with two outs in the fourth before intentionally walking Daniel Descalso to load the bases. Then came Westbrook's line drive three-run double to center field that put St. Louis ahead 5-2.

Myers retired the next seven batters he faced before being replaced by Sergio Escalona, who struck out Descalso before Enerio Del Rosario took over.

Berkman gave the Cardinals the early 2-0 lead with his two-out blast to the bullpen in right center field.

Cardinals	**7**
Astros	4

TUESDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RED SOX 6, YANKEES 4: At New York, David Ortiz hit a two-run homer and Jonathan Papelbon labored through the ninth inning to earn his 200th save, leading the Boston Red Sox over the New York Yankees 6-4 Tuesday night.

Jacoby Ellsbury led off the game with a home run and Adrian Gonzalez hit an RBI triple as the Red Sox roughed up Freddy Garcia (4-5) early to move within two percentage points of the first-place Yankees in the AL East. Working on seven days' rest, Jon Lester (8-2) gave up three runs and eight hits — seven singles — in six innings.

INDIANS 1, TWINS 0: At Cleveland, Carlos Carrasco took a shutout into the ninth inning and the Indians pushed across an unearned run to defeat the Twins, ending a season-high five-game skid.

Carrasco (5-3) gave up three hits, struck out six and walked one over 8 1-3 innings as Cleveland avoided its first eight-game losing streak ever at Progressive Field. The Indians opened the year 14-2 at home. They have not lost eight in a row at home since June 8-21, 1975, at old Cleveland Stadium.

ORIOLES 4, ATHLETICS 0: At Baltimore, J.J. Hardy, Luke Scott and Adam Jones hit solo homers, Chris Jakubauskas pitched five shutout innings and the Orioles beat Oakland to stretch the Athletics' losing streak to a season-high eight games.

Jones had three hits for the Orioles, who will try to complete a three-game sweep Wednesday night. Baltimore had lost eight straight series to Oakland since July 2007.

WHITE SOX 5, MARINERS 1: At Chicago, Paul Konerko and Carlos Quentin homered, and Phil Humber held Seattle's offense in check as the White Sox beat the Mariners.

Konerko's solo shot in the second inning was his second in as many days and fourth in six games. The homer also marked the 1,000th run of his career.

BLUE JAYS 8, ROYALS 5: At Kansas City, Mo., Adam Lind and J.P. Arencibia each hit a two-run homer to lead the Blue Jays to a victory over the Royals.

Lind homered off Vin Mazzaro (0-1) in a three-run first inning. Jose Bautista was aboard on a single.

National League

BRAVES 1, NATIONALS 0: At Miami, Tommy Hanson pitched six innings and the Atlanta Braves won with only two hits Tuesday night when they sent the Florida Marlins to their sixth consecutive loss, 1-0.

Florida's Brad Hand (0-1) went six innings in his major league debut and allowed just one hit — a homer by Alex Gonzalez leading off the fourth.

DODGERS 6, PHILLIES 2: At Philadelphia, Rubby De La Rosa pitched five effective innings in his first career start and Dee Gordon had three hits in his first start, helping the Dodgers beat the Phillies.

De La Rosa (2-0) allowed one run, constantly having to pitch out of trouble because he walked five and gave up four hits.

PIRATES 8, DIAMONDBACKS 5: At Pittsburgh, Lyle Overbay hit a three-run double to cap a five-run eighth inning and the Pirates rallied for a win over the Diamondbacks.

Arizona was in position for its seventh consecutive road win after Daniel Hudson allowed only one earned run through seven innings, but Daniel Hernandez (2-2) did not retire any of the six batters he faced in the eighth.

REDS 8, CUBS 2: At Cincinnati, Miguel Cairo hit a grand slam to help make Edinson Volquez's return to the majors a success and the Reds continued their dominance of the Cubs.

Volquez (4-2), recalled earlier Tuesday from Triple-A Louisville, lasted a season-high seven innings. He allowed one run and seven hits while walking two and striking out five. He improved his career record against Chicago to 4-0 in six starts.

METS 2, BREWERS 1: At Milwaukee, Jose Reyes hit a two-run triple to give New York the lead in the seventh inning and the Mets held on to beat the Brewers.

Reyes' triple came off reliever Marco Estrada and wasted an impressive start from Milwaukee's Shaun Marcum, who pitched six scoreless innings.

Associated Press

US starts Gold Cup with 2-0 win over Canada

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

DETROIT — Clint Dempsey slid across the grass and redirected Jozy Altidore's cross into the net. At the other end, Tim Howard smothered one shot, then recovered in time to block another from point-blank range.

Back among regional rivals, the Americans were very much in their element on Tuesday night, opening their Gold Cup schedule with a 2-0 win over Canada. The United States was routed by Spain in an exhibition game last weekend, but all along, the focus has been on this tournament, which determines the champion of North and Central America and the Caribbean.

"Coming off the game against Spain, obviously, you got down a little bit," Altidore said. "Now, we've just got to build on it, because it's only going to get harder from here."

Altidore scored in the 15th minute and set up Dempsey's goal in the 62nd. The Americans have never lost a group stage game at the Gold Cup.

The U.S. pressured Canada from the start. The 21-year-old Altidore, playing his first game at a Gold Cup, scored after running onto a long pass from Landon Donovan. Although Kevin McKenna was back to defend, Altidore was able to turn and take a low shot from a tough angle to the right of the goal. The ball slipped under goalkeeper Lars Hirschfeld and into the net.

Rice graduate takes Woods' spot in US Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Michael Whitehead was still getting over the sting of losing out on his shot to play in the U.S. Open when his phone rang Tuesday in Texas with news that took a little while to digest.

Tiger Woods had withdrawn from the U.S. Open.

Would he like to play?

"It's kind of surreal," Whitehead said. "I just got a phone call from the USGA asking if I wanted to play in the U.S. Open because a spot had come open. I said, 'Um, yes.' She said Tiger had withdrawn from the Open — that was the implication, at least. So, 'Thanks, Tiger.' I guess I'm glad he was listening to his doctors."

Woods decided not to play, saying his left knee and Achilles have not fully recovered and he didn't want to risk further injury. It's the first time Woods will not be at the U.S. Open since 1994.

Whitehead, who just graduated from Rice with a degree in sports management, barely made it through a playoff in the first stage of 18-hole local qualifying and had signed up for the 36-hole qualifier in Ohio, figuring there would be more spots available because of all the PGA Tour players at that site.

Instead, he was moved to Dallas Athletic Club. He wound up in a three-man playoff for the final two spots with tour players Harrison Frazar and Greg Chalmers, but on the first extra hole, Whitehead nearly hit his approach into a hazard and had to scramble for a bogey. He was eliminated and had to settle for being first alternate, with no idea how high up on the alternate list he would be.

"It didn't feel very good," he said. "To have come so far and almost have it, and then not have a very good hole. Praise God it turned out the way it did."

Whitehead was busy making travel arrangements to get to Congressional on Monday. The biggest tournament he ever played before this was the U.S. Amateur last summer at Chambers Bay, where he failed to qualify for match play.

NBC retains Olympic rights for 4 games

By Stephen Wilson
Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — NBC retained its hold on U.S. Olympic television rights Tuesday in a four-games deal through 2020 worth more than $4 billion, defeating rival bids from ESPN and Fox, officials with direct knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press.

Two officials spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the decision has not yet been officially announced by the International Olympic Committee.

NBC, now controlled by Comcast, won the bid less than a month after the resignation of longtime sports and Olympics chief Dick Ebersol in a dispute with the new owners. The victory extends NBC's reign as the Olympic network in the United States, a period stretching back 20 years.

NBC has broadcast every Summer Olympics since 1988 and every Winter Games since 2002.

NBC now will have exclusive rights to the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, as well as the 2018 Winter Games and 2020 Olympics, whose sites have not yet been chosen.

It was the first U.S. rights auction since 2003, when NBC secured the 2010 and 2012 Olympics in a deal worth $2.2 billion.

Executives from NBC, ESPN and Fox submitted sealed envelopes Tuesday into a see-through plexiglass box, then left the building to let IOC officials open them and consider the offers in private.

IOC President Jacques Rogge was to announce the winner Tuesday evening. The IOC wanted a deal in place before its general assembly starts July 4 in Durban, South Africa.

NBC was the last of three networks to make a formal presentation to the IOC.

Among the 17-member NBC delegation was Bob Costas, who has hosted the network's coverage of eight Olympics.

"I think we had a compelling presentation, and I hope they felt the same way," Costas said afterward. "I hope we retain the rights. My message was we've done it well, and we'd like to do it again."

Mark Lazarus, who replaced Ebersol as NBC Sports chairman, was asked about not having the former Olympic mastermind with the bid.

"I've never been here with him," Lazarus said. "We have a great team of people who put the best foot forward with our heritage and legacy."

NBC's contingent also included CEO Steve Burke and Brian Roberts, the chief executive of Comcast.

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Texas League

North Division

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Tulsa	28	27	.509	—
Arkansas	25	26	.490	1
Springfield	26	29	.473	2

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	38	18	.679	—
Frisco	32	24	.571	6
Midland	**23**	**33**	**.411**	**15**
Corpus Christi	20	36	.357	18

Today's Games

Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 6 p.m., 1st game
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 7:07 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 8:30 p.m., 2nd game

NBA Playoffs

FINALS (Best-of-7)
Miami 2, Dallas 2

Tuesday, May 31: Miami 92, Dallas 84
Thursday, June 2: Dallas 95, Miami 93
Sunday, June 5: Miami 88, Dallas 86
Tuesday: Dallas 86, Miami 83
Thursday: Miami at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 12: Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, June 14: Dallas at Miami, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORE
MAVERICKS 86, HEAT 83

MIAMI (83): James 3-11 2-4 8, Bosh 9-19 6-8 24, Anthony 2-6 0-0 4, Bibby 0-1 0-0 0, Wade 13-20 6-9 32, Chalmers 1-5 3-3 5, Haslem 2-5 0-0 4, Miller 2-8 0-0 6, Howard 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-75 17-24 83.

DALLAS (86): Marion 7-12 2-2 16, Nowitzki 6-19 9-10 21, Chandler 4-7 5-8 13, Barea 3-9 2-2 8, Kidd 0-3 0-0 0, Terry 6-15 4-6 17, Cardinal 0-1 0-0 0, Stevenson 3-7 2-2 11, Haywood 0-0 0-0 0, Stojakovic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-73 24-30 86.

Miami	21	26	22	14 —	83
Dallas	21	24	20	21 —	86

3-Point Goals—Miami 2-14 (Miller 2-5, Bibby 0-1, Wade 0-2, James 0-3, Chalmers 0-3), Dallas 4-19 (Stevenson 3-7, Terry 1-4, Cardinal 0-1, Barea 0-2, Nowitzki 0-2, Kidd 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 51 (James 9), Dallas 49 (Chandler 16). Assists—Miami 19 (James 7), Dallas 13 (Barea 4). Total Fouls—Miami 23, Dallas 18. Technicals—Dallas Coach Carlisle. A—20,430 (19,200).

NHL Playoffs

STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7)
Vancouver 2, Boston 1

Wednesday, June 1: Vancouver 1, Boston 0
Saturday, June 4: Vancouver 3, Boston 2, OT
Monday, June 6: Boston 8, Vancouver 1
Today: Vancouver at Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday: Boston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, June 13: Vancouver at Boston, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 15: Boston at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

AFL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	10	2	0	.833	743	555
Utah	5	6	0	.455	667	674
San Jose	5	7	0	.417	696	704
Spokane	4	7	0	.364	604	606

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	635	548
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	715	685
Tulsa	4	7	0	.364	474	513
Kansas City	4	8	0	.333	566	651
Iowa	3	8	0	.273	561	693

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	10	1	0	.909	699	491
Orlando	8	3	0	.727	607	548
Georgia	7	5	0	.583	674	638
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	490	592
New Orleans	2	10	0	.167	504	650

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	532	546
Cleveland	6	5	0	.545	500	485
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	626	651
Milwaukee	3	8	0	.273	462	525

Friday's Game
Philadelphia at Spokane, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Georgia at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Utah at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
Iowa at Arizona, 9 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	6	3	3	21	15	10
New York	4	2	7	19	19	12
D.C.	4	4	4	16	16	20
Houston	3	5	6	15	17	17
Columbus	3	3	6	15	12	14
New England	3	6	4	13	10	16
Toronto FC	2	5	7	13	13	28
Chicago	1	4	7	10	15	19
Sporting KC	1	6	3	6	12	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	8	2	6	30	20	12
FC Dallas	7	3	4	25	17	12
Seattle	5	4	6	21	18	13
Real Salt Lake	6	2	2	20	12	4
Colorado	4	3	7	19	16	14
Chivas USA	4	4	5	17	16	14
Portland	5	5	2	17	15	18
San Jose	4	4	4	16	16	14
Vancouver	1	6	7	10	14	20

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

Today's Game
Real Salt Lake at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's Game
Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
New England at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Real Salt Lake at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
San Jose at D.C. United, 6:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle FC, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 12
Chicago at Columbus, 3 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at FC Dallas, 6 p.m.

Coll. Baseball

Collegiate Baseball Poll

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Collegiate Baseball poll with records through June 7, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida	48-16	495	1
2. Virginia	52-9	493	2
3. Vanderbilt	50-10	492	3
4. South Carolina	48-14	491	4
5. Texas	**47-16**	**488**	**5**
6. Texas A&M	**45-19**	**485**	**6**
7. North Carolina	48-14	482	10
8. Florida St.	45-17	479	11
9. Oregon St.	41-17	477	13
10. Arizona St.	42-16	474	14
11. Connecticut	45-18-1	471	16
12. UC Irvine	42-16	469	20
13. Stanford	35-20	467	23
14. California	35-21	464	30
15. Dallas Baptist	**42-18**	**460**	**—**
16. Mississippi St.	37-23	457	—
17. TCU	**43-19**	**455**	**7**
18. Cal State Fullerton	41-17	453	8
19. Georgia Tech	42-21	450	9
20. UCLA	35-24	449	12
21. Clemson	43-20	447	19
22. Miami	38-23	444	18
23. Oral Roberts	39-22	442	—
24. Rice	**42-21**	**439**	**17**
25. Arizona	39-21	437	22
26. Kent St.	45-17	434	24
27. Coastal Carolina	42-20	432	21
28. Creighton	45-16	429	25
29. Arkansas	40-22	426	26
30. Stetson	43-20	424	—

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	1	0	1.000	—
Indiana	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	2	1	.667	—
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1/2
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1
Tulsa	0	2	.000	1 1/2

Tuesday's Score
Minnesota 75, Tulsa 65

Thursday's Games
Washington at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.

NFL Calendar

Aug. 6 — Pro Football Hall of Fame inductions, Canton, Ohio
Aug. 7 — Hall of Fame game, Chicago vs. St. Louis at Canton
Aug. 11-15 — First weekend of preseason
Sept. 2 — Preseason concludes
Sept. 8 — Opening game, New Orleans at Green Bay

BASEBALL

AL Boxes

TIGERS 8, RANGERS 1

Detroit	000	400	211 —	8
Texas	000	001	000 —	1

Totals: Detroit 45 8 20 8; Texas 34 1 8 1.

E—N.Cruz (3). DP—Detroit 1, Texas 1. LOB—Detroit 12, Texas 9. 2B—C.Wells 2 (6), V.Martinez (16), Avila 2 (13), A.Beltre (15). SB—Kinsler (12).

Detroit: Porcello W,6-3 6 6 1 1 1 2; Purcey 2 2 0 0 2 3; Schlereth 1 0 0 0 0 0. Texas: M.Harrison L,5-5 4 8 4 3 2 5; Bush 2 1-3 6 2 2 0 1; M.Lowe 1 2-3 4 1 1 0 3; Tateyama 1 2 1 1 0 0.

WP—Porcello, Bush. T—3:13. A—35,165 (49,170).

ORIOLES 4, ATHLETICS 0

Oakland	000	000	000 —	0
Baltimore	100	011	10x —	4

Totals: Oakland 32 0 5 0; Baltimore 31 4 9 4.

DP—Oakland 2. LOB—Oakland 6, Baltimore 4. 2B—K.Suzuki (10), Scott (10), Mar.Reynolds (12). HR—Hardy (5), Ad.Jones (8), Scott (7).

Oakland: Moscoso L,2-2 5 5 2 2 1 2; Wuertz 1 1 1 1 0 0; Breslow 1 2 1 1 0 3; Cramer 1 1 0 0 0 1. Baltimore: Jakubauskas W,1-0 5 3 0 0 1 5; Rapada 2-3 0 0 0 0 0; Accardo 2 1-3 2 0 0 0 1; Uehara 1 0 0 0 0 1.

T—2:25. A—13,652 (45,438).

INDIANS 1, TWINS 0

Minnesota	000	000	000 —	0
Cleveland	000	100	00x —	1

Totals: Minnesota 29 0 3 0; Cleveland 25 1 4 1.

E—D.Young (4). DP—Minnesota 2, Cleveland 1. LOB—Minnesota 3, Cleveland 5. 2B—D.Young (5), C.Santana (11), O.Cabrera (8). SB—Brantley (8). CS—Marson (1).

Minnesota: Liriano L,3-6 5 3 1 0 3 7; James 2 1 0 0 1 0; Dumatrait 1 0 0 0 1 0. Cleveland: C.Carrasco W,5-3 8 1-3 3 0 0 1 6; C.Perez S,15-16 2-3 0 0 0 0 1.

T—2:13. A—15,498 (43,441).

WHITE SOX 5, MARINERS 1

Seattle	000	100	000 —	1
Chicago	014	000	00x —	5

Totals: Seattle 31 1 6 1; Chicago 33 5 8 5.

E—Figgins (7), L.Rodriguez (2). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Seattle 7, Chicago 6. 2B—L.Rodriguez (6). 3B—Vizquel (1). HR—Quentin (15), Konerko (14). CS—Morel (4). SF—Olivo.

Seattle: F.Hernandez L,6-5 6 2-3 8 5 5 2 5; Ray 1 1-3 0 0 0 0 1. Chicago: Humber W,5-3 7 2-3 5 1 1 3 5; Sale 1 1-3 1 0 0 0 0.

WP—Humber. T—2:25. A—21,337 (40,615).

RED SOX 6, YANKEES 4

Boston	310	020	000 —	6
New York	100	020	001 —	4

Totals: Boston 31 6 7 6; New York 35 4 9 4.

DP—Boston 1. LOB—Boston 4, New York 9. 2B—Ellsbury (19), Pedroia (9), Swisher (10). 3B—Ad.Gonzalez (2). HR—Ellsbury (7), Ortiz (14). CS—Ellsbury (8). SF—Youkilis.

Boston: Lester W,8-2 6 8 3 3 1 5; Jenks 0 0 0 0 1 0; Albers 1 0 0 0 0 0; Bard 1 0 0 0 0 1; Papelbon S,12-13 1 1 1 1 1 2. New York: F.Garcia L,4-5 1 2-3 4 4 4 3 1; Ayala 1 1-3 0 0 0 1 1; Noesi 6 3 2 2 1 1.

Jenks pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. HBP—by Lester (Teixeira, Martin). T—3:24. A—48,450 (50,291).

BLUE JAYS 8, ROYALS 5

Toronto	310	020	020 —	8
Kansas City	101	021	000 —	5

Totals: Toronto 32 8 9 7; Kansas City 36 5 11 5.

E—Treanor (3), Me.Cabrera (2). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 3, Kansas City 8. 2B—McCoy (2), Encarnacion (15), J.Nix (5), Getz (5). HR—Lind (10), Arencibia (10). SB—Y.Escobar (2), A.Escobar (7). CS—R.Davis (8). S—C.Patterson, R.Davis. SF—Lind.

Toronto: Drabek W,4-4 5 1-3 9 5 5 3 0; L.Perez 2 2-3 2 0 0 1 4; Rauch S,7-9 1 0 0 0 0 0. Kansas City: Mazzaro L,0-1 5 8 6 6 1 3; L.Coleman 1 2-3 0 0 0 0 2; Collins 1 1 2 2 2 1; Bl.Wood 1 1-3 0 0 0 0 0.

Mazzaro pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. WP—Drabek 4. T—2:55. A—16,539 (37,903).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	33	25	.569	—	—	6-4	L-1	17-14	16-11
Boston	34	26	.567	—	—	6-4	W-4	19-13	15-13
Tampa Bay	31	29	.517	3	3	4-6	W-1	14-16	17-13
Toronto	31	30	.508	3 1/2	3 1/2	6-4	W-1	15-14	16-16
Baltimore	28	31	.475	5 1/2	5 1/2	4-6	W-2	18-16	10-15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	34	25	.576	—	—	3-7	W-1	20-11	14-14
Detroit	33	27	.550	1 1/2	1	8-2	W-4	17-11	16-16
Chicago	30	33	.476	6	5 1/2	6-4	W-2	13-15	17-18
Kansas City	26	35	.426	9	8 1/2	3-7	L-1	20-19	6-16
Minnesota	22	38	.367	12 1/2	12	5-5	L-1	6-15	16-23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	34	28	.548	—	—	7-3	L-2	19-13	15-15
Seattle	31	30	.508	2 1/2	3 1/2	5-5	L-2	18-15	13-15
Los Angeles	30	32	.484	4	5	4-6	L-3	14-16	16-16
Oakland	27	35	.435	7	8	2-8	L-6	14-15	13-20

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	36	25	.590	—	—	4-6	L-1	20-11	16-14
Atlanta	33	28	.541	3	1	5-5	W-1	17-13	16-15
Florida	31	28	.525	4	2	2-8	L-6	14-17	17-11
New York	29	31	.483	6 1/2	4 1/2	6-4	W-3	15-17	14-14
Washington	26	34	.433	9 1/2	7 1/2	4-6	L-1	14-12	12-22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
St. Louis	37	25	.597	—	—	6-4	W-4	18-12	19-13
Milwaukee	34	27	.557	2 1/2	—	7-3	L-1	21-8	13-19
Cincinnati	32	30	.516	5	2 1/2	5-5	W-2	20-14	12-16
Pittsburgh	29	30	.492	6 1/2	4	6-4	W-1	12-15	17-15
Chicago	23	36	.390	12 1/2	10	1-9	L-8	12-19	11-17
Houston	23	38	.377	13 1/2	11	4-6	L-4	11-18	12-20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	34	26	.567	—	—	6-4	W-2	16-9	18-17
Arizona	33	28	.541	1 1/2	1	6-4	L-2	20-13	13-15
Colorado	28	31	.475	5 1/2	5	4-6	W-1	13-15	15-16
Los Angeles	29	33	.468	6	5 1/2	6-4	W-1	15-16	14-17
San Diego	27	34	.443	7 1/2	7	7-3	L-1	12-22	15-12

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's Scores

Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 4
Cleveland 1, Minnesota 0
Baltimore 4, Oakland 0
Detroit 8, Texas 1
Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 1
Toronto 8, Kansas City 5
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Minnesota (Pavano 3-5) at Cleveland (Masterson 5-4), 11:05 a.m.
Boston (Wakefield 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 6-3), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Outman 1-0) at Baltimore (Britton 5-4), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Coke 1-5) at Texas (Ogando 6-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Villanueva 3-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 5-4) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 7-4), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Tuesday's Scores

Pittsburgh 8, Arizona 5
L.A. Dodgers 6, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 1, Florida 0
Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 7, Houston 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 1
Colorado at San Diego, late
Washington at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Dempster 4-5) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 4-5), 11:35 a.m.
Washington (Maya 0-1) at San Francisco (Cain 4-4), 2:45 p.m.
Colorado (Cook 0-0) at San Diego (Moseley 2-6), 5:35 p.m.
Arizona (Duke 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 2-7), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 5-6) at Philadelphia (Hamels 7-2), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Lowe 3-4) at Florida (Nolasco 4-1), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Garcia 6-1) at Houston (Norris 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 3-4) at Milwaukee (Wolf 4-4), 7:10 p.m.

NL Boxes

CARDINALS 7, ASTROS 4

St. Louis	200	300	011 —	7
Houston	200	001	001 —	4

Totals: St. Louis 36 7 9 7; Houston 36 4 10 4.

E—Theriot (11). DP—St. Louis 1. LOB—St. Louis 4, Houston 13. 2B—Theriot (11), Westbrook (2), Ca.Lee (13), C.Johnson (10), Towles (5). HR—Pujols (14), Berkman (13), Ca.Lee (5). CS—Wallace (1).

St. Louis: Westbrook W,6-3 5 1-3 8 3 2 3 3; Motte 2-3 0 0 0 0 1; Batista 2-3 0 0 0 1 0; Miller 1-3 0 0 0 0 0; E.Sanchez 0 0 0 0 2 0; Salas S,11-12 2 2 1 1 1 3. Houston: Myers L,2-5 6 6 5 5 1 4; Escalona 1-3 0 0 0 0 1; Del Rosario 1 2-3 1 1 1 1 1; Fe.Rodriguez 1 2 1 1 0 2.

E.Sanchez pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Motte (M.Downs). WP—E.Sanchez. PB—Towles. T—3:10. A—23,277 (40,963).

DODGERS 6, PHILLIES 2

Los Angeles	013	000	020 —	6
Philadelphia	010	000	100 —	2

Totals: Los Angeles 32 6 10 5; Philadelphia 31 2 5 2.

E—Oswalt (1), Utley (2). DP—Philadelphia 3. LOB—Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 8. 2B—Kemp (12), Uribe (8). 3B—Utley (1). HR—Kemp (17). SB—D.Gordon (1), Victorino (9). CS—Blake (1). S—Blake.

Los Angeles: R.De La Rosa W,2-0 5 4 1 1 5 4; Hawksworth 1 0 0 0 0 0; Guerrier 2-3 0 1 1 1 0; Elbert 1 1-3 1 0 0 0 1; Guerra 1 0 0 0 0 0. Philadelphia: Oswalt L,3-4 6 8 4 4 2 1; J.Romero 1 0 0 0 1 1; Stutes 1 1 2 2 1 1; Herndon 1 1 0 0 0 0.

T—2:46. A—44,721 (43,651).

BRAVES 1, MARLINS 0

Atlanta	000	100	000 —	1
Florida	000	000	000 —	0

Totals: Atlanta 29 1 2 1; Florida 29 0 4 0.

E—Hand (1). DP—Atlanta 1, Florida 1. LOB—Atlanta 3, Florida 10. 2B—Coghlan (18). HR—Ale.Gonzalez (6). SB—Schafer (2), Prado (2), Coghlan (7). S—Bonifacio.

PIRATES 8, DIAMONDBACKS 5

Arizona	100	030	010 —	5
Pittsburgh	020	100	05x —	8

Totals: Arizona 38 5 13 5; Pittsburgh 30 8 7 8.

E—Miranda (13). DP—Pittsburgh 1. LOB—Arizona 8, Pittsburgh 3. 2B—R.Roberts (9), J.Upton (13), Tabata (12), A.McCutchen (12), Overbay (12), Cedeno (9), G.Jones (7). HR—K.Johnson (12), C.Young (11), Miranda (6). CS—J.Upton (5). S—Paul. SF—C.Snyder 2.

Da.Hernandez pitched to 6 batters in the 8th. WP—Correia. PB—C.Snyder. T—2:44. A—12,378 (38,362).

REDS 8, CUBS 2

Chicago	010	000	001 —	2
Cincinnati	001	120	40x —	8

Totals: Chicago 33 2 10 2; Cincinnati 30 8 10 8.

E—S.Castro (11). DP—Chicago 1, Cincinnati 3. LOB—Chicago 7, Cincinnati 7. 2B—Ar.Ramirez (16), DeWitt 2 (6), Stubbs (12), B.Phillips (12). HR—Cairo (2). S—D.Davis, Volquez 2. SF—J.Gomes, R.Hernandez.

HBP—by Samardzija (Stubbs). T—2:53. A—24,921 (42,319).

METS 2, BREWERS 1

New York	000	000	200 —	2
Milwaukee	000	001	000 —	1

Totals: New York 32 2 5 2; Milwaukee 33 1 6 1.

LOB—New York 8, Milwaukee 7. 2B—R.Tejada (2), Y.Betancourt (10), Lucroy (7). 3B—Jos.Reyes (11). HR—Fielder (15). SB—Pagan (7).

New York: Capuano W,4-6 6 6 1 1 2 5; Beato 1 0 0 0 0 0; Isringhausen 1 0 0 0 0 0; Fr.Rodriguez S,17-18 1 0 0 0 0 2. Milwaukee: Marcum 6 2 0 0 4 1; Estrada L,1-3 1 2 2 2 1 0; Braddock 1 1 0 0 0 3; Hawkins 1 0 0 0 0 0.

T—3:00. A—27,064 (41,900).

Late Boxes

RAYS 5, ANGELS 1

Tampa Bay	200	002	100 —	5
Los Angeles	000	000	010 —	1

Totals: Tampa Bay 32 5 9 5; Los Angeles 31 1 5 1.

E—Callaspo (7). DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Tampa Bay 4, Los Angeles 4. 2B—Tor.Hunter (9), Trumbo (11). HR—Ruggiano (2). SB—Damon (7), Brignac (1). S—Zobrist, Aybar. SF—Joyce.

Tampa Bay: Price W,7-5 7 5 1 1 0 7; C.Ramos 1 0 0 0 0 1; Farnsworth 1 0 0 0 0 1. Los Angeles: Chatwood L,3-3 7 9 5 4 1 5; Takahashi 2 0 0 0 0 4.

Price pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Chatwood (Kotchman). T—2:28. A—32,287 (45,389).

GIANTS 5, NATIONALS 4, 13 INNINGS

Washington	013	000	000	0 —	4
San Francisco	000	000	130	1 —	5

Totals: Washington 46 4 9 4; San Francisco 49 5 12 5.

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—San Francisco 1. LOB—Washington 8, San Francisco 14. 2B—Morse (8), Espinosa (8), C.Ross (9). HR—Morse (9), Rowand (2). SB—Desmond (18), Torres (7). S—Lannan, M.Tejada.

S.Burnett pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. WP—Kimball. T—4:29. A—41,180 (41,915).

ROCKIES 3, PADRES 0

Colorado	100	000	002 —	3
San Diego	000	000	000 —	0

Totals: Colorado 33 3 9 3; San Diego 34 0 9 0.

DP—Colorado 2, San Diego 2. LOB—Colorado 6, San Diego 11. 2B—Nelson (2), Helton (12), Wigginton (9), Cantu (4). 3B—Nelson (1). S—S.Smith (3). CS—Ianetta (1).

Colorado: Mortensen W,2-3 6 5 0 0 2 3; Brothers 2-3 2 0 0 0 0; Belisle 1 1-3 1 0 0 0 1; R.Betancourt 2-3 1 0 0 1 2; Mat.Reynolds 1-3 0 0 0 1 1; Street S,16-18 1 0 0 0 0 2. San Diego: Richard L,2-7 7 5 1 1 3 8; Luebke 2-3 1 0 0 0 0; Gregerson 1-3 0 0 0 0 0; Frieri 1 3 2 2 0 1.

WP—Mortensen. T—3:04. A—16,838 (42,691).

Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Bautista, Toronto, .348; Joyce, Tampa Bay, .346; AdGonzalez, Boston, .340; Ortiz, Boston, .324; Konerko, Chicago, .318; MiCabrera, Detroit, .318; JhPeralta, Detroit, .314.

RUNS—Bautista, Toronto, 48; Granderson, New York, 47; MiCabrera, Detroit, 45; ACabrera, Cleveland, 40; Ellsbury, Boston, 40; AdGonzalez, Boston, 40; Kinsler, Texas, 40.

RBI—AdGonzalez, Boston, 51; Konerko, Chicago, 47; MiCabrera, Detroit, 45; Beltre, Texas, 43; ACabrera, Cleveland, 42; Quentin, Chicago, 42; Bautista, Toronto, 41; Granderson, New York, 41; Teixeira, New York, 41.

HOME RUNS—Bautista, Toronto, 20; Teixeira, New York, 18; Granderson, New York, 17; Quentin, Chicago, 15; NCruz, Texas, 14; Konerko, Chicago, 14; Ortiz, Boston, 14.

PITCHING—Lester, Boston, 8-2; Scherzer, Detroit, 7-2; Sabathia, New York, 7-3; Tomlin, Cleveland, 7-3; Hellickson, Tampa Bay, 7-3; Arrieta, Baltimore, 7-3; Weaver, Los Angeles, 7-4; Price, Tampa Bay, 7-5.

SAVES—League, Seattle, 16; MaRivera, New York, 16; CPerez, Cleveland, 15; Valverde, Detroit, 15; Walden, Los Angeles, 13; Feliz, Texas, 13; Papelbon, Boston, 12.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—JosReyes, New York, .339; Votto, Cincinnati, .336; Berkman, St. Louis, .329; Ethier, Los Angeles, .324; Kemp, Los Angeles, .320; YMolina, St. Louis, .319; Wallace, Houston, .318.

RUNS—Stubbs, Cincinnati, 45; Bruce, Cincinnati, 44; Braun, Milwaukee, 43; Pujols, St. Louis, 43; Votto, Cincinnati, 43; Weeks, Milwaukee, 43; JosReyes, New York, 41.

RBI—Fielder, Milwaukee, 50; Kemp, Los Angeles, 50; Howard, Philadelphia, 47; Bruce, Cincinnati, 46; Pence, Houston, 44; Braun, Milwaukee, 43; Berkman, St. Louis, 42.

HOME RUNS—Bruce, Cincinnati, 17; Kemp, Los Angeles, 17; Fielder, Milwaukee, 15; Pujols, St. Louis, 14; Berkman, St. Louis, 13; Braun, Milwaukee, 13; Stanton, Florida, 13.

PITCHING—Gallardo, Milwaukee, 8-2; Halladay, Philadelphia, 8-3; Correia, Pittsburgh, 8-4; Hamels, Philadelphia, 7-2; Jurrjens, Atlanta, 7-2; Lohse, St. Louis, 7-2; Hanson, Atlanta, 7-4.

SAVES—LNunez, Florida, 19; Kimbrel, Atlanta, 18; Putz, Arizona, 17; FrRodriguez, New York, 17; BrWilson, San Francisco, 17; HBell, San Diego, 16; Street, Colorado, 16; Axford, Milwaukee, 16.

GOLF THIS WEEK

PGA TOUR
St. Jude Classic

Site: Memphis, Tenn.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: TPC Southwind (7,239 yards, par 70).
Purse: $5.6 million. Winner's share: $1,008,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 2-5 p.m., 7:30-10:30 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: England's Lee Westwood won his second PGA Tour title, beating Sweden's Robert Karlsson with a birdie on the fourth hole of a playoff. Robert Garrigus blew a three-stroke lead with a triple bogey on the 72nd hole, then dropped out of the playoff with a bogey on the first extra hole.
Last week: Steve Stricker won the Memorial for his 10th PGA Tour title and sixth in three years. He moved to No. 4 in the world, becoming the highest-ranked American for the first time. Matt Kuchar and Brandt Jobe tied for second, a stroke back.

LPGA TOUR
LPGA State Farm Classic

Site: Springfield, Ill.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Panther Creek Country Club (6,746 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.7 million. Winner's share: $255,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 p.m.-1 a.m., 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1-3 a.m., 6-8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Monday, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.).
Last year: Cristie Kerr won in a Monday finish, beating Anna Nordqvist and Na Yeon Choi by a stroke. Kerr shot 67-67-63-69 to finish at 22 under. She won the LPGA Championship in her next start for the last of her 14 LPGA Tour victories.
Last week: Brittany Lincicome won the ShopRite LPGA Classic for her fourth tour title, birdieing the final hole to beat Kerr and Jiyai Shin by a stroke.

CHAMPIONS TOUR
Greater Hickory Classic

Site: Conover, N.C.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Course: Rock Barn Golf and Spa, Jones Course (7,090 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.75 million. Winner's share: $262,500.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-Noon; Saturday, 7:30-10:30 a.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m.).
Last year: Gary Hallberg won his first Champions Tour title, closing with an 11-under 61 for a one-stroke victory over Fred Couples. Hallberg matched the tournament record at 18-under 198. The event was played in October.
Last week: Bob Gilder won the Principal Charity Classic in Iowa for his 10th Champions Tour title. The 60-year-old Gilder made a 30-foot birdie putt on the final hole, then escaped with a one-stroke victory when Mark Brooks bogeyed the hole.

EUROPEAN TOUR
Italian Open

Site: Turin, Italy.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Royal Park I Roveri (7,272 yards, par 72).
Purse: $2.2 million. Winner's share: $366,075.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon; Saturday, 7:30-10:30 a.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m.).
Last year: Sweden's Fredrik Andersson Hed won his first European Tour title, beating England's David Horsey by two strokes.
Last week: Sweden's Alexander Noren won the Wales Open for his second European Tour title, closing with a 1-under 70 for a two-stroke victory at Celtic Manor. On Monday, Noren qualified for the U.S. Open, shooting 67-72 at Walton Heath in England.

NATIONWIDE TOUR
Rex Hospital Open

Site: Raleigh, N.C.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: TPC Wakefield Plantation (7,257 yards, par 71).
Purse: $550,000. Winner's share: $99,000.
Television: None.
Last year: John Riegger won the rain-shortened tournament by five strokes for his second Nationwide Tour title. Riegger, then 46, finished 54 holes at 20 under.
Last week: Steve Wheatcroft won the Melwood Prince George's County Open with the lowest 72-hole score in Nationwide Tour history, finishing at 29-under 255 for a tour-record 12-stroke victory. He shot 66-60-65-64 on the University of Maryland Golf Course to fall a stroke short of tying the tour mark for relation to par.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

Men

CANADIAN TOUR: The Western Championship, Thursday-Sunday, Rivershore Golf Links, Kamloops, British Columbia.
SUNSHINE TOUR: Vodacom Origins of Golf, Wednesday-Friday, Arabella Golf Club, Kleinmond, South Africa.
EUROPEAN SENIORS TOUR: The De Vere Club PGA Seniors Championship, Thursday-Sunday, De Vere Slaley Hall, Hunting Course, Hexham, England.
EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR: Allianz Open Cotes d'Armor, Thursday-Sunday, Bretagne Golf Blue Green de Pleneuf Val Andre, Le Val Andre, France. Online: http://www.europeantour.com

Women

LPGA FUTURES TOUR: Teva Championship, Friday-Sunday, The Golf Center at Kings Island, Mason, Ohio.
LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR: Tenerife Ladies Match Play, Friday-Sunday, Golf de Las Americas, Tenerife, Spain.
JAPAN LPGA TOUR: Suntory Ladies Open, Thursday-Sunday, Rokko International Golf Club, Hyogo, Japan.

'Hounds Watch

Today's Game
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m., Citibank Ballpark

Records
Midland 23-33, Corpus Christi 20-36

Radio/Internet
www.milb.com
KMCK 96.1 FM

Sunday	Monday	Today	Thursday	Friday
NW Arkansas 8, Midland 3	NW Arkansas 4, Midland 3, 11 innings		Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

CYCLING

Criterium du Dauphine, stage 3, time trial, at Grenoble, France (same-day tape), 4 p.m., Versus

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Regional coverage, Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati or Minnesota at Cleveland (Noon start), 11:30 a.m., MLB Network
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 6 p.m., ESPN
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., FSS
St. Louis at Houston, 7 p.m., FSS Plus

NHL

Playoffs, finals, game 4, Vancouver at Boston, 7 p.m., Versus

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL—Suspended Washington RHP Jason Marquis five games, Arizona RHP Esmerling Vasquez three games and Washington manager Jim Riggleman and Arizona manager Kirk Gibson one game each and fined them undisclosed amounts for throwing at hitters after both teams had been warned during a June 5 game. Suspended Boston RHP Jonathan Papelbon three games for making contact with an umpire during a June 4 game against Oakland.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Activated SS Marco Scutaro from the 15-day DL. Sent RHP Scott Atchison to Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Released INF Wes Hodges.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Activated OF Vernon Wells from the 15-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed LHP Brett Anderson and 2B Mark Ellis on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of INF Jemile Weeks and recalled LHP Bobby Cramer from Sacramento (PCL). Transferred LHP Dallas Braden to the 60-day DL.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Recalled RHP Edinson Volquez from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Daryl Thompson to Louisville.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Placed OF Dexter Fowler on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of OF Charlie Blackmon from Colorado Springs (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Designated RHP Jose Ascanio for assignment. Recalled LHP Tony Watson from Indianapolis (IL).

Eastern League

READING PHILLIES—Announced LHP Les Walrond was assigned to the team from Lehigh Valley (IL).

American Association

EL PASO DIABLOS—Traded RHP Shawn Ellis to New Jersey (Can-Am) to complete an earlier trade.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—Traded RHP David Nathanson to Grand Prairie for cash and a player to be named and LHP Derek Gordon to Somerset (Atlantic) for RHP Travis Minix.
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS—Released OF Joey Gathright.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Released RHP John Leonard.

Can-Am League

NEWARK BEARS—Released LHP Ryan Lobban.
NEW JERSEY JACKALS—Released LHP AJ Wideman. New Jersey Jackals signed LHP Ryan Kulik.
PITTSFIELD COLONIALS—Released RHP Pat Bresnahan.

Frontier League

NORMAL CORNBELTERS—Released RHP Josef Smith.
RIVER CITY RASCALS—Sold the contract of RHP Gary Moran to Atlanta (NL).
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed OF Josh Womack.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed RHP Nolan Shaffer. Released INF Hawkins Gebbers.

North American League

SAN ANGELO COLTS—Signed INF Eddie Browne and LHP Cory Patton.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Announced G Ray Allen exercised his 2011-12 contract option.
NEW ORLEANS HORNETS—Announced the resignation of assistant coach Mike Malone to become an assistant coach with Golden State.

FOOTBALL

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Signed QB Eric Ward.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed DB Andre Jones. Released DB C.J. James, DB Chayce Elliott and WR Liam Mahoney. Announced the retirement of WR Tim Brown.

United Football League

SACRAMENTO MOUNTAIN LIONS—Removed QB Jeff Mroz from the reserve-unsigned list. Added RB John David Washington to the active roster.
VIRGINIA DESTROYERS—Added RB Clifton Smith to the active roster.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended Vancouver D Aaron Rome four games for his blindside hit on Boston F Nathan Horton during Monday's game.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Named Rod Brind'Amour and Dave Lewis assistant coaches, Ron Francis director of hockey operations and Tom Rowe pro scout.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Announced the contracts of assistant general manager Don Boyd and director of pro scouting Bob Strumm will not be renewed.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Traded the rights to G Ilya Bryzgalov to Philadelphia for F Matt Clackson, a 2012 third-round draft pick and future considerations.

COLLEGE

SOUTHERN COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Announced Birmingham-Southern, Centre, Hendrix, Millsaps, Oglethorpe, Rhodes and Sewanee declared their intent to withdraw from the conference, effective June 30, 2012.
ALASKA—Named Mick Durham men's basketball coach.
AUBURN—Named Eysha Ambler assistant volleyball coach.
BUFFALO—Announced sophomore men's basketball F Will Regan is transferring from Virginia.
CONCORDIA (TEXAS)—Named Link Scoggins men's assistant soccer coach.
MARQUETTE—Named John Barnes women's assistant basketball coach.
MUHLENBERG—Announced the resignation of wrestling coach Mike Kocsis.
NEW MEXICO—Named Lee De Leon associate athletic director for development.
OHIO STATE—Announced senior QB Terrelle Pryor will not play this season.
OREGON—Announced C Martin Seiferth will transfer to Eastern Washington.
TENNESSEE—Announced the resignation of athletic director Mike Hamilton, effective at the end of June.
TENNESSEE STATE—Named Chandra Cheeseborough-Guice director of track and field.
TEXAS A&M—Named Kyle Keller assistant basketball coach.
UCLA—Named Korey McCray men's assistant basketball coach.
WESTERN KENTUCKY—Named Jake Morton men's assistant basketball coach.

TENNIS

WTA AEGON Classic Results
Tuesday
At Edgbaston Priory Club
Birmingham, England
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
First Round

Naomi Broady, Britain, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-4.
Yaroslava Shvedova (11), Kazakhstan, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Sandra Zahlavova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 7-6 (5).
Misaki Doi, Japan, def. Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, 6-4, 6-2.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Jill Craybas, United States, 6-3, 6-1.
Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. Sania Mirza, India, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Christina McHale, United States, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, 3-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2.
Ayumi Morita (9), Japan, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4).

Second Round

Aravane Rezai (8), France, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 7-5, retired.
Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, def. Roberta Vinci (5), Italy, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Magdalena Rybarikova (14), Slovakia, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-2, 6-1.
Anna Rodionova, Russia, def. Kaia Kanepi (1), Estonia, 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round

Chang Kai-chen and Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, def. Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears, United States, 7-5, 6-4.
Shuko Aoyama and Rika Fujiwara, Japan, def. Klaudia Jans and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Noppawan Lertcheewakarn, Thailand, and Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Lindsay Lee-Waters and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 6-4, 6-4.

WTA e-Boks Sony Ericsson Open Results
Tuesday
At Farum Arena
Copenhagen, Denmark
Purse: $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round

Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Vesna Dolonts, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.
Mona Barthel, Germany, def. Alexa Glatch, United States, 6-2, 7-5.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (5), Czech Republic, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-1.
Simona Halep, Romania, def. Anastasija Sevastova (6), Latvia, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-0.
Lucie Safarova (4), Czech Republic, def. Johanna Konta, Australia, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, def. Melanie Oudin, United States, 6-1, 7-5.
Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, def. Jelena Dokic (7), Australia, 6-3, 6-1.
Zhang Shuai, China, def. Julia Boserup, United States, 6-2, 6-3.
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-2, 6-3.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands (3), United States, def. Malou Ejdesgaard, Denmark, 6-4, 6-0.
Angelique Kerber, Germany, def. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round

Johanna Larsson, Sweden, and Jasmin Woehr (2), Germany, def. Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, and Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Alexa Glatch and Ahsha Rolle, United States, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, and Petra Martic (4), Croatia, 7-6 (8), 6-3.
Alexandra Panova, Russia, and Tatiana Poutchek, Belarus, def. Alona and Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-3.

CYCLING

Criterium du Dauphine Results
Tuesday
At Lyon, France
Second Stage

111.2 miles from Voiron to Lyon

1. John Degenkolb, Germany, HTC-Highroad, 4 hours, 2 minutes, 39 seconds.
2. Samuel Dumoulin, France, Cofidis, same time.
3. Sebastien Hinault, France, AG2R, same time.
4. Paul Martens, Germany, Rabobank, same time.
5. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, same time.
6. Thomas Voeckler, France, Europcar, same time.
7. Jelle Vanendert, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, same time.
8. Grega Bole, Slovenia, Lampre, same time.
9. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, AG2R, same time.
10. Fabian Wegmann, Germany, Leopard-Trek, same time.

Overall Standings

1. Alexandre Vinokourov, Kazakhstan, Astana, 7 hours, 45 minutes, 48 seconds.
2. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Omega Pharma-Lotto, 11 seconds behind.
3. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky, same time.
4. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC, :13.
5. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, AG2R, :17.
6. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, :23.
7. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, RadioShack, :26.
8. Thomas Voeckler, France, Europcar, :27.
9. Rob Ruijgh, Netherlands, Vacansoleil, :29.
10. Rui Costa, Portugal, Movistar, :34.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

June 10

At Roseland Ballroom, New York (ESPN2), Kenny Galarza vs. Irving Garcia, 10, welterweights; Thomas Dulorme vs. DeMarcus Corley, 10, welterweights.
At Mendoza, Argentina, Jean Piero Perez vs. Juan Carlos Reveco, 12, for the interim WBA World flyweight title.
At Chumash Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif. (SHO), Lateef Kayode vs. Matt Godfrey, 10, cruiserweights; Chris Avalos vs. Khabir Suleymanov, 10, super bantamweights.

June 11

At Roseland Ballroom, New York (SHO), Hector Sanchez vs. Vincent Arroyo, 10, junior welterweights; Luis Del Valle vs. Dat Nguyen, 10, featherweights.
At TBA, Mexico, Austin Trout vs. David Lopez, 12, for Trout's WBA World light middleweight title.

June 16

At Olympiapark, Munich, Marco Huck vs. Hugo Hernan Garay, 12, for Huck's WBO cruiserweight title.

June 17

At Panama City, Panama, Anselmo Moreno vs. Lorenzo Parra, 12, for Moreno's WBA Super World bantamweight title; Gennady Golovkin vs. Kassim Ouma, 12, for Golovkin's WBA World middleweight title.
At Austin, Texas (ESPN2), Karim Mayfield vs. Steve Forbes, 10, welterweights; Fernando Guerrero vs. Michael Medina, 10, middleweights.

June 18

At Mendoza, Argentina, Jonathan Barros vs. Celestino Caballero, 12, for Barros' WBA featherweight title; Juan Carlos Cano vs. Rudy Santiago Ruiz, 10, featherweights.
At Guadalajara, Mexico (HBO), Saul Alvarez vs. Ryan Rhodes, 12, for Alvarez's WBC junior middleweight title; Jason Litzau vs. Adrien Broner, 10, junior lightweights; Jose Osorio vs. Alex Monterroza, 10, junior lightweights; Sergio Villanueva vs. Onalvi Sierra, 10, featherweights.

COLLEGE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL RESULTS

Baseball

NCAA Division I Baseball Regionals Glance
Double Elimination
x-if necessary

At Davenport Field
Charlottesville, Va.
Sunday, June 5
East Carolina 6, St. John's 4, SJU eliminated
Virginia 13, East Carolina 1, Virginia advances

At Boshamer Stadium
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Sunday, June 5
James Madison 5, Maine 2, Maine eliminated
North Carolina 9, James Madison 3, UNC advances

At Doug Kingsmore Stadium
Clemson, S.C.
Sunday, June 5
Connecticut 12, Coastal Carolina 6, CC eliminated
Connecticut 7, Clemson 6
Monday's Score
Connecticut 14, Clemson 1, Connecticut advances

At Carolina Stadium
Columbia, S.C.
Sunday, June 5
Stetson 5, N.C. State 3, N.C. State eliminated
South Carolina 4, Stetson 1, 4 1/2 innings, susp. power failure
Monday's Score
South Carolina 8, Stetson 2, SC advances

At Russ Chandler Stadium
Atlanta
Sunday, June 5
Georgia Tech 12, Austin Peay 2, Austin Peay eliminated
Mississippi State 7, Georgia Tech 3, MSU advances

At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.
Sunday, June 5
Miami 6, Jacksonville 3, Jacksonville eliminated
Florida 11, Miami 4, Florida advances

At Dick Howser Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.
Sunday, June 5
Alabama 12, UCF 5, UCF eliminated
Florida State 8, Alabama 1, 5 1/2 innings, susp. rain
Monday's Score
Florida State 11, Alabama 1, FSU advances

At Hawkins Field
Nashville, Tenn.
Sunday, June 5
Belmont 5, Troy 2, Troy eliminated
Vanderbilt 6, Belmont 1, Vanderbilt advances

At Reckling Park
Houston
Sunday, June 5
California 6, Rice 3, Rice eliminated
California 8, Baylor 0
Monday, June 6
California 9, Baylor 8, California advances

At Olsen Field
College Station
Sunday, June 5
Arizona 6, Seton Hall 0, Seton Hall eliminated
Arizona 7, Texas A&M 4
Monday's Score
Texas A&M vs. Arizona, ppd., rain
Tuesday's Score
Texas A&M 3, Arizona 0, A&M advances

At UFCU Disch-Falk Field
Austin
Sunday, June 5
Texas 4, Texas State 3, Texas St. eliminated
Texas 9, Kent State 3
Monday's Score
Texas 5, Kent State 0, Texas advances

At Lupton Baseball Stadium
Fort Worth
Sunday, June 5
Oral Roberts 8, TCU 4, TCU eliminated
Oral Roberts 7, Dallas Baptist 2
Monday's Score
Dallas Baptist 11, Oral Roberts 9, Dallas Baptist advances

At Packard Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, June 5
Arkansas 11, Charlotte 3, Charlotte eliminated
Arizona State 13, Arkansas 4, ASU advances

At Goss Stadium
Corvallis, Ore.
Sunday, June 5
Georgia 5, Creighton 4, 11 innings, Creighton eliminated
Oregon State 6, Georgia 4, OSU advances

At Goodwin Field
Fullerton, Calif.
Sunday, June 5
Illinois 7, Cal State Fullerton 5, CSF eliminated
Stanford 14, Illinois 2, Stanford advances

At Jackie Robinson Stadium
Los Angeles
Sunday, June 5
UCLA 4, San Francisco 1, USF eliminated
UC Irvine 4, UCLA 3, UCI advances

Softball

NCAA Division I Softball World Series Glance
At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium
Oklahoma City
Double Elimination
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Arizona State 14, Florida 4
Arizona State 7, Florida 2, Arizona State wins championship

AGGIES

From 1C

Neither team scored Tuesday until the bottom of the eighth, when the Aggies finally busted loose with the three runs, all with two outs. Arizona starter Kurt Heyer, who was making his second start of the regional, allowed two runs over 7 2/3 innings.

"I'm proud of Heyer's performance," Arizona coach Andy Lopez said. "This was a great one to win, and a tough one to lose."

A&M's Tyler Naquin, the Big 12 player of the year and the regional's most outstanding player, doubled to the right-center wall with two outs and nobody on in the eighth of the scoreless game. Krey Bratsen followed with a chopping RBI single up the middle, as Arizona shortstop Alex Mejia and second baseman Bryce Ortega lunged at the ball to no avail.

"Before the hit, (third-base) coach (Andy) Sawyers came up to me and said, 'Are you ready to do this? You're going to win this ball game right here.'" Bratsen said. "I said, 'Yes, sir.'"

Jacob House, who showed up at the post-game press conference with a "rally monkey" stuffed animal wrapped around his neck, followed with a double later in the inning that scored two and gave A&M a little breathing room. Nick Fleece and Ross Stripling pitched scoreless eighth and ninth innings, respectively, in shutting down the Wildcats (39-21), who'd fought through the losers' bracket to force the title game first scheduled for Monday night.

The Aggies start their super regional on Saturday in Tallahassee, Fla. As soon as Tuesday's game wrapped, workers moved in to start tearing apart much of Olsen Field. The Aggies' home since 1978 is set for a $24 million renovation scheduled for completion before next season.

Arizona State sweeps Florida for softball title

By Jeff Latzke
Associated Press

Sun Devils	7
Gators	2

Arizona State wins series, 2-0

OKLAHOMA CITY — Freshman Dallas Escobedo and Arizona State kept the NCAA softball championship the property of the Pac-10.

Katelyn Boyd and freshman Alix Johnson each drove in three runs, Annie Lockwood homered and the Sun Devils beat Florida 7-2 Tuesday night to win their second NCAA title in four years.

The top-seeded Sun Devils (60-6) used a combination of holdovers from their first Women's College World Series title in 2008 and some key freshmen to continue the Pac-10's dominance of the event. The conference has won 23 of the 29 championships, including the last six in a row.

Arizona State joined UCLA, Arizona and Texas A&M as the only teams to win multiple softball titles. UCLA with 12 — including one that was vacated for NCAA rules violations — and Arizona with eight are the only programs to win more than two.

"I'll tell you what. It's so hard to win one. To have the opportunity to win two, that's just plain special," coach Clint Myers said in a postgame interview that included a pie in the face. "You get into an elite group.

"We're not UCLA or (Arizona) yet. But give us time."

Escobedo (37-3) pitched a four-hitter to win her 19th straight decision, in the process becoming the first freshman pitcher to win the title since UCLA's Heather Compton in 1990.

Arizona State won 23 of its last 24 games and had a perfect 10-game run through the NCAA tournament.

"We always talk about the hottest team at the moment is going to win, and thank God it was us," said catcher Kaylyn Castillo, who didn't even get to travel with the team as a freshman for the 2008 title.

"We knew we were going to have to use everybody."

DRAFT

From 1C

informed Seattle what it would take to sign him and keep him from returning for his senior year at Texas State. Smith expects the Mariners to meet his demands.

"I plan on signing if the money is right. I told them what I wanted when they called three weeks ago," Smith said. "I told them the amount I was looking for. From what they said, I think they'll get that to me."

Smith is not expecting to report to the minors anytime soon, but doesn't rule out a brief stint in a short-season Rookie League at some point.

"I know I'm not going anywhere immediately," Smith said. "I want to take a break after a long season at Texas State."

Smith is coming off his best season as a collegiate player, leading the Texas State pitching staff with a 9-3 record in the regular season with a 1.99 ERA and 129 strikeouts. Smith's performance garnered him All-American honors.

Most recently Smith pitched in the Austin Regional of the NCAA baseball postseason. He started Game 1 against Kent State, which ended in a 4-2 extra innings loss. Smith pitched nine innings in the game, allowing two runs on eight hits and a walk while striking out five batters.

For now, Smith is going to stay in Midland with his family and begin working with a personal trainer as he prepares for the next level.

Williamson currently pitches at Dallas Baptist University and has served as the team's No. 1 starter all season, leading them to the Super Regional round of the NCAA postseason. The Patriots take on Cal in a three-game series beginning Saturday.

Williamson, a senior, led the Patriots with 10 regular season wins, while suffering just three losses. He had a 3.98 ERA with 67 strikeouts in 115.1 innings pitched.

Rounds 31 through 50 of the MLB Draft are on tap for today, beginning at 11 a.m.

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LOCAL MLB DRAFT NOTES

OHS' MARQUEZ GOES TO METS: Odessa High's Bradley Marquez is known better for his play on the football field and has already signed on to play at Texas Tech in the fall. However, Marquez now has the option to play professional baseball as well.

The OHS standout was selected in the 16th round by the New York Mets. Marquez could potentially sign with the Mets and still play football at Tech, but would basically have to take on a walk-on status with the football team to do so. The Mets in turn would pay for Marquez' education.

TWO FORMER HOWARD PLAYERS DRAFTED ON SECOND DAY: Two former Howard College Hawks and one current one were also selected on Tuesday. Miles Hamblin and Burch Smith were instrumental pieces of the record-setting 2009 Howard College team that won a JUCO National Championship and finished the season with an unbelievable 63-1 record.

Hamblin played catcher and first base for the 2009 Hawks and has spent the last two seasons catching for Ole Miss. This past season, the left-handed hitting Hamblin had a .259 average with six home runs and 26 RBI. He was selected by the Houston Astros in the 12th round.

Smith just finished his junior season at Oklahoma. It's the third year in a row he's been drafted after being selected by the Cleveland Indians in the 49th round of the 2009 draft and then again in the 20th round of the 2010 draft.

This year it was the San Diego Padres trying to entice Smith to the next level, selecting him in the 14th round. Smith was 10-4 in 16 starts for the Sooners in 2011 with a 3.90 ERA and 90 strikeouts in 87.2 innings pitched.

HOWARD'S SAWYER AND COLLINS TAKEN: Current Howard College players outfielder Tyler Collins and right-handed pitcher Nicholas Sawyer were taken during the second day of the draft.

Collins, a 5-11, 200-pound sophomore outfielder, was taken in the sixth round and the 197th overall pick by the Detroit Tigers. Collins hit .488 this season for the Hawks, and also had 82 RBI and 19 home runs.

Right-handed pitcher Nicholas Sawyer just finished his freshman season at Howard College and impressed the Texas Rangers enough to be selected in the 29th round by the franchise. Sawyer was one of the Hawks' top closers and served as the closer in several games.

Sawyer finished 2011 with a 2-2 record in 15 appearances. He had a 1.96 ERA with four saves with 29 strikeouts in 18.1 innings of work.

HENRY

From 1C

LSU was beating us to a lot of Texas athletes. I said we've got to get that guy, and we've got to get the top kids in the state coming to A&M. He's done that."

Byrne said he gave Henry a choice when he arrived between a new outdoor complex or a new indoor building.

"He went with the indoor facility," Byrne said. "He wanted to stand apart from any other school in the state, or in the country for that matter."

A&M has hosted NCAA indoor national championships in 2009 and 2011, and Henry realizes that, with the success of his outdoor program, people will wonder why mess with a good thing.

"That might have hurt me a little bit," Henry said. "They'll say, 'Why do you need a new track? You just won four national championships. Why do you need something better than that?' But you can walk outside and see why we need something better than that. There hasn't been anything done to it since 1984. It's in bad shape."

Byrne said the plan is to "get that going" during the 2012-13 fiscal year. Henry's ideal timeframe for opening a new outdoor complex, one he envisions one day hosting the NCAA outdoor championships?

"Yesterday," he said. "But Bill Byrne is intent on building the facility. We've been here seven years, and the last three or four have been a little discouraging, because I haven't seen a lot of movement in trying to get it done. There's been a lot of talk, but not a lot of movement. Now, we're starting to move in the right direction."

So how has the one-time Blinn College track coach and New Mexico native reached the pinnacle of his sport — and then some?

"Track is really an individual sport, but through a lot of great individuals you get a good team," Henry said. "We have so many disciplines in track and field. Distance runners, throwers, jumpers, multi-event people. It's like you need to hire five head coaches. We work hard, and I recruit people who want to be the best, and are willing to change."

Starting today in Des Moines, the powerful Aggies will again be among the favored teams — on both the men's and women's side — to earn national titles. A&M hadn't won a title prior to Henry's arrival.

"Hopefully we'll do something that's never been done before," A&M sprinter Bryan Miller said of the possibility of a dual three-peat.

MLB DRAFT

Round 2
61. Pittsburgh, Josh Bell, RF, Jesuit College Prep, Irving, Texas
62. Seattle, Bradley Miller, SS, Clemson
63. Arizona, Anthony Meo, RHP, Coastal Carolina
64. Baltimore, Jason Esposito, 3B, Vanderbilt
65. Kansas City, Cameron Gallagher, C, Manheim Township HS, Lancaster, Pa.
66. Philadelphia, Roman Quinn, SS, Port St. Joe (Fla.) HS
67. Cleveland, Dillon Howard, RHP, Searcy (Ark.) HS
68. Chicago Cubs, Daniel Vogelbach, 1B, Bishop Verot HS, North Fort Myers, Fla.
69. Houston, Adrian Houser, RHP, Locust Grove (Okla.) HS
70. Milwaukee, Jorge Lopez, RHP, Caguas Military Academy, Cayey, PR
71. N.Y. Mets, Cory Mazzoni, RHP, North Carolina St.
72. Florida, Adam Conley, LHP, Washington St.
73. L.A. Dodgers, Alex Santana, 3B, Mariner HS, Cape Coral, Fla.
74. Toronto, Daniel Norris, LHP, Science Hill HS, Johnson City, Tenn.
75. Tampa Bay, Granden Goetzman, CF, Palmetto (Fla.) HS
76. Detroit, James McCann, C, Arkansas
77. Colorado, Carl Thomore, RF, East Brunswick (N.J.) HS
78. Toronto, Jeremy Gabryszwski, RHP, Crosby (Texas) HS
79. St. Louis, Charlie Tilson, CF, New Trier HS, Wilmette, Ill.
80. Chicago White Sox, Erik Johnson, RHP, California
81. Boston, Williams Jerez, CF, Grand Street Campus, Brooklyn, N.Y.
82. San Diego, Austin Hedges, C, Junipero Serra HS, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.
83. Texas, Will Lamb, LHP, Clemson
84. Cincinnati, Gabriel Rosa, CF, Colegio Hector Urdaneta, Rio Grande, PR
85. Atlanta, Nick Ahmed, SS, Connecticut
86. San Francisco, Andrew Susac, C, Oregon St.
87. Minnesota, Madison Boer, RHP, Oregon
88. N.Y. Yankees, Sam Stafford, LHP, Texas
89. Tampa Bay, Lenny Linsky, RHP, Hawaii
90. Philadelphia, Harold Martinez, 3B, Miami

Round 3
91. Pittsburgh, Alex Dickerson, 1B, Indiana
92. Seattle, Kevin Cron, 1B, Mountain Pointe HS, Phoenix
93. Arizona, Justin Bianco, CF, Peters Township HS, Venetia, Pa.
94. Baltimore, Mike Wright, RHP, East Carolina
95. Kansas City, Bryan Brickhouse, RHP, The Woodlands (Texas) HS
96. Washington, Matt Purke, LHP, TCU
97. Cleveland, Jake Sisco, RHP, Merced
98. Chicago Cubs, Ezekiel DeVoss, CF, Miami
99. Houston, Jack Armstrong, RHP, Vanderbilt
100. Milwaukee, Andrew Gagnon, RHP, Long Beach St.
101. N.Y. Mets, Logan Verrett, RHP, Baylor
102. Florida, Conner Barron, SS, Sumrall HS, Hattiesburg, Miss.
103. L.A. Dodgers, Pratt Maynard, C, North Carolina St.
104. L.A. Angels, Nick Maronde, LHP, Florida
105. Oakland, B.A. Vollmuth, 3B, Southern Mississippi
106. Detroit, Aaron Westlake, 1B, Vanderbilt
107. Colorado, Peter O'Brien, C, Bethune-Cookman
108. Toronto, John Stilson, RHP, Texas A&M
109. St. Louis, C.J. McElroy, CF, Clear Creek HS, League City, Texas
110. Chicago White Sox, Jeff Soptic, RHP, Johnson County CC
111. Boston, Jordan Weems, C, Columbus (Ga.) HS
112. San Diego, Matt Andriese, RHP, UC Riverside
113. Texas, Kyle Castro, RHP, Pleasant Grove HS, Elk Grove, Calif.
114. Cincinnati, Anthony Cingrani, LHP, Rice
115. Atlanta, Kyle Kubitza, 3B, Texas St.
116. San Francisco, Ricky Oropesa, 1B, Southern California
117. Minnesota, Corey Williams, LHP, Vanderbilt
118. N.Y. Yankees, Jordan Cote, RHP, Winnisquam Regional HS, Sanbornton, N.H.
119. Tampa Bay, Johnny Eierman, SS, Warsaw (Mo.) HS
120. Philadelphia, Adam Morgan, LHP, Alabama

Comp Round B
B 121. Seattle, Carter Capps, RHP, Mount Olive

Round 4
122. Pittsburgh, Colten Brewer, RHP, Canton (Texas) HS
123. Seattle, John Hicks, C, Virginia
124. Arizona, Evan Marshall, RHP, Kansas St.
125. Baltimore, Kyle Simon, RHP, Arizona
126. Kansas City, Kyle Smith, RHP, Santaluces HS, Lake Worth, Fla.
127. Washington, Kylin Turnbull, LHP, Santa Barbara CC
128. Cleveland, Mark Lowery, C, James Madison
129. Chicago Cubs, Tony Zych, RHP, Louisville
130. Houston, Christopher Lee, LHP, Santa Fe CC
131. Milwaukee, Nicholas Ramirez, 1B, Cal St. Fullerton
132. N.Y. Mets, Tyler Pill, RHP, Cal St. Fullerton
133. Florida, Tyler Palmer, 2B, Wayne County HS, Odum, Ga.
134. L.A. Dodgers, Ryan O'Sullivan, RHP, Oklahoma City
135. L.A. Angels, Michael Clevinger, RHP, Seminole State
136. Oakland, Bobby Crocker, CF, Cal Poly
137. Detroit, Jason King, 3B, Kansas St.
138. Colorado, Dillon Thomas, LF, Westbury Christian School, Houston
139. Toronto, Thomas Robson, RHP, Delta (Canada) SS
140. St. Louis, Kenneth Peoples-Walls, SS, Westchester HS, Los Angeles
141. Chicago White Sox, Kyle McMillen, RHP, Kent St.
142. Boston, Noe Ramirez, RHP, Cal St. Fullerton
143. San Diego, Cody Hebner, RHP, Green River CC
144. Texas, Desmond Henry, CF, Centennial HS, Los Angeles
145. Cincinnati, Kyle McMyne, RHP, Villanova
146. Atlanta, J.R. Graham, RHP, Santa Clara
147. San Francisco, Bryce Bandilla, LHP, Arizona
148. Minnesota, Matt Summers, RHP, UC Irvine
149. N.Y. Yankees, Matthew Duran, 3B, New Rochelle (N.Y.) HS
150. Tampa Bay, Riccio Torrez, 3B, Arizona St.
151. Philadelphia, Cody Asche, 3B, Nebraska

Round 5
152. Pittsburgh, Tyler Glasnow, RHP, Hart HS, Newhall, Calif.
153. Seattle, Tyler Marlette, C, Hagerty HS, Oviedo, Fla.
154. Arizona, Michael Perez, RHP, Colegio Vocacional Para Adultos, Catano, PR
155. Baltimore, Matt Taylor, LHP, Middle Georgia
156. Kansas City, Patrick Leonard, SS, St. Thomas HS, Katy, Texas
157. Washington, Matt Skole, 3B, Georgia Tech
158. Cleveland, William Roberts, RHP, Virginia
159. Chicago Cubs, Tayler Scott, RHP, Notre Dame HS, Scottsdale, Ariz.
160. Houston, Nick Tropeano, RHP, Stony Brook
161. Milwaukee, Michael Reed, CF, Leander HS, Cedar Park, Texas
162. N.Y. Mets, John Leathersich, LHP, Massachusetts
163. Florida, Patrick Hope, RHP, Broken Arrow (Okla.) Senior HS
164. L.A. Dodgers, Scott McGough, RHP, Oregon
165. L.A. Angels, Andrew Ray, LF, Northeast Texas CC
166. Oakland, Beau Taylor, C, UCF
167. Detroit, Brandon Loy, SS, Texas
168. Colorado, Taylor Featherston, SS, TCU
169. Toronto, Andrew Chin, LHP, Buckingham Browne & Nichols, Newton, Mass.
170. St. Louis, Sam Gaviglio, RHP, Oregon St.
171. Chicago White Sox, Scott Snodgress, LHP, Stanford
172. Boston, Markus Betts, SS, John Overton HS, Brentwood, Tenn.
173. San Diego, Mark Pope, RHP, Georgia Tech
174. Texas, Brandon Woodruff, RHP, Wheeler (Miss.) HS
175. Cincinnati, Ryan Wright, 2B, Louisville
176. Atlanta, Nick DeSantiago, C, Blinn
177. San Francisco, Chris Marlowe, RHP, Oklahoma St.
178. Minnesota, Tyler Grimes, SS, Wichita St.
179. N.Y. Yankees, Gregory Bird, C, Grandview HS, Aurora, Colo.
180. Tampa Bay, Jonathan Davis, 3B, Elk Grove (Calif.) HS
181. Philadelphia, Mitchell Walding, SS, St. Mary's HS, Lodi, Calif.

Other Local/Texas draft picks of interest

Round 6
188. Cleveland, Bryson Myles, LF, Stephen F. Austin
190. Houston, Brandon Meredith, LF, San Diego St.
196. Oakland, Dayton Alexander, CF, Feather River College
197. Detroit, Tyler Collins, OF, Howard
204. Texas, Derek Fisher, CF, Cedar Crest HS, Rexmont, Pa.

Round 7
220. Houston, Javaris Reynolds, CF, King HS, Tampa, Fla.
225. L.A. Angels, Abel Baker, C, Grayson County College
226. OAK, Blake Treinen, RHP, South Dakota St.
234. Texas, Max Pentecost, C, Winder Barrow HS, Winder, Ga.

Round 8
242. Pittsburgh, Jason Creasy, RHP, Clayton (N.C.) HS
243. Seattle, Carson Smith, RHP, Texas St.
250. Houston, Brandon Culbreth, RHP, Forsyth Country Day School, Winston-Salem, N.C.
256. OAK, Colin O'Connell, RHP, Cal St. Fullerton
257. Detroit, Jason Krizan, RF, Dallas Baptist
264. Texas, Kyle Hendricks, RHP, Dartmouth

Round 9
280. Houston, Jonas Dufek, RHP, Creighton
286. OAK, Jace Fry, LHP, Southridge HS, Beaverton, Ore.
288. Colorado, Thomas Stripling, RHP, Texas A&M
294. Texas, Rashad Harlin, CF, Helix HS, Chula Vista, Calif.
295. Cincinnati, Cole Green, RHP, Texas

Round 10
304. Arizona, Kyle Winkler, RHP, TCU
310. Houston, Kyle Hallock, LHP, Kent St.
316. OAK, Dusty Robinson, OF, Fresno St.
319. Toronto, Aaron Garza, RHP, Galveston (Texas) Ball HS
324. Texas, Joe Maloney, C, Limestone
325. Cincinnati, Ronald Pinckard, RHP, Baylor

Round 11
337. Washington, Caleb Ramsey, OF, Houston
340. Houston, Justin Gominsky, CF, Minnesota
346. OAK, Christopher Lamb, LHP, Davidson
354. Texas, Connor Sadzeck, RHP, Howard

Round 12
362. Pittsburgh, Candon Myles, CF, South Grand Prairie HS, Grand Prairie, Texas
365. Baltimore, Jason Coats, LF, TCU
370. Houston, Miles Hamblin, C, Mississippi
376. OAK, Xavier Macklin, OF, North Carolina A&T
384. Texas, Gregory Williams, LHP, Marshall
387. San Francisco, Kelby Tomlinson, SS, Texas Tech

Round 13
397. Washington, Casey Kalenkosky, 1B, Texas St.
400. Houston, John Hinson, 2B, Clemson
406. OAK, Jacob Tanis, 3B, Mercer
409. Toronto, Matt Dean, 3B, The Colony HS, Highland Village, Texas
414. Texas, Christopher Grayson, OF, Lee U.
415. Cincinnati, Nickolas Fleece, RHP, Texas A&M

Round 14
430. Houston, Horace Stubblefield, RHP, Lufkin HS, Diboll, Texas
435. L.A. Angels, Wayne Taylor, C, Memorial HS, Houston
436. Oakland, Nicholas Rickles, C, Stetson
443. San Diego, Burch Smith, RHP, Oklahoma
444. Texas, Andrew Faulkner, LHP, South Aiken HS, Aiken, S.C.

Round 15
460. Houston, Zachary Johnson, 1B, Oklahoma St.
466. Oakland, Thomas Walz, RHP, Kansas
469. Toronto, Cody Glenn, LHP, Westbury Christian School, Houston
474. Texas, Jerad Eickhoff, RHP, Olney Central College

Round 16
490. Houston, Scott Zuloaga, LHP, Scottsdale CC
492. N.Y. Mets, Bradley Marquez, CF, Odessa (Texas) HS
496. Oakland, Tanner Peters, RHP, UNLV
504. Texas, Trever Adams, LF, Creighton
510. Tampa Bay, Brett McAfee, SS, Pine Tree HS, Longview, Texas

Round 17
514. Arizona, Adam Choplick, LHP, Billy Ryan HS, Denton, Texas
520. Houston, Tyson Perez, RHP, Fresno CC
525. L.A. Angels, Hunter Lockwood, C, L D Bell HS, Bedford, Texas
526. Oakland, Sean Jamieson, SS, Canisius
534. Texas, Ryan Rua, SS, Lake Erie College

Round 18
550. Houston, Kevin Miller, RHP, California
551. Milwaukee, Christopher McFarland, SS, Lufkin (Texas) HS
556. Oakland, David Powers, LHP, Sam Houston St.
564. Texas, Nicholas Martinez, RHP, Fordham

Round 19
580. Houston, Mitchell Lambson, LHP, Arizona St.
586. Oakland, Eric Potter, LHP, Maryland
594. Texas, Nathan Harsh, RHP, Brunswick (Ga.) HS

Round 20
610. Houston, Matthew Duffy, 3B, Tennessee
611. Milwaukee, Brandon Williamson, RHP, Dallas Baptist.
616. Oakland, Kurt Wunderlich, RHP, Michigan St.
622. Boston, Zachary Good, LHP, Grayson County College
623. San Diego, Chris Haney, RHP, Dallas Baptist
624. Texas, Nickolaus Vickerson, SS, Mississippi St.

Round 21
637. Washington, Todd Simko, LHP, Texas A&M
639. Chicago Cubs, Andrew McKirahan, LHP, Texas
640. Houston, James Howick, SS, Jacksonville
643. Florida, Charles Wier, RHP, Stephen F. Austin
646. Oakland, Brandon Magee, CF, Arizona St.
654. Texas, Chance Sossamon, RHP, Wichita St.

Round 22
670. Houston, Andrew Muren, CF, CS Northridge
676. Oakland, Rhett Stafford, OF, Marshall
684. Texas, Timothy Costen, SS, First Colonial HS, Virginia Beach
691. Philadelphia, Matthew Holland, OF, Texas A&M

Round 23
700. Houston, Ruben Sosa, 2B, Oklahoma City
706. Oakland, Cecil Tanner, RHP, Georgia
714. Texas, Michael Mason, LHP, Marshall

Round 24
730. Houston, Jesse Wierzbicki, 1B, North Carolina
732. N.Y. Mets, William Shepherd, 1B, Texas
734. L.A. Dodgers, Matthew Shelton, RHP, Sam Houston St.
736. Oakland, Robert Kuhn, SS, Zionsville (Ind.) Community HS
744. Texas, Zach Fish, C, Gull Lake HS, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Round 25
760. Houston, Billy Flamion, LF, Central Catholic HS, Modesto, Calif.
766. Oakland, Chad Oberacker, CF, Tennessee Tech
774. Texas, Jordan Remer, LHP, San Francisco
779. N.Y. Yankees, Adam Smith, RHP, Texas A&M

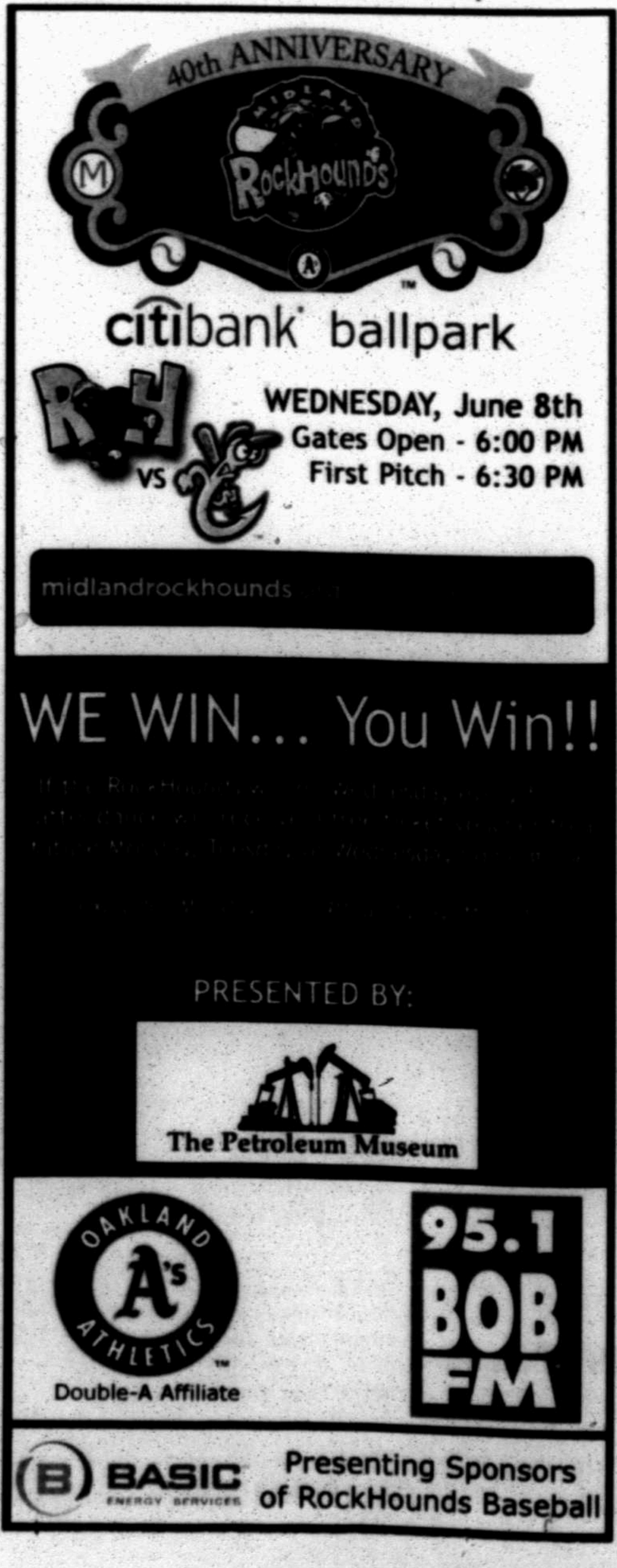
Round 26
790. Houston, Jared Fisher, RHP, Newport HS, Bellevue, Wash.
796. Oakland, John Roberts, RHP, VMI
804. Texas, Ryan Bores, RHP, Cuyahoga CC
809. N.Y. Yankees, Jordan Foley, RHP, The Colony (Texas) HS

Round 27
816. Kansas City, Lee Clubb, CF, Iowa Park (Texas) HS
820. Houston, Alex Todd, SS, Sonoma St.
826. Oakland, Derek Self, RHP, Louisville
834. Texas, Kyle Devore, RHP, Sacramento CC

Round 28
850. Houston, Jordan John, LHP, Oklahoma
851. Milwaukee, BreShon Kimbell, C, Mesquite (Texas) HS
856. Oakland, Thomas Girdwood, RHP, Elon
864. Texas, Saquan Johnson, CF, East Bladen HS, Elizabethtown, N.C.

Round 29
880. Houston, Wallace Gonzalez, RF, Bishop Amat HS, Glendora, Calif.
886. Oakland, Nate Eppley, RHP, Rider
894. Texas, Nicholas Sawyer, RHP, Howard
896. Atlanta, Chad Comer, C, Texas Arlington

Round 30
910. Houston, Jordan Steranka, 3B, Penn St.
916. Oakland, Nathaniel Kilcrease, RHP, Alabama
918. Colorado, John Curtiss, RHP, Carroll HS, Southlake, Texas
921. Chicago White Sox, Brandon Parrent, LHP, Texas A&M
924. Texas, Phillipp Klein, RHP, Youngstown St.
931. Philadelphia, Michael Marshall, 1B, Lubbock Christian



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THURSDAY Mostly sunny high 101 low 71

FRIDAY Sunny high 101 low 72

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 102 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 72 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 101, a low around 71 and south winds around between 10and 15 mph with a 10 percent chance of rain.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 101 and a low around 72.

The high on Tuesday reached 102 while the low dropped to 70. The record high for June 7 is 106 set in 1964. The record low is 48 set in 1983.

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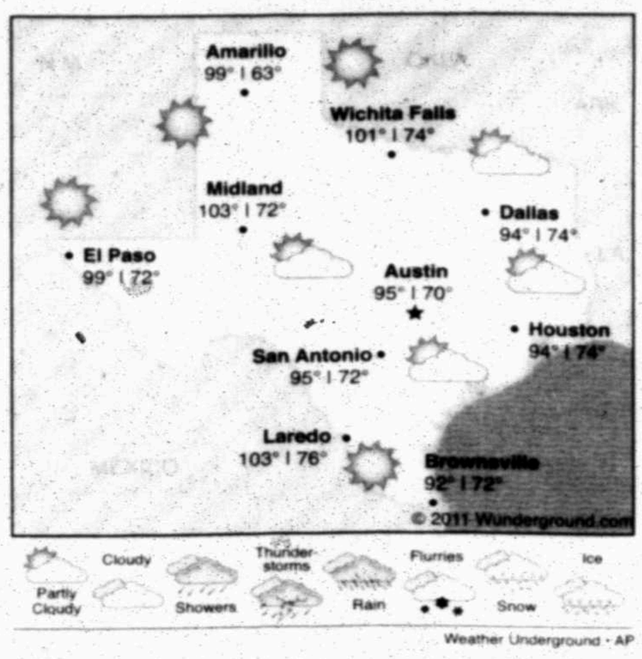
Underneath a ridge of high pressure, scorching heat will surge across the eastern third of the country today. Temperatures will soar into the low 90s as far north as Vermont and the lower Great Lakes. With oppressive humidity present in the area, conditions will feel much hotter than the temperatures would suggest.

The ridge also will remain in place across the southern Plains, leading to another hot day and temperatures rising near or past the 100-degree mark.



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Precipitation

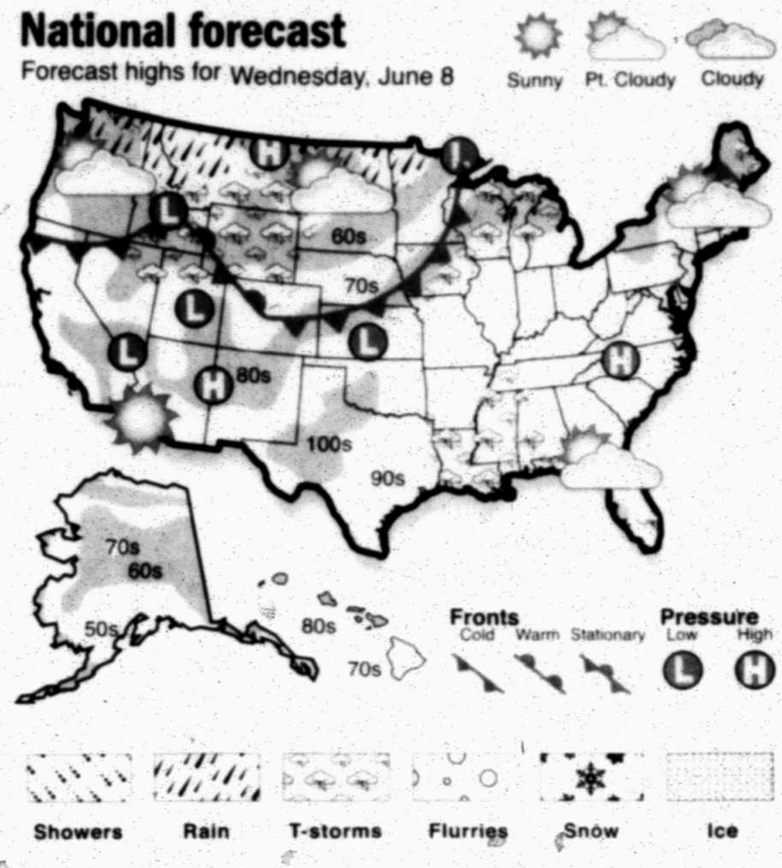
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.47 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	102
Low	70
Normal high	92
Normal low	65
Sunrise	6:42 a.m.
Sunset	8:43 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, June 8



Teacher dodging dates should say 'not on Sunday'

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I am a 48-year-old single male. I teach an adult Sunday school class. Two women who have joined our group have made it plain they would like to have a romantic relationship with me.

I'm not sure how to handle this. I'd like to meet someone special, too, but I'm not certain this is the right way. Please advise. — TROUBLED TEACHER IN THE SOUTH

DEAR TROUBLED TEACHER: Tell the women you have a policy that you do not date your students. To do otherwise would be distracting and disruptive to the class. Once they have "graduated," there is nothing to stop you from dating both of them. One may turn out to be that someone special you have been looking for, but if she's not, you'll have saved everyone from unnecessary drama.

DEAR ABBY: We are a gay couple who have been together for 37 years. We were recently invited to the wedding of a close nephew in San Antonio. The invitation was addressed to us both, and we flew 5,000 miles to attend.

At the ceremony, my partner, "Alan," was seated in front with the groom's family. While we were being shown to our seats, I was told by the groom's father, "Sorry. You can sit somewhere else." Alan and I were deeply offended.

How should we express our displeasure and prevent this from happening again when the niece marries? Do we have a right to say anything? — SNUBBED IN HONOLULU

DEAR SNUBBED: Of course you do. The groom's father was extremely rude to separate you. The person who issued the wedding invitation should be informed of how offensive it was. And if it happens again, the two of you should respond, "We are a couple, and we sit together."

DEAR ABBY: My wife is a cancer survivor who is doing well. When a friend or relative learns she had cancer, a common response is, "Yeah, I knew someone who had the same kind of cancer. It was awful. It came back six months later and he/she died an agonizing, terrible death."

Abby, it's hard to remain polite around such thoughtless, moronic individuals when they blurt out something like this in my wife's presence. I can't imagine the fear she must experience hearing such remarks. Can you offer an effective retort? — BAFFLED BY THE IGNORANCE

DEAR BAFFLED: Remarks such as you have described usually are made when people don't know what to say, so they blurt out the first thing that comes to mind. A polite response would be, "Thanks for your concern. My wife is doing great."

Of course the appropriate thing for friends and relatives to say would be, "I'm so glad you're better — I care about you and I was worried." To raise the subject of someone who died from the disease is inappropriate and extremely insensitive. There's an old Portuguese proverb: Never mention a rope in the house of a man who has been hanged. It definitely applies here.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

It Cannot Be

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 6 2
♥ 7 5
♦ K 8 7 5 4 2
♣ 10 7 3

WEST
♠ J 9
♥ K 10 8 4 3
♦ Q 10 9
♣ Q 9 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 8 7 4
♥ J 6 2
♦ 6
♣ K 8 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 5 3
♥ A Q 9
♦ A J 3
♣ A J 4

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Four of ♦

West found a clever maneuver to lead South to his destruction on this deal from a major pair tournament some years ago. It would never have succeeded at rubber bridge but a duplicate pairs event is a different kettle of fish!

South's bidding described a balanced hand of 23-24 points. North's hand was borderline for a raise to game, since there rated to be little play for game unless declarer held three diamonds. In that event, however, even two no-trump might be too high.

West led a low heart and declarer was delighted with his dummy. There were five fast tricks available outside the diamond suit, and five more could be developed there if the suit broke no worse than 3-1. All declarer needed to do was start by cashing the ace and, if the queen did not drop, continue with the jack and run it.

After winning the first trick with the queen of hearts, South duly played the ace of diamonds, noting West's nine, and continued with the jack — and West followed with the 10! With the only missing card being the queen, declarer reasoned that West would have covered if he held her majesty as well, to assure a trick in the suit and possibly kill the dummy. With the suit apparently coming in, declarer rose with the king and dropped the contract! That was a wonderful development for the defense and they eventually held declarer to seven tricks.

At rubber bridge there would be no excuse for declarer's play. At duplicate, where overtricks matter a great deal, we are not sure what we would have done at the table.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 8, 2011:

This year, you sense an unusual amount of conflict surrounding you. If you listen, you might find a common theme or thread. Perhaps you are giving off mixed signals. Are you suppressing your feelings? If you are single, you meet people with ease, though it could be difficult this year to form a long-term bond. Don't worry; you will have one very soon. If you are attached, the two of you need lots of downtime together to deepen the bond and each other's understanding of one another. The relationship will benefit. VIRGO can be touchy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ What happens today could be more significant than you might want to realize. Your ability to handle a boss or authority figure comes into play. Pull out of confusion and arguments. They are the fastest ways to waste time. Tonight: Go with a surprise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity seems to come up each time there is an issue, and in between, too! Sometimes you are misunderstood. Rein in different interests, and proceed with one issue at a time. Trust yourself. You will know when to act. Tonight: Know that you are lucky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ If you can, work from home. You are overwhelmed by everything that is occurring. Think in terms of new possibilities if you feel hemmed in. Be willing to break past a self-imposed but possibly about-to-be-identified restriction. Tonight: Don't be overly concerned with anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your ability to accomplish a lot could be marred by a misunderstanding. Unfortunately, you might need to redo some work. Once more, a boss or parent proves to be unpredictable. Strap on your seat belt. Tonight: Catch up with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Keep your foot on the brake when dealing with finances. You might not be ready for a commitment of this nature. Pressure builds because of several misunderstandings within a group of people. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You certainly might feel empowered, no matter what you do or which way you proceed. You could be thrown a little off by someone's behavior. A partner doesn't act in the way you anticipated or might like. Tonight: As you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Be careful when dealing with family. The confusion that surrounds you forces more questions. Don't take others' inquiries personally. The unexpected appears to run through your personal ties. A partner is lucky for you financially. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Stay on top of activities. Friendship plays a big role in creating more of what you want. Others favor you in general and are willing to give a project that extra push. Deal with key people directly. Tonight: Extend a special invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Pressure builds with a boss or higher-up. Understanding comes through confusion. Try not to be as reactive or challenging. Just let the dust settle. Then you will know what action to take. Tonight: A midweek break. Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Detach, and you will succeed. If you become reactive to the present confusion, you will tumble into the same mire that everyone else does. You find that a family member might say something that triggers your imagination. Let your mind wander from the here and now briefly. Tonight: Movie night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★· You demonstrate the ability to relate deeply to a particular friend. Understand what this person expects. Don't get plugged into a situation and become reactive. Detach. Then decide what to do. The result will be far better. Tonight: Invite a friend to join you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Others come forward with lots of information. The confusion that surrounds you could change if you can stay calm, cool and collected. Let others play out, not you. Try to tame a drifting mind. Tonight: Hang out.

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BORN TODAY

Former first lady Barbara Bush (1925), comedian Joan Rivers (1933), architect Frank Lloyd Wright (1867)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Relay, say
5 Parasol purpose
10 Nile biters
14 University with a law school in Greensboro
15 Swiss Alps refrain
16 Like a blue moon
17 "Persistently pester journalist" Blitzer?
19 Branch branch
20 "Business opening?
21 Ballerina's pivot point
22 Dodo
23 "Evade actor Harrison?
25 Carte start
26 Goof up
27 Office assortment
30 NCR product
33 Moronic
37 Fictional pirate
38 Crumbly soil
40 Word with mouth or pool
41 Flu fighters
42 Taj Mahal site
43 Large departure
45 Pirate's potent potable
46 Like some cows
48 Take in
50 "Let me think ..."
51 "'Look out, Ichabod!'"?
57 Green-skinned pear
59 Blood system letters
60 Tease
61 Chef lead-in
62 Biblical cargo, or what makes up the answers to starred clues
64 "Green Gables" girl
65 Plumber's tool
66 Zeno of ___
67 Amanda of "Gulliver's Travels" (2010)
68 Fall flower
69 Paving stone

DOWN

1 Auction action
2 Avis rival
3 Like some wartime messages
4 Captivate
5 Turk. neighbor
6 Instruction book
7 "Every wall is Emerson ...
8 Edited out
9 North Pole resident, presumably
10 Place for a nude
11 "Spotted rapper MC?
12 Proper partner?
13 Showy lily
18 Cool time in Madrid
22 Made a lap
24 Set up
27 Diminished
28 Lima or llama land
29 Mine line
30 "Woe is me!"
31 Frat party wrap
32 "'Step on it, Mrs. Cleaver!'"?
34 Deceive
35 "What was ___ do?"
36 Instant lawn
39 Small monkey
44 Pelvic bones
47 Down Under runner
49 Traffic stoppers?
51 Suddenly occurs to, with "on"
52 WWII German sub
53 "Another Saturday Night" singer Sam
54 Nimbie
55 The Muses, e.g.
56 Conclude by
57 PDQ relative
58 Not a lick
62 Frisk-y govt group?
63 Not agin

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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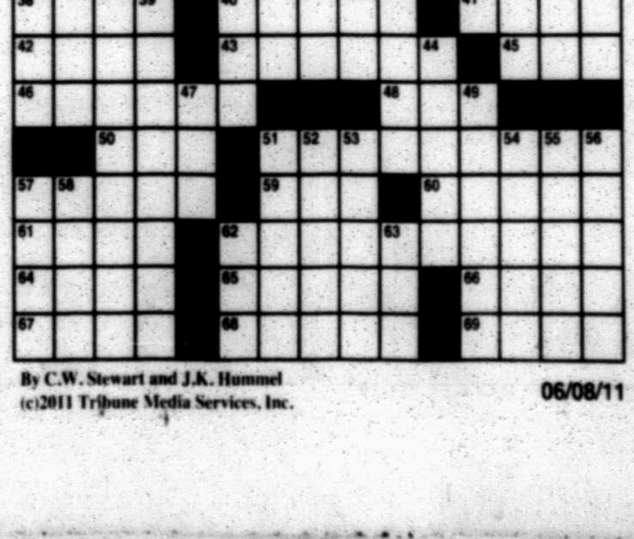

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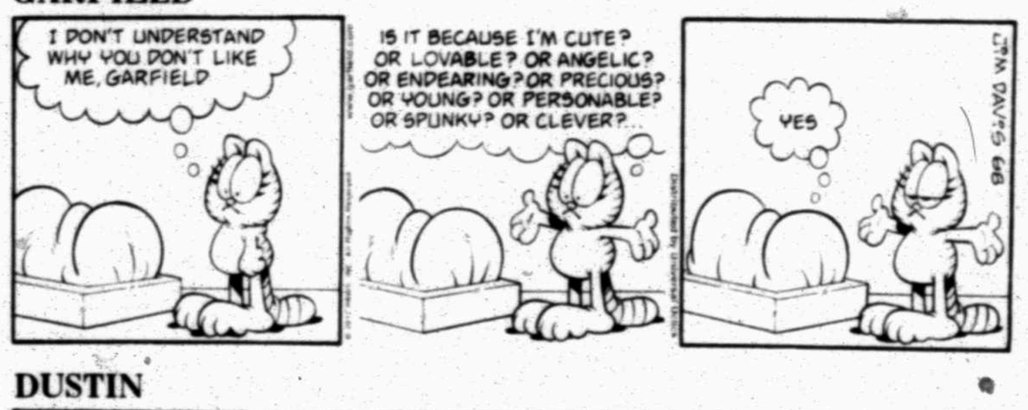

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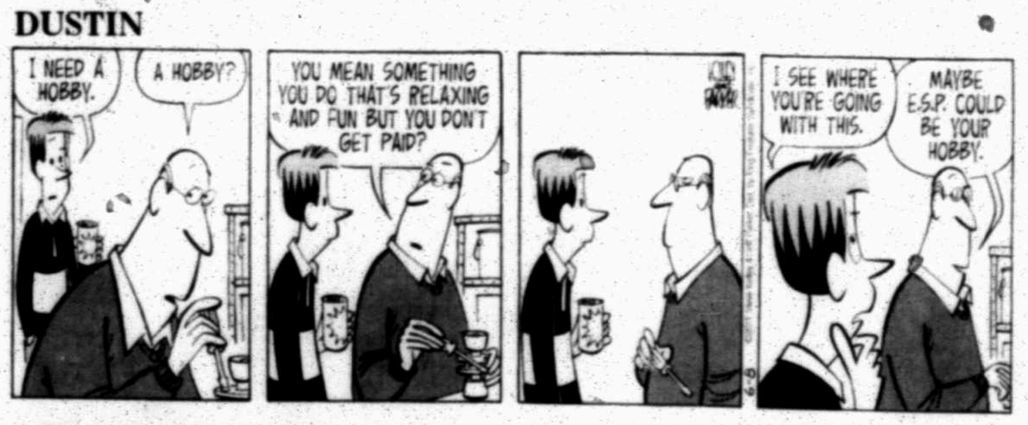

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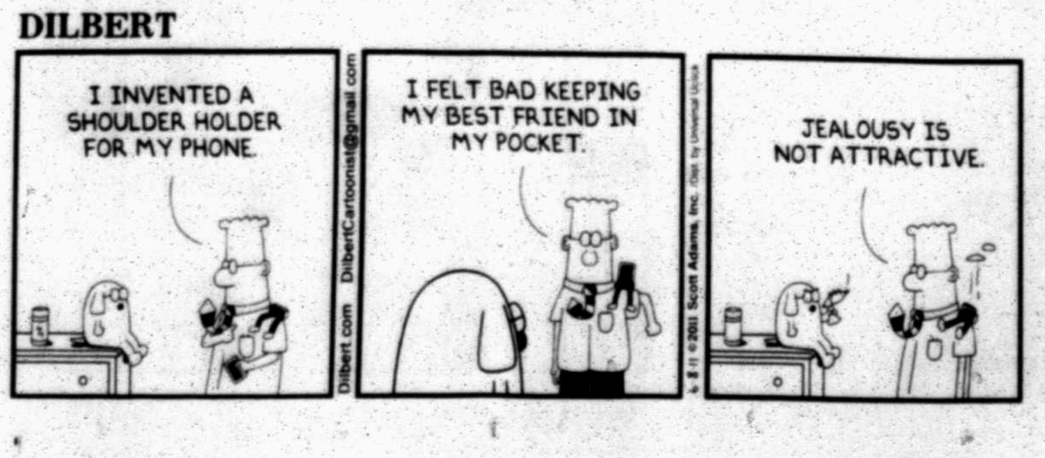

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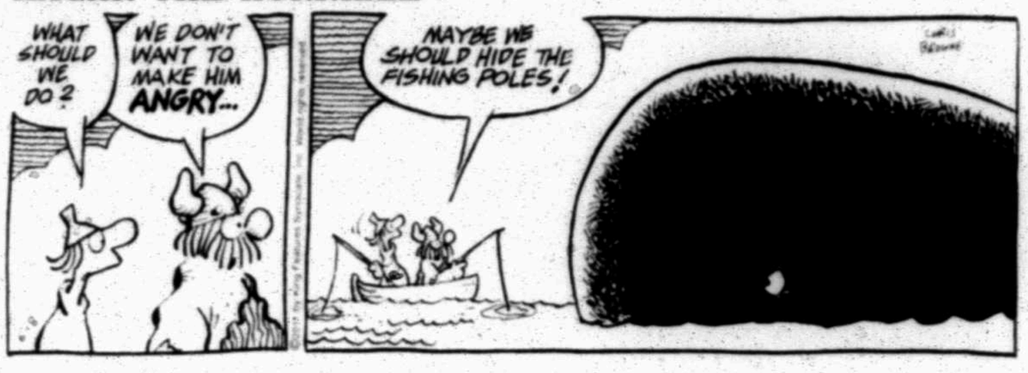

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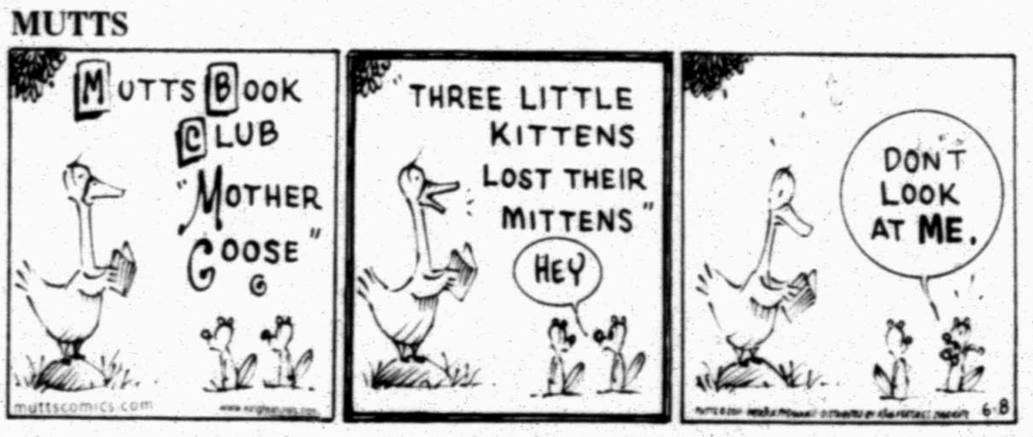
BABY BLUES

MUTTS



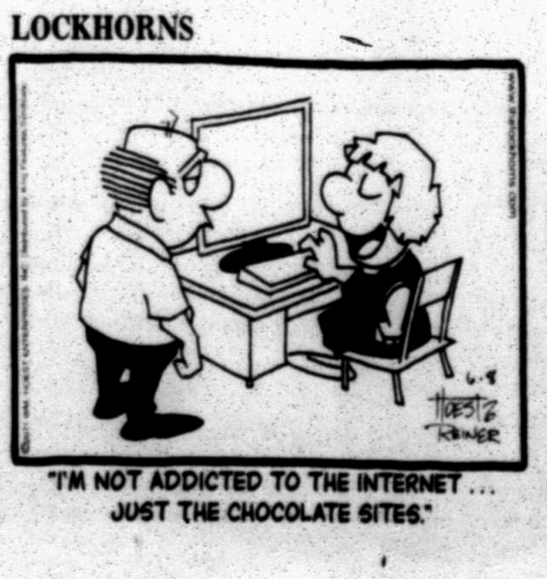
CLOSE TO HOME

"He rigged this up to make sure that his kids would visit his grave."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IS THERE ANY ROOM UP THERE FOR ME?"

LOCKHORNS



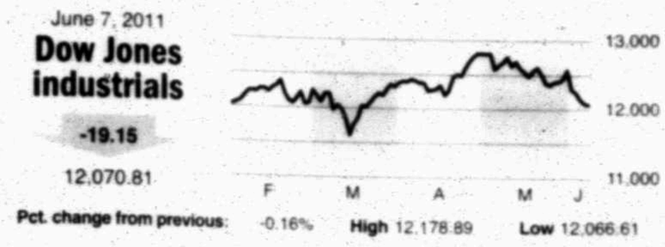
"I'M NOT ADDICTED TO THE INTERNET ... JUST THE CHOCOLATE SITES."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Hi, love! I'm afraid I'm going to have to just blow you a kiss this time."

Business & Oil

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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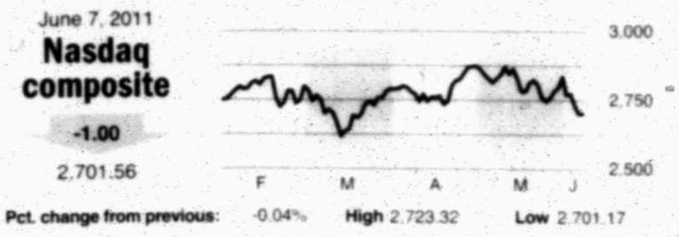

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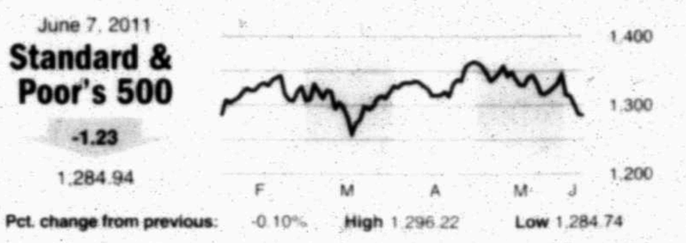

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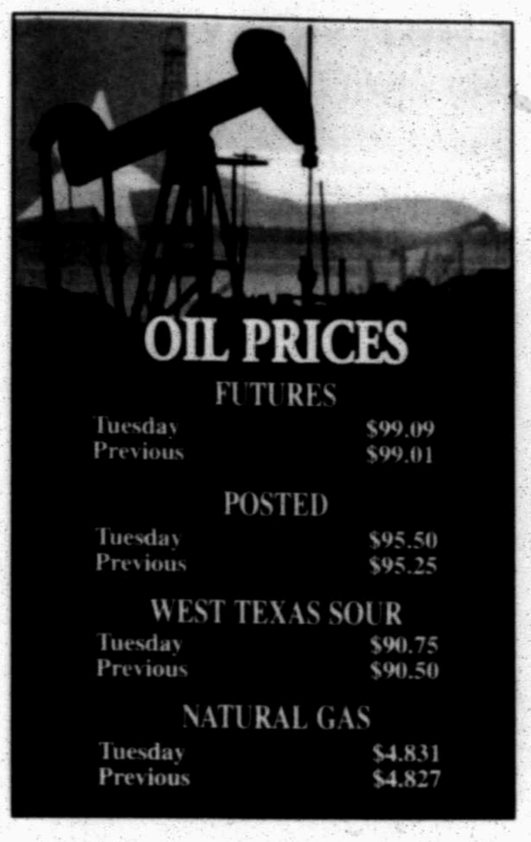

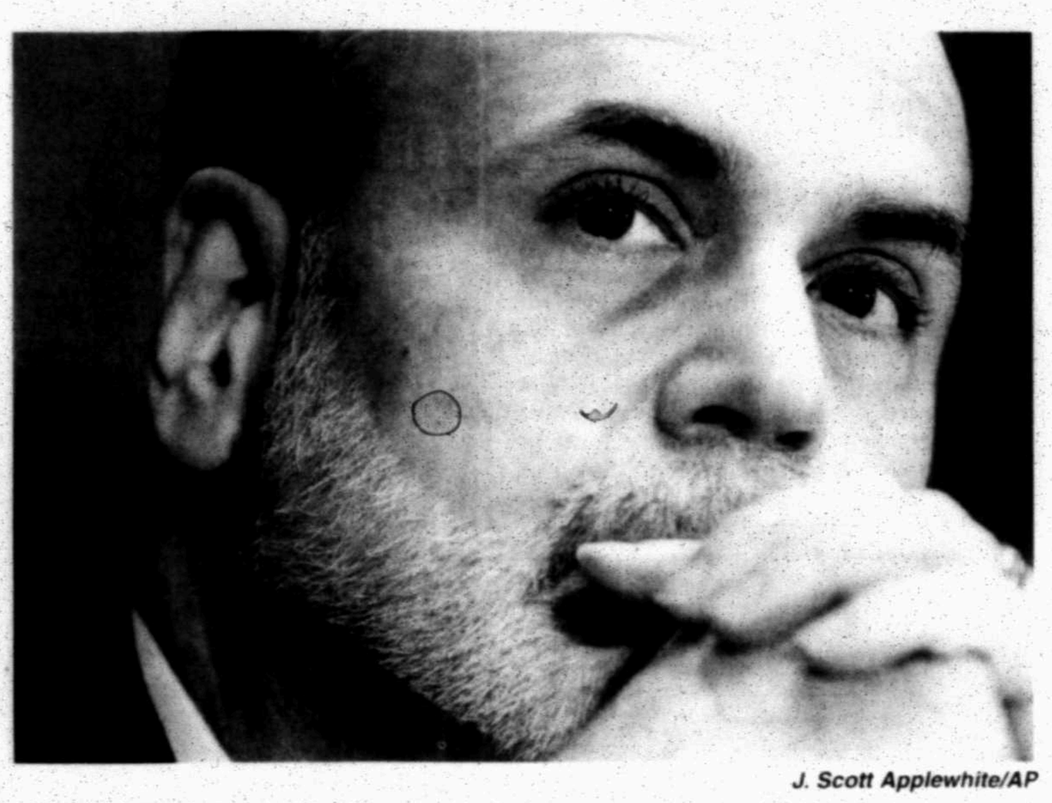

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BERNANKE ON THE ECONOMY In a Feb. 17 photo Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington to the Senate Banking Committee. Bernanke and other regulators are updating Congress about their efforts to carry out the biggest overhaul of the nation's financial rules since the Great Depression.

Bernanke: Economy slowing but faster growth ahead

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy has weakened in recent weeks, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke noted Tuesday. But he stuck with a message he's delivered since April: The slowdown from high gas prices and Japan's crises is temporary, and growth should pick up later this year.

Bernanke made no mention of any new steps the Fed might take to boost the economy. The Fed's $600 billion Treasury bond-buying program is ending this month. The program was intended to keep interest rates low to strengthen the economy. But critics said it raised the risk of high inflation.

The Fed chairman said the economy still needs the benefit of low interest rates. The Fed is scheduled to meet in two weeks and is all but certain to keep those rates at record lows.

Stocks fell after Bernanke began speaking. The Dow Jones industrial average erased gains made earlier in the day and closed down for the fifth straight day, as did broader indexes.

"The market was disappointed," said David Jones, head of DMJ Economic Advisors, a private consulting firm. "Wall Street investors were hoping for the promise of another round of credit easing, and they didn't get it."

Bernanke noted the May jobs report released last week was a setback. It showed the unemployment rate ticked up to 9.1 percent and the economy added just 54,000 jobs, the fewest in eight months. But he said he expected job creation and overall economic growth to rebound in coming months.

"The economic recovery appears to be continuing at a moderate pace, albeit at a rate that is both uneven across sectors and frustratingly slow from the perspective of millions of unemployed and underemployed workers," he said at a banking conference in Atlanta.

Bernanke said the central bank would not consider the recovery well-established "until we see a sustained period of stronger job creation."

He repeated a pledge that central bank officials have been making for more than two years: that they will keep interest rates at record lows "for an extended period."

Bernanke said that consumer inflation has jumped 3.5 percent in the six months ending in April — well above the average of less than 1 percent over the preceding two years. But he noted that most of the increase had been caused by higher gas prices, which have been creeping down in recent weeks. Excluding food and energy, inflation has been tame, he noted.

He also noted that supply disruptions stemming from the March earthquake and tsunami in Japan have hampered growth in the April-June quarter. But he said the effect on manufacturing output likely will ease in the coming months.

Bernanke disagreed with critics who say the Fed's policies are raising inflation risks by weakening the dollar and contributing to the jump in oil and commodity prices. He said slow growth in the United States and a persistent trade deficit were the fundamental reasons for the dollar's decline, and not the Fed's interest rate policies.

Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co., asked Bernanke if he was concerned that rules from last year's financial overhaul law will take effect just as the economy is slowing.

Bernanke responded that the worst financial since the Great Depression "revealed a lot of weak spots" that needed to be addressed.

Oil holds steady

Oil stayed around $99 per barrel Tuesday as investors awaited OPEC's response to the recent surge in fuel prices.

On Tuesday benchmark crude for July delivery added 8 cents to settle at $99.09 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Prices wavered throughout the day as investors got government and industry data with different readings on fuel demand in the U.S.

A weekly survey by MasterCard SpendingPulse said Americans have bought less gasoline for 11 weeks in a row, when compared to a year ago. The survey, which analyzes credit card receipts at thousands of service stations in the U.S., suggests that high prices have forced drivers to make fewer visits to the gas station and drive less.

Meanwhile, gasoline pump prices dropped another penny Tuesday to a national average of $3.761 per gallon. A gallon of regular is 20.5 cents cheaper than it was a month ago, but it's still $1.037 higher than the same time last year.

In other Nymex trading for July contracts, natural gas added less than a penny to settle at $4.831 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar remains weak

The dollar remained weak against other major currencies late Tuesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said in a speech that higher gas prices and the crisis in Japan have led to a slowdown.

Despite that, he still predicted economic growth for the second half of the year. Bernanke didn't offer any new stimulus plans and he said key interest rates need to continue to remain low.

The euro was trading at $1.4693 late Tuesday after Bernanke's speech, up from $1.4587 Monday.

August gold fell $3.20 to settle at $1,544 an ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1554583	10.65	-.19
S&P500ETF	1453614	128.96	-.09
SprintNex	874187	5.49	-.11
SPDR Fncl	708512	14.90	-.04
FordM	698859	13.95	+.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TerraInrlnt	29.49	+8.48	+40.4
GushanE rs	2.78	+.63	+29.3
VlyNB wt18	2.61	+.41	+18.6
Qihoo360 n	23.80	+3.55	+17.5
ZuoanF n	5.98	+.86	+16.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Talbots	2.63	-1.79	-40.5
PrspBoy	11.20	-2.30	-17.0
ChinaDEd	3.16	-.39	-11.0
PhxNMda n	11.81	-1.39	-10.5
NoahHld n	10.30	-1.11	-9.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,719
Declined	1,315
Unchanged	123
Total issues	3,157
New Highs	38
New Lows	56
Volume	3,620,350,064

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Neoprobe	58312	3.88	-.40
VantageDrl	53692	1.97	+.10
KodiakO g	36376	5.99	+.10
CherwenEn	27096	10.02	+.02
NwGold g	26464	9.28	-.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Innisuites	2.06	+.20	+10.8
Walterinv	17.89	+1.67	+10.3
FlexSolu	2.39	+.20	+9.1
SagaComm	36.70	+2.81	+8.3
Accelr8	5.57	+.37	+7.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OrsusXel rs	2.23	-.85	-27.6
Amrhythm	4.80	-.79	-14.1
Medgenic n	3.15	-.35	-10.0
StreamGSv	3.39	-.36	-9.6
Neoprobe	3.88	-.40	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	225
Declined	242
Unchanged	40
Total issues	507
New Highs	2
New Lows	14
Volume	99,148,253

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	1061575	15.51	-.48
SiriusXM	607933	2.15	+.02
Intel	583465	22.06	+.23
PwShs QQQ	436245	55.79	-.10
MicronT	407621	8.95	-.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlloPhrm	24.20	+4.00	+19.8
8x8 Inc	3.77	+.62	+19.7
FriendFd n	5.98	+.98	+19.6
EntreM rs	4.40	+.60	+15.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Zion wt12-12	2.51	-.61	-19.6
ChinaYida	4.23	-1.02	-19.4
ChinaMed	7.65	-1.54	-16.8
Oxigne rsh	3.87	-.72	-15.7
FFinSvc	3.06	-.48	-13.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,443
Declined	1,126
Unchanged	136
Total issues	2,705
New Highs	20
New Lows	112
Volume	1,818,571,368

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $25.90 Up 0.16

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $67.55 Up 1.14

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $87.93 Down 1.09

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $32.37 Down 0.25

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.87 Down 0.44

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $9.39 Up 0.14

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $16.03 Down 0.35

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	30.31	-.05	+3.2
Abraxas	...	...	**3.64**	**-.06**	**-20.4**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	...	**10.80**	**+.01**	**+.6**
AMD		8	7.71	-.09	-5.7
AlcatelLuc	...	...	5.54	+.07	+87.2
Alcoa	.12	22	15.69	+.08	+1.9
AlonUSA	.16	...	11.11	+.26	+85.8
Amgen	...	**12**	**58.83**	**+.23**	**+7.2**
Anadarko	**.36**	...	**73.74**	**-1.01**	**-3.2**
Apache	**.60**	**13**	**117.90**	**+.73**	**-1.1**
Apple Inc		16	332.04	-6.00	+2.9
ApldMatl	**.32**	**11**	**13.03**	**+.14**	**-7.3**
ATMOS	**1.36**	**14**	**31.74**	**-.04**	**+1.7**
AutoData	1.44	22	52.99	-.16	+14.5
AvanirPhm	...	...	3.87	-.30	-5.1
BP PLC	**.42e**	...	**44.00**	**+.06**	**-.4**
Baidu		11	124.82	-2.15	+29.3
BakrHu	.60	30	72.58	+.35	+27.0
BkofAm	.04	19	10.65	-.18	-20.2
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	22.46	-.27	-40.2
BasicEnSv	...	...	25.90	+.16	+57.2
BerkHa A	...	**141**	**121200.00**	**-932.00**	**-5.9**
BerryPet	**.30**	**30**	**47.15**	**-.50**	**+7.9**
BlkHillsCp	**1.46**	**18**	**29.40**	**-.08**	**-2.0**
BrMySq	**1.32**	**15**	**27.99**	**+.02**	**+5.7**
BrcdeCm	...	24	7.00	+.04	+32.3
BrownFA	**1.28e**	**21**	**68.87**	**+.58**	**-.8**
BrownFB	**1.28e**	**21**	**69.87**	**+.17**	**+.4**
CVS Care	.50	15	37.37	+.12	+7.5
Cameron	...	20	45.29	+.50	-10.7
Caterpillar	1.76	18	99.88	+.02	+6.6
Celestic g	...	11	9.39	-.20	-3.2
CntryLink	2.90	12	40.34	-.40	-12.6
ChesEng	.30	10	29.73	+.05	+14.7
Chevron	**3.12f**	**10**	**99.47**	**-.21**	**+9.0**
Chicos	.20	20	13.66	-.26	+13.5
Chimera	.66e	6	3.70	-.03	-10.0
Cimarex	.40	15	87.57	-1.90	-1.1
Cisco	.24	12	15.51	-.48	-23.3
Citigrp rs	.04	13	37.58	-.49	-20.5
ClayEng	...	**66**	**67.55**	**+1.14**	**-19.6**
CocaCola	**1.88**	**13**	**65.20**	**-.22**	**-.9**
ColgPal	**2.32f**	**18**	**83.89**	**-.54**	**+4.4**
Comcast	.45	18	24.02	+.10	+9.8
CompPrdS	...	20	31.61	+.11	+7.0
ConAgra	**.92**	**16**	**24.33**	**-.03**	**+7.8**
ConchoRes	...	...	**87.93**	**-1.09**	**+.3**
ConocPhil	**2.64**	**10**	**70.87**	**-.05**	**+4.1**
CrackerB	.88	11	44.67	+.24	-18.4
CrosTim	**2.52e**	**15**	**41.36**	**-.48**	**+3.7**
DCP Mid	2.50f	...	38.83	-.01	+3.8
DTE	2.35f	14	49.96	-.04	+10.2
Dataram h	...	...	1.68	-.01	+7.0
Dawson	...	...	**32.37**	**-.25**	**+1.5**
Dell Inc	...	10	15.90	-.01	+17.3
DevonE	**.68f**	**9**	**80.73**	**-.79**	**+2.8**
DrSCBr rs	...	...	39.52	-.31	-15.6
DrxFnBull	...	...	23.75	-.02	-14.7
Disney	**.40f**	**17**	**39.35**	**-.05**	**+4.9**
DowChm	**1.00f**	**19**	**35.18**	**+.12**	**+3.0**
EMC Cp	...	29	27.06	-.26	+18.2
EOG Res	**.64**	...	**108.05**	**-1.01**	**+18.2**
EmpDist	...	**17**	**19.30**	**-.12**	**-13.1**
Energen	.54	16	59.36	-.22	+23.0
EngyTsfr	3.58	39	45.56	+.13	-12.1
EnPro	...	**13**	**44.58**	**-.15**	**+7.3**
EntPrPt	2.39f	36	40.48	-.69	-2.7
EricsnTel	.37e	...	14.64	+.04	+27.0
ExterranH	...	...	**19.63**	**-.14**	**-18.0**
ExxonMbl	**1.88f**	**11**	**80.00**	**-.29**	**+9.4**
FordM	...	7	13.95	+.04	-16.9
ForestOil	...	20	27.96	-.41	-26.4
FMCG s	1.00a	10	49.76	-.03	-17.1
FrozenFd	...	...	**3.97**	**+.17**	**-10.0**
GATX	**1.16**	**23**	**36.69**	**-.01**	**+4.0**
GabGloM	**.80**	...	**7.95**	**+.06**	**-3.2**
GAInv	**.63e**	...	**27.61**	**+.07**	**+2.9**
GenElec	**.60f**	**16**	**18.48**	**+.02**	**+1.0**
GenMot n		7	28.78	+.22	-21.9
Goltsmith	...	...	3.91	+.06	+61.6
Goodrich	**1.16**	**21**	**86.31**	**+1.24**	**-2.0**
GtPlainEn	**.83**	**14**	**20.57**	**+.06**	**+6.1**
Hallibrtn	**.36**	**20**	**48.10**	**+.06**	**+17.8**
Heinz	**1.92f**	**17**	**53.06**	**+.16**	**+7.3**
HewlettP	.48f	9	35.57	-.39	-15.5
Hitachi	...	...	**57.35**	**+.08**	**+7.5**
HuntBnk	.04	19	6.21	+.15	-9.6
iShSilver	...	...	36.12	+.41	+19.7
iShEMkts	.64e	...	47.47	+.37	-.4
iS Eafe	1.42e	...	60.69	+.55	+4.2
iShR2K	.89e	...	79.74	+.19	+1.9
IntegrysE	2.72	16	50.31	-.04	+3.7
Intel	**.84f**	**10**	**22.06**	**+.23**	**+4.9**
InterDig	.40	13	37.11	-.26	-10.9
IntPap	1.05f	11	29.78	+.13	+9.3
JPMorgCh	1.00	9	40.72	+.19	-4.0
JohnJn	**2.28f**	**15**	**65.50**	**-.55**	**+5.9**
KimbCik	**2.80**	**15**	**65.90**	**-.25**	**+4.5**
KindME	4.56f	44	72.35	-.02	+3.0
KindMM	4.56f	63	63.23	-.27	-5.5
LVSands		49	40.33	-.09	-12.2
LegacyRes	2.12f	...	28.87	-.44	-.5
Level3	...	...	2.16	-.04	+120.4
Lowes	.56f	16	22.99	+.12	-8.3
Lubys	...	...	**5.34**	**-.03**	**-14.6**
MGM Rsts			13.51	-.25	-9.0
MasseMCp s	**1.20f**	...	**15.84**	**+.09**	**+10.2**
McDnlds	2.44	17	81.14	+.44	+5.7
Merck	1.52	15	35.57	+.01	-1.3
MeritMed s	...	**46**	**18.89**	**+.30**	**+49.2**
MexcoEn	...	72	9.39	+.14	+22.7
MicronT	...	6	8.95	-.09	+11.6
Microsoft	.64	6	24.06	+.05	-13.8
Nabors	...	80	26.26	+.31	+11.9
NatGrid	**2.92e**	...	**48.87**	**+.57**	**+10.1**
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ParkDrl	...	...	**5.78**	**-.01**	**+26.5**
PattUTI	**.20**	**25**	**30.11**	**+.46**	**+39.7**
PenRE	**.60**	...	**16.28**	**+.06**	**+12.0**
Prmian	1.36e	15	20.48	-.23	-9.6
Pfizer	**.80**	**20**	**20.74**	...	**+18.4**
PioNtrl	.06	15	88.00	-.08	+1.4
PlainsAA	**3.88f**	**24**	**60.64**	**-.51**	**-3.4**
PwShs QQQ	.39e	...	55.79	-.10	+2.4
Praxair	**2.00**	**24**	**100.09**	**-.09**	**+4.8**
PrmEgy	...	...	**25.30**	**-.41**	**+30.8**
PrUSh&P			21.94	+.04	-7.7
ProctGam	**2.10f**	**17**	**65.06**	**-.44**	**+1.1**
RAM Engy	...	...	1.64	-.01	-10.9
RangeRs	.16	...	52.96	+.48	+17.7
RegionsFn	.04	...	6.07	+.02	-13.3
RschMotn	...	6	37.82	-1.09	-34.9
Rowan	...	**18**	**37.05**	**+.08**	**+6.1**
RoyDShllA	3.36	18	69.40	+.06	+3.9
SpdrDJIA	3.04e	...	120.49	-.24	+4.2
S&P500ETF	2.34e	...	128.96	-.09	+2.6
SabinR	3.77e	18	64.67	-.34	+8.6
SanderFm	**.68**	**9**	**40.95**	**-.54**	**+4.6**
SandRdge	...	...	**10.45**	**+.01**	**+42.8**
Sapient	...	**40**	**14.31**	**+.23**	**+18.3**
Schlmbrg	1.00	23	82.88	-.18	-.7
Schwab	.24	28	16.14	-.22	-5.7
SigmaAld	**.72**	**21**	**67.39**	**+.55**	**+1.2**
Sina	...	...	109.10	-.29	+58.5
SiriusXM	...	...	2.15	+.02	+31.9
Smucker	1.76	18	77.81	+.49	+18.5
SprintNex	...	...	5.49	-.11	+29.8
SP Engy	1.05e	...	73.56	...	+7.8
SPDR Fncl	.16e	...	14.90	-.04	-6.6
SP Inds	64e		35.82	-.02	+2.7
SunocoLg	4.78f	9	82.78	-.16	-1.0
TaiwSemi	.47e		13.88	+.20	+10.7
Talbots		9	2.63	-1.79	-69.1
TelefEsp s	**1.98e**	...	**24.15**	**+.36**	**+5.9**
TempleInld	.52	17	29.49	+8.48	+38.8
Tesoro		13	21.88	+.26	+18.0
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Trchmrk	**.66f**	**11**	**63.70**	**-.35**	**+6.6**
TriConti	**.29e**	...	**14.43**	**-.02**	**+4.9**
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WellsFargo	.48f	11	25.77	-.49	-16.8
WstnRefin		54	15.53	+.59	+46.8
WhitingPt s	...	56	61.30	-.59	+4.6
WmsCos	.50	22	29.83	+.11	+20.7
XcelEngy	**1.04f**	**15**	**24.24**	**+.04**	**+2.9**
Xerox	**.17**	**20**	**9.60**	**-.16**	**-16.7**
Yahoo		18	15.45	-.01	-7.1

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12,876.00	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	12,070.81	-19.15	-.16	+4.26	+21.44
5,565.78	3,872.64	Dow Jones Transportation	5,147.10	-3.07	-.06	+.79	+25.86
441.86	353.53	Dow Jones Utilities	425.38	+.40	+.09	+5.03	+17.80
8,718.25	6,355.83	NYSE Composite	8,131.69	+15.82	+.19	+2.11	+23.28
2,490.51	1,770.05	Amex Index	2,355.64	+2.90	+.12	+6.67	+30.48
2,887.75	2,061.14	Nasdaq Composite	2,701.56	-1.00	-.04	+1.84	+24.46
1,370.58	1,010.91	S&P 500	1,284.94	-1.23	-.10	+2.17	+20.99
14,562.01	10,596.20	Wilshire 5000	13,624.65	-1.74	-.01	+1.98	+22.60
868.57	587.66	Russell 2000	797.55	+2.23	+.28	+1.77	+29.12

SERIES

From 1C

because of the loss.

Nowitzki opened the game looking just fine, making his first three shots. But then he missed 10 of 11, and missed a free throw for the first time since Game 4 of the conference finals. By then, word spread of his illness.

With the game — and likely the series — on the line, Nowitzki found a way to come through. He made only 2 of 6 shots, but that included a terrific layup with 14.4 seconds left; he made all six of his free throws.

Hey, if he could win Game 2 with a left-handed layup two days after tearing a tendon in the tip of his middle finger, what's a little temperature?

"We all seen him go through walkthroughs," Chandler said. "Every time he started to talk he started coughing. He was wheezing."

Miami was poised to take a commanding lead in the series when Udonis Haslem hit a jumper that made it 74-65 early in the fourth quarter. It was the Heat's biggest lead and the way Nowitzki was playing, the Mavericks didn't seem capable of pulling off another rally like the 22-5 finish that won Game 2.

Yet Jason Terry — who kick-started that comeback with six straight points — made consecutive baskets, and the surge was on. Terry ended up capping it with two free throws with 6.7 seconds left that forced Miami to need a 3-pointer.

Dallas finally got the balanced scoring attack it wanted.

Larry W. Smith/AP

DEFINITION OF PASSION Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki (41) shoots in front of Miami's Joel Anthony (50) and Chris Bosh (1) on Tuesday during Game 4 of the NBA Finals in Dallas.

Terry had 17, Shawn Marion 16 and Chandler had 13 points and 16 rebounds.

DeShawn Stevenson, who moved to the bench so J.J. Barea could join the starting lineup, scored 11 points.

Miami, as usual, got little beyond its three superstars. Miller scored six points, Mario Chalmers had five and Haslem and Joel Anthony each scored four points.

The series is up for grabs now. Both teams are 1-1 at home, so all those stats about who wins under various circumstances seem pretty moot.

The bottom line is, it's a best-of-three series now.

It was an electric night from the start, with 20,430 fans again clad in their blue "The Time Is Now" giveaway T-shirts standing and screaming from the time Kelly Clarkson finished the national anthem.

The score was tight most of the night. Each team had its share of runs, but there also were long stretches of trading baskets.

The Mavs made half their shots in the first quarter, but gave up so many offensive rebounds — nine in the first 10 minutes, matching Miami's total for Game 3 — that the Heat tied it after one period despite shooting only 29 percent.

Miami got going in the second quarter, putting together a 12-2 spurt. Soon after Haslem went to the bench with three fouls, Dallas went back ahead being a 9-0 run fueled by defense: a travel, a charge, a shot-clock violation and two turnovers. Then it was Wade's turn.

He made two tough shots, then somehow got a shot to fall after being hit in the body and arms while driving to the rim. That three-point play started a 7-2 jag that left Miami up 47-45 at halftime.

Both teams sensed the game and series was on the line at the start of the third quarter. The action became more physical and both teams were up for the challenge, putting together six lead changes and five ties in the first 6:11.

In one flurry, Bosh hit a jumper with a man in his face, Barea darted to the rim and somehow got up a shot that then spun off the backboard and rim before falling, followed by Wade making a jumper over Marion as the shot clock was running out. Marion walked away shaking his head, smirking and saying, "I don't know, I don't know." Then Marion came back and banked in a hook shot over James.

Pryor giving up senior season at Ohio State

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Terrelle Pryor's career at Ohio State, which started with so much promise and potential, came to an abrupt and scandal-ridden end.

The Ohio State quarterback announced through his attorney Tuesday that he would not play for the Buckeyes this season. He had already been suspended for the first five games for breaking NCAA rules by accepting improper benefits from the owner of a tattoo parlor.

"In the best interests of my teammates, I've made the decision to forgo my senior year of football at The Ohio State University," Pryor said in a statement issued by Columbus lawyer Larry James.

Pryor will most likely make himself available for an NFL supplemental draft.

Pryor

"I would hope so. Also, he would hope so," said James, who added that Pryor was not available for comment. "But he's going to take the next couple of days to get his head together."

The Cleveland Plain Dealer first reported Pryor's announcement.

The NCAA is looking into all aspects of Ohio State's once-glittering program, from cash and tattoos to players, cars deals for athletes and other potential violations.

Pryor's announcement comes just eight days after Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel was forced to resign for knowing about the players' improper benefits but not telling any of his superiors.

"He did not want to be a distraction to his teammates," James said of Pryor. "This is something he came to consider after much thought."

Ohio State's athletic director, Gene Smith, quickly issued a statement wishing Pryor the best.

"We understand Terrelle's decision and wish him well in this next phase of his life," Smith said. "We hope he returns to The Ohio State University one day to finish his degree."

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Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy Inc. will increase volumes and pressures and modify the injection intervals.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith, C. A., Et al Lease, well numbers 654W and 655W. Well 654W is located approximately 5 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith and Well 655W is located approximately 5.5 miles south from the city of Goldsmith. Both wells are in the Goldsmith (Clear Fork) Field in Ector County, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969 to 7867 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0270969
DATE OF ISSUANCE: June 7, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 717444
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 19, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 20, Bk. B, CCSD&RGNG RR CO / BURKES, M & W M Survey, A-1570, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 14.3 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jul 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	FUNKHOUSER "20" A	
Lease/Unit Well No.:	1	
Lease/Unit Acres:	40.2	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	653.0	
Lease Lines:	667.0 F NORTH L.	653.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines:	667.0 F WEST L.	660.0 F SOUTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10900 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, PATRICIA CHI, at (972) 969-3725.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0271023
DATE OF ISSUANCE: June 8, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 716116
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 20, 2011
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967
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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	O'BRIEN	
Lease/Unit Well No.:	13	
Lease/Unit Acres:	494.1	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1025.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1304.0	
Lease Lines:	2072.0 F South L.	1025.0 F Northeast L
Survey Lines:	2072.0 F South L.	1861.0 F West L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) AZALEA (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for the field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

AZALEA (STRAWN): GAS Special Rules 660/2640, 320.0 acres
OIL Statewide Rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DEBBIE BAKER, at (972) 969-3986.

General Announcements

LOOKING FOR someone to draw 3 small sketches. Call 853-9391 after 5:00 for details.

Lost & Found

FOUND BLACK Cocker Spaniel. Call identify. Leave voicemail 432-528-7456.

FOUND KEYS and assorted items in Holiday Hill Village Sat. 5/28. Call 432-684-7751

FOUND MIX Shar-Pei/ Basenji, male, blue collar, near Midland Dr./Neely. 557-8220

SMALL BLACK & white puppy, purple collar Jumburrito & Lamesa. Call 432-770-5682

LOST MENS wallet, belongs to Omar S. at movie theater on Friday, June 3. REWARD! Please call 432-238-1975

Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Permian Basin Community Centers is seeking proposals for the provision of the following services:

***American Association of Suicidolgy Crisis Hotline** Services for Midland, Ector, Pecos, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth, Culberson, Presidio & Brewster Counties

The contract shall be for a twelve (12) month period with an option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year contract terms.

A copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) **#MH/AAS 11-05** may be obtained by submitting a written or faxed request for the RFP to:

Permian Basin Community Centers
401 E. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701
Contact: Justin Felts
jfelts@pbmhmr.com
Phone: 432-570-3397
Fax: 432-570-3642

Or proposals can be downloaded off the Permian Basin Community Center website at www.pbmhmr.com under the contract category.

Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 pm July 6th, 2011.

Business Opportunity

FOR SALE coin operated laundry serving 3 west texas cities since 1984. 432-283-2488

Autos For Sale or Lease

Business Center

Business Opportunity

AVAILABLE - restaurant, bar, dancing hall & enterainment zone Downtown Midland 106 A St. 262-5763

Passenger Cars

BMW 2001 325i White, sports package, 114K miles, $8,950 432-553-7332

BUICK 1994 LeSabre 66k, Lincoln 1996 Towncar 97k. Great cars! $5,950 Each. 683-3489 after 10am.

BUICK 1996 Regal Burgandy, 4 dr., only 72k miles, new tires great car! $3,500 432-262-2024

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Legado Permian, LLC, Opr. No. 495443, 10003 Woodloch Forest Dr. Ste 900, The Woodlands, TX 77380 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for permit to inject fluids into a porous formation productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres Formation in the Goldsmith-Landreth/San Andres/Ut Lease, Goldsmith Field, well numbers 221R & 297W. The proposed injection wells are located approximately 2 miles west from Goldsmith, Ector County, TX. The fluids will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4062'-4500' & 4007'-4500' respectively.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show that 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, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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Passenger Cars

CADILLAC 1992 Sedan Deville. Only 111K miles. $1,500 432-664-4690

CADILLAC 2005 CTS 1 car owner, loaded, exterior black with tan leather interior. 45k mi, $19000. 638-5701

CADILLAC 2007 DTS V8, 78,000 miles, B&B Auto Sales 683-6222

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CHEVROLET 1967 Camaro. Car is set up for drag racing. $2,000 call 432-556-9945

CHEVROLET 1986 CORVETTE, red, 118k mi, automatic, new tires, runs great, $7500. 432-557-6258

CHEVROLET 1995 Corvette Convertible, 40K mi, all new tires. $14,000 obo 213-2893

CHEVROLET 1999 Corvette convertible, $15,000. 5306 Green Tree. call 661-6543

CHEVROLET 2004 Impala. Very nice. 30 MPG, cold A/C. $4900. 432-664-4690

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CHEVY 2008 MALIBU 43k mi, 30 plus mi per gallon, non smoker, no wrecks, transferrable extended warranty, $13500 obo, 432-352-7154

CHRYSLER 2010 Touring, 32k miles, leather, loaded, $18,700. 967-0873

DODGE 2006 Charger R/T with Hemi, very nice. Black with gray leather. 79K miles. Transferable warranty. Below NADA at $17,200. FSBO Individual. See pics at www.chipmccarver.com Call 432-553-9972

DODGE 2007 CALIBER silver, new tires, clean, 53k mi, $8400. 432-699-6287

DODGE 2010 Charger SXT, 33k miles, loaded, $17,700. 432-967-0873

FORD 1993 Mercury Cougar, XR7, blue, everything works, tags are current. $1200 OBO 432-262-0874

FORD 2001 Focus ZX3. Silver/ black, 35 MPG, auto, AC, CD, new tires. 699-0604 or 405-823-2624. $3,950

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., June 22, 2011 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 3707-11
For: Repair 2 staircases at Citibank Ballpark.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0270489
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 21, 2011 — Status/Permit No. 714736
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 2, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	STIMSON-BURLEY "C"
Lease/Unit Well No.:	4
Lease/Unit Acres:	160.9
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1225.0
Lease Lines:	770.0 F SOUTH L, 660.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines:	1880.0 F NORTH L, 660.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11150 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, TAMMY SMITH, at (972) 444-9001.

Passenger Cars

BMW of the Permian Basin
5715 Andrews Hwy. • Midland
432-522-5900

2008 BMW 535i
Silver/Gray, Prem & Sport Pkg, Navigation Logic 7" Rear Window Shades, Sat. - Appx. 23k Miles
CPO / 6 Yrs. or 100k Warranty

(2) 2008 BMW 328i COUPES
Gray/Beige & Red/Beige
CPO 6 Yrs Or 100k Mile Warranty

(2) 2008 BMW 528i
Prem. Pkg., Leather Seats, Heated Seats, Ipod/USB Adap.
CPO 6 Yr. or 100k Mile Warranty

2010 BMW 328i CONVERTIBLE
White/Saddle
Prem Pkg, Nav.,Heated Seats, Sat Radio, Hi Fi Stereo,Comfort Access

2008 FJ CRUISER TRAILS TEAM EDITION
White/Black
Waterproof Seats, KC Lights

2006 JEEP COMMANDER SUV
Red/Gray, Hemi, 4x4, Rear Entertainment, Sat. Radio, Sunroof

2005 BMW 545i
Blk/Blk, Cold Weather Pkg, Sport Pkg., Prem. Sound Pkg, Sat. Radio, PDC

(2) 2010 MERCEDES C300
Blk/Blk & Wht/Blk
Sport Pkg., Sunroof

2008 CHEVY Z71
LTZ CrewCab
Silver/Gray Leather
Appx. 29K Miles
Heated Seats

bmwpermianbasin.com

FORD 2006 MUSTANG convertible. V6, 47k mi, $14,500. 432-218-8424, 889-9938

FORD 2006 MUSTANG GT, Mach 1 conversion, 4K miles, like new. $24,999. 432-296-1119

FORD 2009 Fusion SE, red, V6, 83K miles, 4 door. Excellent! $11,000. 556-1901

HONDA 2005 Accord EX, 83,600 mi, leather, loaded, geat car. $11,500. 230-7367

HYUNDAI 2006 Sonata, V-6, 4 door, we finance W.A.C., B&B Auto Sales 683-6222

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INFINITI 2007 G35 Coupe, 27,500 mi, excellent condition, all options, $22,000. Call 634-5073.

LEXUS 2004 LS430, excellent condition, well maintained and serviced regularly by owner. $20,000. Call 432-553-1112.

MERCEDES 2002 240 4DR, 67,000 miles, B&B Auto Sales 683-6222.

NISSAN 2010 Altima 2.5S, 32k miles, $17,500. 967-0873.

NISSAN ALTIMA SL 2005 81k mi leather, heated seats. Newer tires, Great condition $12,000 352-8125

PONTIAC 2005 Vibe L4, will finance W.A.C. B&B Auto 683-6222.

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SATURN 1999 SL1, leather, loaded, cold AC, $2,500. 432-664-4690.

Passenger Cars

SATURN 2002 SL1, extra clean, very nice, cold AC. $3,500. 432-664-4690

TOYOTA 1997 Camry, mechanical sound, a/c works. Must see. Asking $4500. 349-0041

VOLVO 2007 S40, leather sunroof & great gas mileage. $14,000. Call 432-853-8115.

WANTED!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars & pick-ups. 432-685-4078

Hybrid

TOYOTA 2008 Prius white, loaded inc. navigation. $19,975 OBO 82.6k mi. 218-7377

Exotic Cars

CHEVROLET 2005 Corvette Convertable, silver with gray top $33,500 neg. Call 432-638-5475

CORVETTE 2009 convertible, orange metallic, automatic, 1500 actual miles. 432-686-8820

Antique & Vintage

C C Riders 11th annual Car Show and Sonic Cruise. June 10th - 11th, Colorado City, TX. Cruise Friday June 10th, registration begins at 6pm at Railhead building downtown. Car show Saturday June 11th at Railhead building. Registration from 8am until 12 noon. Call 325-242-0929 or 325-242-2727 or go to ccriderscar show.com for more information.

FORD 1963 FALCON Futura, 2 door convertible, runs good. $7500 firm. 432-270-0741

FORD 1966 Thunderbird REDUCED PRICE $12,000 obo. Please call 432-694-1429

MERCEDES BENZ 1978 450 SEL reduced price $8000 very good condition. Please call 432-694-5529

Pickup Trucks

CHEVROLET 2003 1500 Extended cab, lift kit, large tires, 97K miles. $11,000. Call 559-1993 or 699-7908

CHEVROLET 2003 S10 ZR2, auto, 4WD, 6 cylinder 4.3, 76,363 mi, excellent condition, great power, spray on bed. $12,000 408-839-0318

CHEVROLET 2004 Avalanche. New transmission with warranty, 98k miles, $10,000. Ask for Chuck 432-853-3774

CHEVROLET 2005 Silverado 2500HD, 4x4, 4 door, 81,500 miles, black, $15,500. Call 432-770-9370 or 432-697-5735

CHEVROLET 2005 SSR Pick up, hard top convertible, yellow, 36K miles, new tires, excellent condition. Serious inquires only. 432-262-6933 or 325-277-1567

CHEVROLET 2006 2500 HD Crew Cab, white, auto, 262K miles, great condition! Only $6,000. 218-9941

CHEVROLET 2006 Avalanche LT, fully loaded, leather, Bose sound system, 6 Disc changer, DVD player, sunroof, heated seats. Very clean truck. $16,500. 638-0824

CHEVROLET 2010 Silverado 1500 Extended Cab LT, Texas Edition, rhino bed liner, power rear sliding window, turn by turn navigation. 4500 miles. $28,500. 432-520-5898 or 349-4536

CHEVY 2004 Avalanche, $13,000. Good cond. 70,000 mi, with extras. Call/text 934-6711

FORD 2002 F250, crew cab, 7.3 diesel, we finance W.A.C. B&B Auto Sales 683-6222.

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McCLURE OIL COMPANY

JIB Accountant

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American State Bank is accepting applications for Part time Teller and a Full Time Personal Banker. View full job descriptions at www.asbonline.com/careers. Please apply in person at 509 W. Wall.

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ENGINEERING / GEOTECH

Active Independent Oil & Gas Company needs Engineering-GeoTech who will also serve as Administrative Assistant and Personal Secretary to the CEO. Person should be familiar with log libraries, mapping systems and acquisition of production data. Participation possible. Please send resumes to P-145 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Receptionist

Duties include answering phones, managing the mail, making travel arrangements. Candidate will support sales and office staff. Must be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment and under time constraints. Must be proficient in MS Office, Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Outlook. Also must be able to pass a drug test. Email resumes: rc_fptx@yahoo.com

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Operators/Drivers

T -REX Services FT/PT

Major Hydro Excavation Company is recruiting Operators/Drivers. Labor-intensive position with occasional travel. Must have valid class B CDL with tanker endorsement, pass drug screen and DOT physical, competitive pay, depending on experience with retirement and medical insurance. Call 432-563-3555 between 8am-4pm.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Entry Level

Swab Rig and Wireline Helpers, $10/hr plus benefits. Must have good driving record and pass drug test. Opportunity for advancement. Apply at: #14 East Industrial Loop. Send resume to: PO Box 9423, Midland, TX 79707. 432-699-1200

Atlas Pipeline

Fieldman – Atlas Pipeline needs a qualified individual in our Midkiff gas processing facility located in Regan County, TX.

Requirements: must have a valid TX driver license & satisfactory driving record & 3 yrs experience in natural gas field compression operations. Must be willing to work overtime and some holidays.

Atlas offers rich medical & dental benefits & 401k.

Qualified candidates submit resume to

HR@atlaspipeline.com or
fax to (918) 925-3990. (reference job#17/18)

MWD Coordinator

Leam Drilling Systems Inc. FT
Midland, TX 79701
Looking for an MWD Coordinator. Prior experience necessary. Interested applicants can apply via email: agotcher@leam.net

BCCK Engineering, Inc. is a well established, rapidly expanding and leading edge technical engineering firm in the oil and gas industry in Midland, Texas. Since 1980, BCCK has been designing and constructing facilities worldwide which incorporate proprietary technology for the energy industry.

We are seeking qualified candidates for the following permanent positions:

- **Chemical Engineer** – Multiple positions available for mid to senior level (5yrs+) with strong emphasis in the oil & gas or refinery experience, proficient in process simulation and plant startup. Plant design experience highly desirable.
- **Piping Designers** – Experience in the 3D plant design and computer drafting of gas processing facilities with a minimum of 4 years design experience. AutoCAD experience required and CADWorx Plant highly desired.
- **Instrumentation & Electrical (I&E) Designer** - Perform detailed design of Instrument and Electrical projects related to oil and gas EPC projects by working with Sr. Piping Designers as needed in coordination of piping-electrical-instrument related devices. 3D AutoCAD experience highly desired, minimum of 4 years design experience
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- **Automation Technician** – Mid to senior level (5yrs+) with proficiency in PLC programming software with the ability to read P&IDs and translate into control system code and specify instrumentation to meet process needs

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ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES
E-mail: hr@bcck.com
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Production Analyst

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation, has an immediate opening for a Production Analyst in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Resolving routine production database issues
- Verifying oil and gas sales
- Timely submission of Production filings for Company wells in West Texas Southeast New Mexico
- Written and verbal communication with production operations and regulatory agencies

The qualified candidate will have 1-3 years experience in the oil and gas industry; 1-2 years Production experience preferred. A broad knowledge of operations and Production accounting functions in Texas, New Mexico, and Federal Lands is a plus. Strong computer, written, communication, verbal, and organizational skills is a must.

We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan with a complete benefits package.

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Primary Home Care / Family Care Field Supervisor

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT
Nurses Unlimited, Inc seeking full time Primary home Care / Family Care Field Supervisor, must have 2 years of college Credits or 2 years experience as a supervisor in a medical facility or health care agency. Some travel required, mileage paid, 401K, Paid vacation days. Contact Karen McCain at 432-580-2000, 1-800-458-3257 or Fax resume to 432-580-2065. M-Th Sa-5p Fri Sa-12p E.O.E

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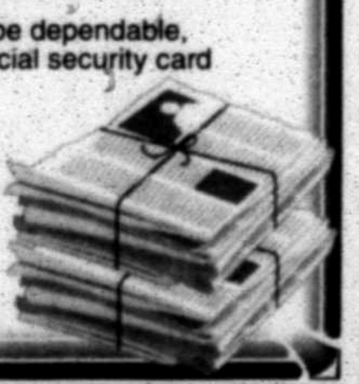

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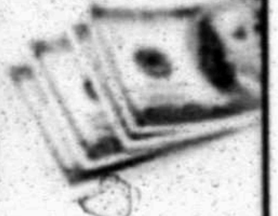

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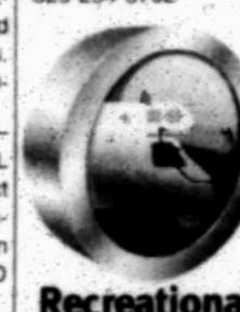

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RVs

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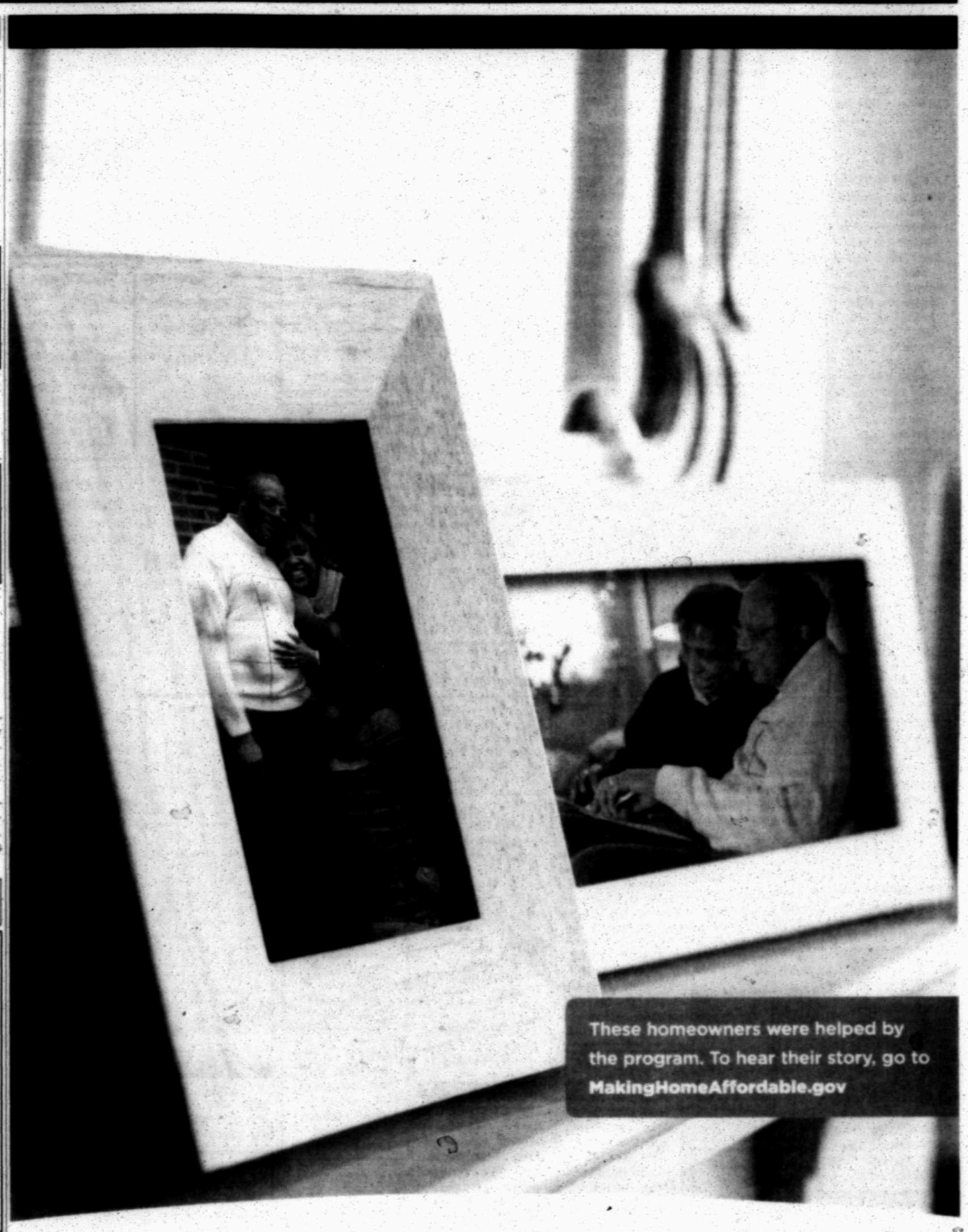

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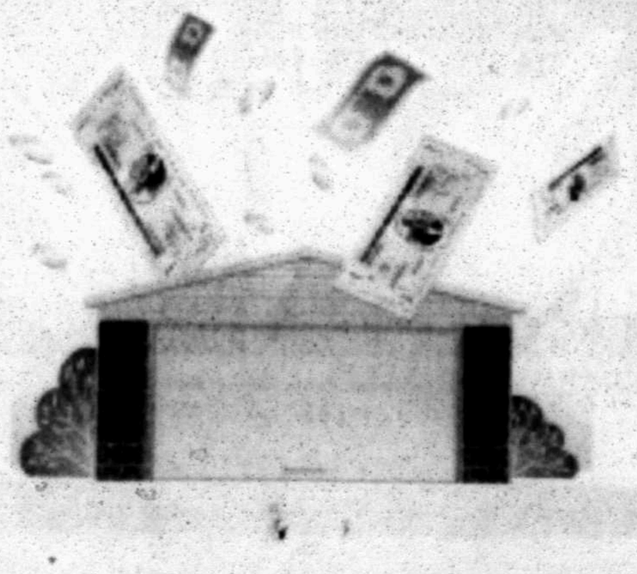

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