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Record housing, permits in June regional index

Oil and gas industry slowed by falling commodity prices may soon impact growth cycle

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Just as the Federal Reserve was reporting the national economy was losing strength, the Midland-Odessa economy was found to be retaining its economic momentum.

Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham, who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for the Midland Development Corp. and Security Bank, said the combined economy of the two cities continued to expand at a rapid clip. He reported the economy grew 3.1 percent in the second quarter alone and has grown 6.4 percent in the first half of the year. The index is 14.9 percent higher than June 2011.

Even so, Ingham said it appears an economic slowdown could be on the horizon as the region's economic engine, the oil and gas industry, is slowed by falling commodity prices. The Permian Basin oil and gas industry, he pointed out, always has been a leading indicator of the health of the overall economy.

Some bank customers already are seeing a slowdown in their business, said Jim Smitherman, chief executive officer of Security Bank. He noted that even the nation's major oil and gas producers reported falling earnings because of weaker oil prices, which have lost about $30 a barrel since March. Tension in the Middle East and optimism that governments in Europe and the United States would act to stimulate wobbly economies helped oil prices rebound to near $90

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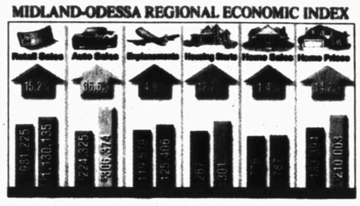

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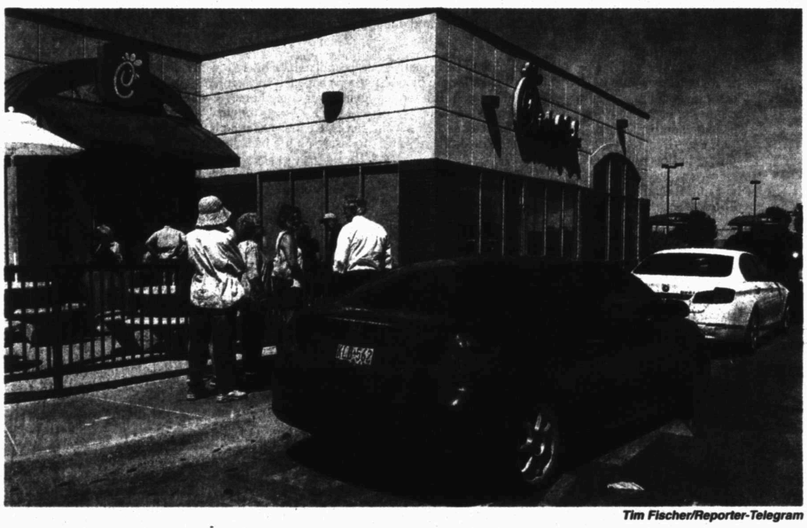

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Midlanders showed their support for Chick-fil-A's CEO by lining up to buy lunch or drinks at the Loop 250 location on Wednesday.

Midlanders pack Chick-fil-A locations in support of national 'appreciation day'

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Midlanders who didn't think Chick-fil-A could become anymore crowded than it already is were proved wrong Wednesday.

Supporters from around the Permian Basin showed up in droves at both the Chick-fil-A on Loop 250 and the restaurant in Midland Park Mall.

Some waited in a drive-thru line that wrapped around the building multiple times, while others stood in a line that stretched down the sidewalk so they could place an order. During lunchtime, traffic was backed up on the Loop 250 service road all the way to Midland Drive with cars trying to turn into Chick-fil-A's parking lot.

"I'd stay here for four hours if I had to," said Mary Ann Harless, who had been sitting in the drive-thru for about an hour. "I stand for what (Dan T. Cathy, president and CEO of Chick-fil-A) stands for. God's going to bless him tremendously."

The controversy surrounding the chicken chain started in July when Cathy told a Baptist publication that he's "guilty as charged" for backing "the biblical definition of a family." According to the Associated Press, Cathy said in another interview, "I think we are inviting God's judgment on our nation when we shake our fist at him and say, 'We know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage.'"

The statements incited a backlash from gay rights groups and also caused mayors in Boston and Chicago to make it clear they don't believe Chick-fil-A's stances, or in some cases its restaurants, belong in their cities.

In response, Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas and a Baptist minister, declared Wednesday as "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day."

On a Facebook event page Huckabee created for the

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Chick-fil-A supporters and protestors turned up at locations across the nation. See more pictures from the "appreciation day" gatherings.

Also, see what our Facebook readers had to say about the eatery's impact on the gay marriage debate.

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Cruz hopes tea party, Texas GOP are now synonymous

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Newly minted U.S. Senate nominee Ted Cruz said Wednesday that he hopes the tea party and the Texas Republicans are now synonymous, asserting that the grassroots movement is bringing the "party back to the policies we should have been defending in the first place."

Still basking in the glow of his monster upset of establishment GOP favorite Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in Tuesday's runoff for the nomination to replace retiring Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, the former state solicitor general said, "I think the tea party is one of the most incredible movements in politics in modern history."

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George Will and Ken Herman react to Ted Cruz's runoff victory.

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"There are folks in the media that try to portray the tea party as radical and extreme. The tea party are everyday Texans, everyday Americans that believe in common sense answers, living within our means, not spending more than we have and not saddling our kids and grandkid with a crushing debt," Cruz said.

Addressing reporters in hometown of Houston, Cruz was asked if the movement and the mainstream party were now one and the same. He didn't mince word.

"I hope so," Cruz said.

But others pointed to a growing rift within the party because so many Texas Republicans lined up behind Dewhurst, who seemed until the last few weeks like a slam-dunk in the race. Gov. Rick Perry endorsed the lieutenant governor, as did much of the state's Republican establishment, and even baseball legend Nolan Ryan.

Overseeing the state Senate from the powerful lieutenant governor's post since 2003, Dewhurst helped run some of the most-conservative legislative sessions in state history. But he was targeted as too

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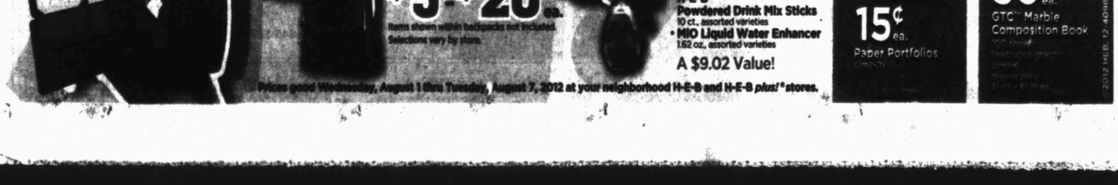

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US appeals court blocks Ariz. 20-week abortion ban

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A federal appeals court on Wednesday temporarily prohibited Arizona from enforcing its new ban on most abortions starting at 20 weeks of pregnancy.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued its order two days after a trial judge ruled that the ban could take effect today as scheduled.

The appellate court put the ban on hold until a pending appeal is decided, which will take at least several months.

It said in a brief order that it will hold a hearing as soon as possible this fall after receiving legal briefs due in September and October. Abortion-rights groups appealed U.S. District Judge James Teilborg's ruling that the ban is constitutional, partly because of concerns about health of women and possible pain for fetuses.

The case centers on whether the ban violates U.S. Supreme Court rulings that states cannot prohibit abortion before a fetus is able to survive outside the womb.

That's generally considered to be about 24 weeks. Normal pregnancies run about 40 weeks.

Arizona currently bans abortions at viability. Attorneys on both sides of the issue said courts haven't blocked 20-week bans before. Arizona is among 10 states to enact types of 20-week bans.

Teilborg ruled that Arizona's law is only a permitted regulation, not an actual prohibition of abortion. It has exceptions for medical emergencies, and it doesn't prohibit any woman from making the decision to end her pregnancy, he said in his ruling.

Also, affected women can file separate lawsuits on a case-by-case basis to argue that they should be allowed to have an abortion after 20 weeks due to individual circumstances, he said.

As a regulation, the law is justified to help the state protect the health of women and prevent fetuses from feeling pain, Teilborg said. The New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights said Teilborg's ruling ran counter to Supreme Court rulings by effectively banning abortion before viability, not just regulating it.

US vets mix regret, detachment on Iraq violence

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Just months after the U.S. military departed, violence in Iraq is increasing. Hundreds of people have died in recent weeks in bombings and drive-by shootings, some claimed by al-Qaida insurgents.

How do the U.S. troops who fought in Iraq for nearly nine years, and in December completed withdrawing from what was supposed to be an emerging democracy, view the turmoil?

More than 1.5 million Americans served in the Iraq War, and these are just a handful of voices from among those ranks, offering a range of perspectives. Some worry the sacrifices may have been for nothing. Others have put all news of Iraq behind them as they focus on their civilian lives. Some take a long view and say history has yet to decide the war's outcome.

Here are their views:

Former Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew Rothlein

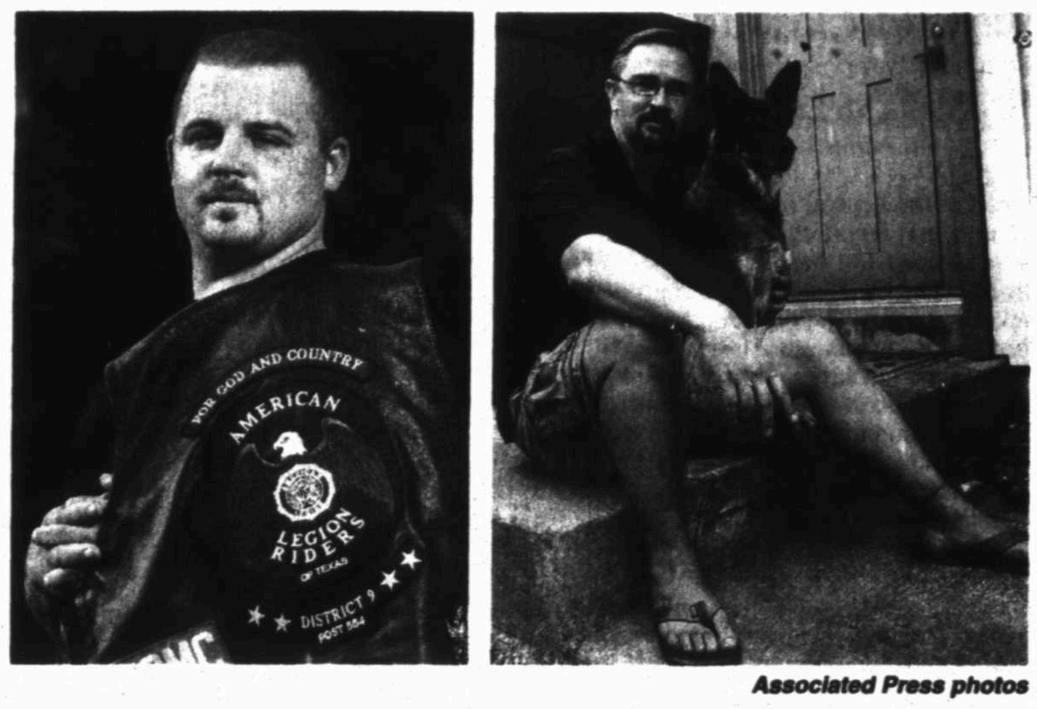
A native of League City, Rothlein fought in a unit in Fallujah in 2004, going building to building hunting insurgent snipers in one of the bloodiest battles of the war. He joined the Marines fresh out of high school, emboldened to do something for his country after the 9/11 terror attacks. He left the service six years ago and Iraq's unrest this year leaves him wondering why nearly 4,500 American military members died in the war.

"What did we lose our lives for?" Rothlein asks. "We never really saw justice. Sure we took out Saddam but none of the other lives needed to be lost. Iraq's not free. Afghanistan is not free."

Rothlein said he has been comforted by Vietnam veterans, who he says know what it was like to fight in a controversial war with no clear victory, then return home to hear their fellow citizens debate whether it was all worth it. Don't go there, they tell him. Just accept that it is what it is.

Rothlein and several buddies from his unit have suffered bouts of post-traumatic stress disorder. Adjusting to life in the United States would be easier and maybe the nightmares would be less if he could find a sense of purpose in the suffering his unit endured, he said.

"If they (Iraqis) were starting to flourish in a democratic way, it would be like 'Mission accomplished. We went over there and it made a difference. We helped the people of Iraq. We made history.' But we didn't make history. We're going to be in the history books for the bloodiest battle in Iraq. But for what? There was no outcome. We may as well have all gotten killed. There's no finish line."



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LEFT: Former Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew Rothlein, of League City, fought in a unit in Fallujah in 2004, going building to building hunting insurgent snipers in one of the bloodiest battles of the war. **RIGHT**: U.S. Marine Todd Kennedy, pictured with his pet, Malcolm, in San Diego, served two tours in Iraq. He no longer follows the news there, focusing instead on studying history and anthropology at San Diego State University.

Former Marine 1st Sgt. Todd Kennedy

The former Marine served two tours in Iraq but said he no longer closely follows the news there, especially since his fellow troops have left for another conflict or come home.

After a 22-year military career, Kennedy said he is focusing on life back home. The 41-year-old is working on dual degrees in history and anthropology at San Diego State University.

"For me personally, I have no regrets about the deployments, I have no regrets about the (Iraq) conflict in general," he said. "In any war there are lessons learned. Any war has its skeletons. Any war has its debates, repercussions, its conspiracies. Regardless of whether it was right or wrong to go into there, for me personally, it's not something I did a lot of dwelling on. It's one of those things. The nation called on me, so it was something I had to do."

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Where is Syria's top leader? Assad mystery deepens

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian President Bashar Assad urged his military Wednesday to boost its fight against rebels, but his written call to arms only deepened a mystery over his whereabouts two weeks after a bomb penetrated his inner circle.

Assad has not spoken publicly since the July 18 bombing killed four of his top security officials — including his brother-in-law — during a rebel assault on the capital, Damascus. The president's low profile has raised questions about whether he fears for his personal safety as the civil war escalates dramatically.

The United States called the Syrian president a coward for marshaling his forces from the pages of the army's official magazine.

"We think it's cowardly, quite frankly, to have a man hiding out of sight, exhorting his armed forces to continue to slaughter the civilians of his own country," said U.S. State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell.

Sausan Ghosheh, the spokeswoman for the U.N. mission in Syria, said Wednesday that international observers witnessed warplanes firing in Aleppo, Syria's largest city, where intense fighting has been raging for 12 days.

Speaking to reporters in Damascus, Ghosheh said the situation in Aleppo was dire.

"Yesterday, for the first time, our observers saw firing from a fighter aircraft. We also now have confirmation that the opposition is in a position of having heavy weapons, including tanks," she said, adding that for civilians, there "is a shortage of food, fuel, water and gas."

The U.N.'s World Food Program said it was sending enough emergency food aid for 28,000 people in the city of 3 million.

The U.N. has estimated that some 200,000 residents have fled Aleppo. On Wednesday, a Ukrainian military plane evacuated from Aleppo dozens of Ukrainians and Polish women with their children and in some cases Syrian husbands.

The conflict in Syria, which activists said has killed more than 19,000 people since March 2011, has drawn deep international condemnation. But world powers have few options to help beyond diplomacy — in part because of fears that any military intervention could make matters worse.

Associated Press

Workers use a cable-cutting system to section the giant Japanese dock that was torn away by last year's tsunami and washed ashore on Wednesday in Newport, Ore. The plan is to cut the 165-ton concrete dock into five slices, like a loaf of bread, and load them onto flatbed trucks, which drive over the soft sand on a roadway of planks and steel plates.

Workers cut up Oregon tsunami dock

Associated Press

With a crowd of spectators lounging in lawn chairs and snapping photos, workers on Wednesday started cutting up the boxcar-sized Japanese dock that was torn away from a fishing port by last year's tsunami and washed up on an Oregon beach.

The plan is to cut the 165-ton concrete dock into five slices, like a loaf of bread, using a piece of equipment called a wire saw. If all goes well, the work should be finished by today, leaving nothing but a depression in the sand until the ocean waves fill the beach back in again.

"We really are trying to keep in mind that this came from a massive disaster in Japan and try to treat it with the respect it deserves," Scott Korab, director of business development for Ballard Diving and Salvage of Vancouver, Wash., said over the low rumble of the wire saw and the roar of the wind.

"We are trying to complete the job in a safe and timely manner, and make sure we are giving the public all the time they need to get some last photos of everything as well," he said.

Key Statistics:

How far the dock had to travel across the Pacific Ocean to wash up on the Oregon beach:

5,000 miles

How much the boxcar-sized Japanese dock weighs:

165 tons

The pieces will be lifted by a crane onto flatbed trucks. The trucks drive over the soft sand on a temporary roadway of planks and steel plates. Biologists will check the bottom of each slice for invasive species. The pieces, one to a truck, will be driven to the Portland suburb of Sherwood for dismantling.

An 11-foot piece bearing a mural of blue waves that mysteriously appeared on the dock in the past week will be cut off and returned to Newport for use in a memorial to be erected somewhere yet to be determined, Korab said.

The Oregon Historical Society has asked for a piece, as has a museum at the University of Oregon, said Parks Department spokesman Chris Havel.

Korab's company won the contract from the department with a bid of $84,155.

Workers dug around the dock to the bottom, then snaked a PVC pipe through the wet sand underneath and threaded the cutting wire through. Then they hooked it up to a motor and pulleys on top of the dock that keep the wire running continuously in a loop, cutting through the mass of concrete and rebar. Workers have a diagram of the dock to plot the best path for cutting.

The 60-some spectators, kept away by a fence of safety tape, were a new element for the workers, Korab said.

"We have people kind of camping out as if this was a parade. People brought their lawn chairs and are finding logs to sit on, watching it all unfold," he said. "We usually are doing things under the radar."

The dock became an international sensation after washing ashore on Agate Beach north of Newport, Ore., on June 5.

A commemorative plaque showed it was one of four owned by Aomori Prefecture that broke loose from the port of Misawa on the northern tip of the main island during the 2011 tsunami.

Scientists have warned that the 1.5 tons of seaweed, mussels, barnacles and starfish attached to the dock represented a significant threat from invasive species, which could disrupt the local ecosystem.

It is the biggest single piece of tsunami debris so far to float some 5,000 miles across the Pacific and wash up on North America's shores.

An abandoned fishing boat that appeared off Alaska was sunk. A motorcycle in a shipping crate appeared on a remote island off British Columbia and went to a museum. A soccer ball reached Alaska. And officials are keeping an eye on what appears to be a barge floating off the coast of Washington.

The Japanese government estimated 1.5 million tons of debris was washed into the ocean, but it remains uncertain how much remains afloat.

Black market Olympics tickets operation shut down

Associated Press

LONDON — A black market operation in London Olympics tickets has been stopped and buyers of 20,000 seats will be denied entry to venues, the government said Wednesday.

Britain's Office of Fair Trading (OFT) said a joint operation with police had shut down websites run by Euroteam, an unauthorized ticket trader based in Oslo, Norway.

Euroteam had obtained some 5,000 real tickets for the games illegally.

Some of those tickets were seized by police in Oslo this week, and appeared to have been supplied to Euroteam from eastern Europe, Norway's most senior Olympic official told The Associated Press.

"We think that they are coming from two countries in eastern Europe," said Gerhard Heiberg, a member of the International Olympic Committee. "This is not a good case. We hate that it has happened in Norway."

Heiberg said it was not clear if the seized tickets were sold to the black market by international sports officials

London Games tickets are valid only when obtained through authorized outlets or are allotted to the so-called "Olympic family," which includes national Olympic committees, sports federations, sponsors and athletes. The OFT, Britain's consumer protection service, said the investigation led Euroteam and its director Andreas Gyrre to make a deal at a court in London.

It said Euroteam would "provide a full refund to any of their customers who either do not receive their tickets or are refused entry to an event," the government body said in a statement.

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For more information about Rock the Desert see 1B and Pulse.

New movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

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

Midland again posts top-10 jobless rate

Midland tied for seventh lowest unemployment rate in the nation during the month of June, according to statistics released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Bismarck, N.D., topped the list with an unemployment rate of 2.8 percent. Midland's unemployment rate was 4.3 percent. There were no other Texas cities in the top 12.

See Sunday's Your City section for lowest rates from across the country.

July weather report

Average high: 95.5
Average low: 71.8
Average temperature: 83.6
Typical average temperature for July: 82.2
Precipitation in July: 1.30 inches
Average precipitation in July: 1.82 inches

Other notes:
Hottest high: 101 (July 25, 31)
Days over 100: 3
Coolest low: 67 (July 6, 12)

Source: National Weather Service

Water worries

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

Tuesday's total: 14,269,000 gallons (CRMWD 10,392,000, Paul Davis field 3,877,000)

Previous three Tuesdays:
July 24 total: 14,179,000 gallons
July 17: 13,013,000
July 10: 13,178,000

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

Support groups, club meetings

■ **Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America**, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.

■ **CODA Group**, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ **La Hacienda Alumni**, support group for former patients, 7 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ **TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m., Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 and 10 a.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely; 694-8347.

■ **Children's Service League,** 9:30 a.m. at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053.

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

■ **Newcomers Club**, 10 a.m.; Kim Butterfield, 288-2806 or Marge Frank, 218-9207.

The Reporter-Telegram on the radio

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

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 2-7-0
Pick 3 night: 8-8-2
Daily 4 day: 7-2-8-8
Daily 4 night: 0-0-0-1
Cash Five: 8-13-30-31-36
Powerball: 3-16-48-56-58
PB: 4

Today in history

Today is Thursday, Aug. 2, the 215th day of 2012. There are 151 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1909, the original Lincoln "wheat" penny first went into circulation, replacing the "Indian Head" penny.

In 1964, the destroyer USS Maddox suffered light damage from North Vietnamese patrol torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate coverup. (Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1985, 135 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

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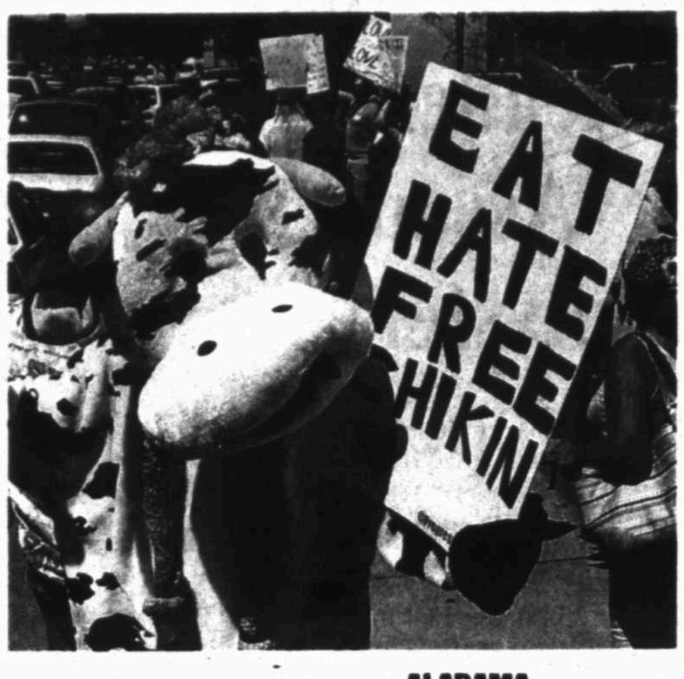

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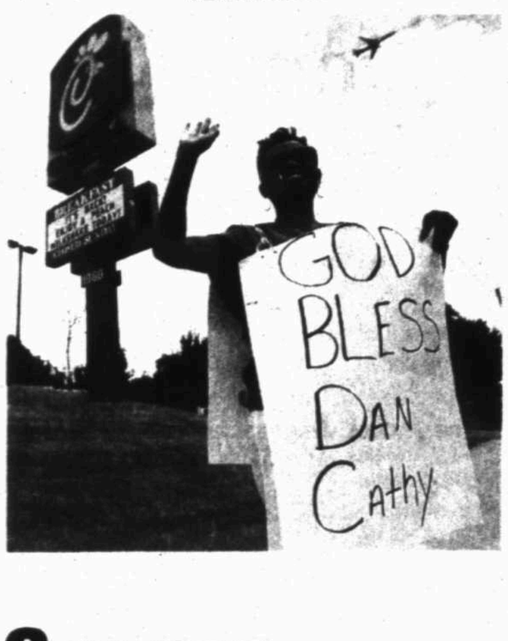

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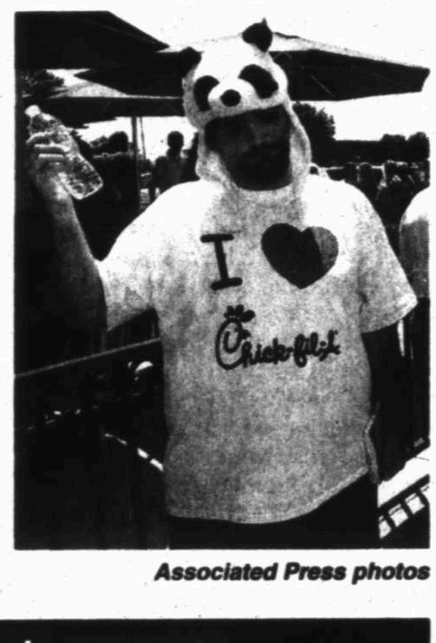

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appreciation day, more than 540,000 individuals, including several Midlanders, indicated they would visit a Chick-fil-A.

"I think it's terrible what they're doing to Chick-fil-A — Chicago and Boston," said Dot Lawson. "I want to support anybody that has Christian values."

The company has long operated from its Christian principles. It closes on Sundays, believes in operating debt-free and in giving a portion of its profits back to the community, according to its website. Cathy also has donated in the past to groups that oppose same-sex marriage. Still, Chick-fil-A said it's here to serve anyone. And in the future, it will stay out of the political debate on marriage, according to a statement released Tuesday.

"The Chick-fil-A culture and service tradition in our restaurants is to treat every person with honor, dignity and respect — regardless of their belief, race, creed, sexual orientation or gender. We will continue this tradition in the over 1,600 restaurants run by independent owner/operators," the statement reads. "Going forward, our intent is to leave the policy debate over same-sex marriage to the government and political arena."

Kristi and James Cooper, who were eating with their 6-year-old son in Midland on Wednesday, said they believe Cathy was right in his statements.

"We're just taking a stand for marriage," James Cooper said, setting down his chicken sandwich to speak.

"And family and values," Kristi added.

Other customers said they were there not necessarily in support of Cathy's statements but because they believe he has a right to say what he wants. If Cathy can't speak his mind without cities threatening to ban the business, several said they worry who else's speech rights will be limited.

"It's not about hate of anybody else," said Regina Sartain. "It's about support of free speech."

Nola Dailing, a nurse who was picking up food for her and her coworkers, said she served in the military and her children are serving now so that Americans like Cathy can maintain their rights.

"I served eight years in the military for him to be able to have his opinion," she said.

Branden Smith said typically when an individual receives criticism for a statement they made, they're quick to come out and apologize in order to smooth things over. Cathy didn't do that, which Smith said he admires.

"He stood up for what he believes in," he said. "He stood behind it and I stand behind him."

Gordon Schrank, franchise restaurant operator in Midland, said they didn't promote the Wednesday appreciation day, but they were grateful for the support.

When the debate over Cathy's statements began, Schrank said he assumed it would die down. After all, no one cares what the president of McDonald's or Wendy's thinks about the issue, he said.

After Huckabee called for an appreciation day in response to negative comments levied toward the restaurant, Schrank said they were told to be ready for crowds.

He brought in about eight extra employees to handle the lunch rush and was busier for much of the day Wednesday than they've been in the 17 years the Loop 250 store has been open.

"People have been so gracious," he said. "They're having to wait in line for a half an hour. It's been great."

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"I find this whole argument to be ridiculous. If people do not wish their money to go support one cause or another, they are exercising their rights as Americans. If people do want their money to go to support one cause or another, they are exercising their rights as Americans. Accusing people of being intolerant or hateful for boycotting a business makes as much sense as accusing a CEO for being intolerant or hateful for not supporting gay marriage. Each individual in this lump accusation is exercising the exact same right as an American — to choose for him/herself what is good, right, moral and the way to live and then acting accordingly. Anybody else find it amusing that in all this feather-ruffling, both sides are arguing for the exact same thing?"
— Emily Tower

"Wow. Christians are so funny. Leviticus states homosexuality is an abomination therefore all gays are damned to hell and the owner of chik fil a does not support homosexuality... The same book also states eating shell fish is an abomination, so I hope he also feels the same way about people who eat crab. God forbid he ate shrimp last night... He'll burn in hell alongside the gays."
— Kellie Gonzales

"If you ask me, seems like Chick Fil-A just made a BUNCH of money today. Pretty smart."
— Carrie Hart Pittman

"So you're for free speech but NOT for the freedom to marry whoever you want? I'm not saying I support gay marriage I'm just saying that it's NONE OF MY BUSINESS what other people do with their lives or in their bedrooms or with their checkbooks. As long as it does not affect me they can do whatever the heck they want. Whatever sins we commit is between ourselves and God. I'm not their judge and neither are you."
— Dustin Palmer

"Amazing how the lefties only believe in the right of free speech when it agrees with them ... the statement has been made today that folks are not going to stand for it anymore."
— Michael Scott Foster

"I will not be eating at this restraunt anymore. what does fast food have to do with gay marriage? NOTHING. stick to making chicken sandwiches. I find this company appalling. if gay people want to get married let them, thats denying a right of happiness. its a constitutional right to life, liberty and THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. I dont support the lifestyle but we need equality in this nation. religion has nothing to do with it. live and let live, let the gays be gay their not hurting anyone. were all human here. eating establishments need to stick to making food and stay out of political and culture wars."
— Joel Kent Melville

"Free speech is a wonderful thing. Whether you agree or not, people have a right to their opinion without being bullied or having their businesses attacked. No matter the CEOs opinion the business does not discriminate."
— Kath Baer

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in recent weeks.

"We advise everyone to be produce and not get caught up in anything that's a frenzy," Smitherman said. "I think there will be a natural correction and we'll realize this is the way things ought to be."

From an economic development point of view, a slowdown in economic activity will offer the opportunity to evaluate needs as to what is temporary and what is permanent, said Laura Roman, who chairs the MDC.

"There is so much going on, and there are so many requests," she said.

The MDC wants to avoid being reactionary, she added.

But at the same time, "We still need to make sure we have affordable housing and make sure we can entice excellent teachers and nurses and police, who are having a difficult time right now," she said.

Ingham agreed that the current economy may not be great for everyone and cited housing, where the average sales price in the second quarter soared 14.2 percent to $210,003 from $183,934 in the second quarter of 2011. By contrast, in the second quarter of 1996 — the base year for the index — the average sales price was $76,200. The average sales price is now consistently above $200,000 with no relief in sight, he said.

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> —KARR INGHAM
> Amarillo economist

Realtors sold 787 houses during the second quarter, up 1.4 percent from 776 a year earlier, though Ingham pointed out that there wasn't much inventory of houses to be sold.

Midland and Odessa issued 301 permits for new homes in the quarter, the first time that figure has exceeded 300 in the history of the index and a 12.7 percent gain from 267 issued last year. In the first six months of the year, 584 permits have been issued. That's 28.6 percent more than the 454 issued last year and the highest number of permits issued in the first six months of a year in the history of the index database, which dates back to 1994.

Another strong component of the index is construction, with building permit valuations easily setting a record for the January to June period, Ingham said. In the second quarter, permit values reached $190.6 million, up 55.3 percent from $122.79 million last year. For the first half of the year, permits totaled $365 million, up 87.2 percent from $195 million a year earlier. Ingham said the second quarter is the largest ever posted with the exception of early 2001 when permits for a power plant in Odessa were issued.

Consumer activity also continued to post strong numbers, with retail spending up 15 percent over the previous year. Automotive spending was up 36.6 percent.

Midland and Odessa continue to report the lowest unemployment in Texas and are, in fact, the only two metropolitan areas in Texas to have unemployment below 5 percent in June, Ingham noted. Employment has grown nearly 5 percent over the past 12 months with the creation of nearly 7,000 jobs.

Despite the solid growth, Ingham said the overall economy has reached a crossroads due to the uncertainty in energy markets and the economic doldrums both nationally and globally. The health of commodity prices in coming months will determine an outcome, he said.

"That doesn't mean things will go on a cliff dive as we saw in 2008," he stressed. "Again, that region has had growth and growth and growth and it's not sustainable at those rates anyway."

He added, "let's not forget, there are regions around the country that would happily trade places with places like Midland-Odessa or South Texas or Williston, N.D. The energy boom has caused problems, but overall we're blessed to be in a region of the world with resources in such demand that it causes these problems."

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Medicare budget, ID card protections long overdue

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite deep ideological divisions, Democrats and Republicans in Congress still can find common ground on one thing: their frustration with Medicare.

Five years after being told to look at taking Social Security numbers off Medicare cards, Medicare officials told lawmakers at a sometimes-tense House hearing Wednesday that they still need six more months to figure out how much it will cost. Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Social Security subcommittee, said if military and health organizations can do it "and you were asked to do it so many years ago, I don't understand what's taking so long."

Johnson introduced a bill in April that would prohibit Medicare from including Social Security numbers on benefit cards. The legislation was referred to committee, but Johnson insisted Medicare should be able to simply replace the old cards with new ones.

Medicare Chief Information Officer Tony Trenkle indicated the process would be more complicated, involving updating IT systems, educating Medicare beneficiaries about the changes and reassessing budget priorities laid out by Congress.

Trenkle assured lawmakers that the issue was a priority, but he could only offer a timetable for the change based on a report discredited by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

Before Medicare officials can start stripping cards of the Social Security number, they first must present a new estimate of how much such an operation would cost. Congressional auditors said in a report Wednesday that an earlier cost estimate of $800 million to $845 million was faulty.

The Defense Department launched a strategy to remove Social Security numbers from identification cards issued to service members, their families and retirees in April 2011.

Veterans Affairs has also stopped issuing ID cards and health authorization cards that show the veteran's Social Security number. When asked by Johnson why the Medicare agency "can't follow in the footsteps of DOD and VA," Trenkle said the organizations are set up differently and conduct different operations..

Kathleen King, director of health care at the GAO, indicated that changing from a Social Security number to a new ID number would require Medicare to work with health care providers who might have "antiquated" systems, complicating the process.

New command center for Medicare fraud

BALTIMORE — Medicare's war on fraud is going high-tech with the opening of a $3.8 million command center that features a giant screen and the latest computer and communications gear.

That's raising expectations, as well as some misgivings. The carpeting still smells new at the facility, which went live a week ago in a nondescript commercial office park on Baltimore's outskirts.

A couple dozen computer workstations are arrayed in concentric semicircles in front of a giant screen that can display data and photos, and also enable face-to-face communication with investigators around the country.

Medicare fraud is estimated to cost more than $60 billion annually, and for years the government has been losing a game of "pay and chase," trying to recoup losses after scam artists already have cashed in. Fraud czar Peter Budetti told reporters on a tour this week that the command center could be a turning point. It brings together in real time the geeks running Medicare's new computerized fraud detection system with gumshoes deployed around the country.

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Budget-and-tax debate deadlock threatens troops, economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the government heading toward a year-end "fiscal cliff," House Republicans approved a full plate of Bush-era tax cuts Wednesday that they said could help shore up a still-frail national economy. At the same time, the Obama administration warned that threatened budget cuts could send some of America's troops into battle with less training.

For all the action and talk, however, both taxes and spending were deeply enmeshed in campaign politics, with no resolution expected until after the elections.

Democrats are demanding that any compromise to avoid the $110 billion in budget cuts that are scheduled to kick in Jan. 2 include a tax increase on high-income earners. Republicans reject the idea of raising rates on anyone as the economy struggles to recover fully from recession.

"There are five months remaining for Congress to act," acting White House Budget Director Jeff Zients told the House Armed Services Committee. "What is holding us up right now is the Republican refusal to have the top 2 percent pay their fair share."

Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton Carter told the committee that if Congress fails to come up with a compromise, nearly all elements of the military will be affected by cuts mandated by last year's deficit deal. Training would be scaled back and flying hours for Air Force pilots would be reduced. The Navy would buy fewer ships and the Air Force fewer aircraft.

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Acting Budget Director Jeffrey Zients, with Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, right, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Wedneday before the House Armed Services Committee hearing on defense cuts.

"Some later-deploying units (including some deploying to Afghanistan) could receive less training, especially in the Army and Marine Corps," Carter said. "Under some circumstances, this reduced training could impact their ability to respond to a new contingency, should one occur." Military personnel would be exempt from job cuts, but furloughs might be issued and commissary hours reduced, he said.

Later, Republicans moved to renew the Bush tax cuts for every working American.

The cuts will otherwise expire Dec. 31, part of a combination of effects along with major spending cuts that have been characterized as a "fiscal cliff" for the economy.

The bill passed by a 256-171 vote. Nineteen Democrats joined with Republicans; retiring Rep. Timothy Johnson of Illinois was the sole Republican to break with his party.

President Barack Obama, in a written statement late Wednesday, said House Republicans had voted to "shower millionaires and billionaires with a $1 trillion tax cut that inevitably will be paid for by gutting investments in critical programs needed to create jobs and strengthen the economy."

There is no expectation that the Democratic-led Senate will even consider the House measure, at least before the elections.

Democrats in the House countered with a plan backed by Obama to extend the tax cuts for all but the highest-earning Americans.

Their plan would raise the marginal top tax rate on incomes over $200,000 for individuals and $250,000 for couples from 35 percent to 39.6 percent. It failed, 257-170, with 19 Democrats breaking with Obama.

The dueling votes were more about political messaging three months before the election than a genuine attempt to resolve long-standing differences that threaten to sock every taxpayer in the country with a tax increase if the deadlock isn't broken in a postelection lame duck session.

Democrats said Republicans were holding the middle class hostage by insisting on renewing tax cuts for that go to the top 2 percent of earners.

The Bush tax cuts were renewed in their entirety with the support of Obama and many Democrats two years ago as part of a bargain in which Obama also won a Social Security payroll tax cut.

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moderate by national conservative groups for occasionally working with Democratic lawmakers on key legislation.

The anti-tax, Washington-based Club for Growth spent millions on ads attacking Dewhurst, and Cruz picked up endorsements from such tea party superstars as U.S. Sens. Jim DeMint, of South Carolina, and Rand Paul, of Kentucky, as well as talk show personalities Glenn Beck and Sean Hannity.

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin even stumped in suburban Houston five days before the runoff to help push Cruz over the top. The 41-year-old Cruz beat Dewhurst by 13 percentage points during the runoff, a resounding victory made all the more remarkable considering Cruz lost the May 31 primary to Dewhurst by 10 points.

He only survived to a second round of balloting because no candidate won a majority among nine original GOP senatorial hopefuls.

But simply making it that far helped Cruz seize summer momentum his campaign never relinquished.

"There were a lot of folks who had written us off, who said this was impossible," Cruz said. "Thousands and thousands of people put their energy into this happening."

Cruz meets former state Rep. Paul Sadler in November's general election, but in deeply red-state Texas, he's the overwhelming favorite.

Hutchison did not endorse either Cruz or Dewhurst previously but said Wednesday that "Ted's victory is also an early indicator of the national mood."

"Voters are seeking conservative alternatives to what they see as over encroachment by the federal government," she said in a statement. The state's other U.S. senator, Republican John Cornyn, said "this is a major victory for Ted Cruz and a real upset."

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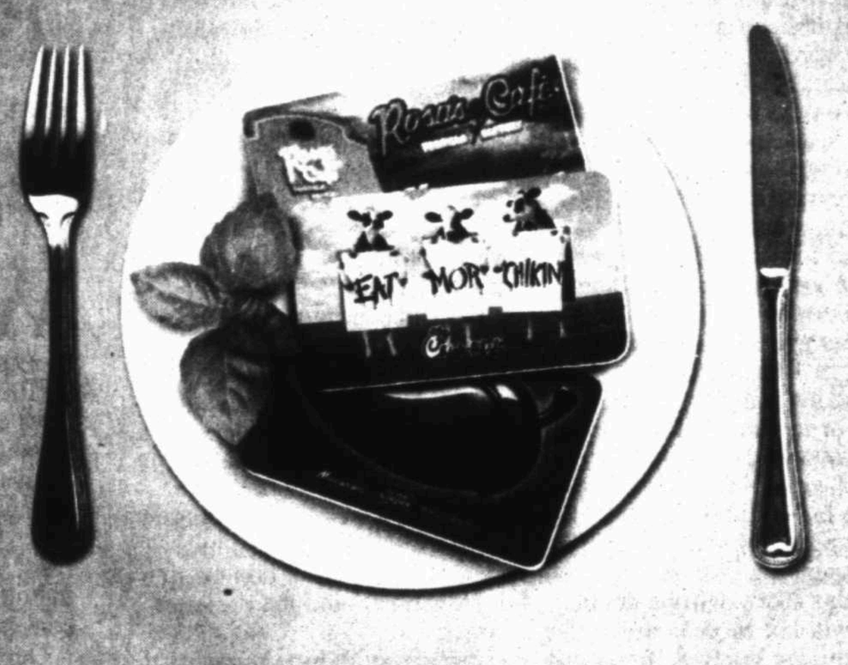

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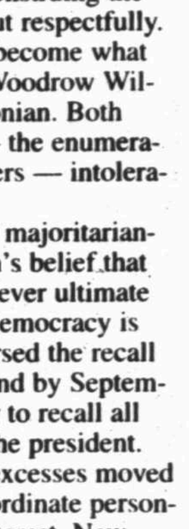
Opinion

Cruz not the first to fight for GOP future

■ Republicans from time to time stand up to other Republicans to save what is right about the party.



GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

Ted Cruz's victory in Tuesday's Texas Republican runoff for the U.S. Senate nomination is the most impressive triumph yet for the still-strengthening tea party impulse. And Cruz's victory coincides with something conservatives should celebrate, the centennial of the 20th century's most important intra-party struggle. By preventing former President Theodore Roosevelt from capturing the 1912 Republican presidential nomination from President William Howard Taft, the GOP deliberately doomed its chances for holding the presidency but kept its commitment to the Constitution.

Before Cruz, now 41, earned a Harvard law degree magna cum laude, he wrote his Princeton senior thesis on the Constitution's Ninth and 10th Amendments, which if taken seriously would revitalize two bulwarks of liberty — the ideas that the federal government's powers are limited because they are enumerated, and that the enumeration of certain rights does not "deny or disparage others retained by the people." Both ideas are repudiated by today's progressives, as they were by TR, whose Bull Moose Party, the result of his bolt from the GOP, convened in Chicago 100 years ago Sunday — Aug. 5, 1912.

After leaving the presidency in 1909, TR went haywire. He always had chafed under constitutional restraints, but he had remained a Hamiltonian, construing the Constitution expansively but respectfully. By 1912, however, he had become what the Democratic nominee, Woodrow Wilson, was — an anti-Madisonian. Both thought the Constitution — the enumeration and separation of powers — intolerably crippled government.

Espousing unconstrained majoritarianism, TR disdained Madison's belief that the ultimate danger is wherever ultimate power resides, which in a democracy is with the majority. He endorsed the recall of state judicial decisions and by September 1912 favored the power to recall all public officials, including the president.

TR's anti-constitutional excesses moved two political heroes to subordinate personal affection to the public interest. New York Sen. Elihu Root had served TR as secretary of war and secretary of state, and was Roosevelt's first choice to succeed him in 1908. Massachusetts Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge had long been one of TR's closest friends. Both sided with Taft.

As the Hudson Institute's William Schambra says (in "The Saviors of the Constitution," National Affairs, Winter 2012, and elsewhere), by their "lonely, principled" stand, Root and Lodge, along with Taft, "denied TR the powerful electoral machinery of the Republican Party, which almost surely would have elected him, and then been turned to securing sweeping alterations" of the Constitution. Wilson won with 41.8 percent of the vote (to TR's 27.4 percent). Taft won 23.2 percent, carrying only Vermont and Utah, but achieved something far grander than a second term — the preservation of the GOP as an intellectual counterbalance to the Democrats' thorough embrace of progressivism and the "living" — actually, disappearing — Constitution.

Today, many of the tea party's academic despisers portray it as anti-democratic and anti-intellectual. Actually, it stands, as the forgotten heroes of 1912 did, with Madison, the most intellectually formidable Founder. He created, and the tea party defends, a constitutional architecture that does not thwart democracy but refines it, on the fact that in a republic, which is defined by the principle of representation, the people do not directly decide issues, they decide who will decide. And the things representatives are permitted to decide are circumscribed strictly by constitutional limits on federal power.

TR sought to make these limits few — and as flimsy as cobwebs when the people chose to amend them by plebiscitary methods. The New Republic, then a voice of progressivism, ridiculed Root for being "committed to the theory of government, based upon natural rights" — the Declaration of Independence's theory of pre-political rights. Schambra, however, argues that for Root and Lodge, as for today's tea party, the rights proclaimed in the Declaration and the restrictions the Constitution imposes on government are inseparably linked, as Root said, to "the end that individual liberty might be preserved."

The GOP's defeat in 1912 — like that in 1964 under Barry Goldwater, whose spirit infuses the tea party — was profoundly constructive. By rejecting TR, it preserved the Constitution from capricious majorities. When Cruz comes to the Senate, he and like-minded Republicans — Utah's Mike Lee, Kentucky's Rand Paul, South Carolina's Jim DeMint, Wisconsin's Ron Johnson, Pennsylvania's Pat Toomey, Florida's Marco Rubio, and, if they win, Indiana's Richard Mourdock, Arizona's Jeff Flake and perhaps some others — can honor two exemplary senatorial predecessors by forming the small but distinguished Root-Lodge Caucus.

OUR VIEW

Tea party serves notice to state's GOP electorate

By many accounts, Tuesday night was a great night for the tea party. And to the victor go the spoils. For years, the Republican establishment in Texas has taken the tea party for granted, probably because those in the GOP considered themselves conservative. However, a giant shot was fired Tuesday, and those who take the tea party for granted, including those running in statewide races, do so at their own peril.

We will remember the runoff election of 2012 for many reasons, but one thing that sticks out in our mind was a quote by Senate candidate David Dewhurst on his way through West Texas this past weekend. A frustrated Dewhurst told supporters that if not for a ruling by three judges about Texas' new representative districts, the state's primary would have been held in March, and he might have collected the 50 percent needed to avoid a runoff.

We never will know if Dewhurst is right, but it was easy to feel the momentum his opponent Ted Cruz was building. With everything going so wrong in Washington — especially the Supreme Court decision to uphold much of the Affordable Care Act — Cruz's star was burning brighter. So between May and July, he had more time to shine.

And riding Cruz's coattails, other strong candidates who promised more conservative government also won. They left in their wake one sitting Supreme Court justice, a couple members of the House speaker's leadership team and those they labeled as Republican moderates, such as Dewhurst and state Sen. Jeff Wentworth.

They also delivered a message to state officials eyeing positions on the ballot in 2014. There are no sure things. It remains to be seen if Gov. Rick Perry, who defended his lieutenant governor to the end, will lead the line or fall in line once the legislative session kicks off in 2013. The same will be said for Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus.

And for Republicans already contemplating re-election, there are no givens anymore. It's now not a given that Perry or Dewhurst will run again. It's not a given that formidable contenders will sit out another election cycle. It's not a given that Perry or Dewhurst will win hands-down.

And certainly for Perry, a run for president in the future may have been damaged after being brazen with tea party leaders from across the country who campaigned in Texas on behalf of the 41-year-old superstar Cruz.

We have said before that the next legislative session presents challenges unlike any other, especially when it comes to education spending. We expect what happened at the ballot box on Tuesday likely will be duplicated in November, and the message sent will be: More conservative is better.

Some are going to argue that Tuesday's vote didn't do anything to make the Republican Party stronger, and in some ways they may be right.

But elections do matter, and those who cared enough to vote in the primary and runoff decided it's time for more conservative government, and to the victor go the spoils.

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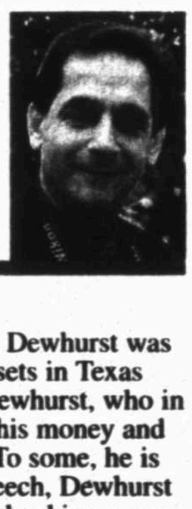
Perry might have problems in 2014

■ Dewhurst's painful loss — one of the biggest upsets in state's history —could have serious consquences for more than just his bank account.



KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Well, this could be different. Texas government now is led by a couple of losers whose undefeated streaks at the ballot box have come to ugly ends.

Gov. Rick Perry's White House dream died in Iowa and New Hampshire. And Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's once-promising path to the U.S. Senate was dead-ended Tuesday by his own party in his own state. Ouch. That could leave a mark.

So, barring unexpected resignations, Perry and Dewhurst, who both dearly wanted to be in Washington, will be in Austin when the Legislature convenes in January.

Dewhurst's GOP runoff loss to rookie candidate Rafael Edward Cruz (you know him as Ted Cruz, if you know him at all) also was a significant setback for Perry, who backed Dewhurst and effectively loaned him his campaign team.

The pain for Dewhurst was multiplied by the $24.5 million of his own money he poured into the race. As of now, he's $19 million lighter because he's taken a $5.5 million repayment from campaign contributions.

"I'm into it by way more than I had ever anticipated," Dewhurst told me Tuesday afternoon.

There was a time in Texas politics when it seemed impossible to outconservative Dewhurst and others in the GOP hierarchy. That time is gone, and that could be a concern for Perry if he seeks a fourth full term in 2014.

Time will tell if the Cruz win is a major moment in a major movement in Texas GOP politics or an anomaly. Former state Sen. Mike Richards told the Dewhurst crowd its man fell victim to a political "tsunami. ... I just think we have a lot of anti-Washington (sentiment), and David got caught up in it."

Although Perry has attracted some tea party support, the victory by tea party-backed Cruz over Perry's endorsee can't be a positive for the governor.

In snatching defeat from victory, Dewhurst was the victim of one of the biggest upsets in Texas political annals. Cruz outhustled Dewhurst, who in previous races counted heavily on his money and never learned to do retail politics. To some, he is legally bland. In his concession speech, Dewhurst acknowledged his shortcoming by thanking a supporter for "trying to make me a better speaker. That's a tough job."

Dewhurst also was hurt by having been in office long enough to be part of the machine that tea party insurgents rage against. Perry, in one office or another since 1985, now must worry whether he's in that category.

Come January, are we going to have a cranky lite guv running the Texas Senate? We'll see, but don't you get cranky whenever you spend $24.5 million to get rejected?

As he campaigned Tuesday, I asked Dewhurst if he'd be happy as lieutenant governor.

"You know, I'm a happy guy. I'm very fortunate," he said. Later, after the votes were counted, Dewhurst told me "there's no doubt" he will be in the state Senate in January.

The next big question in Texas politics could be whether GOP Attorney General Greg Abbott will challenge Perry should the governor seek a fourth full term. Will Cruz's win embolden Abbott?

There's no doubt we're a one-party state. The good thing is we've now been one-party long enough to have full-contact intramural fights within the one party.

It's so much more fun that way, isn't it? Maybe not if one of those fights leaves you $19 million less fortunate.

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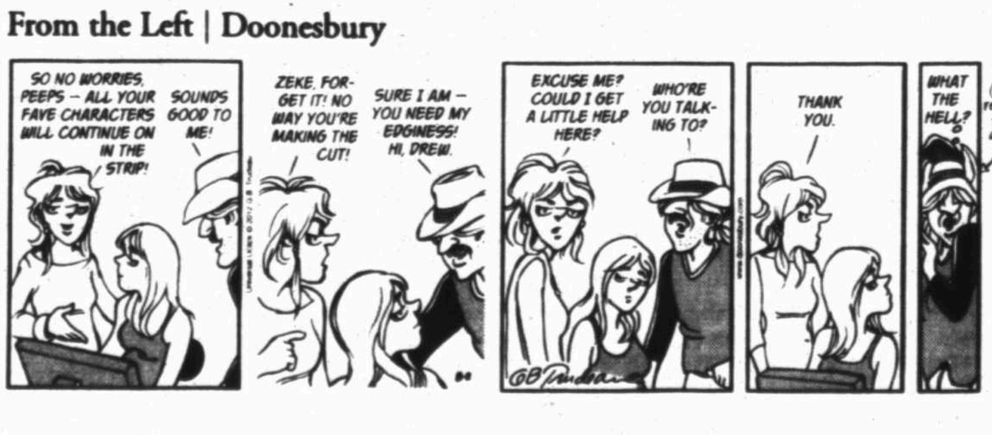

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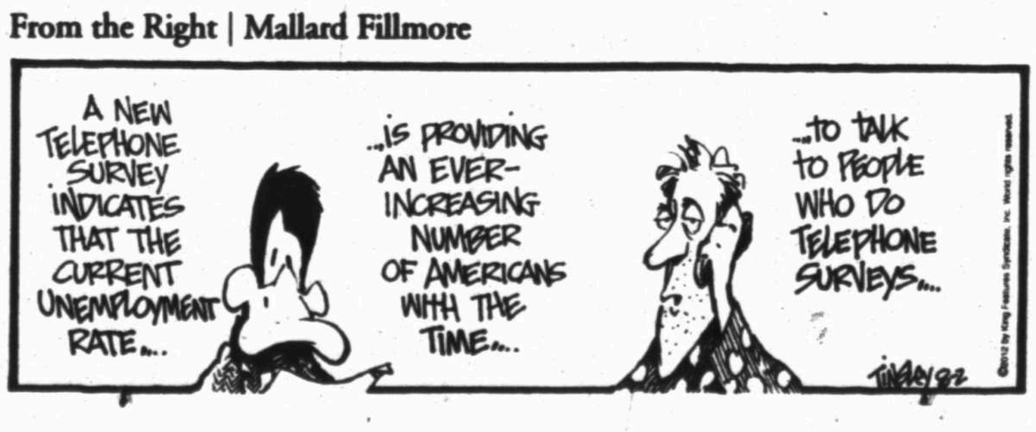


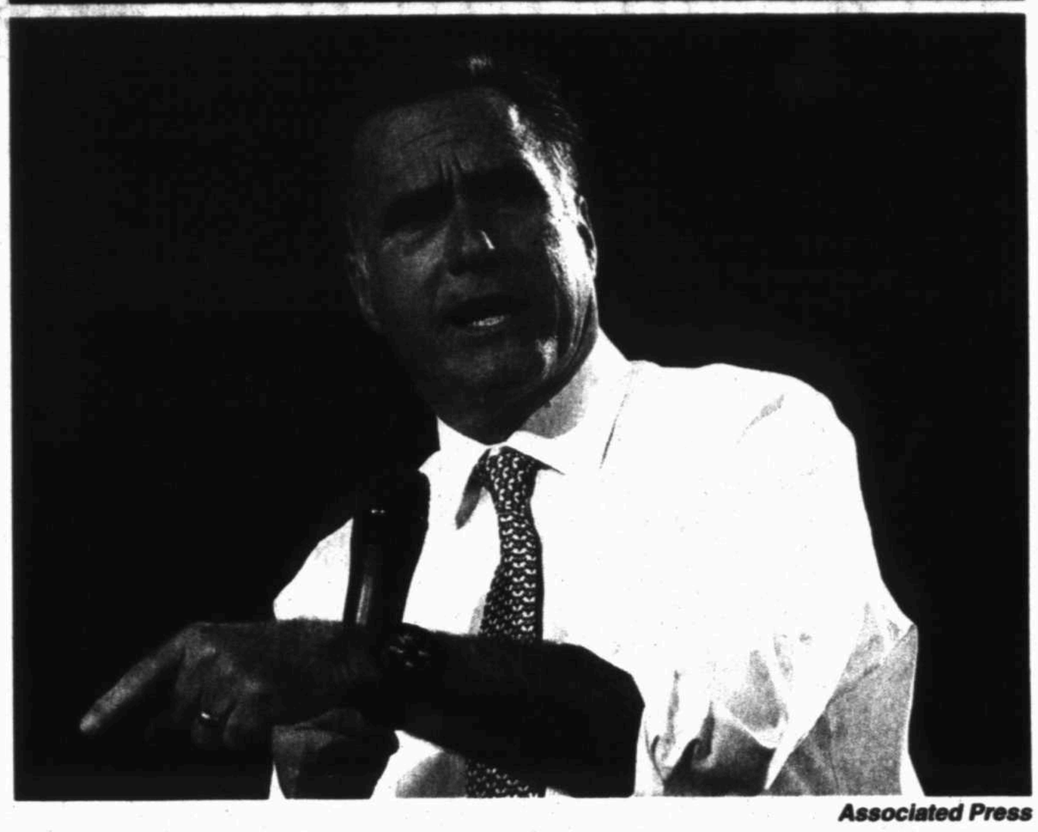
US PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Where they stand on the issues

President Barack Obama

Associated Press

Gov. Mitt Romney



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WASHINGTON— A look at where Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican presidential rival Mitt Romney stand on a selection of issues, in brief:

BIRTH CONTROL

OBAMA: Supports abortion rights. Health care law requires contraceptives to be available for free for women enrolled in workplace health plans.

ROMNEY: Opposes abortion rights. Previously supported them. Said state law should guide abortion rights, and Roe v. Wade should be reversed by a future Supreme Court ruling. Said he would end federal aid to Planned Parenthood.

DEBT

OBAMA: Fourth-straight year of trillion-dollar deficits is projected. Won approval to raise debt limit to avoid default. Calls for tackling the debt with a mix of spending cuts and revenue increases. Central to Obama's plan is to let Bush-era tax cuts expire for couples making more than $250,000

ROMNEY: Defended 2008 bailout of financial institutions as a necessary step to avoid the system's collapse, opposed the auto bailout. Would cap federal spending at 20 percent of gross domestic product by end of first term, down from 23.5 percent now, with largely unspecified spending cuts. Favors constitutional balanced budget amendment.

ECONOMY

OBAMA: Term marked by high unemployment, a deep recession that began in previous administration and gradual recovery. Responded to recession with a roughly $800 billion stimulus plan.

Continued implementation of Wall Street and auto industry bailouts begun under George W. Bush. Proposes tax breaks for U.S. manufacturers producing domestically or repatriating jobs from abroad, and tax penalties for U.S. companies outsourcing jobs.

ROMNEY: Lower taxes, less regulation, balanced budget, more trade deals to spur growth. Replace jobless benefits with unemployment savings accounts.

Proposes repeal of the law toughening financial-industry regulations after the meltdown in that sector, and the law tightening accounting regulations in response to corporate scandals.

ENERGY

OBAMA: Ordered temporary moratorium on deep-water drilling after the massive BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico but has pushed for more oil and gas drilling overall. Achieved historic increases in fuel economy standards that will save money at the pump while raising the cost of new vehicles. Achieved first-ever regulations on heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming and on toxic mercury pollution from power plants. Spent heavily on green energy and has embraced nuclear power as a clean source. Failed to persuade a Democratic Congress to pass limits he promised on carbon emissions.

ROMNEY: Supports opening the Atlantic and Pacific outer continental shelves to drilling, as well as Western lands, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and offshore Alaska. Wants to reduce obstacles to coal, natural gas and nuclear energy development, and accelerate drilling permits in areas where exploration already has been approved for developers with good safety records. Said green power has yet to become viable and the causes of climate change are unknown.

GUNS

OBAMA: Has not pushed for stricter gun laws as president. Signed laws letting people carry concealed weapons in national parks and in checked bags on Amtrak trains. Favors "robust steps, within existing law" to address gun issues, White House said. Voices support for renewed ban on assault-type weapons but has not tried to get that done. Previously backed stronger gun controls.

ROMNEY: Opposes stricter gun control laws. Suggested after the Colorado theater shooting that he favors tougher enforcement of existing gun laws. As Massachusetts governor, vowed in 2002 to protect the state's "tough gun laws," and in 2004 signed a Massachusetts ban on assault weapons.

GAY RIGHTS

OBAMA: Supports legal recognition of same-sex marriage, a matter decided by states. Opposed that recognition in 2008 presidential campaign, and in 2004 Senate campaign, while supporting the extension of legal rights and benefits to same-sex couples in civil unions. Achieved repeal of the military ban on openly gay members. Has not achieved repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act, which denies federal recognition of same-sex marriages and affirms the right of states to refuse to recognize such marriages. Administration has ceased defending the law in court but it remains on the books.

ROMNEY: Opposes legal recognition of same-sex marriage and said it should be banned with a constitutional amendment, not left to states. "Marriage is not an activity that goes on within the walls of a state." Also opposes civil unions "if they are identical to marriage other than by name," but said states should be left to decide what rights and benefits should be allowed under those unions. Said certain domestic partnership benefits —largely unspecified — as well as hospital visitation rights are appropriate but "others are not." Said he would not seek to restore the ban on openly gay military members.

HEALTH CARE

OBAMA: Achieved landmark overhaul putting U.S. on path to universal coverage now that Supreme Court has upheld the law's mandate for almost everyone to obtain insurance.

Under the law, insurers will be banned from denying coverage to people with pre-existing illness, tax credits will subsidize premiums, people without work-based insurance will have access to new markets, small business gets help for offering insurance and Medicaid will expand.

ROMNEY: Promises to work for repeal of the law modeled largely after his universal health care achievement in Massachusetts because he said states, not Washington, should drive policy on the uninsured.

Proposes to guarantee that people who are "continuously covered" for a certain period be protected against losing insurance if they get sick, leave their job and need another policy. Would expand individual tax-advantaged medical savings accounts and let savings be used for insurance premiums and personal medical costs.

SOCIAL SECURITY

OBAMA: Has not proposed a comprehensive plan to address Social Security's long-term financial problems. In 2011, proposed a new measure of inflation that would reduce annual increases in Social Security benefits. The proposal would reduce the long-term financing shortfall by about 25 percent, according to the Social Security actuaries.

ROMNEY: Protect the status quo for people 55 and over but, for the next generation of retirees, raise the retirement age for full benefits by one or two years and reduce inflation increases in benefits for wealthier recipients.

TAXES

OBAMA: Wants to raise taxes on the wealthy and ensure they pay 30 percent of their income at minimum. Supports extending Bush-era tax cuts for everyone making under $200,000, or $250,000 for couples. But in 2010, agreed to a two-year extension of the lower rates for all.

Wants to let the top two tax rates go back up 3 to 4 percentage points to 39.6 percent and 36 percent, and raise rates on capital gains and dividends for the wealthy. Health care law provides for tax on highest-value health insurance plans. Together with Congress, built a first-term record of significant tax cuts, some temporary.

ROMNEY: Keep Bush-era tax cuts for all incomes and drop all tax rates further, by 20 percent, bringing the top rate, for example, down to 28 percent from 35 percent and the lowest rate to 8 percent instead of 10 percent. Curtail deductions, credits and exemptions for the wealthiest.

End Alternative Minimum Tax for individuals, eliminate capital gains tax for families making below $200,000 and cut corporate tax to 25 percent from 35 percent. Does not specify which tax breaks or programs he would curtail to help cover costs.

IMMIGRATION

OBAMA: Issued directive in June that immigrants brought illegally to the United States as children be exempted from deportation and granted work permits if they apply.

Took the temporary step after failing to deliver on promised immigration overhaul, with the defeat of legislation that would have created a path to citizenship for young illegal immigrants enrolled in college or enlisted in the armed forces. Said he is still committed to it. Government has deported a record number of illegal immigrants under Obama.

ROMNEY: Favors U.S.-Mexico border fence, opposes education benefits to illegal immigrants.

Opposes offering legal status to illegal immigrants who attend college, but would do so for those who serve in the armed forces.

Establish an immigration-status verification system for employers and punish them if they hire non-citizens who do not prove their legal status. Would end immigration caps for spouses and minor children of legal immigrants.

In 3rd party candidates, Obama team sees promise

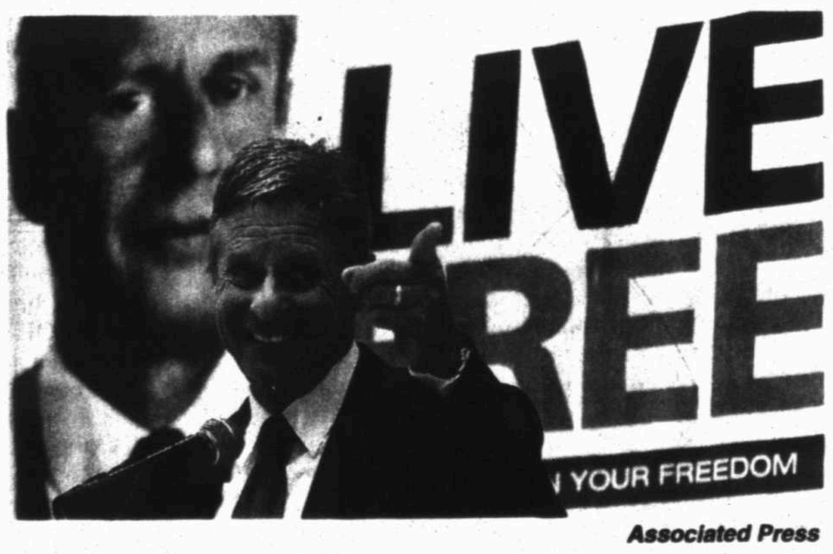
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party and Virgil Goode of the Constitution Party are on quixotic runs for the presidency. While they are long shots, they conceivably stand a chance at influencing the election.

Until recently both were Republican officeholders — Johnson as a two-term governor of New Mexico and Goode as a congressman from Virginia. With their ability to draw at least a sliver of the electorate, President Barack Obama's political team sees them as potentially unwilling allies who could steal votes from rival Mitt Romney and help the president to victory in a few tightly contested states.

Goode served six terms in the House and is gathering signatures to appear on the ballot in his home state. He's already on the ballot in more than a dozen other states with an anti-immigration, pro-term limit platform he hopes makes a dent with the electorate.

It's likely not to be much of a dent, but could be enough in Virginia for Obama campaign officials to take close notice.



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Former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson speaks at a news conference during which he announced he is leaving the Republican Party in favor of seeking a presidential nomination as a Libertarian, at the State Capitol in Santa Fe, N.M., in December 2011.

Johnson, who ran for president as a Republican last year before dropping out ahead of the primaries, is seen as a potential factor in Western states, particularly in closely fought Colorado.

Neither of these candidates is considered enough of a national threat to draw comparisons to Ross Perot, whose independent campaign in 1992 attracted nearly 19 percent of the vote and whom President George H.W. Bush still blames for costing him his re-election.

Instead, Democrats see Goode and Johnson as this year's Ralph Nader, whom they still blame for Al Gore's loss to George W. Bush in 2000. Nader's liberal Green Party candidacy only attracted 2.7 percent of the national vote, but in decisive Florida, his total was greater than the 537 votes that separated Bush from Gore.

Despite that history, in most modern elections, third-party candidates haven't swayed the results, and even those who poll strongly early in the campaign eventually fizzle.

Still, in a national contest like this year's in which Obama holds slight leads or is running virtually even with Romney in key battleground states, even a sliver of the vote in a crucial state could determine the outcome.

A recent Pew Research Center poll found that 34 percent of Romney voters support him strongly, whereas 64 percent of Obama supporters say they back him strongly. That could mean Romney voters could switch allegiance to a third-party candidate more easily.

Obama advisers said they are not doing anything to help either Goode or Johnson secure positions on the ballots of key states and they don't plan to do anything to assist their candidacies.

Johnson has encountered a challenge in Michigan from the state's Republican attorney general, who has declared him ineligible to appear on that state's ballot. Johnson has an innovative "Plan B": using another Gary E. Johnson who has volunteered to have his name placed on the Libertarian Party ticket in Michigan.

Goode needs 10,000 signatures to qualify for the Virginia ballot. He has collected 14,000 signatures and is gathering more to pad his number by the state's Aug. 24 deadline.

He said no Republican officials have talked to him about the race, let alone sought to discourage his presence on the Virginia ballot.

Goode and Johnson believe that in the end they will pull votes from both sides and that they will attract independent voters who have no interest in voting for either major party candidate.

Indeed, a Pew Research Center poll in in June found that majorities of independent voters view both parties unfavorably.

Johnson, for one, doesn't mind the attention that comes with being seen as a potential spoiler.

"If I were to get tagged with a spoiler role in this, that would be terrific," he said. "That would bring a lot of focus to what I'm doing."

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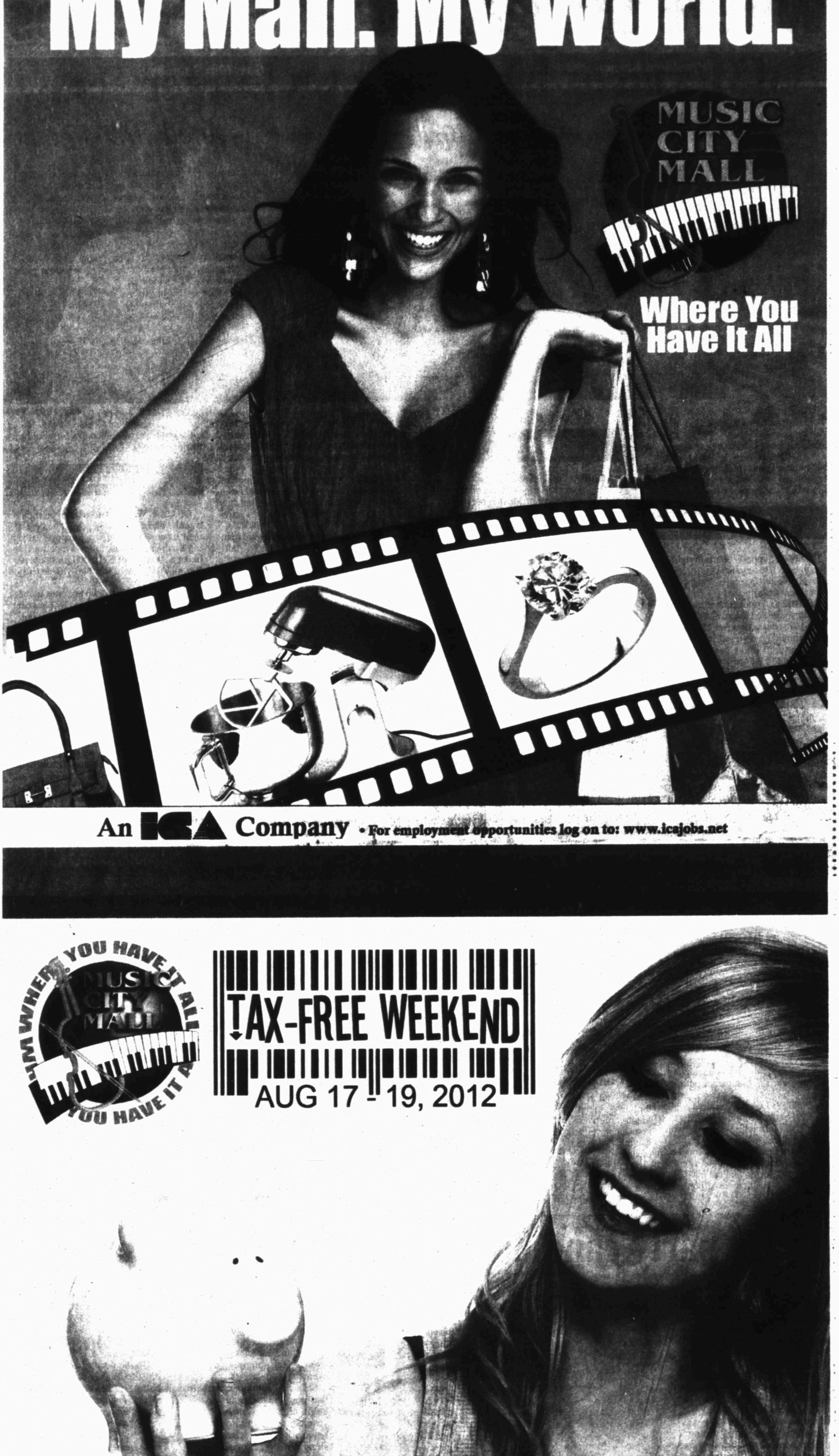

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DMMD mulls funding Basin Burger House

Developers aim to open downtown eatery in renovated 1930s home

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The Downtown Midland Management District will consider in the coming months funding part of the renovations required for the startup of the Basin Burger House.

Planned for the corner of Colorado Street and Louisiana Avenue, the restaurant will include the renovation of a 1930s home, as well as the addition of a kitchen and patio area. It's set to open in October.

"We need a fun place that kind of offers something unique," said Aron Marquez, who is helping to start up the business. "Most of the small towns in Texas have lively downtowns. Ours is not doing so well."

Developers working on the project already have approached the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board about support.

Natalie Shelton, executive director of the Downtown Midland Management District (DMMD), said the downtown groups will coordinate before providing support. The DMMD board also has requested more detailed price estimates on some of the building elements Marquez said they could use help with.

Among the items Marquez said the DMMD could consider helping to fund were a neon roof sign, renovations to the front of the house, sidewalk construction, landscaping and the cost of re-platting the lot that was required by the city.

He said work already has begun on the house.

The concept started when the developers were talking about the need in Midland for a place to watch a game without being inundated with cigarette smoke, Marquez said.

The idea evolved from there, and Marquez said they've since tasted burgers at restaurants throughout the region in an effort to craft the right concept and menu.

Gourmet burgers, salads, wings and other items will be included on the menu, he said.

Burgers will be unique, Marquez said. For example, the "fat burger" will include mashed potatoes, grilled onions and meat.

The portion of the restaurant being built in the 1930s house will have a diner atmosphere and an outdoor patio. A kitchen also will be added on.

A 1941 Dodge truck has been purchased that will double as an outdoor decoration and a holder for a smoker that will be used to cook during special events, Marquez said.

The restaurant will sell alcohol. It will have a capacity

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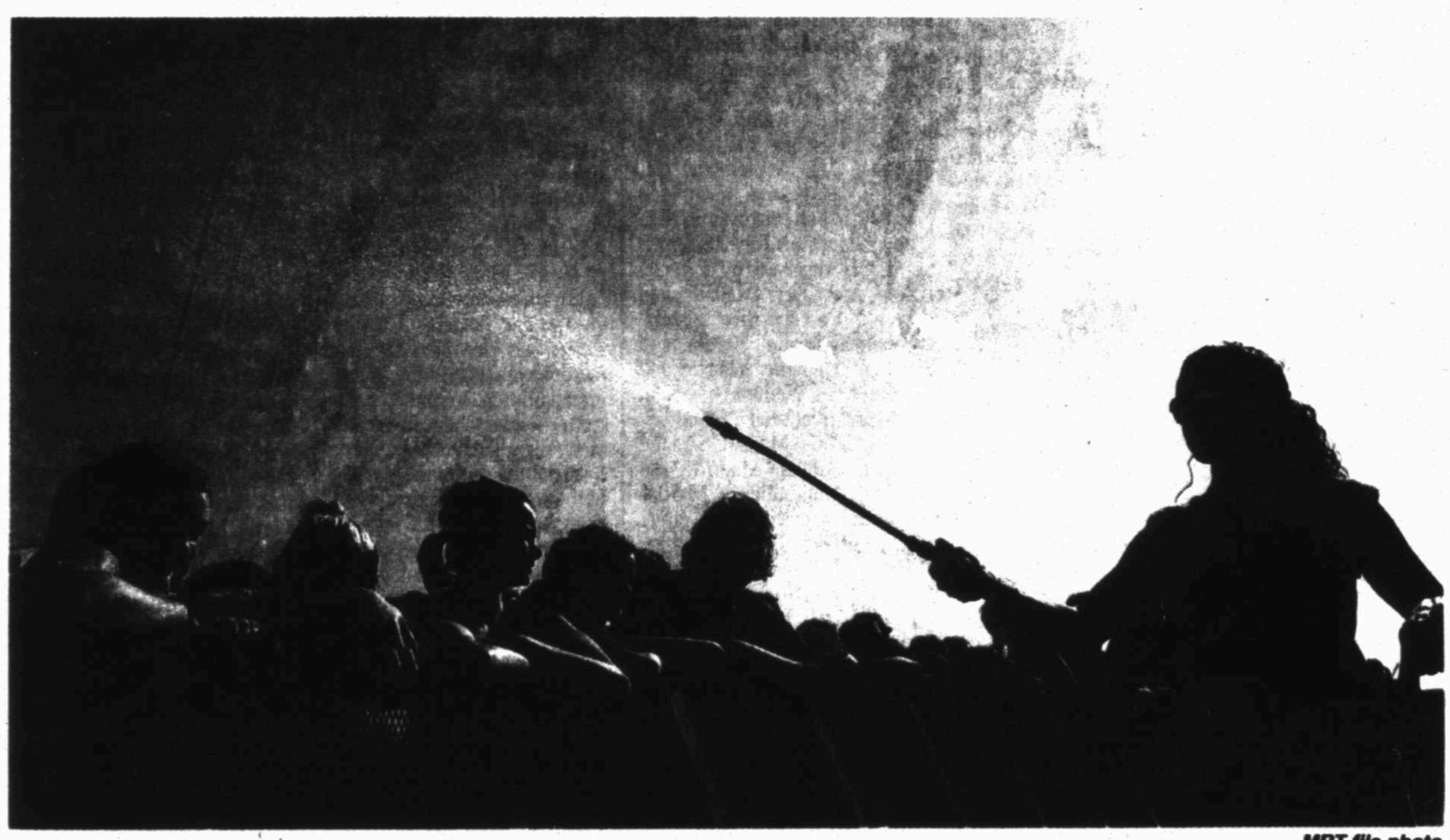

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Chelsie Robbins cools the crowd down as they weather the heat during a 2010 performance by Sidewalk Prophets at the 11th annual Rock The Desert in Midland.

More heat-related health claims occurring

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

With temperatures expected to be at 100 or higher through the weekend, officials are warning of heat dangers and health conditions for people who will be outside.

The most dangerous heat-related conditions — heat stroke, cramps, exhaustion and fainting — also are some of the most common and caused the deaths of least two Texas high school students who practiced football during last year's excessive heat wave, according to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas.

The company also has noticed heat-related health claims are on the rise. It covered about 44,000 claims last year for a cost of approximately $22 million, according to its website.

In the Midland and Odessa area, 2,600 claims were filed that resulted in $891,000 payments, said BCBS Texas representative Ross Blackstone.

The claims with the agency were for 24 heat-related medical conditions from severe sunburns to dehydration and heat strokes, he said.

August is projected to be the month with the highest temperatures and officials said they see the most heat-related medical claims during that month.

Heat is the No. 1 weather-related killer in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year, according to the National Weather Service. On average, more people die each year from excessive heat than floods, lightning, tornadoes and hurricanes combined, NWS said.

Temperatures higher than 100 degrees are nothing out of the ordinary for Midland, said NWS meteorologist Eric Platt.

Last month, Midland hit 100 or 101 on only three days, but NWS officials are expecting it to climb as high as 102 for the next four days.

Wednesday's high was 102, which is predicted to be the high for today and Friday. The high for Saturday and Sunday is expected to be 100. By Monday the high may be back in the 90s, NWS officials said.

Even though it may seem hot in Midland, other cities are experiencing above-normal and extreme heat conditions, as well as some of the highest temperatures recorded for Oklahoma, North Texas and southern Kansas, Platt said.

Heat has plagued parts of the United States and 4,313 record-high temperatures were recorded across the country during July — 171 of those records were the all-time highest temperatures ever recorded, according to the NOAA and National Climatic Data Center.

Midland meteorologists also aren't ruling out the chance that the temperatures may rise back up to above 100 later in the month.

"It certainly wouldn't be out of the question to have another warm spell before the end of August," Platt said.

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If you're going to exercise or work outside

- Be out in the early morning or late evenings to prevent heat-related problems.
- Wear sunscreen and lightweight, loose and light-colored clothing.
- Take frequent breaks, in the shade if possible.
- Drink at least two to four glasses of cool fluids per hour.

Source: Federal Occupational Health

Forecast for this week

Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102
Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102
Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100.
Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100

Going to Rock the Desert?

Officials said there are plenty of camping areas and RV spots available, and there are no limits on how many tickets they will sell at the gate. Here are a few other helpful tidbits for concertgoers:

Gates open
At 3 p.m. today
At 11 a.m. Friday
At 10 a.m. Saturday

Permitted
Coolers (subject to search by security; glass containers not allowed)
Bottled water (there also will be some available for sale, as well as free water stations on the field to fill up bottles/paper cups)
Blankets and lawn chairs will be permitted at all times on festival grounds outside of the standing area between the sound tower and the front of the stage; concertgoers can spread blankets in the standing area between performances, but must pick them up during sets to allow room for others to stand.
Pop-up campers and RVs will be allowed in designated areas with a reservation form and applicable reservation fee.

Prohibited
Bicycles, gas-powered or electric scooters, segways and golf carts
Pets
Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, weapons
Smoking
Laser pointers
Audio/video recording in the concert area
Campfires or cooking

Parking/Camping
Onsite parking is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Overflow parking will be directed to the CAF parking area.
Only registered campers will be allowed to camp out, and campsites are assigned as campers arrive at the property to check in. Groups must be accompanied by at least one person over the age of 21, unless everyone in the group is at least 18 years old. Portable showers are available for campers only, who must purchase a daily pass available at camping check-in.

Vendors/food available for sale
Bahama Bucks, Kelview Heights Baptist Church, Texas Snow, Pineapple Hut, lemonade stands, chicken legs, Dippin' Dots, hamburgers and more.

Ministries on the RTD grounds
This year's prayer tent is bigger this year in order to meet demand as volunteers plan to pray for "more baptisms and more salvations."
Bucker International and interlinc ministries will have hospitality tents specifically geared toward youth pastors and their needs.
Rock the Desert will continue its partnership with Shoes for Orphan Souls/Buckner International this year by accepting new shoes throughout the weekend to distribute to orphans living in Texas and around the world.

Today's Schedule
Main tent
2 p.m.: Climbing Blind
3 p.m.: Metal Mulisha
3 p.m.: C1RCA Skate Team
4:30 p.m.: Oh Sleeper
5:30 p.m.: Dominic Balli
6:45 p.m.: Icon for Hire
8 p.m.: Demon Hunter
9 p.m.: Love and Death
9:45 p.m.: Lacy of Flyleaf
10:15 p.m.: Ryan Ries
10:40 p.m.: P.O.D.

See Pulse for schedules for the entire weekend.

Lindemood congratulates Leonard on runoff win

From staff reports

David Lindemood congratulated opponent Elizabeth Leonard after she won the 238th District Court seat Tuesday.

"I think she'll be a great judge," Lindemood said. "I've congratulated her. She and I are on good terms and I wish her the absolute best."

Lindemood said he was glad to see the strong turnout for the runoff election. A total of 9,963 Midlanders cast a ballot in the Republican primary runoff, of which 5,888 voted early, according to the Midland County Elections Office.

"I think that it's great that Midland turned out the way it did for a runoff," he said.

Lindemood said he was proud of the way both candidates ran the race for the empty district judicial seat.

Leonard won the race 53.7 percent to 46.3 percent. The two were in a runoff after earning the most votes in the field of four who ran for the position during the May 29 primary.

Lindemood attempted late Tuesday to provide a comment to the Reporter-Telegram regarding Leonard's win. The Reporter-Telegram regrets not being able to include the comment.

Courtesy photo

Retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, left, meets with Midland Mayor Wes Perry on Wednesday in Washington. A delegation of officials from Midland also met with Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland.

Mayor Perry, city staff visit lawmakers in Washington

From staff reports

WASHINGTON — Midland leaders visited Capitol Hill Wednesday in large part to thank Texas lawmakers for their support in West Texans' fight against the listing of the dunes sagebrush lizard as an endangered species.

Mayor Wes Perry, City Manager Courtney Sharp and Assistant City Manager Jim Nichols visited U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for a final time before she retires at the end of the year. They also met with Sen. John Cornyn and Rep. Mike Conaway.

"The Texas delegation is such a powerful group," Perry said. "When they're all together, they are a force to be reckoned with."

The T-Bar Ranch project that's under way to bring water to Midland and the spaceport

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Obituaries

Bettie Collins Twitchell

Bettie Collins Twitchell, 81, passed away peacefully in her home in Midland, Texas. She went to be with her Lord and Savior July 31, 2012.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 2, 2012, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland, with Rev. Steven Hill, officiating.

Bettie was born August 20, 1930, in Wimauma, Florida, to Earl Jackson Collins and Margaret Collins Wilkerson. Her life was filled with her love of crafts. She enjoyed the beauty of this world and stood in awe of all of God's creations every day and when she worked in her garden and yard. Her family was the pride and joy of her life. Bettie chose a career as a cosmetologist because of her love for people.

Survivors include 4 children, Donna T. Cecil (Don), Barbara A. Kidd (Lee), Donald D. Twitchell, Jr., and Lourie T. Zachry (Howard); grandchildren, Kathy Paxton (Jerry), James Kidd (Tiffany), Christine Johnson (Darrell), Amber Pruett (Robbie Dudley), Donald D. Twitchell, III (Janine), Clint Cecil (Jennifer), Shawna Heard (Robert), and Elizabeth Hill (Justin); great grandchildren, Brandon Edwards (Stephanie), Brandi Edwards, Lourie Pruett, Cody Brewster, Brittany Brewster, Trevor Twitchell, McKennon Cecil, Cade Patteson, Tanner Twitchell, Kennedy Cecil, Ashlynn Patteson, Zachary Kidd, AJ Heard, Braylee Hill, and Brynlee Johnson; sister, Patricia Larson (Wayne) of Chesapeake, Virginia; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

She was preceded in death by husband, Donald D. Twitchell, Sr.; her parents; and a sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to Meals on Wheels, 3301 Sinclair Ave, Midland, TX 79707 or Midland Senior Citizens Center, 3303 W Illinois Ave. #18, Midland, TX 79703.

Pallbearers will be James Kidd, Clint Cecil, Bubba Twitchell, Brandon Edwards, Trevor Twitchell, Cody Brewster, McKennon Cecil, Tanner Twitchell, Cade Patteson, and Robbie Dudley.

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

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

Charles Ray "Charlie" Herring

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dorothy Hawkins

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

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

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

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

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

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Eddie Gene Durrett

Eddie Gene Durrett, 57, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, July 29, 2012, in Decatur, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2012, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, at the Gateway Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, with Bishop Paul Grandy officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Ed was born on May 9, 1955, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Buford and Marilyn Durrett. He attended Oklahoma State University and has been a Petroleum Engineer for ConocoPhillips Company since he graduated. He married Jamie Durrett on New Years Eve in 2004. Eddie was a wonderful husband, father, and son, and loved his family more than anything. His greatest joy in life was to provide for his family and to be the spiritual leader of his home. He loved to serve others and never met a stranger. He was a great communicator and had endless patience to help other people in their trials. He was never too busy to listen. He loved the outdoors and spent most of his vacation volunteering at youth camps for his church.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie Durrett of Midland; son, Brandon Durrett of San Antonio; son, John Harrison Durrett; daughter, Elizabeth Durrett; daughter, Madeline Durrett; daughter, Evelyn Durrett; son, William Durrett; daughter, Emma Claire Durrett, all of Midland; mother, Marilyn Durrett of the Villages, Florida; sister, Tammy Durrett of Houston; brother, Curtis Durrett of Temple, Texas; grandson, Charles Durrett of San Antonio; granddaughter, Laura Durrett of San Antonio.

He is preceded in death by his father, Buford Durrett.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorials be made to: The Ed Durrett Children's Education Fund, c/o Wells Fargo Bank.

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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Josephine Turnbough Thomas

Josephine Turnbough Thomas passed away July 31, 2012, in Keller.

Funeral service: 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, Martin's Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury, TX. **Visitation**: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 2, 2012, at the funeral home. **Interment**: DFW National Cemetery, Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Thomas was born to Franklin and Velma Turnbough on January 2, 1927, in Quanah, Texas. On June 12, 1948, she married John E. Thomas. John left this earth on January 1, 2011. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Maxine Hays. She attended Abilene Christian College, was a retired school teacher, and lived in Odessa, Big Spring, Andrews, Granbury, and Keller.

The family requests donations be made to Foundation of Bellevue Ecuador Children's Home, 1212 104th Ave. S.E., Bellevue, WA 98004.

Survivors: daughters, Karen Samuel and Tammy Thomas; grandaughter, Kristi Copeman and husband, Jason; grandson, B.J. Cauley; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Martin's Funeral Home, Granbury, 817-279-7700.

Mark Anthony Varela

Oh, our Markey! With his heart of gold and caring spirit, everyone he encountered was drawn to him. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten, as his legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of the many people who his life touched. Our sweet Mark Anthony Varela was 19. Born in Midland, Texas, on September 16, 1992, he passed away too early for our earthly minds to understand, on July 28, 2012.

He is survived by parents, Ann Margaret Sandate and Tony Varela; his sisters, Yvonne Nicole Varela and Lauren Danielle Yharte; and brother, Nathan Isaiah Varela; maternal grandparents, Carlos Madrid Sr. and Sheila Sandate-Madrid; paternal grandfather, Marcos Varela; and maternal great grandmother, Andrea Menchaca-Sandate; aunts, Verna Mendoza and husband, Richard; Corina Carrillo and husband, Ralph; Crystal Ochoa and husband, Arnold; and Colleen Madrid; Janette Varela; and Silvana Varela; uncle, Carlos Madrid, Jr. and wife, Marcy; Freddy Varela. He also leaves behind the numerous cousins that loved him dearly and would run to hug him as soon as he walked through the door.

Mark worked at the Bosworth Company and recently graduated from Lee High School in 2011. Mark's family and friends will gather together to celebrate the 19 wonderful years we've been blessed to share with him on Thursday, August 2, 2012, with visitation from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held on Friday, August 3, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at Mid Cities Community Church, 8700 W. Hwy 191, Midland, Texas 79707. Mark Varela will be laid to rest at Resthaven Cemetery, although his family knows his spirit lives on in complete peace with his heavenly father.

"A thousand words won't bring you back, I know because I've tried; neither will a thousand tears I know because I've cried. Now you're up in heaven with the angels up above; they will take my place for now and give you all their love. So go and rest in peace now, my little boy so dear, for all my love and memories I'll hold forever near."

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

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All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Death Notices

Allen Lee Franks

Allen Lee Franks, 58, of Odessa, passed away on Sunday, July 29, 2012.

He is survived by his loving family: his mother, Winnie Franks; his sister, June Alderman; and a nephew, Lance Alderman, all of Midland.

Services for Allen will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Billy Strickland

Billy Strickland, 54, of Stanton, passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2012, in a local hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, at Evergreen Cemetery Chapel, with pastor Jana Jobe, officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Strickland; one son, B.J. Strickland; three daughters, Melissa Ervin, Jamie Shiflet, and Laura Mullenix; his mother, Virginia Johnson; three brothers, James Richardson, Robert Strickland, and David Strickland; three sisters, Linda Laird, Cynthia Calhoun, and Christy Stowe; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Jessie Jeanette Cherry

Jessie Jeanette Cherry, 84, passed away Sunday, July 29, 2012, in Collins, Mississippi.

Left to cherish her memory are children, Margaret Adcock (Earnest), Earl Cherry (Pam), Mary Rudloff (Ronald); step-son, Randy Cherry (Mary); sisters, Carlene Burns and Lorrine Day; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverend Clyde C. Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Laura Ann Lee

Laura Ann Lee passed away on Sunday, July 29, 2012.

Laura is survived by her husband, Robert Lee; children, Michelle Anderson (Bobby) and family; Jessica Lee; Nathan Lee; and Chris Lee; and sister, Nancy Peters (Pete) and family.

A celebration service will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday morning, August 2, 2012, at the True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church, which is located at 3001 North A, in Midland, Texas. The service will be conducted by Rev. Larry Long, Sr., Pastor of Fellowship Community Church.

Rex Darnell Barton

Rex Darnell Barton, 85, of Andrews, passed away Tuesday, July 31, 2012, in Andrews.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 3, 2012, at Andrews North Cemetery, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews, with Rev. Bryan Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 2, 2012, between 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Rex is survived by his loving wife, Jo Nell "Nanny" Barton; his daughter, Kay Barton (Quoc Nguyen); son, Don Barton (Daisy); nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

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Gore Vidal, celebrated author, dies

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

Vidal

In a world more to his liking, Gore Vidal might have been president, or even king. He had an aristocrat's bearing — tall, handsome and composed — and an authoritative baritone ideal for summoning an aide or courtier.

But Vidal made his living — a very good living — from challenging power, not holding it. He was wealthy and famous and committed to exposing a system often led by men he knew first-hand. During the days of Franklin Roosevelt, one of the few leaders whom Vidal admired, he might have been called a "traitor to his class." The real traitors, Vidal would respond, were the upholders of his class.

The author, playwright, politician and commentator whose vast and sharpened range of published works and public remarks were stamped by his immodest wit and unconventional wisdom, died Tuesday at age 86 in Los Angeles.

Vidal died at his home in the Hollywood Hills at about 6:45 p.m. of complications from pneumonia, his nephew Burr Steers said. Vidal had been living alone in the home and had been sick for "quite a while," Steers said.

Vidal "meant everything to me when I was learning how to write and learning how to read," Dave Eggers said at the 2009 National Book Awards ceremony, where he and Vidal received honorary citations. "His words, his intellect, his activism, his ability and willingness to always speak up and hold his government accountable, especially, has been so inspiring to me I can't articulate it."

Along with such contemporaries as Norman Mailer and Truman Capote, he was among the last generation of literary writers who also were genuine celebrities — regulars on talk shows and in gossip columns, personalities of such size and appeal that even those who hadn't read their books knew their names.

His works included hundreds of essays, the best-selling novels "Lincoln" and "Myra Breckenridge" and the Tony-nominated play "The Best Man," a melodrama about a presidential convention revived on Broadway in 2012. Vidal appeared cold and cynical on the surface, dispassionately predicting the fall of democracy, the American empire's decline or the destruction of the environment.

Vidal was uncomfortable with the literary and political establishment, and the feeling was mutual. Beyond his honorary National Book Award, he won few major writing prizes, lost both times he ran for office and initially declined membership into the American Academy of Arts and Letters, joking that he already belonged to the Diners Club. He was eventually admitted, in 1999.

But he was widely admired as an independent thinker — in the tradition of Mark Twain and H.L. Mencken — about literature, culture, politics and, as he liked to call it, "the birds and the bees." He picked apart politicians; mocked religion and prudery; opposed wars from Vietnam to Iraq and insulted his peers like no other, once observing that the three saddest words in the English language were "Joyce Carol Oates." The happiest words: "I told you so."

Rita Miljo, the 'Mother Teresa of baboons,' dies

N.Y. Times News Service

Rita Miljo, whose devotion to rescuing orphaned, injured and mostly reviled baboons earned her the sobriquet "the Mother Teresa of Baboons," died Friday in a fire in her home on her 50-acre preserve in South Africa. She was 81.

Bobby, the first baboon she ever saved, in 1980, also perished in the blaze, as did two other baboons that were in her small apartment at the Center for Animal Rehabilitation and Education, a rescue operation she established in the bush of Limpopo province about 250 miles northeast of Johannesburg.

The center announced Miljo's death. Much of its headquarters was destroyed in the fire.

Shirley McGreal, founder of the International Primate Protection League, said in a statement that baboons are regarded as "vermin" in South Africa, despite their high intelligence and social skills. Baboons have long been shot and killed as a nuisance species. At one time, monetary rewards were offered for handing in a scalp and tail of the animal.

Dear friends, relatives, and past patrons: We wish to thank all of you for your calls, cards, donations, flowers, and internet messages that have encouraged us with sincere words of respect, love, and comfort. Whether it be fixing things, cooking "Love's" famous food, coaching baseball, trap or skeet, we will always remember how Dad loved using his many talents to care for and help people unconditionally. Thank you for remembering him and taking the time to share your memories with us. Sincerely, Gene Love's Family.

Former NFL player-coach Gregg recalls days at SMU

By Joe Drape
N.Y. Times News Service

Gregg

Forrest Gregg has a tremor in his hand, his once granite shoulders are stooped, and his booming baritone is now a halting whisper. His memory comes and goes, but the NFL Hall of Famer doesn't blame it on the Parkinson's disease he is battling and expects is the product of too many concussions.

"I'm old," Gregg, 78, said with a chuckle.

Vince Lombardi wrote that Gregg "was the finest player I ever coached." Gregg was reminded of that recently on a phone call after the NCAA levied a stiff penalty on Penn State's football program in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse scandal.

Gregg was eager to speak about the finest bunch of players he said he had ever been around. He could tick off most their names, but no one outside the most die-hard Southern Methodist University football fans would ever recognize them.

They were small and not all that talented and most of them did not have scholarships or really any business playing major college football on autumn Saturdays.

They were proud, though, and loved SMU as much as Gregg did. In the early 1950s, he had been a two-way standout on the Hilltop, as the university's Dallas-area campus is known. He was horrified when the NCAA gave the Mustang football program the so-called death penalty for paying players, sidelining the team for the 1987 season.

Gregg could not refuse his alma mater when it asked him to not so much return SMU to glory but merely to the football sidelines honorably in 1989. He was not hired for the six championships he won as a player or his acumen with X's and O's that had been enough to win 75 games as a NFL head coach and lead the Cincinnati Bengals to Super Bowl XVI, which they lost, 26-21, to the San Francisco 49ers.

SMU needed a coach who could simultaneously restore integrity and endure a beating on and off the field. Gregg had 15 scholarships to use his first year and when he looked at his practice field, he saw the equivalent of 80 pock-etknives hardly ready for a seasonlong fight with a flotilla of college football's aircraft destroyers.

"I never coached a group of kids that had more courage," he said. "They thought that they could play with anyone. They were quality people. It was one of the most pleasurable experiences in my football life. Period."

In two seasons under Gregg, the Mustangs went 3-19. In 1991, he became the university's athletic director and watched his guys fight through a 1-10 season, followed by one in which they went 5-6. Gregg believes each one of them should have their jersey number retired.

"They restored dignity to SMU football," Gregg said.

He knows what Bill O'Brien, the new Nittany Lions coach, is up against. Penn State did not get the death penalty, but a four-year bowl ban and drastic reduction in scholarships threaten to tumble it from the heights of college football for years to come.

Gregg said he'd welcome a call from O'Brien, but the advice he would offer would have little to do with recruiting or strategies to maximize whatever talent the Nittany Lions could attract.

"I'd tell him to set small goals for the program and enjoy achieving them," he said.

It was important for the resurrected Mustangs, for example, to not go winless in their return season. They won twice.

Gregg said he would tell O'Brien to maintain his sense of humor. It can get you through a humiliating loss — like when Houston trounced SMU, 95-21.

It can help inspire players, even when one of them interrupts your pregame talk.

That happened on the eve of the Mustangs' game against top-ranked Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., in 1989. Gregg thought that he was firing up his team by saying what a privilege it was to compete against one of college football's most storied programs.

"Suddenly, a hand went up," Gregg said.

It was Korey Beard, one of SMU's most talented players, who turned down programs like Nebraska to stay at home in Dallas.

"How major of an upset would it be if we beat them?" Beard asked.

Gregg was startled by the interruption, by the question. He thought for a minute.

"It would be the biggest upset in college football history," he said. "It would be so major that you'd be on 'Good Morning America' on Monday and on Johnny Carson that night."

A charge went through the room and his players' growls grew into a thunderous roar.

"If only we could have played right then," Gregg said with a chuckle. The next day, Notre Dame won, 59-6.

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BROADCAST																
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Wipeout "Boss and Employee 2012"		Wipeout "Batter Up" (N)		Rookie Blue "A Good Shot"	KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Two and Half Men	Big Brother (N)		Person of Interest "Super"	CBS 7 News	(:35) LateS James, Maroon 5	LeBron	(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Vampire Diaries "1912"		The L.A. Complex "Choose Your Battles"		Cops	'Til Death	'Til Death	'70s "Ski Trip"	That '70s Show	South Park
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3*	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Raising Hope	Raising Hope	Glee "Hold On to Sixteen"		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "Semi-Detached"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr's B & S	Alan Lee	Update News	Mark Biltz	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Diana Dye	Matt Staver	Dr. R.Booker	Thurman Scrivner
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	London 2012 Summer Olympics							News-West 9	Summer Olympics	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Global Foresight	Ideas in Action	Prohibition "A Nation of Hypocrites" 3/3 from Aug 1			Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley	
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PREMIUM																
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Roommates		★★★ Mad Dog and Glory		(:00) ★★★ Broken Flowers Bill Murray.				★ High Heels and Low Lifes		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00) ★★★ In Time		★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love. Steve Carell.				Newsroom "Bullies"		True Blood		Cathouse	Real Sex
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:15) ★ Men in Black		True Blood		★★ What's Your Number? Anna Faris.				★★ Little Fockers Ben Stiller.		Movie	
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(5:45) ★★★ Taking Lives		★ Glee The 3D Concert Movie		Boardwalk Empire				Newsroom "Bullies"		★ Bridesmaids	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) ★ Gone Baby Gone		★★★ Almost Famous Billy Crudup.				★★★★ X-Men: First Class				(:15) Zane "Climax"	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:55) ★★★★ The Town Ben Affleck.		★ Stag Night Kip Pardue.				Guide		★★★ Black Swan			Movie
PLEX			96			Movie	(:35) ★ 2 Brothers and a Bride			★★ High School High				★ The Addiction Lil Taylor.		★★★ Krull	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ Five Fingers		★ The Bang Bang Club Malin Akerman.				The Real L Word		Polyamor	The Real L Word		Polyamor
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ On the Inside		★★ The Skulls ('00, Thril) Joshua Jackson.				★ The Skulls II Robin Dunne.		(:40) ★★ The Skulls III			
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A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Straight Menace"		The First 48		The First 48		Cajun Justice	Justice (N)	Cajun Justice	Cajun Justice	The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Scarface		★★★ Donnie Brasco ('97, Cri) Johnny Depp, Al Pacino.						★★★ Donnie Brasco ('97, Cri) Al Pacino.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		★ Rickey Smiley: Live in Atlanta				★★ Soul Men ('08, Com) Samuel L. Jackson.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Million Listing		Million Listing		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ	Listing	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	(4:00) Olympics		Crime Inc.		Crime Inc.		American Greed		Mad Money		Crime Inc.	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Gravity	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	★ Princess Protection Program				(:40) Jessie	(:05) Jessie	Babysit.	A.N.T.	Babysit.
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NFL Live		FilmRoom	FilmRoom	SportsNation		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Interrupt	College Football Live		30 for 30	"The Two Escobars"				Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy vs. Real Madrid (L)			Tonight
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Remember the Titans				★★★ Remember the Titans Denzel Washington.				The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped: All Stars		Chopped: All Stars		Chopped: All Stars		Chopped: All Stars		3 Days to Open		Chopped: All Stars	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Cowboy (L) /Outdoors	(:15) UFC Unleashed	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	2½Men	2½Men	Anger M.	Anger M.	Wilfred	Louie	BrandX	Louie	Wilfred	Anger M.
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		L. House "Survival"		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	At Home	Selling LA	Sellers (N)	Sell NY	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Sellers	Sell NY
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	GLakeWarriors (N)		Shark Wranglers		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Trading Spouses "O'Brien/ Shackelford"		Project Runway "Candy Couture"		Project Runway "Welcome Back (or not) to the Runway"		Project Runway "Welcome Back (or not) to the Runway"		Project Runway "Couture"		Project Runway "Candy Couture"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				(10:00) Olympics (L)		★★ The Fan ('96, Thril) Wesley Snipes, Robert De Niro.				Sports Illustrated		Indy 36		Poker After Dark	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Figure	Figure Out	Yes, Dear	K & Kel	Hollywood Heights		Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Tenants	Tenants	Impact Wrestling				Rat	Tenants	MMA Un.	WaysD	WaysD	WaysD
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NORTH CENTRAL MIDLAND

Fire sparks in water heater closet

Midland firefighters responded to a single-family structure fire around 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at 6 Chatham Court.

Officials said they were able to contain the fire to the point of origin in the water heater closet and stopped it from spreading throughout the home or attic.

The home had significant smoke damage, authorities added, and the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND COUNTY

Driver burned, grass fire ignited from morning wreck

The driver of an oilfield truck was hospitalized with burns to his face, arms and hands after a truck fire that also ignited a grass fire in a nearby field, Fire Department officials said.

At about 9 a.m., a fire began in a "hot oiler" truck near the intersection of East County Road 190 and South County Road 1160, officials said.

The 51-year-old male driver was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital with possible second-degree burns to his body.

The combustion from the fire triggered a 5- to 10-acre grass fire nearby, said officials.

The fire was contained and didn't damage any nearby structures. The cause of the fire was unknown at press time and still under investigation.

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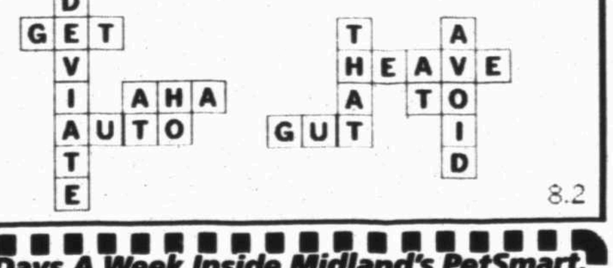

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Searches in Bell County turn up old cemeteries

By Brandon Janes
Killeen Daily Herald

KILLEEN — Any farmer would have found it strange to see Tom Heard and his bookish group of county historians tapping the stalks of their cornfields on a sunny afternoon with their armory of rakes, shovels and weed trimmers.

Over the past three years, the Bell County cemetery committee has been working the pastures, farms and urban areas of Bell County with the formidable task of identifying and salvaging cemeteries.

The committee has finished a comprehensive map of the county's cemeteries, which members said could never be fully completed.

"You are never really done identifying cemeteries," said Dorothy Button, chairwoman of the Bell County Historical Commission.

"We traced through many fields and cattle pastures to find these cemeteries. They are cropping up everywhere."

In the late 1980s, the state delegated the responsibility of maintaining public cemeteries to the counties. A trust fund, composed of volunteer donations, was set up by the Bell County Commissioners' Court to pay for the work, but no one knew at the time how many cemeteries there were and where they were located.

Many have been sitting unattended on forlorn pastures since the 1850s, said Button.

In 2009, Heard, chairman of the cemetery committee, suggested the group find all of the cemeteries in the county, and a map was the only way to organize the information, he said.

The crew started with a preliminary map developed in 1999 — which included about 110 cemeteries — and started adding to it, mostly through reading historical books and word of mouth.

One person even called in while digging up the base for a swimming pool.

Each month the committee members met and pooled their information before visiting the physical sites.

"We'd read something like, 'Grandpa was buried on the farm,'" said Heard. "And so we'd go to where the farm was and find out if the grave was there or not."

It was hard work clearing the sites, and much of it was done in what Button called "snake country."

At one point, the group even enlisted 20 students from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor to help.

Once a cemetery was found, the group had to investigate its legal guardianship.

The law says if a cemetery had only one family buried in it, it was considered a family cemetery, said Joe Button. If more than one family was buried there, the cemetery was considered public.

After three years, the historical group added 66 more cemeteries to the map and 88 — of the total 177 — were eligible for the trust fund.

Many were single graves, which the committee named after the person buried, as is the case with Jodie Moore Cemetery or the Sara Herndon Grave. Others had too many names, such as the Fort Griffin Cemetery, also known as Little River Cemetery or Hartrick Bluff Cemetery.

"We took what was most popular; otherwise we wouldn't have enough room to put the names on the map," said Heard.

Soon the work became less about finding headstones and more about telling a story.

Heard said the oldest grave they found was from 1837.

"We know there were people who lived here before that time but we don't know where they were buried," said Joe Button.

For Heard, the cemetery map tells the story of the struggle for territory between Native American tribes and settlers.

"The Indians would come in and take the area and then the settlers would take it back, and then the Indians would take it back again," he said.

An added benefit of the project was creating a new tool for genealogy research.

"We have parents and grandparents who don't even know their grandparents. And that's sad," Heard said. "Today we have so many better researching tools."

VISIT

From 1B

designation the Tall City seeks so XCOR Aerospace Inc. can operate test flights from Midland International Airport were among the topics discussed, Perry said.

On the spaceport designation, Perry said they also were able to meet with the FAA. He said FAA staff are excited about the potential spaceport in West Texas.

The main reason for the visit was to show appreciation for the delegation's help in the lizard issue, Perry said.

The lizard was under consideration as an endangered species for more than a year. Many people in the Permian Basin opposed the move, saying the listing of the lizard could cause a major disruption in oil and gas industry activity. It was decided in June the creature would not receive the designation because of voluntary conservation efforts being put in place to protect the lizard.

Former solicitor general Ted Cruz on Tuesday won the Republican primary runoff for the seat Hutchison will vacate. He will face Democrat Paul Sadler in November.

EATERY

From 1B

of 175 inside and about 200 when the patio is included, he said.

A manager/part-owner is being brought in to run the restaurant and a chef who's worked in Dallas and Austin will run the kitchen and serve as assistant manager, Marquez said.

The board said they will continue considering how they might be able to partner with Basin Burger House.

In other business, the DMMD board:

■ Agreed to keep its tax rate at the same level it's been in past years. The current rate is 26.4 cents per $100 valuation. It's estimated the rate will generate $433,261.84 of revenue, Shelton said.

■ The board agreed to open proposals that would allow for an architect to put together a master downtown sidewalk plan. Chairman Scooter Brown said the DMMD doesn't necessarily have the funds to put in multiple sidewalks. But by having a plan established, it could help to facilitate future development.

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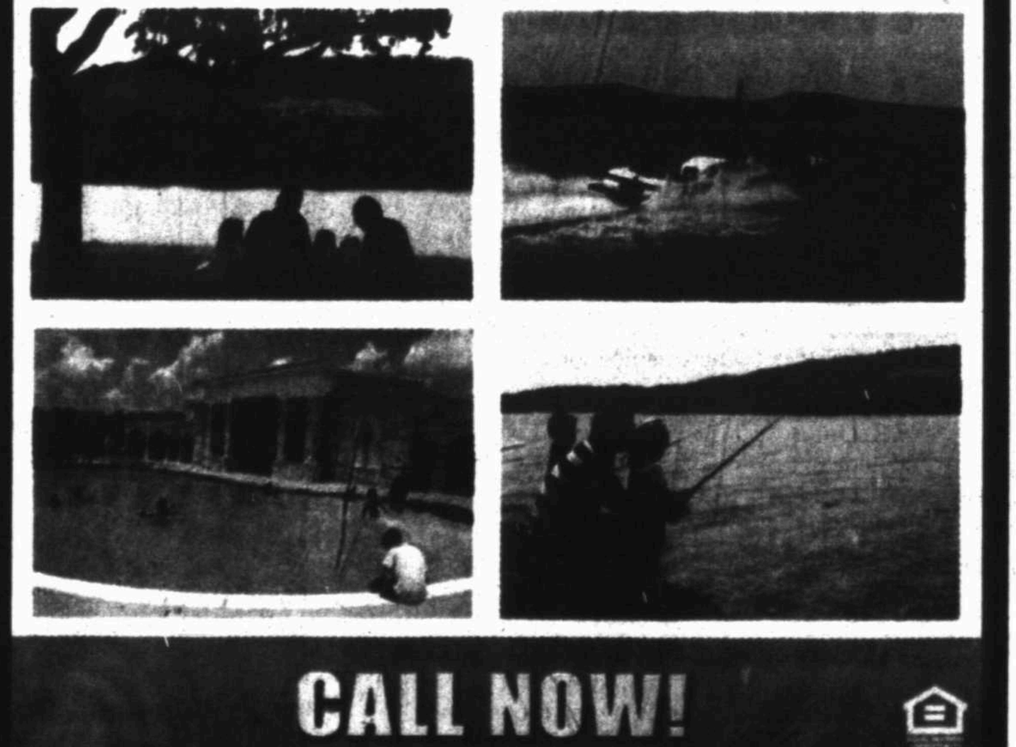

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SATURDAY Sunny high 100 low 74

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 102 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 76 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 102, a low around 75 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 100 and a low around 74.

The high on Wednesday reached 102 while the low dropped to 76. The record high for Aug. 1 is 105 set in 1944. The record low is 56 set in 1936.

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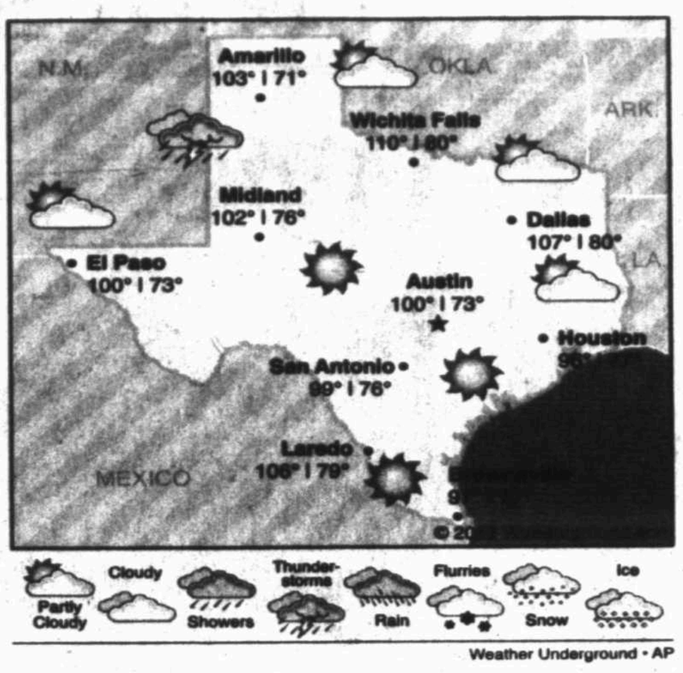
Multiple areas of showers and thunderstorms are expected across the nation today, while drought conditions hold over the southern Plains and the West.

In the East, thunderstorms will be squeezed to the New England and mid-Atlantic coast. A push of dry air aloft associated with weak high pressure should minimize the number of storms over the central and northern Appalachians to the Ohio Valley. Meanwhile, high humidity and daytime heating will fuel scattered storms over the South.



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Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	5.96 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.94 in.

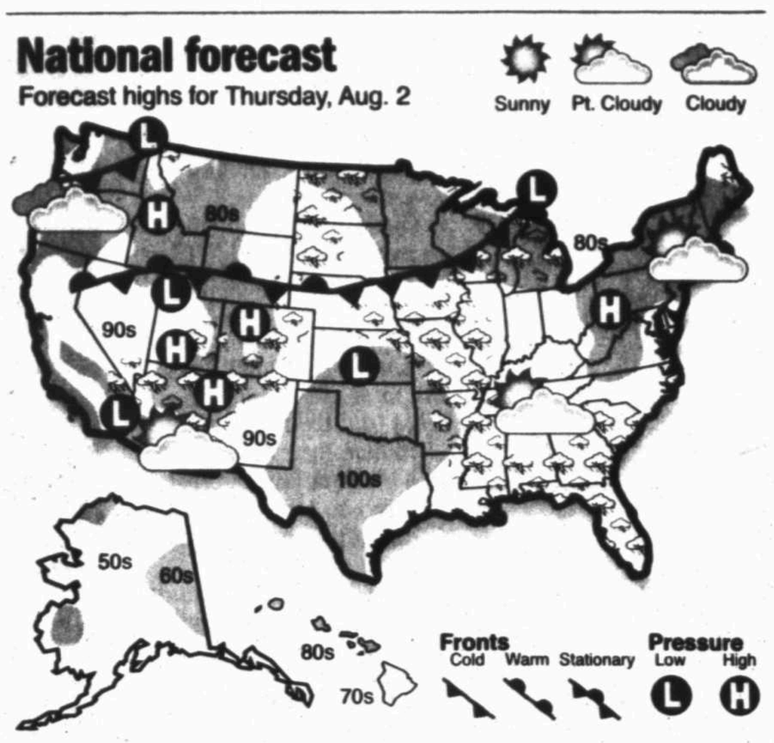
Wednesday's temperatures

High	102
Low	76
Normal high	95
Normal low	70

Sunrise ... 7:05 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Aug. 2



Brother can't handle truth paternity test may reveal

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My younger brother confided that he got a girl pregnant. I'm the only one he has told and it's killing me. The baby is about two months old, and my folks still don't know they could possibly be grandparents. My brother doesn't want to tell them right now, and he also doesn't want a paternity test to see if the baby is his because he doesn't want to face the reality that he could really be a father.

Abby, knowing that I could have a niece out there is killing me because there are so many children who harbor resentment toward their absentee fathers. I really want to do the right thing and get my parents involved, but if I do I'll lose my brother's trust. If I don't tell, I will have to live with the fact that I am abetting my brother being another stereotypical dead-beat dad. Please help. — AUNT IN DISGUISE

DEAR AUNT IN DISGUISE: How old is your brother? From your description, he is acting like a 14-year-old. Have another talk with him and tell him that because he is old enough to father a child, he's also old enough to accept responsibility for his actions. The time to tell his parents everything and start supporting his child in every way he can is now.

Of course, before making any announcements, he should be sure the baby actually is his. A paternity test will let him off the hook if he isn't the father. So give him a deadline to have the test done, and if it shows he is the baby daddy, set another one for him to inform your parents or YOU WILL. The longer the delay, the harder it will be.

DEAR ABBY: I recently discovered that my mother has been purchasing catalog items using my name and not paying for them. I have confronted her, but she denies it even though the items are in her home. My mother is much better off financially than I am and has no need to use my credit.

I have spoken to the companies and had mixed results. Some have agreed to put the bill in her name, others refused. At this point, I don't know what to do. Any advice would be appreciated. — JOANNA IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DEAR JOANNA: Your mother's behavior is shameful. Talk to your credit card companies and ask for new credit cards. If this is allowed to continue, your mother will destroy your credit. Tell her that you expect her to pay the charges she has incurred immediately, and you want proof of payment. Warn her that if it doesn't happen, you will inform the fraud division of your local police and let them deal with her. Then follow through.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 13 and have a problem. My friends are jealous of me. They say I'm spoiled rotten. I honestly don't think I am that spoiled, and I love my friends dearly. I am bothered by their rude comments. How do I ask them to stop or should I just ignore it? — UNSPOILED IN INDIANA

DEAR UNSPOILED: The next time they say it, say: "It hurts my feelings when you say that. A spoiled person is someone who doesn't appreciate what she has — and I appreciate EVERYthing I have. Especially friends like you."

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Tommy comes up trumps

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A K Q
10 8 7
Q 4
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

WEST
♠ 5 4 3 2
2
J 8 7 6
♣ K Q 10 9

EAST
♠ J 7 6
6 5 4 3
K 10 5
♣ J 8 7

SOUTH
♠ 10 9 8
A K Q J 9
A 9 3 2
♣ A

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♡

Trump Coup Tommy was down on his luck. Trumps were breaking well and, with no chance to demonstrate his peculiar talent, he had been butchering many contracts. Then this deal came along and allowed a glimpse of a different Tommy — allowing the defenders to score a trump trick against declarer's 150 honors in the combined holding!

It did not take Tommy and his partner long to reach an odds-on slam in hearts — a couple of cue-bids were all Tommy needed to get there. On any plain-suit lead six hearts is easy — Tommy simply ruffs his losing diamonds in dummy.

The opening lead of a singleton trump, rarely a good idea, especially against a slam, put paid to that plan. If declarer surrendered a diamond, East would remove another of dummy's trumps.

Taking a different tack, Tommy won in hand with a trump honor, cashed the ace of clubs and crossed to the table with a spade.

A club was ruffed high, and the table's spades provided entries to two more clubs ruffed high, establishing a long club in dummy. When the nine of trumps fetched a spade discard from West, Tommy sat up and began to take notice. He finished matters off at a brisk pace.

The nine of hearts was overtaken with the 10 and two more trumps were drawn, leaving East with the only trump in the game. Declarer had 10 tricks in the bank and, when the good club was led, East was forced to ruff. Now a diamond away from the king allowed Tommy to play low from hand and collect the last two tricks with dummy's queen of diamonds and the ace in hand.

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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 Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012:

Optimism can make the impossible happen this year, especially with you. You will network and expand your horizons in the next 12 months. You also will manifest a long-term dream, which will delight many people. If you are single, you attract many potential suitors. The issue is deciding which one to choose. Are you even ready to settle down? Regardless, you have a great time as you try to figure out your love life. If you are attached, the two of you seem to manifest happiness wherever you go. You learn to talk through the less-than-easy feelings. Closeness happens naturally. AQUARIUS is loyal like you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Meetings prove to be very important. You might not be sure which way you would like to go until you hear all the different perspectives. A partner or friend pushes very hard to get what he or she wants. Detach and make a firm decision. Tonight: Think "weekend."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You showcase your skills in organization and management. With your high energy and determination, you are able to materialize what you want. Make sure to spend more time with a family member who wants your attention. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Reach out for different perspectives. You seem to understand exactly what is needed, but it is important to be open to the best path. A child could be rather rowdy. A loved one also might act in a childish manner. Tonight: Let your imagination come into play.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Listen to someone's ideas before lashing out at him or her. You might be vested in having your way much more than you think. Take a walk or do something else to help you relax. A healthy one-on-one conversation can clear up a misunderstanding. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might think you have a sign on your door that says "Visit Me." Fortunately, you are a gregarious person who likes people. Try not to be gruff as you establish limits. You could come off a lot harsher than you intend. Tonight: Certainly no lack of people, ideas or plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Your attention to detail is in high demand. Someone makes it clear that he or she needs your abilities. Listen to what's being shared by a superior, parent or older friend. This person has experience on his or her side. Honor what seems like a good idea. Tonight: Do not go to extremes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ The natural twists and turns of your life's path will land you in the right place. Just follow your intuition and do not overthink. Your high energy attracts a key person. This person likes what you are about. Tonight: Consider starting the weekend early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ With so much going on lately, you could feel overwhelmed and tend to be a bit sarcastic. A partner, associate or friend pitches in and makes the day easier. It is this person's pleasure, so you do not need to make a big deal about it. Tonight: Get some extra downtime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Suddenly, everyone needs to get things off his or her chest. This will keep you busy, so be sure to schedule time for some and just respond to others. A friendship has been, and will continue to be, too demanding. You experience others' issues firsthand. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You put in that extra effort without hesitation. When provoked, your energy becomes much higher and focused. Do not be at the mercy of others. Choose how you want to handle a financial matter, then follow through. Tonight: Double-check your budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You will have the ability to move an important relationship or situation forward right now. Do not hesitate; overthinking could become a problem. Sometimes you just need to act. An observer might be taken aback by how quickly you can launch into action. Tonight: Whatever suits you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Know when to back off and do something else. You could be overtired, as is an associate or loved one. For now, recognize your need to center and take on nothing major. Dote on yourself for a change. Tonight: Get some extra Z's.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian Victoria Jackson (1959), actor Peter O'Toole (1932), Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lance Ito (1950)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Shake in reproach, as a finger
4 E-junk
8 Beats handily
14 Raymond Burr's TV sleuth
16 Speed up
17 Easter song title critter
19 Plenty of poetry?
20 Facility
21 Seattle's _ Field
24 Not likely to bite
25 Mischievous moppet
28 Rich chocolate dessert with a crust
31 Expensive
32 City east of Wichita
33 Under-the-sink cleaners
39 Nasty
40 Bit of carpenter's gun ammo
41 Dessert sometimes colored with beet juice
47 Massage facility
48 Some necklines
49 It's often closed for the night
52 Safecracker
53 Vocal range
54 Important trial figure, or what you'll be when you read this puzzle's other four longest answers
61 1887 La Scala debut
62 Feminist poet Rich
63 Novelist Waugh
64 "Check this out!"
65 33-Across brand

DOWN

1 Diaper bag supply
2 Bowl game venue
3 Escaped punishment
4 Old geopolitical abbr.
5 JPEG file, usually
6 Hue and cry
7 Confronted
8 Guessing game question
9 Grimm brother
10 Prefix meaning "bone"
11 L.A. bus-and-rail org.
12 Canada's smallest prov.
13 NBC weekend revue
15 Later
18 They may be black or green
22 Give up
23 Answer to "How do you Yanks spell 'travelling'?"
24 Seats of power
25 Device with earbuds
26 Wire measures
27 Princess provoker
29 Cry from a crow's nest
30 Sportage supplier
33 Leak slowly
34 "Look what I did!"
35 It needs to be addressed: Abbr.
36 Heart-healthy grain
37 Layers of rits
38 Quarterback's call
39 Old Miss
42 Either "Bye Bye Love" singer
43 Troop group
44 1970s Chevy subcompact
45 "The Family Circus" cartoonist
46 Actress Barkin et al.
50 "_ use!"
51 Teaspoons, perhaps
52 Make oneself heard
54 Curly tormentor
55 Suzuki offering, briefly
56 Kickoff helper
57 Runner's circuit
58 Sentence fragments?: Abbr.
59 Form letters?
60 Bearded _: small bird

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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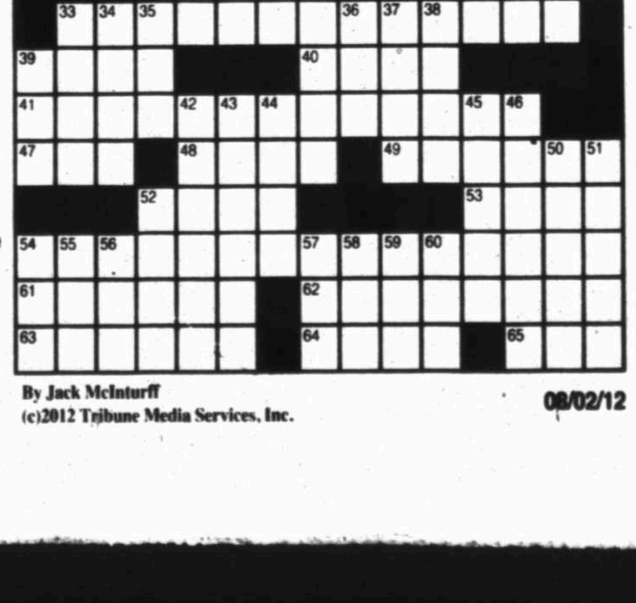

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TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Truck wreck creates hazmat situation

Officials say a trucker has been critically hurt in a Texas wreck that led to a hazardous materials scare when a soap-making chemical leaked.

Hospital authorities said five emergency workers were treated Wednesday for possible exposure to what turned out to be a non-hazardous material.

The Department of Public Safety said the accident happened near Cleveland, about 40 miles northeast of Houston. A freight-hauling truck hit a tree.

Officials said the driver was taken to Ben Taub General Hospital in Houston. Further details on the trucker weren't immediately released.

Bryan McLeod, with the Harris County Hospital District, said hospital officials initially were not sure of the chemical. A decontamination area was set up. McLeod said experts later determined the chemical was alkaline sulfate, which is used to make soap products.

EL PASO

Man charged in foster baby death

Police say a foster parent in West Texas has been charged with the death of an infant in his care.

El Paso police said 27-year-old Antonio Lopez was arrested Wednesday on a capital murder charge.

Police said 11-month-old Jayla Beckley was transported to an El Paso hospital Saturday for treatment of breathing problems. The girl later died. Further details were not immediately released on who sought help for the baby.

An autopsy done Tuesday determined the youngster had blunt force trauma to her chest and abdomen. Police allege Lopez cause the injuries.

Jail records did not list an attorney for Lopez, who was being held without bond.

NEW YORK

Exhibit to focus on Picasso's B&W palette

Pablo Picasso is well known for his Blue and Rose periods.

His use of a black-and-white palette is less familiar. New York's Guggenheim Museum is doing something about that.

"Picasso Black and White" opens on Oct. 5. It will feature 118 paintings, sculptures and works on paper by the Spanish artist.

The museum said in a release that Picasso's recurrent motif of a black, white and gray palette is frequently overlooked.

It said the exhibition will present "a unique and illuminating perspective" on this lesser-known aspect of his work.

The show will run through Jan. 23.

It will travel to the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston in February.

GALVESTON

Body of missing fisherman recovered from Gulf

Coast Guard and Galveston County sheriff's deputies have found and recovered the body of a fisherman from the Gulf of Mexico after he was washed out to sea while wade fishing.

A Coast Guard statement said a call came in just before 9 a.m. Tuesday from a fisherman who reported that his 33-year-old friend had been carried offshore by strong currents. He said his friend had been carried off while fishing Tuesday morning in the surf off Bolivar Peninsula near Rollover Pass, 23 miles northeast of Galveston.

A Coast Guard helicopter crew spotted the man's body about 45 minutes later about a mile east of where he'd been reported missing. A sheriff's ski patrol helped the Coast Guard with the recovery.

No identity has been revealed.

HOUSTON

7 arrested at demonstration for striking janitors

Demonstrators protesting on behalf of striking union janitors blocked the escalator at a downtown Houston office building, leading to seven arrests.

The sit-down happened Tuesday at One Allen Center on the western end of downtown Houston. A spokeswoman for the Service Employees International Union in Washington, D.C., told the Houston Chronicle that those arrested were four janitors from Chicago and three labor activists from other states.

The seven have been charged with misdemeanor trespassing. Convictions could mean up to 180 days in jail.

The 3,200 Houston-area janitors represented by the SEIU have been escalating protests and spot strikes since their contract expired May 31. More than 475 janitors in 36 buildings are now on strike for improved wages and benefits.

BROWNSVILLE

Family of Mexican shot by Border Patrol sues

The family of a Mexican man who they say was killed by a Border Patrol agent's shot across the Rio Grande has sued the U.S. government.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Brownsville on Friday alleges the agent used unlawful force in shooting 30-year-old Juan Pablo Perez Santillan.

Border Patrol said illegal immigrants were throwing rocks at agents while they detained a group that had crossed the river July 7. Another agent fired across the river when someone was seen aiming a rifle.

The Mexican government has confirmed that Perez Santillan was killed on the river bank in Matamoros. His family said in the lawsuit that he was unarmed and signaling groups when to cross the river.

A Border Patrol spokesman declined to comment on the lawsuit Tuesday.

AUSTIN

State to help process claims from Texas vets

Texas will help process thousands of backlogged federal disability claims at Department of Veterans Affairs regional offices in Houston and Waco.

The Texas Veterans Commission in Austin announced the initiative Tuesday. Texas is committing $1.5 million to the project.

So-called strike force teams, made up of eight counselors, are expected to help relieve a backlog of nearly 69,000 claims pending for more than 125 days.

Additional staffers will be dispatched to Dallas, Fort Worth, Temple, Austin, Houston, San Antonio and McAllen to assist veterans in filing their claims.

SEGUIN

Mother, 2 sons die in house fire

Authorities say a mother and her two sons have died in a house fire in South Texas.

Guadalupe County Fire Marshal Kelly Kistner said the fire started Tuesday morning in the home located in a small neighborhood in an unincorporated area outside Seguin.

Kistner said one of the sons was 15 and the other was 5. He said he had yet to learn the age of the mother.

Kistner said the woman's 13-year-old daughter also was in the house, and is in stable condition at a Seguin hospital.

The names of the victims were not immediately released.

Firefighters from Sequin and nearby McQueeney fought the blaze.

Kistner said the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Seguin is about 40 miles east of San Antonio.

AP file photo

In this April 27, 2010, photo, a shrimp boat is seen in the Gulf of Mexico near the Chandeleur Islands, off the Southeastern tip of Louisiana. Efforts to protect endangered sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico have prompted strenuous complaints from the dwindling fleet of shrimpers blamed for drowning them in their nets, who say their own livelihoods are threatened. By next March, the federal government wants about 2,435 shrimp boats, most run by mom-and-pop operations, to install turtle-saving gear in their nets to protect the turtles, whose survival has gained renewed concern after BP's catastrophic 2010 Gulf oil spill. The spill prompted closer study of turtle deaths, though scientists have concluded that most were because of drowning and not effects of the spill.

Shrimpers battle over new turtle rules

By Cain Burdeau
Associated Press

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Fishermen said the gear will cause them to lose shrimp, cut into their paltry profits and drive their waning industry into an even deeper hole. The fishermen also insist the new gear is unnecessary because they hardly ever catch turtles.

The gear already is required for trawlers in federal waters. The new rule would apply to nets used in state waters, closer to shore, where many shrimpers operate.

"These people are trying to put us out of work and put us on the food stamp line," said Clint Guidry, president of the Louisiana Shrimp Association.

Fishermen feel like they can't catch a break. Imports of cheap farm-raised shrimp, hurricanes, high fuel prices and the BP oil spill have driven about 4,000 boats off the water in Louisiana over the past decade. The number of commercial shrimpers is declining elsewhere, too.

The new measures are meant to protect turtles — and especially the endangered Kemp's ridley turtle. Measuring 100 pounds and 2 feet in length as adults, they're considered the world's smallest marine turtles.

Since the 1980s Mexico and the United States have partnered to bring the species back from the brink of extinction. After the BP oil spill began, scientists along the Gulf Coast rushed to collect Kemp's ridley and loggerhead turtle eggs from beach nests for incubation in Florida with the intent of releasing hatchlings in the safer waters of the Atlantic. Mexico also has taken measures to protect beach nesting areas and hatchlings.

Earlier this year the National Marine Fisheries Service — under pressure by environmental lawsuits — said it would develop rules to make nearly every commercial shrimper along the Gulf and South Atlantic install in nets the grill-like apparatus called a "turtle excluder device" to propel ensnared turtles to freedom. The grills are known as TEDs.

The agency says it hopes the rules will be completed and in effect by March 2013. Shrimpers, meanwhile, are sour and angry at the prospect.

That was the mood at Robert Boudreaux's net shop in Lafitte on Barataria Bay on a recent morning where a handful of the only shrimpers left in this town drank coffee as they watched the lightning-fast fingers of net makers knit nylon webbing.

"The net is like a giant funnel and as it funnels down; right when it gets to the point like that of a bottle you install the TED," Boudreaux, the net maker, explained.

But he said TEDs present many problems for small boats.

"You're not dragging in a swimming pool where everything's clean," he said. "You're dragging in water with trash and debris. Debris comes in there, jams in the TED, and then shoots out your shrimp!"

The TED has a contentious history.

In the 1980s, regulators first proposed Gulf fishermen use them, sparking what fishermen still refer to as the "the TED wars."

During the summer of 1989, an armada of shrimp boats, some flying skull and bones flags, formed blockades into the ports of Lake Charles, Houston and Corpus Christi to protest TED rules. Things got ugly with gunshots reported; a Coast Guard cutter's window was broken; boaters tried to run the blockades and protesters were sprayed with water cannons.

TEDs became the law anyway for trawlers in offshore federal waters. In response, many shrimpers stopped going far offshore.

Now, regulators want to close that loophole by requiring fishermen in state waters use TEDs. Regulators estimate about 5,515 turtles would be saved each year.

"It's clear that the skimmer fleet is taking a massive toll on sea turtles," said Teri Shore, program director of the Sea Turtle Restoration Network, a California-based group that's filed lawsuits to protect sea turtles.

A spike in dead turtles along the northern Gulf since early 2010 has added urgency. Since then, 1,519 sea turtles have been found stranded or dead. About 85 percent are Kemp's ridley turtles, National Marine Fisheries Service data shows. Federal scientists say most of the turtles died due to drowning, most likely in nets, and not from BP's oil spill.

Environmentalists say increased monitoring of the Gulf since the spill shows the shrimp fleet is killing turtles.

"What the oil spill did was shine a great big spotlight on dead turtles and they weren't covered in oil," said Carole Allen, founder of Help Endangered Animals-Ridley Turtles, a Texas group that's pushed for more regulations on the shrimp fleet since the 1980s.

Environmentalists also say the price for TEDs is small. Federal scientists say about 5 percent of a fisherman's catch is expected to be lost due to the gear, which costs up to $400 a net to install.

Yet shrimpers insist that's not the case.

"I've caught three turtles in my whole career," said Pete Gerica, 59.

Matthew Moreau, a 37-year-old shrimper, said he's caught a few turtles but when he does he returns them to the water. "Why would we keep them?"

To prove how many turtles are caught, this year the National Marine Fisheries Service is spending $2 million to send contractors out on shrimp boats to catalogue the catch. So far, 24 Kemp's ridley turtles have been caught while observers were onboard, NMFS said.

Shrimpers are hardly happy about observers on their cramped boats.

"Me and him didn't see eye to eye," said Henry Hess, a 53-yer-old fisherman about the observer he had on his boat. "I don't like people trying to get rid of my job. I wanted to throw him off my boat."

Requests by The Associated Press to interview the observers, hired by Florida-based IAP World Services Inc., were denied.

Fishermen aren't the only ones questioning the need for TEDs.

"Without doubt, uncategorically, it's the shrimper (who's more endangered)," said Jerald Horst, a retired Louisiana State University fisheries specialist.

In the late 1980s, there were roughly 16,500 shrimp net licenses issued in Louisiana. The number dropped to about 5,240 in 2007, according to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Meanwhile, the number of Kemp's ridley turtles is on the rebound. In 2009, more than 20,000 nests were counted on the same Mexican beaches where only 702 were found in the 1980s.

TEDs, though, may be the fishermen's best hope to survive, said Roy Crabtree, Southeast regional administrator at NMFS.

"Folks can say, 'TEDs put us out of business,'" Crabtree said. "But the fact is TEDs saved the (offshore) shrimp fishery, it would have ended up being closed down under the Endangered Species Act. So, TEDs gave us a technological solution to a very serious problem."

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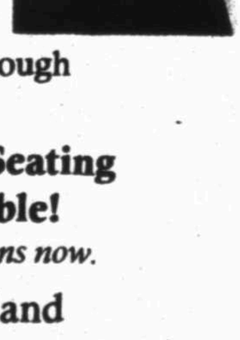

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'Hounds beat Frisco in 12-inning road test

From staff reports

FRISCO — An RBI single by Eliezer Mesa, playing in just his second game as a Midland RockHound, proved to be the difference Wednesday as the RockHounds erased a four-run deficit against the Frisco RoughRiders in a seesaw 6-5 victory in 12 innings at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

Mesa entered the game in the bottom of the eighth after Tyler Ladendorf was ejected in the top of the eighth not long after he was called out on strikes. Four innings later, Mesa made his first hit as a RockHound count, lining the game-winning hit to right.

RockHounds	6
RoughRiders	5 (12)

It seemed there'd be no need for heroics early in the game as Frisco raced out to a 3-0 lead in the first thanks to RBI singles by Jurickson Profar, Chris McGuiness and Jared Hoying.

That lead became 4-0 in the bottom of the fifth when Alex Buchholz scored on an Engel Beltre sacrifice fly.

Yet Midland, seemingly staring a fourth straight loss in the face, refused to go away.

It only took one inning for the RockHounds to make up the early deficit as they rudely welcomed reliever Richard Bleier to the game with a four-run inning.

With one on and one out, Ladendorf stroked an RBI single to right to put the RockHounds on the board, which Anthony Aliotti followed with an RBI double to make it 4-2.

Matt Rizzotti then launched a two-run

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Big 12 back strong with 3 league champs

Associated Press

The Big 12 Conference has come back strong after two straight summers of uncertainty about its future.

Find another league that has ever featured three reigning conference champions like the Big 12 will have this season. It has its own defending champ in Oklahoma State and both newcomers — TCU from the Mountain West and West Virginia from the Big East — are coming off titles.

Six of the current teams won at least 10 games last season. There is a new commissioner (former Stanford athletic director Bob Bowlsby) and a new alignment with the powerhouse SEC, which has won the last six national championships since Texas' title, for a future bowl game to match the champions of the two leagues.

"I think it's fair to say our league, when you add West Virginia and TCU, two teams coming off bowl wins, two ranked football teams, you put them with the rest of what we've been doing here in the Big 12, that our league is every bit as strong as it's ever been, if not stronger," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "So it will be a challenging year."

Oklahoma won seven Big 12 titles in an 11-year span before last season, when the league dropped from 12 to 10 teams and scrapped divisional play for a round-robin schedule.

The Sooners, with quarterback Landry Jones back for his senior season and already with 37 starts, is still considered a league favorite. Their schedule includes road games against the two new teams that replaced Missouri and Texas A&M, now in the SEC.

TCU has won 24 consecutive conference games, having won three consecutive outright Mountain West titles since its last league loss in November 2008. They also won the Rose Bowl in an undefeated season two years ago.

West Virginia won or shared the Big East title six times since 2003 and had a record-shattering 70-33 win over Clemson in the Orange Bowl in January that made the Mountaineers 3-0 in BCS games. Their 4,000-yard passing quarterback Geno Smith got tabbed as the Big 12 preseason offensive player of the year over Jones.

"What's awesome about the Big 12 as opposed to where we were last year is just the national exposure," said West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen, who knows that well after nearly a decade in the Big 12. "And it's going to be West Coast to East Coast."

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Adrian, Schmitt dole out heartache to Aussies

Associated Press

LONDON — Nathan Adrian took out the Missile by a fingertip. Then Allison Schmitt dealt more heartache to the team from Down Under.

Adrian, a 23-year-old largely overshadowed by American stars such as Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte, made a name for himself by winning the 100-meter Olympic freestyle Wednesday. He lunged to the wall to edge James "The Missile" Magnussen by one-hundredth of a second — the slightest margin possible — and again deny Australia its first individual swimming gold of the London Games.

Adrian pounded the water, then put his hands over his eyes while dangling over the lane rope, as if he couldn't believe the "1" beside his name. Magnussen hung at the end of the pool, staring straight ahead at the wall in disbelief.

"It's not who swims the fastest time this year," said Adrian, a not-so-subtle dig at Magnussen posting the best time ever in a textile suit back in March. "It's who can get their hands on the wall first here tonight."

The Aussies took another

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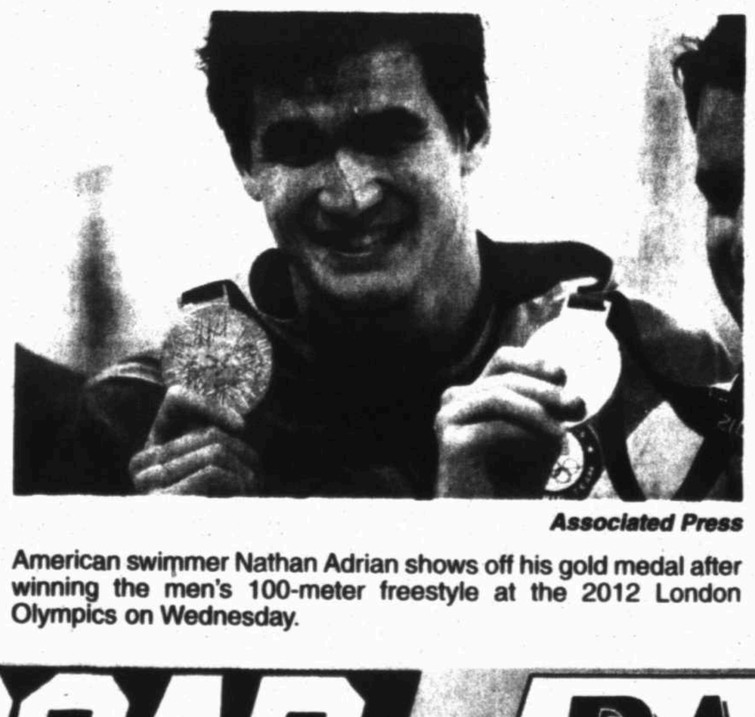

Associated Press

American swimmer Nathan Adrian shows off his gold medal after winning the men's 100-meter freestyle at the 2012 London Olympics on Wednesday.

Murray already among top Dallas RBs

Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — DeMarco Murray isn't ready to think of himself in the same company as Tony Dorsett and Emmitt Smith, though he is already listed among the Dallas Cowboys' two Hall of Fame running backs in the team record book.

"Those are two legends," Murray said. "That has never crossed my mind to be compared to them or to have anything to do with them. I have a lot of respect for them. Mentors. I have had a chance to talk with both of them."

On the first carry of his first start, Murray ran 91 yards for a touchdown — the longest for any player's first TD run since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970. The only longer scoring run in Cowboys history is Dorsett's memorable 99-yarder in a 1983 Monday night game.

Murray ran for a team-record 253 yards in that first start, and had 601 yards in his first four — more than NFL career rushing leader Smith ever had over a similar stretch. And Murray finished as the team's leading rusher for the season even after missing the last three games because of a broken right ankle.

After getting his first start when Felix Jones was hurt last October, Murray came into this training camp for the Cowboys (No. 15 in the AP Pro32) as the No. 1 running back. The first practice in pads was Wednesday, before a day off Thursday.

"It's a great feeling being out here, getting the plays, getting the reps," Murray said. "Not only the physical reps, the mental reps, go back in film and watch myself. It's exciting and I'm glad I got an early start."

Murray, a third-round pick last season out of Oklahoma, said he is still working hard to get the plays down and know his blocking assignments to help protect quarterback Tony Romo when he's not carrying the ball. And Murray wants to

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Witten says he's tired of the same old stories

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

OXNARD, Calif. — Jason Witten has had enough.

Enough of missing the playoffs. Enough of making the playoffs only to lose in the first or second round. Enough of hearing from the media about how the Cowboys have talent but lack the mettle to become an elite team.

Witten

"None of you are believers," the tight end said. "And why should you be?"

As he prepares for his 10th season, Witten knows his time in the NFL is winding down. With that in mind, he's pushing himself and his teammates like never before.

"It goes fast," Witten said of his NFL career, "and I will be damned if I let this opportunity slip by and not come away with a championship.

"It's been a heck of a run, but it's time we grab it."

Since the Cowboys arrived in

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shot to right to knot up the score at 4.

Rizzotti later helped Midland grab its first lead of the game with an RBI double to left that made it 5-4, but the RoughRiders' Mike Olt tied it up again in the bottom of the inning on his 28th home run of the season.

The game then headed to extra innings, knotted at 5 until Mesa provided his late-game heroics.

Frisco got two men on with one out in the bottom of the 12th after Matt McSwain intentionally walked Strausborger, but McSwain, who picked up the win Wednesday, retired the next two batters to end the game.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, ROUGHRIDERS 5, 12 INNINGS

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Gutierrez ss-3b	4	1	1	0	Beltre rf	4	1	2	1
Liberatori rf	4	1	1	1	Profar 2b	6	1	3	1
Metcalf	2	0	1	1	Olt 1b	6	1	2	1
Arias 1b	6	1	1	1	McGuiness dh	5	1	1	1
Rizzotti lf	5	1	3	3	Strausborger ph-f	0	1	0	0
Barfield cf	5	0	0	0	Hoying rf	1	0	1	1
Hester 2b	4	1	0	0	Garneau ss	5	0	0	0
Taylor c	5	0	0	0	Buchholz 3b	4	1	0	0
Hunter ph-ss	5	0	0	0	Zaneski c	4	0	2	0
Mesa p	4	2	2	0	Mayewski ph	0	0	0	0
					Felix	0	0	0	0
Totals	44	6	9	6	Totals	42	5	12	5

Midland	000	004	010 001 —6
Frisco	300	010	010 000 —5

E — Buchholz (5), Bucket (2). DP — Frisco 1 (Garneau - Hoying - Olt). LOB — Midland 7, Frisco 11. 2B — Rizzotti 2 (5), Arias (19), Strausborger (14). 3B — Beltre (16). HR — Rizzotti (3), Olt (28). SB — Crumbliss (21), Hoying (14), Profar 2 (14). Strausborger (21). CS — Gutierrez (1), Beltre.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mujica	5.0	6	4	4	1	5
Lewis	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
Cruz	2.0	2	1	1	1	0
Birney	2.2	2	0	0	3	3
M.Lewis (L,1-0)	1.0	1	0	0	1	0
Frisco						
Ramirez	4.0	1	0	0	0	1
Ewert	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Buker	4.0	5	5	5	4	4
Sabaugh (L,2-4)	3.0	3	1	1	0	3

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TL Standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	26	12	.684	—
Arkansas	20	19	.513	6½
Tulsa	17	22	.436	9½
NW Arkansas	10	29	.256	16½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	27	12	.692	—
San Antonio	20	19	.513	7
Frisco	18	21	.462	9
Midland	17	21	.447	9½

Wednesday's Scores
Midland 6, Frisco 5, 12 innings
Corpus Christi 10, San Antonio 9
Tulsa 6, Northwest Arkansas 4
Springfield 7, Arkansas 3

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

YOUTH SPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NORTHERN ALL-STARS GO 1-2 AT TOURNEY

FORT WORTH — The Northern Little League 9-10 year old All-Stars finished with a 1-2 record at the state tournament recently.

The squad lost a pair of games to Waco Midway, and its lone win came against North Brownsville, 8-6.

Against North Brownsville, Hagan Holly was the winning pitcher and Garison Breeding recorded the save.

The team finished the season with an 8-2 record and won the District 3 and Section 1 championships.

WITTEN

From 1C

California last weekend, Witten has been locked in. Stepping up as a leader, he set the tone for camp when he told the media just minutes after stepping off the jet in Point Mugo that "it can't be the same old story" this season.

"Our actions have to be louder than our words," Witten said. "If we are going to be the team we think we can be, we have to go show it."

All the Cowboys have shown the past 15 seasons is that they can master mediocrity. Over that span, Dallas is 120-120 in the regular season and 1-6 in the playoffs, including 1-3 since Witten arrived as a third-round pick out of Tennessee.

"An 8-8 record is not good enough," Witten said of last year's mark. "I believe in the men we have. I believe we work the right way. But, ultimately, we didn't make the playoffs last year."

Their first chance to show they mean business will come Sept. 5 at the Meadowlands, where they will face the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants. Eli Manning and Co. swept the Cowboys last season, with the second win coming in the season finale with the NFC East title and a trip to the playoffs at stake.

"What a great opportunity we have coming up on Sept. 5," Witten said.

But it likely will be "the same old story" if the Cowboys don't improve their mental toughness and learn to thrive in crunch time, he said. Last season, they blew fourth-quarter leads in five of their eight losses.

Determined to make his team mentally tougher, coach Jason Garrett isn't cutting the players any slack.

"You saw that first hand yesterday when he called us back (to repeat post-practice wind sprints after they didn't do them correctly)," Witten said. "These are long practices, a lot of running. But you have to be able to gut it out. This is what the fourth quarter is going to be like."

And if any of the younger players grumble, Witten stands ready to set them straight. He's become Garrett's enforcer, a grizzled veteran unwilling to tolerate newcomers who don't share his commitment.

"Witten's comments, without me speaking for him," Garrett said, "stem from the fact that as the leader on this team over the course of the last eight, nine, 10 years, he's a guy who understands we've been close at different times.

"We haven't gotten the job done. It's a point we try to make to our team all the time. It's a bottom-line business. It's a get-the-job-done business. I've heard that from many coaches through the years. I understand that as a coach. I understand that as a player. I think our team understands that."

No question Witten does. He may not have understood it fully as rookie, but a decade later nothing else matters to him but winning a Super Bowl.

Simply put, he's had enough.

MURRAY

From 1C

get better catching the ball.

He is also watching more film, something he didn't do much in college.

"I would watch it but not understand it," Murray said. "Now coach (Skip) Peete and (new offensive coordinator Bill) Callahan showed me what to look at it and understand what I'm looking at."

What Murray isn't worried about is trying to live up to an impressive injury-shortened rookie season.

"Not at all. I have a lot of high standards. No one sets the bar higher than me. I have a very high standard for myself playing," he said. "I love this game and I am going to try to do anything and everything I can to help this team out."

Coach Jason Garrett doesn't like to compare players to each other. But he also believes it's important not to compare what a guy has done from one year to the next, since the conditions change and there can be different dynamics to the team and different competition.

"It's really important to try to come to work every day, try to be your best, improve in all areas, try to get yourself physically and mentally ready to be your best, and not worry about what you've done in the past, either good or bad," Garrett said. "When you come off a season like he's had, I think it's particularly important for him to do that. Get himself healthy, come to work every day, and just become a better football player."

There are some positive changes for Murray and the entire offense with the offseason addition of veteran fullback Lawrence Vickers and some changes on the offensive line.

"We believe in balance on offense, being a physical football team," Garrett said. "Running the football is a big part of that and we wanted to address some of those things in the offseason. ... DeMarco is going to be a big part of that. And we have tried to make the conditions better for him."

Andrus, Rangers get win over Angels

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Elvis Andrus had a game-ending two-run single in the 10th inning, and the Texas Rangers rallied from six runs down to beat the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

The Rangers trailed 7-1 in the fifth and then 10-7 after the Angels scored three in the top of the 10th.

Albert Pujols connected twice for his second straight multihomer game. His second home run, a two-run shot in the 10th, was one of four long balls hit between the two teams in the final two innings.

Texas' Ian Kinsler homered in the bottom of the ninth to tie it 7-all.

Chris Iannetta also homered in the 10th for the Angels, but Texas came right back.

Nelson Cruz homered, and Mitch Moreland singled off Jason Isringhausen (3-1) to bring the Rangers to 10-9. With the bases loaded, Andrus drove a single past third baseman Alberto Callaspo to set off a wild celebration for the Rangers.

The Rangers extended their lead in the American League West to four games over the Angels and 4 1/2 over third-place Oakland

Joe Nathan (2-3) gave up Iannetta's homer on a full-count pitch and Pujols' two-run drive but still earned the win.

It was Pujols' 44th multihomer run of his career, third-most among active players.

He had never had consecutive multihomer games in the regular season.

Texas had been outscored 21-10 in dropping the first two of a four-game series against their division rivals.

Kinsler's solo shot off Ernesto Frieri with one out in the ninth tied the game at 7. It was Frieri's first blown save in 13 chances.

Braun hits 29th HR as Brewers sweep Astros, 13-4

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MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun hit his NL-leading 29th homer and the Milwaukee Brewers connected four times Wednesday, beating the sloppy Houston Astros 13-4 to complete a three-game sweep.

Rickie Weeks and Cesar Izturis each homered in the fifth inning. Jonathan Lucroy added a two-run shot in the seventh, helping rookie Mike Fiers (5-4) win consecutive starts for the first time this season. The right-hander allowed two earned runs and eight hits in six innings to go with six strikeouts.

Milwaukee, which has won three straight after a 1-9 stretch, benefited from four Houston errors — three within the first six Brewers batters. The Astros lost for the 28th time in 31 games.

Jordan Lyles (2-8) tied a career high by giving up seven earned runs in five innings. Winless in his last six starts, the right-hander also allowed nine hits and fell to 0-6 on the road this season.

Brett Wallace went deep twice for Houston, his first multihomer game.

Lyles unraveled in the fifth, when Milwaukee batted around. With the Brewers already leading 3-2, Nyjer Morgan and Carlos Gomez opened the inning with singles. After a double steal, Braun hit the next pitch for a two-run double to center.

Corey Hart added an RBI single and Weeks cracked his 12th homer to right-center. Izturis capped the rally with his second home run of the year for a 9-2 lead.

AP file photo

Texas Tech QB Seth Doege looks to pass the ball during a game against Oklahoma State in 2011.

An overall look at the Big 12

BAYLOR — Key Players: QB Nick Florence, OL Ivory Wade, NB Ahmad Dixon, WR Terrence Williams. Returning starters: 6 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Baylor enters the season with a six-game winning streak, third-longest among FBS teams (North Illinois 9, TCU 8). ... After winning 10 games to match a school record, the Bears lost some big playmakers: Heisman Trophy quarterback Robert Griffin III, receiver Kendall Wright and running back Terrance Ganaway. ... Williams last season had 59 catches for 957 yards and 11 TDs, including the game-winner with 8 seconds left against Oklahoma.

IOWA STATE — Key Players: LB Jake Knott, LB A.J. Klein, RB James White. Returning starters: 7 offense, 5 defense

Notes: Next win for Cyclones will be No. 500 in program history. There are also 595 losses and 46 ties. ... Iowa State upset Oklahoma State in two OTs last November, likely costing the Cowboys a BCS championship game berth. The Cyclones then lost their last three games, including their bowl game at Yankee Stadium. ... Klein and Knott combined for 231 tackles last season.

KANSAS — Key Players: QB Dayne Crist, LT Tanner Hawkinson, DE Toben Opurum. Returning starters: 7 offense, 6 defense.

KANSAS STATE — Key players: QB Collin Klein, LB Arthur Brown, LB Tre Walker, DB Ty Zimmerman. Returning starters: 8 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: Klein matched Big 12 overall record and FBS mark for quarterbacks with 27 rushing TDs last season. ... Kansas State won 11 games six times during a seven-year span in coach Bill Snyder's first tenure. They won 10 games last year, in Snyder's third season back from his three-year retirement. Wildcats swept the Big 12's four Texas teams last year (including departed Texas A&M in four overtimes), but lost to both Oklahoma schools.

OKLAHOMA — Key players: QB Landry Jones, DB Demontre Hurst, OL Gabe Ikard. Returning starters: 7 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Heisman Trophy hopeful Jones has 93 career passing touchdowns, and has thrown for 9,181 yards the last two seasons. The Sooners also have short-yardage running quarterback Blake Bell, who ran for 13 TDs as a freshman last year. ... Coming off 33rd 10-win season, more than any other team. ... Play both TCU and West Virginia on the road. ... Mike Stoops is back for his second stint as Oklahoma's defensive coordinator for his brother. He left in 2003 after overseeing a defense that was among top seven in the country for fewest points allowed his four years in charge.

OKLAHOMA STATE — Key players: OL Lane Taylor, RB Joseph Randle, DB Brodrick Brown, DE Cooper Bassett. Returning starters: 8 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: After winning first Big 12 title, Cowboys have eight offensive starters back. But missing are two first-round picks, quarterback Brandon Weeden (4,727 yards passing and 37 TDs) and receiver Justin Blackmon (122 catches, 1,522 yards, 18 TDs). ... Oklahoma State has won 41 games the past four years. ... Coach Mike Gundy tabbed true freshman Wes Lunt, who was in school for spring drills, as the starting quarterback. ... Junior RBs Jeremy Smith and Joseph Randle combined to rush for 1,862 yards and 33 TDs last season.

TCU — Key players: QB Casey Pachall, OL Blaize Foltz, DE Stansly Maponga, WR Josh Boyce, LB Kenny Cain, CB Jason Verrett. Returning starters, 6 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: Horned Frogs haven't lost a conference game since November 2008, winning the last three Mountain West titles outright. ... Only FBS team to win at least 11 games in six of last seven seasons. ... Coach Gary Patterson has 109 wins, tied with Dutch Meyer for most in school history. ... Averaged 440 yards, 41 points game last season. Return starting QB, two of three top rushers and three of four top receivers.

TEXAS — Key Players: RB Malcolm Brown, DE Jackson Jeffcoat, DL Alex Okafor, DB Kenny Vaccaro, CB Carrington Byndom, LB Jordan Hicks. Returning starters: 9 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Since 13-1 record in 2009 season that ended with loss in BCS national championship game, Longhorns have won a combined 13 games the past two years. Before the recent slide, Texas had nine consecutive seasons with at least 10 wins and had never won fewer than nine games under coach Mack Brown. ... Texas again goes into the season unsettled on a starting quarterback. Junior Case McCoy and sophomore David Ash both started games last season. ... The logo on the front cover of the media guide is RISE (Relentless/Intensity/Swagger/Emotion), representing the team's theme and created by players.

TEXAS TECH — Key Players: QB Seth Doege, WR Eric Ward, S Terrance Bullitt. Returning starters: 8 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: After unexpected 41-38 win at Oklahoma to end the Sooners' 39-game home winning streak, Red Raiders lost their last five games to finish 5-7. That ended a streak of 16 consecutive winning seasons. .... Texas Tech has third defensive coordinator, and third different scheme, in three seasons. The new coordinator is Art Kaufman, who has been on coach Tommy Tuberville's staffs in the past. ... Doege, who threw for 4,004 yards and 28 TDs last season, gets back his top three receivers, who accounted for 1,987 yards and 23 TDs.

WEST VIRGINIA — Key players: QB Geno Smith, WR Tavon Austin, C Joe Madsen, DL Will Clarke. Returning starters: 9 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Mountaineers make Big 12 debut coming off first 10-win season since 2007. ... Before becoming West Virginia head coach last season, Dana Holgorsen spent nine of the previous 11 seasons as a Big 12 assistant coach, eight years at Texas Tech and one as Oklahoma State's offensive coordinator. ... Smith, going into his third season as the starter, averaged 337.3 yards passing per game last season, which would have been third in Big 12 last season. ... Austin had 101 catches last year. ... West Virginia is 9-4 against current Big 12 teams.

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Fishing Report

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 82-90 degrees; 6.98' low. Black bass are good on top-waters early, midday switching to Texas rigs, deep diving crankbaits, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows over brush piles and around structure. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 83-88 degrees; 9.01' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows under a float. White bass are good on slabs and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

COLORADO CITY: 18.78' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 83-89 degrees; 10.98' low. Black bass are fair on Pop-Rs and Zara Spooks early, later switching Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows around deep water structure. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: 84-90 degrees; 15.6' low. Black bass are fair to good on Pop-Rs and Zara Spooks early and late, midday switching to DD22s, Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 83-89 degrees; 16.01' low. Black bass are fair to good on Zara Spooks and buzzbaits early and late, midday switching to jigs. Carolina rigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows around brush piles and around bridge columns. White bass are good on topwater early and late, midday switching to slabs and Rooster Tails. Striped bass are fair on live shad and Sassy Shad Catfish are good on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 84.85' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 5.02' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 84-89 degrees; 15.55' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, medium running shad pattern crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 85-90 degrees; 25.65' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early and late, midday switching to jigs. Texas rigs and spoons. Crappie are fair on live minnows in brush. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water stained; 84-90 degrees; 37.65' low. Black bass are good on topwaters early and late, midday switching to jigs. Texas rigs and shakyheads. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs over brush piles. The Old Marina Point ramp is up.

MACKENZIE: Water stained; 83-91 degrees, 88.22' low. Black bass are fair on buzzbaits and Pop-Rs early, midday switching to jigs. Texas rigs and Carolina rigs. No report on striped bass. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers fished under a float. Ramp No. 1 is still open.

MEREDITH: 96.74' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 47.93' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 87-90 degrees, 25.37' low. Black bass are good on jigs and Texas rigged soft plastic worms in 4-14 feet. Striped bass are fair trolling crankbaits along the bluffs up Devil's River. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and cut baits. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

COLETO CREEK: Water lightly stained; 1.35' low. Black bass are good on pumpkinseed soft plastics and topwaters. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

FALCON: Water clear, 88-92 degrees; 37.89' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse soft plastics and topwaters in 10-20 feet. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on shrimp, cut bait, and strikbait. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CHOKE CANYON: Water clear; 88-91 degrees; 14.06' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse crankbaits and soft plastic worms. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and strikbait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

BRAUNIG: Water clear. Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits and soft plastic worms in reeds. Striped bass are fair on shad and perch off points near the pier Redfish are good on shad and silver spoons. Channel and blue catfish are fair on liver, cheesebait, and minnows near the dam.

CALAVERAS: Water clear. Black bass are fair on watermelon Rat-L-Traps near the dam. Striped bass are slow. Redfish are good down rigging spoons, and on live bait near the crappie weir. Channel and blue catfish are fair on liver, strikbait, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

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Tennis

CIII Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Wednesday
At William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center
Washington
Purse: Men, $1.29 million (WT500); Women, $220,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round

Tobias Kamke, Germany, def. Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 6-4, 6-3.

Tommy Haas (4), Germany, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 7-5.

James Blake, United States, def. Marco Chudinelli, Switzerland, 6-2, 6-4.

Alexandr Dolgopolov (2), Ukraine, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.

Women

Second Round

Eugenie Bouchard, Canada, def. Olga Govortsova (8), Belarus, 1-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.

Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Elena Daniilidou, Greece, 6-3, 7-5.

CoCo Vandeweghe (7), United States, def. Aravane Rezai, France, 6-2, 6-2.

Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (1), Russia, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Jamie Delgado and Ken Skupski, Britain, def. Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Julian Knowle (4), Austria, 6-3, 7-5.

Kevin Anderson, South Africa, and Sam Querrey, United States, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, and Michael Kohlmann, Germany, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4).

Robert Farah, Colombia, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (3), Pakistan, def. Matthew Ebden, Australia, and Jonathan Marray, Britain, 6-2, 4-6, 10-4.

Nicolas Mahut and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Frank Moser, Germany, and Benoit Paire, France, 6-4, 6-1.

Eric Butorac, United States, and Paul Hanley (3), Australia, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, and Mark Knowles, Bahamas, 6-3, 5-7, 13-11.

Women
Quarterfinals

Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, def. Lindsay Lee-Waters and Megan Moulton-Levy (3), United States, 6-2, 6-2.

Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Alla Kudryavtseva (1), Russia, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, and Lena Litvak, United States, 6-4, 6-3.

Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, and Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova (2), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.

AFL Playoffs

Conference Championships
Friday at Salisbury
National
Utah vs. Arizona, TBA American
Jacksonville vs. Philadelphia, TBA
Arena Bowl
At New Orleans
Friday, Aug. 10
American champion vs. National champion, 9:30 p.m.

AL Boxes

RANGERS 11, ANGELS 10, 10 INNINGS

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi		Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Trout cf-lf	4	1	0	0	Kinsler 2b	6	2	3	2
Trumbo rf	5	2	2	2	Andrus ss	5	0	0	0
Pujols 1b	6	2	2	4	Hamilton cf	5	0	0	0
Trumbo lf	1	0	0	0	Beltre dh	4	1	0	0
Bourjos cf	1	0	0	0	Napoli c	5	1	1	1
KMorls dh	4	0	1	0	MYoung 3b	5	2	1	0
Callaspo 3b	4	0	2	2	DvMrp lf	3	3	3	1
Mizturs 2b	5	0	2	0	Napoli c	1	0	1	2
Iannett c	3	2	1	1	Gantry pr	0	1	0	0
AnRmn ss	4	1	0	0	Morind 1b	4	0	2	2
Totals					**40 10 10 9 Totals**				**40 11 17 11**

Los Angeles	006	100	000	3	—10
Texas	001	040	011	4	—11

One out when winning run scored.

E—An.Romine (1), Kinsler (13). DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Los Angeles 9, Texas 8. 2B—Tor.Hunter 2 (13), Callaspo (11), Kinsler (29), Andrus (24), DavMurphy (18), Napoli (7). HR—Pujols 2 (22), Iannetta (4), Kinsler (12), N.Cruz (16). SB—MI.Izturis (14), Andrus (18), DavMurphy (9). CS—Kinsler (7). SF—Morreland.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Richards	5	2-3	9	5	5	1
Hawkins	1	1-3	1	0	0	1
Jepsen		1	1	1	1	1
Frieri		1	3	4	3	1
Isringhausen L,3-1	1	1-3	3	1	1	0
Texas						
Darvish	5	4	7	7	6	7
Ogando		1	1	0	0	3
R.Ross	–	1	2-3	0	0	0
Scheppers		1	1-3	3	0	0
Nathan W,2-3		1	2	3	3	0

Frieri pitched to 3 batters in the 10th.

HBP—by Nathan (Tor.Hunter). WP—Jepsen.

T—4:01. A—42,832 (48,194).

WHITE SOX 3, TWINS 2

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi		Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	4	1	3	1	Span cf	4	0	1	0
Youkils 3b	4	0	1	0	Revere rf	4	1	2	0
A.Dunn 1b	3	0	0	0	Mauer 1b	4	0	1	0
Konerk dh	4	0	0	0	Wingh lf	4	0	0	0
Rios rf	4	1	2	0	Morrea 1b	4	0	0	0
AlRmrz ss	4	0	2	0	Doumit dh	4	0	1	0
Vicedo lf	4	0	1	0	Mstrnn pr	0	0	0	0
JrDnks lf	0	0	0	0	Valenci 3b	3	1	1	1
Flowrs c	3	1	2	1	ACasill ss	3	0	1	0
OHudsn 2b	3	0	0	0	Dozier ss	4	0	1	0
					JCarrl 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**Totals**	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**

Chicago	100	010	010	—	3
Minnesota	110	000	000	—	2

E—Peavy (1), Youkilis (8). DP—Chicago 2. Minnesota 2. LOB—Chicago 4, Minnesota 6. 2B—De Aza (21), Revere (12), Doumit (20). HR—Valencia (2). SB—De Aza (20), Revere (25), Mastrnonni (12). A.Casilla (13), Dozier (9). CS—Mauer (2). SF—A.Dunn.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Peavy W,9-7	8	5	2	1	2	8
Reed S,18-21	1	1	0	0	1	0
Minnesota						
Diamond L,9-5	7-1-3		8	3	3	3
Burton	2-3		0	0	0	0
Al.Burnett	1		1	0	0	1

WP—Diamond 2.

T—2:49. A—34,823 (39,500).

YANKEES 12, ORIOLES 4

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi		New York	ab	r	h	bi
Markks rf	5	0	0	0	Jeter ss	4	1	3	1
Andino 2b	4	0	0	0	ECrwfr ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Hardy ss	4	1	3	1	Cmrdo cf	5	2	2	1
Rahrdy 2b-4-lf	3	1	3	1	Swisher rf	5	2	1	2
C.Davis dh	5	0	1	0	Cano 2b	3	2	2	4
AdJons cf	4	0	2	0	AnJons rf	3	0	1	1
Ford lf	1	0	0	0	RMartnz c	4	0	1	0
Wieters c	4	0	2	0	McGeh 1b	2	2	0	1
Tegrdn c	1	0	0	0	Suzuki lf	5	0	1	0
Wetterst 3b	3	1	2	0	JvNix 3b-ss	4	2	3	1
MrRynl 1b	3	1	1	0					
EnChvz lf-cf	4	0	1	2					
Quntnll 2b-ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**38**	**3**	**13**	**3**	**Totals**	**34**	**12**	**15**	**12**

Baltimore	010	000	110	—	3
New York	227	000	01x	—	12

DP—Baltimore 3. New York 2. LOB—Baltimore 11, New York 8. 2B—Hardy (18), Mar.Reynolds (18). En.Chavez (5), Swisher (24), J.Nix (8). HR—Hardy (15), Grandercole (29), Cano (24). SF—An.Jones, McGehee.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Britton L,1-1	2-2-3		7	7	3	3
Gregg	1-1-3		5	4	1	1
Lindstrom	2		2	2	0	0
Ayala	1-1-3		1	1	0	1
Tom.Hunter	2-3		0	0	0	1
New York						
PHughes W,11-8	6		9	1	1	2
Chamberlain	1-2-3		4	2	2	1
Rapada	2-3		0	0	0	1
D.Robertson	2-3		0	0	0	0

HBP—by Ayala (An.Jones), by Lindstrom (Cano). PB—Wieters.

T—3:14. A—44,593 (50,291).

RAYS 4, ATHLETICS 1

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi		Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
DJnngs lf	3	1	2	0	JWeeks 2b	3	0	0	0
Bupton cf	3	0	0	0	S.Smith lf	4	0	0	0
Zobrist 2b	5	0	0	0	Reddck rf	4	0	0	0
Joyce rf	4	0	1	1	Cespds cf	4	0	2	0
Kppngr dh	4	2	2	0	Carter dh	3	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	4	1	2	2	Moss 1b	3	0	0	0
RRorts 3b	4	0	2	1	Inge 3b	4	1	1	1
JAdkin c	4	0	0	0	DNorrs ss	3	0	0	0
EJhnsn ss	3	0	1	0	Sogard ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**

Tampa Bay	100	100	010	—	4
Oakland	000	010	000	—	1

E—J.Weeks (9). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Oakland 6. 2B—De.Jennings (11). Kepppinger (9). C.Pena (15). K.Suzuki (15). HR—C.Pena (15), Inge (12). SB—E.Johnson (17). CS—E.Johnson (6). S—B.Upton 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Cobb W,5-8	7	4	1	1	1	6
Jo.Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney S,31-32	1	1	0	0	0	0
Oakland						
J.Parker L,7-5	6	8	3	3	3	2
Norberto-	2	1	1	1	0	1
Balfour	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Cobb (J.Weeks).

T—2:49. A—18,161 (35,067).

ROYALS 5, INDIANS 2

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi		Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	3	0	1	0	AGordn lf	4	1	2	0
AsCarr ss	4	0	1	1	AEscor ss	3	2	1	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0	LCain rf	4	1	2	1
Brantly cf	4	0	0	0	Butler dh	4	0	0	0
CSantn c	3	1	1	1	Mostks 3b	4	0	0	0
JoLopz dh	4	0	0	0	SPerez c	3	0	0	0
Damon lf	4	0	0	0	Hosmer 1b	3	0	0	0
Kemp lf	1	0	0	0	Getz 2b	3	0	0	0
Hannhn 3b	3	1	2	0	JDyson cf	3	1	2	1
Totals	**32**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**Totals**	**30**	**5**	**6**	**4**

Cleveland	000	100	100	—	2
Kansas City	220	010	00x	—	5

E—C.Santana (7). Moustakas (11). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3. 2B—Hannahan 2 (11). A.Gordon (37). L.Cain (4). J.Dyson (8). HR—C.Santana (10). SB—A.Escobar (18), L.Cain (3), Getz (8). J.Dyson (18).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
McAllister L,4-3	6	5	5	4	2	3
Pestano	1	1	0	0	0	1
C.Perez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kansas City						
Mendoza W,5-7	7-1-3		4	2	2	1
Mijares	2-3		1	0	0	0
G.Holland S,1-3	1		0	0	0	2

HBP—by Mijares (Choo).

T—2:31. A—17,033 (37,903).

TIGERS 7, RED SOX 5

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi		Boston	ab	r	h	bi
AJcksn cf	4	1	1	1	Ellsury cf	4	1	1	0
Berry lf	4	0	1	0	Crwfrd lf	5	1	1	0
MCarr 3b	5	1	2	2	Pedroia 2b	4	1	1	0
Fielder 1b	4	2	2	1	AdRdrz 1b	3	1	2	2
Boesch rf	4	0	1	1	C.Ross dh	4	0	1	2
D.Kelly rf	0	0	0	0	Sltmch c	4	0	0	0
Dirksn dh	4	1	2	1	MrBrds 3b	3	1	1	0
Avila c	4	1	1	0	KSkndr lf	3	0	1	0
JhPerlt ss	4	1	1	0	Cnacso ss	4	0	1	1
Raentg 2b	3	0	1	0					
Valverde SJ,21-25	1	0	0	0					
Boston									
A.Cook L,2-5	4	2-3	9	6	6	0	0		
Breslow	1	1-3	1	0	0	0	0		
Melancon	2	2-3	0	0	0	1	0		

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Porcello W,8-6	5	2-3	8	4	4	2
Coke	1	0	0	0	1	2
Dtrch	1	0	0	0	0	1
Benoit	1	0	0	0	0	1
Valverde SJ,21-25	1	0	0	0	0	2
Boston						
A.Cook L,2-5	4	2-3	9	6	6	0	0
Breslow	1	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Melancon	2	2-3	0	0	0	1	0

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	61	43	.587	—	—	4-6	W-1	32-21	29-22
Baltimore	55	50	.524	6 1/2	1 1/2	5-5	W-2	31-25	24-25
Tampa Bay	55	50	.524	6 1/2	1 1/2	6-4	W-2	28-25	27-25
Boston	53	52	.505	8 1/2	3 1/2	5-5	L-1	27-29	26-23
Toronto	51	52	.495	9 1/2	4 1/2	5-5	L-3	28-23	23-29
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	57	47	.548	—	—	5-5	W-2	27-22	30-25
Detroit	55	50	.524	2 1/2	1 1/2	4-6	W-1	28-21	27-29
Cleveland	50	54	.481	7	6	3-7	L-5	27-25	23-29
Minnesota	44	60	.423	13	12	5-5	L-2	23-32	21-28
Kansas City	43	60	.417	13 1/2	12 1/2	3-7	W-2	19-30	24-30
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	60	43	.583	—	—	4-6	W-1	33-21	27-22
Los Angeles	57	48	.543	4	—	6-4	L-1	30-22	27-26
Oakland	56	48	.538	4 1/2	—	6-4	L-2	30-23	26-25
Seattle	49	57	.462	12 1/2	8	5-5	W-2	24-29	25-28
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	61	42	.592	—	—	7-3	L-2	28-21	33-21
Atlanta	59	45	.567	2 1/2	—	7-3	L-1	29-25	30-20
New York	50	54	.481	11 1/2	9	3-7	L-1	26-26	24-28
Miami	48	56	.462	13 1/2	11	4-6	W-1	27-27	21-29
Philadelphia	47	57	.452	14 1/2	12	6-4	W-2	21-29	26-28
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	63	41	.606	—	—	9-1	W-2	33-19	30-22
Pittsburgh	60	44	.577	3	—	6-4	W-2	33-16	27-28
St. Louis	55	48	.534	7 1/2	3 1/2	7-3	L-1	28-27	27-21
Milwaukee	48	56	.462	15	11	4-6	W-3	30-26	18-30
Chicago	43	60	.417	19 1/2	15 1/2	5-5	L-2	27-24	16-36
Houston	35	71	.330	29	25	1-9	L-3	25-27	10-44
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	56	47	.544	—	—	4-6	L-1	32-21	24-26
Los Angeles	56	50	.528	1 1/2	—	4-6	L-3	29-23	27-27
Arizona	54	51	.514	3	1 1/2	7-3	W-3	30-24	24-27
San Diego	44	62	.415	13 1/2	12	4-6	L-2	22-29	22-33
Colorado	37	64	.366	18	20 1/2	2-8	L-4	20-33	17-31

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores

N.Y. Yankees 12, Baltimore 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 4, Oakland 1
Detroit 7, Boston 5
Texas 11, L.A. Angels 10, 10 innings
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 2
Toronto at Seattle, late
Today's Games

Minnesota (Deduno 2-6) at Boston (Lester 5-8), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 9-7) at Texas (Dempster 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 0-0) at Kansas City (B.Chen 7-9), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (H.Alvarez 7-7) at Oakland (B.Colon 7-8), 9:05 p.m.

NL Boxes

BREWERS 13, ASTROS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi		Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
Schafer cf	5	1	0	0	Morgan rf	5	2	2	1
Altuve 2b	5	0	1	1	GGomz cf	4	1	1	0
Mcknr 3b	3	1	1	2	CBraun lf	5	3	2	1
Wallac 1b	4	2	3	3	ArRmr 3b	5	0	1	1
BFrncs lf	4	0	1	0	Hart 1b	4	2	2	1
Corprn c	4	0	1	0	Weeks 2b	4	0	0	0
Wrght cf	4	0	1	0	McDnld p	1	0	0	0
MGnzlz ss	3	0	2	0	RWeks 2b	3	2	3	2
Barmes ss	0	0	0	0	Ransm 2b	1	0	0	0
Lyles p	1	0	0	0	Lucroy c	5	1	1	2
FRdrgz p	0	0	0	0	Czturs ss	4	2	3	2
Maxwll ph	1	0	0	0	Fiers p	3	0	0	0
Corder p	0	0	0	0	Ishikaw 1b	1	0	0	0
XCeden p	0	0	0	0					
Pearce ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**39**	**13**	**15**	**12**

Houston	000	100	020	—	4
Milwaukee	100	251	30x	—	13

E—S.Moore 2 (5). Bogusevic (3). Altuve (10). DP—Houston 2. LOB—Houston 7, Milwaukee 6. 2B—B.Francisco (2). Ar.Ramirez (36). Hart (26). C.Izturis (5). HR—Wallace 2 (4). Braun (29), R.Weeks (12), Lucroy (6). C.Izturis (2). SB—Morgan 2 (10), C.Gomez (20). S—Lyles.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Lyles L,2-8	5	9	9	7	2	3
Fe.Rodriguez	1	2	1	1	0	1
Cordero	1	4	3	3	0	1
C.Cedeno	1	0	0	0	0	2
Milwaukee						
Fiers W,5-4	6	8	2	2	0	6
Veras	1	0	0	0	0	1
McClendon	2	1	2	2	0	0

Fiers pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.

HBP—by Cordero (Braun), by Lyles (R.Weeks), by McClendon (S.Moore, M.Downs). WP—Lyles, Fiers, McClendon.

T—3:22. A—32,217 (41,900).

PIRATES 8, CUBS 4

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi		Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
SMarte lf	5	1	1	1	DeJess cf	5	0	0	0
JHrrsn 2b	5	1	1	0	SCastro ss	5	1	2	1
AMcCt cf	3	1	2	2	DBaun lf	5	0	1	0
GSnchz 1b	2	0	0	0	ASorin lf	4	0	2	0
Gsnes ph-1b	2	1	2	3	Lahair lf	4	1	2	0
Snider rf	5	1	2	0	DeBakr 2b	4	1	2	1
McKnr c	5	1	2	3	WCastll c	4	1	1	2
PAlvrz 3b	5	0	2	0	Valuen 3b	3	0	1	0
Barmes ss	3	0	1	0	TWood p	2	0	0	0
Lstrnp p	2	0	0	0	Coonjn p	0	0	0	0
Resop p	0	0	0	0	Russell p	0	0	0	0
Watson p	1	0	0	0	Mather ph	1	0	0	0
Hughs p	0	0	0	0	Camrn p	0	0	0	0
Presley ph	1	0	0	0	AlCarr p	0	0	0	0
Grilli p	0	0	0	0	Marml p	0	0	0	0
Hanrhn p	0	0	0	0	Cardnls ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**39**	**8**	**13**	**7**	**Totals**	**38**	**4**	**11**	**4**

Pittsburgh	002	000	051	—	8
Chicago	000	100	003	—	4

DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 8. 2B—A.McCutchen (21), G.Jones (3), LaHair 2 (14). 3B—Ja.Baker (1). HR—S.Marte (2), McKenry (10), S.Castro (11), W.Castillo (2). SB—PAlvarez (1), Je.Baker 2 (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Karstens W,4-2	5	3	1	1	1	4
Resop	2-3	1	1	0	1	0
Watson	1	1	0	0	0	1
J.Hughes	1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Grilli	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hanrahan	1	5	3	3	0	3
Chicago						
TWood L,4-7	5	3	2	2	3	6
Corpas	1	0	0	0	0	1
Russell	1	1	0	0	0	2
Camp	0	2

LONDON 2012 OLYMPICS

Medal count

as of Aug. 1

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
China	17	9	4	30
United States	12	8	9	29
Japan	2	4	11	17
France	5	3	5	13
Germany	3	8	2	13
South Korea	6	2	4	12
Russia	2	4	5	11
Italy	3	4	2	9
Britain	2	3	4	9
Australia	1	6	2	9
Ukraine	2	0	4	6
Romania	1	3	2	6
Canada	0	1	5	6
North Korea	4	0	1	5
Hungary	2	1	1	4
Kazakhstan	3	0	0	3
Brazil	1	1	1	3
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
Colombia	0	2	1	3
Cuba	0	2	1	3
South Africa	2	0	0	2
Mexico	0	2	0	2
Indonesia	0	1	1	2
Norway	0	1	1	2
New Zealand	0	0	2	2
Slovakia	0	0	2	2
Georgia	1	0	0	1
Lithuania	1	0	0	1
Slovenia	1	0	0	1
Venezuela	1	0	0	1
Czech Rep.	0	1	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0	1
Egypt	0	1	0	1
Poland	0	1	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Taiwan	0	1	0	1
Thailand	0	1	0	1
Azerbaijan	0	0	1	1
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Greece	0	0	1	1
India	0	0	1	1
Moldova	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	0	1	1
Qatar	0	0	1	1
Serbia	0	0	1	1
Singapore	0	0	1	1
Uzbekistan	0	0	1	1

8 disqualified at London Games for trying to lose

Associated Press

LONDON — Eight badminton players at the London Olympics were kicked out of competition Wednesday for trying to lose — a display that drew outrage from fans and organizers who said the women had violated the most sacred stage in sports.

It appeared to be the first mass disqualification in Olympic history.

After an unexpected loss by a powerful Chinese doubles team, the eight women appeared to play poorly on purpose to secure a more favorable position in the next phase of the event.

The feeble play was obvious to fans who attended the matches Tuesday night at Wembley Arena — they chanted, "Off! Off! Off!" — and to incredulous television broadcasters and viewers watching around the world.

"They're serving fault and fault! They are just hitting the ball into the net!" the BBC's David Mercer said in disbelief. "They are both trying to lose, and that is unforgivable. This is the Olympic Games."

The eight players included four from South Korea, two from China and two from Indonesia. They were disqualified from competition but allowed to stay at the games — a step lighter than expulsion, the penalty for positive drug tests.

None of the players was made available for interviews. But after the match, one of them, Yu Yang of China, said they were only trying to save energy for the knockout rounds, starting Wednesday.

Besides dumping serves into the net, both teams made simple errors. The longest rally was only four strokes.

Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London organizing committee, said the badminton scandal was "depressing."

"Who wants to sit through something like that?" he said.

Condemnation came quickly from some of the other 10,500 athletes, even from those who said they understood the strategy behind the decision to try to lose.

Serena Williams, who blistered a Russian opponent at Wimbledon on Wednesday to reach the Olympic quarterfinals, said she understood trying to throw points in practice, "but never, never, never in competition."

"This is definitely not within the Olympic spirit," said Lin Dan of China, the defending Olympic men's singles badminton champion.

Taufik Hidayat, a player on the Indonesian men's badminton team, called it a "circus match."

"I'm happy. I know I'm from Indonesia and the ladies' doubles are from Indonesia, but it's for the sport," he said. "It's not sporting."

GOLD

From 1C

bitter defeat in the final event of the evening, again to their American rivals as Schmitt chased down Alicia Coutts for gold in the 4x200 freestyle relay.

Schmitt dived in the water about a half-second behind but passed Coutts on their first return lap and won going away in 7 minutes, 42.92 seconds. The Australians settled for another silver in 7:44.41, while France took the bronze.

Schmitt is turning into one of the biggest American stars of the games, picking up her second gold to go along with a silver and a bronze. Seventeen-year-old Missy Franklin also claimed her second gold swimming the leadoff leg, and Dana Vollmer now has two golds in London. Shannon Vreeland rounded out the gold medal-winning quartet.

"Allison is a fighter, and she can push through anything," Franklin said. "We had total faith in her."

Daniel Gyurta and Rebecca Soni both set world records in the 200 breaststroke. The Hungarian won gold, while Soni set her mark in a semifinal heat, further proof that it's still possible to go fast — really fast — even without the now-banned bodysuits.

Adrian was on top of the world after touching in 47.52, giving the U.S. its first title in swimming's signature event since Matt Biondi at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. Canada's Brent Hayden took bronze in 47.80, his country's first medal ever in the furious down-and-back sprint.

"We were in the ready room and we watched it and just went nuts," Lochte said. "We were screaming and everything. That was one of the greatest finishes. We're so happy for him."

Medal winners

Wednesday

CANOE SLALOM

Men

Kayak Slalom Singles

GOLD: Daniele Molmenti, Italy
SILVER: Vavrinec Hradilek, Czech Republic
BRONZE: Hannes Aigner, Germany

CYCLING ROAD

Men

Time Trials

GOLD: Bradley Wiggins, Britain
SILVER: Tony Martin, Germany
BRONZE: Christopher Froome, Britain

Women

Time Trials

GOLD: Kristin Armstrong, Boise, Idaho
SILVER: Judith Arndt, Germany
BRONZE: Olga Zabelinskaya, Russia

DIVING

Men

Synchronized 3m Springboard

GOLD: China (Luo Yutong, Qin Kai)
SILVER: Russia (Evgeny Kuznetsov, Ilya Zakharov)
BRONZE: United States (Troy Dumais, Ventura, Calif., Kristian Ipsen, Clayton, Calif.)

FENCING

Men

Individual Epee

GOLD: Ruben Limardo Gascon, Venezuela
SILVER: Bartosz Piasecki, Norway
BRONZE: Jung Jinsun, South Korea

Women

Individual Sabre

GOLD: Kim Jiyeon, South Korea
SILVER: Sofya Velikaya, Russia
BRONZE: Olga Kharlan, Ukraine

GYMNASTICS ARTISTIC

Men

All-Around

GOLD: Kohei Uchimura, Japan
SILVER: Marcel Nguyen, Germany
BRONZE: Danell Leyva, Homestead, Fla.

JUDO

Men

90Kg

GOLD: Song Dae-Nam, South Korea
SILVER: Asley Gonzalez, Cuba
BRONZE: Ilias Iliadis, Greece
BRONZE: Masashi Nishiyama, Japan

Women

70Kg

GOLD: Lucie Decosse, France
SILVER: Kerstin Thiele, Germany
BRONZE: Edith Bosch, Netherlands
BRONZE: Yun Alvear, Colombia

ROWING

Men

Eights

GOLD: Germany (Filip Adamski, Andreas Kuffner, Eric Johannesen, Maximilian Reinelt, Richard Schmidt, Lukas Mueller, Florian Mennigen, Kristof Wilke, Martin Sauer)
SILVER: Canada (Gabriel Bergen, Douglas Csima, Rob Gibson, Conlin Mccabe, Malcolm Howard, Andrew Byrnes, Jeremiah Brown, Will Crothers, Brian Price)
BRONZE: Britain (Alex Partridge, James Foad, Tom Ransley, Richard Egington, Mohamed Sbihi, Greg Searle, Matthew Langridge, Constantine Louloudis, Phelan Hill)

Women

Pairs

GOLD: Britain (Helen Glover, Heather Stanning)
SILVER: Australia (Kate Hornsey, Sarah Tait)
BRONZE: New Zealand (Juliette Haigh, Rebecca Scown)

Quadruple Sculls

GOLD: Ukraine (Kateryna Tarasenko, Nataliya Dovgodko, Anastasia Kozhenkova, Yana Dementieva)
SILVER: Germany (Annekatrin Thiele, Carina BAER, Julia Richter, Britta Oppelt)
BRONZE: United States (Natalie Dell, Clearville, Pa., Kara Kohler, Clayton, Calif., Megan Kalmoe, St. Croix Falls, Wis., Adrienne Martelli, University Place, Wash.)

SHOOTING

Women

25m Pistol

GOLD: Kim Jangmi, South Korea
SILVER: Chen Ying, China
BRONZE: Olena Kostevych, Ukraine

SWIMMING

Men

100 Freestyle

GOLD: Nathan Adrian, Bremerton, Wash.
SILVER: James Magnussen, Australia
BRONZE: Brent Hayden, Canada

200 Breaststroke

GOLD: Daniel Gyurta, Hungary
SILVER: Michael Jamieson, Britain
BRONZE: Ryo Tateishi, Japan

Women

200 Butterfly

GOLD: Jiao Liuyang, China
SILVER: Mireia Belmonte Garcia, Spain
BRONZE: Natsumi Hoshi, Japan

4 x 200 Freestyle Relay

GOLD: United States (Missy Franklin, Centennial, Colo., Dana Vollmer, Granbury, Texas, Shannon Vreeland, Overland Park, Kan., Allison Schmitt, Canton, Mich., Lauren Perdue, Greenville, N.C., Alyssa Anderson, Granite Bay, Calif.)
SILVER: Australia (Bronte Barratt, Melanie Schlanger, Kylie Palmer, Alicia Coutts, Brittany Elmslie, Angie Bainbridge, Jade Neilsen, Blair Evans)
BRONZE: France (Camille Muffat, Charlotte Bonnet, Ophelie-Cyrielle Etienne, Coralie Balmy, Margaux Farrell, Mylene Lazare)

TABLE TENNIS

Women

Singles

GOLD: Li Xiaoxia, China
SILVER: Ding Ning, China
BRONZE: Tianwei Feng, Singapore

WEIGHTLIFTING

Men

77Kg

GOLD: Lu Xiaojun, China
SILVER: Lu Haojie, China
BRONZE: Ivan Cambar Rodriguez, Cuba

Women

69Kg

GOLD: Jong Sim Ren, North Korea
SILVER: Roxana Daniela Cocos, Romania
BRONZE: Maryna Shkermankova, Belarus

OLYMPICSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ENGLAND

Venus Williams loses in 3rd round of Olympics

WIMBLEDON — Playing Olympic tennis twice a day proved too much for Venus Williams. Her workload at Wimbledon will now be a little lighter.

Williams squandered a lead in each set Wednesday and lost her third-round match to No. 7-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

Williams, seeking a record fourth gold medal in Olympic tennis, still has a shot with sister Serena in doubles, where they're in the quarterfinals.

WASHINGTON

Obama congratulates US gymnastics team for winning gold

President Barack Obama has called the five members of the U.S. women's gymnastics team to congratulate them on their gold medal in the Olympics.

Obama made the call from Air Force One as he traveled from Washington to Ohio for campaign events. White House spokesman Jay Carney says the president was "quite impressed" with the team's performance.

The U.S. won gold in the women's team competition Tuesday night.

Carney says Obama also watched American swimmer Michael Phelps break the record for most career Olympic medals. After Phelps won gold Tuesday night in a relay, the president wrote on Twitter that Phelps had "made your country proud."

LONDON

US women beat Turkey 89-58 in Olympic basketball

Angel McCoughtry scored 18 points and Tina Charles added 16 to lead the U.S. Olympic women's basketball team to an 89-58 victory over Turkey on Wednesday night.

The Turks entered the game unbeaten and were expected to give the Americans their toughest test in the Olympics so far. They had looked impressive in their first Olympic appearance and said they weren't intimidated by the top-ranked team in the world despite the U.S. winning its first two games by an average of 38.5 points.

Turkey was able to hang with the U.S. (3-0) early in the game and had a one-point lead in the first quarter. But the Americans built a 15-point advantage by the half.

LONDON

Olympic bus hits, kills cyclist near stadium

A double-decker bus carrying journalists at the London Olympics hit and killed a bicyclist Wednesday night, police and organizers said.

The Metropolitan Police said the cyclist, 28, was pronounced dead half an hour after the accident near the boundary of Olympic Park, the complex surrounding Olympic Stadium. Police said a man in his mid-60s was arrested at the scene on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and is currently in custody at an east London police station.

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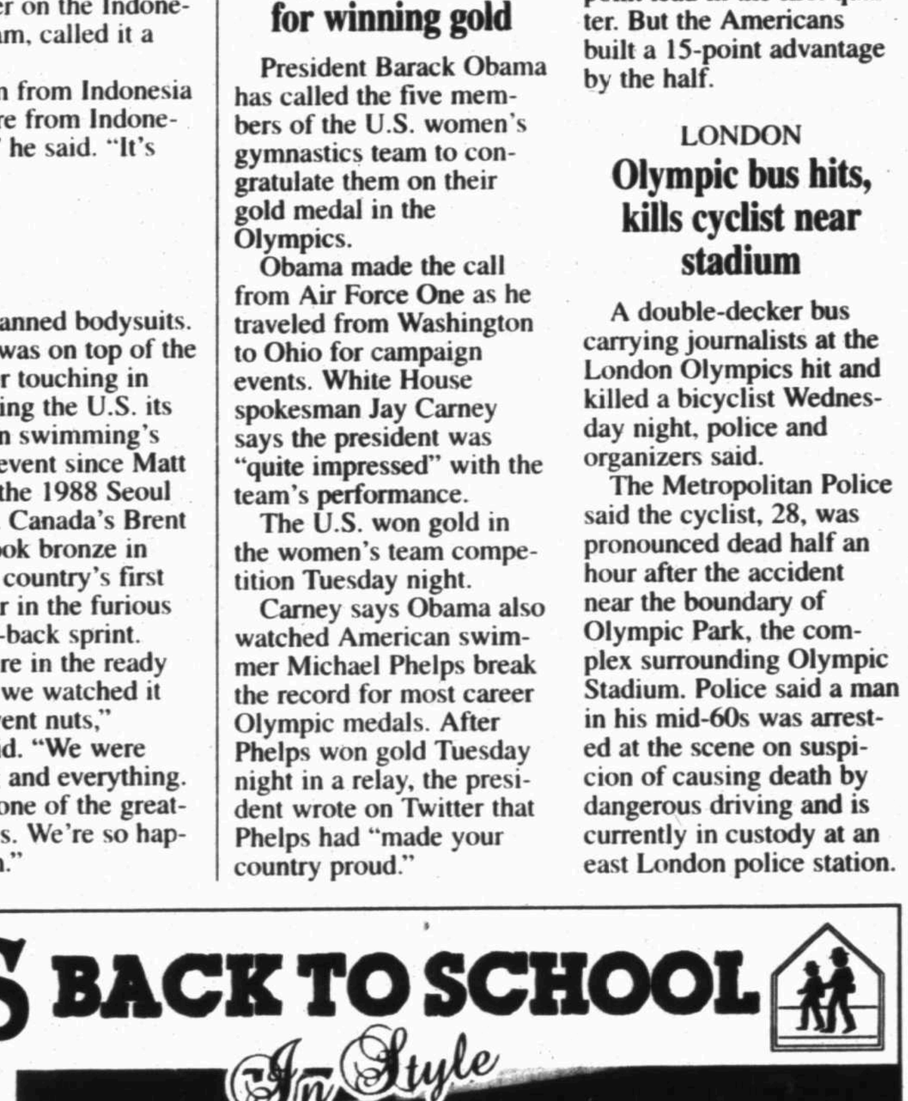

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ON THE TUBE

Sprint Cup
Pennsylvania 400, Noon, Sunday
ESPN

Nationwide Series
U.S. Cellular 250 presented by the Enlist Weed Control System, 7:30 p.m., Saturday
ESPN 2

Truck Series
Pocono Mountains 125, 12:30 p.m., Saturday
SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ Only A.J. Foyt, Al Unser, Rick Mears, Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson have won four major races at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which has been running them since 1911.

▶ Michael Schumacher won five Formula One races at Indy, but they were on a road course, not the oval. Foyt, Unser and Mears all won four Indy 500s.

▶ NASCAR attendance at the Brickyard continues to dwindle. This year's announced "estimate," 125,000, was down about 10 percent from 2011. The Indianapolis Star's estimate was 100,000.

▶ The first Nationwide Series visit to the Brickyard was a disappointment in terms of attendance, too. The announced "estimate" was 40,000.

▶ As expected, A.J. Allmendinger's "B sample" also tested positive for "a stimulant" and his indefinite suspension remains in effect. Allmendinger has enrolled in a NASCAR-mandated and (NASCAR)-directed recovery program that is designed to lead to his reinstatement.

▶ Another obstacle for Allmendinger is the stigma attached to a drug suspension. Finding sponsorship sufficient to support a competitive effort will be difficult.

▶ Johnson has won four times in 11 tries, all four occurring in NASCAR's last seven visits. Jeff Gordon, the other four-time winner, has competed in all 19 Brickyard races.

▶ For the first time since September 2004, Dale Earnhardt Jr. leads the Sprint Cup points standings. His edge over Matt Kenseth is 14.

▶ The significance of Earnhardt's edge is lessened by the reshuffling that will occur after six more races. The Chase seeds, via bonus points, will be determined by victories, and at present Earnhardt has only one. Johnson, Tony Stewart and Brad Keselowski all have three.

▶ Chevy will run a Camaro next year in the Nationwide Series. It's about time.

2012 POINTS STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series	Pts.
1. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	731
2. Matt Kenseth	- 14
3. Greg Biffle	- 22
4. Jimmie Johnson	- 27
5. Denny Hamlin	- 64
6. Kevin Harvick	- 78
Martin Truex Jr.	- 78
8. Tony Stewart	- 79
9. Brad Keselowski	- 82
10. Clint Bowyer	- 88
11. Kyle Busch	- 143
12. Carl Edwards	- 149

Nationwide Series	
1. Elliott Sadler	704
2. Austin Dillon	- 1
3. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	- 13
4. Sam Hornish Jr.	- 28
5. Justin Allgaier	- 75
6. Michael Annett	- 97
7. Cole Whitt	- 127
8. Mike Bliss	- 180
9. Brian Scott	- 244
10. Danica Patrick	- 252

Camping World Truck Series	
1. Timothy Peters	395
2. Ty Dillon	- 23
3. Justin Lofton	- 30
4. James Buescher	- 35
5. Parker Kligerman	- 49
6. Matt Crafton	- 50
7. Ron Hornaday	- 61
8. Joey Coulter	- 73
9. Nelson Piquet Jr.	- 93
10. Jason White	- 100

WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP

Race: Pennsylvania 400
Where: Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa. (2.5 mi.), 160 laps/400 miles.
When: Sunday, Aug. 5.
Last year's winner: Brad Keselowski, Dodge.
Qualifying record: Joey Logano, Toyota, 179.598 mph, June 9, 2012.
Race record: Jeff Gordon, Chevy, 145.384 mph, June 12, 2011.
Last week: Jimmie Johnson dominated at Indy, winning for a record-tying fourth time at the track. Johnson, in a Chevy, crossed the finish line 7.758 seconds ahead of Kyle Busch's Toyota. Johnson won championships after each of his previous Indy wins.

NATIONWIDE

Race: U.S. Cellular 250
Where: Iowa Speedway (.875 mi.), 250 laps/218.75 miles.
When: Saturday, Aug. 4.
Last year's winner: Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford.
Qualifying record: Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 135.135 mph, Aug. 1, 2009.
Race record: Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 107.157 mph, May 20, 2012.
Last week: A Midwesterner, Brad Keselowski, won the first series race at the Brickyard, and a former Indy 500 winner, Sam Hornish Jr., finished second. Both drove Dodges, and Ty Dillon finished a surprising third in a Chevy.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Pocono Mountains 125
Where: Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa. (2.5 mi.), 50 laps/125 miles.
When: Saturday, Aug. 4.
Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Kevin Harvick, Chevy, 162.684 mph, Aug. 6, 2011
Race record: Elliott Sadler, Chevy, 111.966 mph, July 31, 2010.
Last race: James Buescher led six of the last seven laps. Brendan Gaughan led 83 but fell short in his bid to win for the first time in the series since 2003. The Chevy drivers finished 1-2 at Chicagoland Speedway.

POCONO DATA

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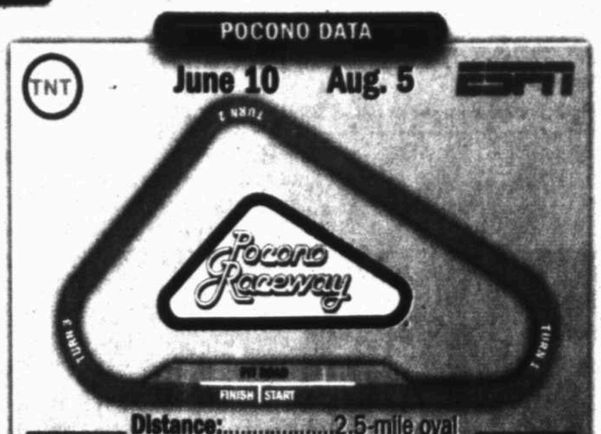
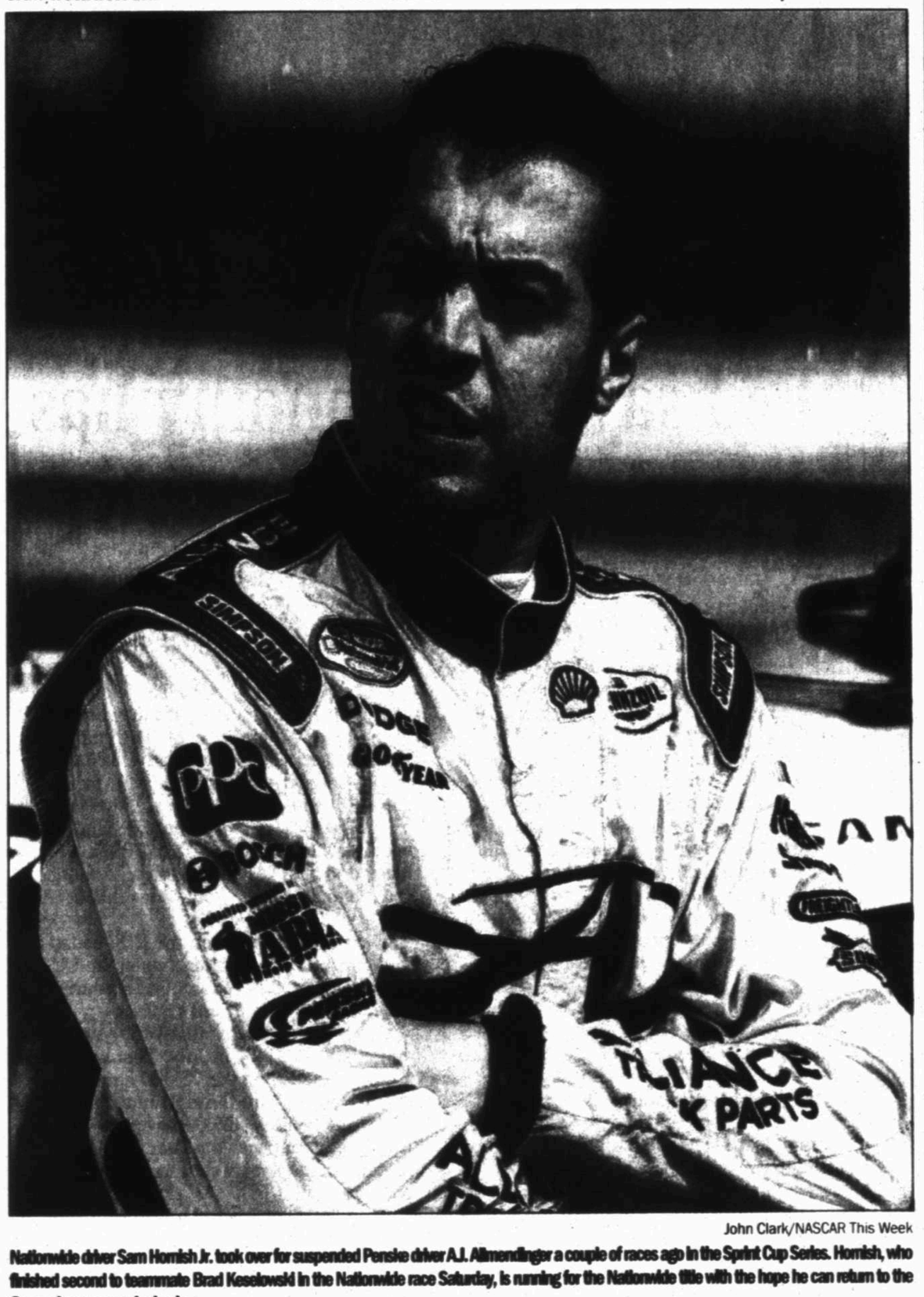


Distance:.....2.5-mile oval
Length of frontstretch:....3,740 ft.
Length of backstretch:....3,055 ft.
Length of shortstretch:....1,780 ft.
Miles/Laps:....160 mi. ~ 400 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

SAM HORNISH JR. SPRINT CUP SERIES NO. 22 PENSKE/SHELL DODGE



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Nationwide driver Sam Hornish Jr. took over for suspended Penske driver A.J. Allmendinger a couple of races ago in the Sprint Cup Series. Hornish, who finished second to teammate Brad Keselowski in the Nationwide race Saturday, is running for the Nationwide title with the hope he can return to the Cup series on a regular basis.

Hornish's Fortune

Penske replacement has interesting weekend at Brickyard races

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

In one sense, it was a great weekend for Sam Hornish Jr.

Returning to the scene of his greatest triumph, the 2006 Indianapolis 500, Hornish bookended a Dodge sweep by finishing second to teammate Brad Keselowski in the Indiana 250, the Nationwide Series' first-ever visit to famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Sunday, however, brought frustration.

Hornish has, for now, replaced the suspended A.J. Allmendinger as driver of Roger Penske's No. 22 Dodge in the Sprint Cup Series. Penske hasn't ruled out the possibility of Allmendinger's eventual return, though it seems unlikely. He would like to see Hornish establish himself as a Cup driver worthy of support.

The Crown Royal Curtiss Shaver 400 (formerly known as the Brickyard and Allstate 400s) was frustrating for the 33-year-old Hornish, whose NASCAR career has been a disappointment. Though he won a Nationwide Series race in 2011 at Phoenix, he has never finished better than fourth (Pocono, 2009) in 113 Cup races.

Hornish's best Cup finish was at a flat track. His lone Nationwide victory was at a flat track. Indy is a flat track.

"It's a little bit of the mentality of what I grew up racing," Hornish, from Defiance, Ohio, said. "I did mostly road courses, so, I mean, that's generally pretty flat. I like tracks like Phoenix, that are different from end to end, because they're what I call compromise race tracks.

"You're never going to get your car perfect at both ends, so you try to work on one end where you think it's going to be more beneficial for you to get passes done, and then you kind of try to maintain on the other end. Pocono is another place that's like that."

Hornish finished 16th in Indy's Sprint Cup race. He'll continue in Cup, where possible, though his first priority is winning the Nationwide championship. He currently ranks fourth in the standings, 28 points off Elliott Sadler's pace. The Nationwide Series has no Chase, so Hornish has 14 races to catch and pass the three drivers — Sadler, Austin Dillon and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. — ahead of him.

A Nationwide championship might provide Hornish with the spark he needs to return to NASCAR's top series fulltime.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Patrick

VERSUS

Sorenson

DANICA PATRICK VS. REED SORENSON

Patrick had high hopes at the Brickyard, scene of many of her better open-wheel performances, but her Chevy, as well as Sorenson's Ford, tangled on the 38th lap of the Nationwide Series' Indiana 250. Patrick initiated the contact, and when Sorenson tried to save his car, it spun to the right, directly in Patrick's path.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Perhaps Sorenson's car lost traction in front of Patrick's, but most would put the blame on Patrick, who isn't often overaggressive. Perhaps it was just the excitement of the Brickyard."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Yeah, They Flubbed It

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Send emails to mdutton@gastongazette.com, ATTN: NTW question

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I just don't know why I continue to watch any of NASCAR.

It is clear to everyone that NASCAR screwed Elliot Sadler and gave Kyle (Busch) a break at the start of the (Nationwide) race.

Watching now, waiting to see if they can figure a way to screw the leader today.

Garth Hawkins
Kings Mountain, N.C.

The view here is that, yes, NASCAR officials botched the ending of Indianapolis Motor Speedway's first Nationwide Series event. They penalized Sadler while, incredibly, actually telling him he didn't jump the restart. They said the rules application differed from the start of the race to subsequent restarts. So Sadler couldn't cross the start-finish line ahead of the leader even if he did so because another car was pushing from behind? What should he have done? Jammed on the brakes? How would that have worked out?

LEGENDS AND LORE

Recalling The Tire War

A NASCAR tire war broke out in 1994, with Hoosier attempting to compete with Goodyear. Goodyear won the war in a rout, but Hoosier had its moments, most notably the Miller Genuine Draft 500 at Pocono Raceway on July 17. The first four finishers were shod with Hoosiers, led by Geoffrey Bodine in a Ford. Ward Burton finished second, Joe Nemechek third and Jeff Burton fourth. The highest Goodyear finisher was fifth-place Morgan Shepherd. (source: racing-reference.info)

FAN TIPS

Kyle: A.J.'s Outlook Is Bad

Former driver Kyle Petty, now a NASCAR analyst at Speed and TNT, painted a grim picture of A.J. Allmendinger's prospects after his drug suspension. "He's not going to come back," Petty said on Speed. "I'm glad he's on the 'Road to Recovery' (NASCAR-mandated program), but he might as well be on a weight-loss program when it comes to coming back to NASCAR." Despite his comments, Petty said he wasn't unsympathetic to Allmendinger's plight. "We all hope he makes it back," he added. "We all like to think 'forgive and forget,' but this is NASCAR, and this is racing and this is competition and this is somebody else's money. We're spending corporate America's dollars on this and he's not going to come back. I don't see how he can come back."

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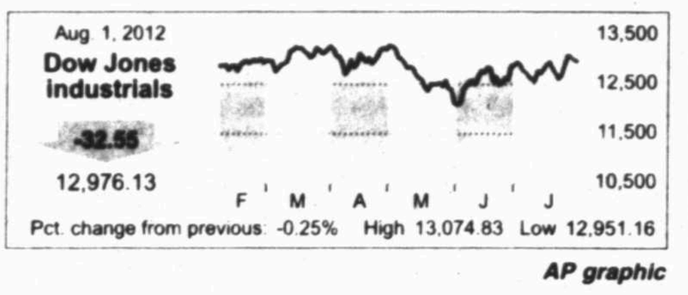

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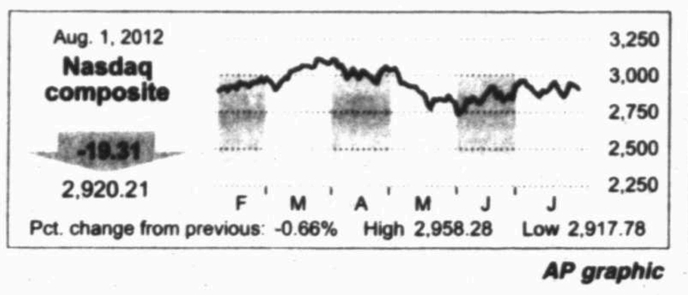

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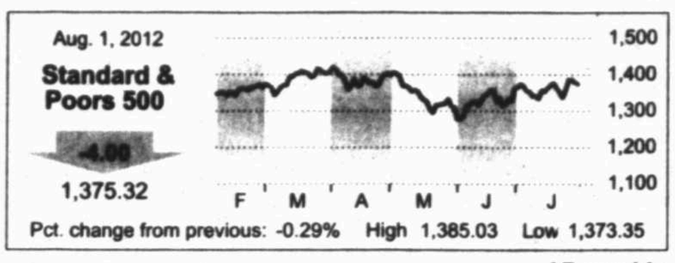

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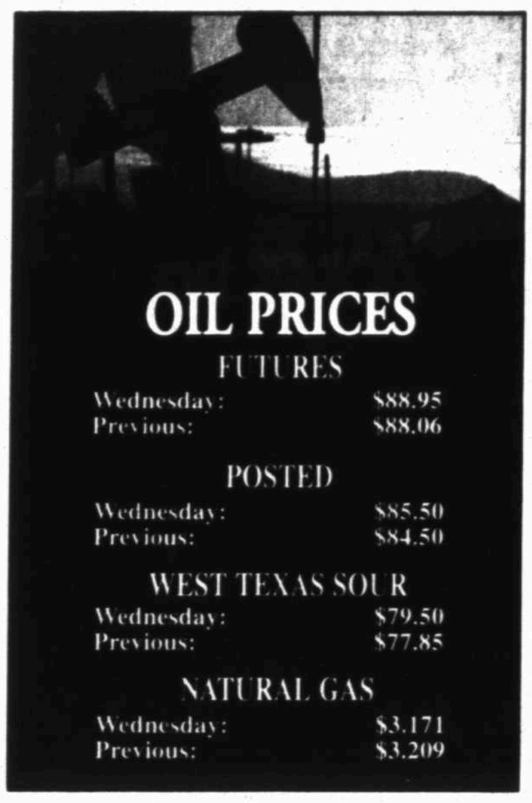

Associated Press

Trader Frederick Reimer, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday. The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that the economy is losing strength and repeated a pledge to take further steps to stimulate growth if the job market doesn't show sustained improvement.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NokiaCp	1666184	2.38	-.03
S&P500ETF	1200718	137.59	-.12
BkofAm	943324	7.22	-.12
SPDR Fncl	785978	14.59	-.07
FordM	655394	9.04	-.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ResoluteF	10.67	+1.49	+16.2
BarcShtC	26.73	+3.26	+13.9
RTI IntlM	25.31	+2.86	+12.7
RadianGrp	3.13	+.33	+11.8
Vonage	2.00	+.21	+11.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KnghtCap	4.94	-3.39	-32.8
GlbGeophy	4.67	-1.20	-20.4
MSEngy12	18.20	-4.29	-19.1
Con-Way	29.55	-6.07	-17.0
TNS Inc	14.60	-2.33	-13.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,134
Declined	1,882
Unchanged	114
Total issues	3,130
New Highs	222
New Lows	42
Volume	4,275,456,395

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	124637	3.99	+.02
ChenereEn	113946	14.00	+.37
RareEle g	77508	3.87	-.43
NavideaBio	69499	3.70	-.12
WFAdvInco	54256	10.86	+.31

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WizrdSft rs	4.25	+.75	+21.4
HMG	6.62	+.56	+9.2
NDynMn g	2.51	+.14	+5.9
NHMcr pfA	15.13	+.83	+5.8
MexcoEn	6.10	+.30	+5.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ASpecRlty	3.00	-.55	-15.5
Vringo	2.85	-.48	-14.3
USAntimny	2.52	-.30	-10.6
MidsthBcp	12.75	-1.50	-10.5
RareEle g	3.87	-.43	-10.0

DIARY

Advanced	208
Declined	219
Unchanged	36
Total issues	463
New Highs	29
New Lows	12
Volume	118,340,313

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	485339	4.34	+.42
Cisco	470684	15.98	+.03
Facebook n	432599	20.88	-.83
SirusXM	335297	2.15	-.01
Microsoft	313885	29.41	-.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cadiz h	9.94	+2.84	+40.0
Silicnimg	4.80	+.88	+22.4
InterDig	31.18	+3.88	+14.2
FtSecG rsh	2.89	+.35	+13.8
Manntch rs	6.87	+.82	+13.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SvcSource	7.98	-3.30	-29.3
FaroTech	32.66	-10.37	-24.1
RPX Corp	9.67	-2.88	-22.9
CareerEd	3.69	-1.02	-21.7
DigRiver	14.22	-3.57	-20.1

DIARY

Advanced	622
Declined	1,809
Unchanged	125
Total issues	2,556
New Highs	39
New Lows	81
Volume	1,688,415,851

Fed says US economy has slowed, takes no new steps

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that the U.S. economy is losing strength and repeated a pledge to try to boost growth if hiring remains weak.

The Fed took no new action after a two-day policy meeting. But it appeared to signal in a statement released after the meeting a growing inclination to take further steps to lift the economy out of its funk. The Fed noted that growth had slowed over the first half of the year, with job creation slackening and consumer spending tapering off.

The Fed reiterated its plan to hold its benchmark short-term interest rate at a record low near zero until at least late 2014.

Market reaction to the Fed's announcement was muted. Stocks fluctuated slightly after the statement was released and ended the day lower.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 33 points to 12,976, and broader indexes also closed down. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note increased from 1.50 percent to 1.52 percent.

The statement was slightly different than the one issued after the Fed's last meeting, June 19 and 20.

In addition to noting that the economy had "decelerated," the Fed's policymaking committee said it would "closely monitor incoming information" and "will provide additional accommodation as needed" to stimulate the economy and job creation. In the June statement the central bank said "the economy has been expanding moderately" and that it "is prepared to take further action as appropriate."

Many economists believe the Fed could launch another program of buying government bonds and mortgage-backed securities at its September meeting if the economy doesn't show improvement. The goal of the program, known as quantitative easing, would be to drive long-term rates, which are already at record lows, even lower.

The Fed's next move could depend on whether the European Central Bank, which meets today, takes any action to stimulate growth among the 17 countries that use the euro.

The next big signal on the U.S. economy's health comes Friday, when the U.S. Labor Department reports on July hiring and unemployment trends.

Economists forecast that U.S. employers added 100,000 jobs in July. That would be slightly better than the 75,000 a month average from April through June but still below the healthy 226,000 average in the first three months of the year. The unemployment rate is expected to stay at 8.2 percent.

Economists will also be watching Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's words closely when he speaks on Aug. 31 at an annual economic conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

"The Fed took no action at this meeting but strongly hinted that there will be further easing action at the next meeting in September," said David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors.

Oil prices rise

The price of oil climbed to near $89 per barrel Wednesday after the government said supplies have dropped more than expected.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose by 85 cents to end the day at $88.91 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, which sets the price for imported oil, added $1.04 to finish at $105.96 per barrel in London.

Prices rose after the Energy Information Administration said U.S. oil stockpiles fell by a surprising 6.5 million barrels last week — four times what analysts forecast. The decline was mainly because of a drop in crude imports, not to a pick-up in demand for oil. Gasoline supplies also dropped unexpectedly last week, according to the EIA.

The economic news was mixed Wednesday. The Commerce Department said that construction spending rose in June. But U.S. manufacturing activity fell in July and surveys showed that manufacturing activity barely grew in China.

Dollar falls

The dollar soared against other major currencies Wednesday after the Federal Reserve said that the economy is weakening but didn't offer any new plans to boost the U.S. economy.

The Fed already has launched two rounds of bond purchases, most recently in August 2010. Those programs push interest rates lower and can weaken the dollar. With no action announced, the dollar gained.

The euro fell to $1.2233 late Wednesday from $1.2304. The British pound fell to $1.5552 from $1.5681.

The dollar rose to 78.47 Japanese yen from 78.12 yen, to 0.9821 Swiss franc from 0.9760 Swiss franc and to 1.0042 Canadian dollar from 1.0030 Canadian dollar.

Gold for December delivery fell $7.30 to end at $1,607.30 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $11.39 Up 0.57

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $41.77 Up 0.49

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $87.58 Up 2.33

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $21.68 Down 1.36

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.40 Down 0.03

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.10 Up 0.30

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $14.20 Down 0.30

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	50	37.64	-.28	+24.5
Abraxas	...	12	2.46	-.05	-25.5
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.75	-.05	+11.5
AMD		...	4.05	-.01	-25.0
AlcatelLuc		...	1.16	+.06	-25.6
Alcoa	.12	31	8.43	-.01	-2.5
AlonUSA	.16	...	10.94	+.02	+25.6
AlphaNRs		...	6.89	-.12	-66.3
Amgen	1.44	18	81.82	-.78	+27.4
Anadarko	.36	...	68.63	-.81	-10.1
Apache	.68	8	86.86	+.74	-4.1
ApldMatl	.36	11	10.92	+.03	+2.0
ArchCoal	.12	...	6.96	-.25	-52.0
ArenaPhm		...	7.46	-.90	+298.9
Atmel		15	5.47	-.39	-32.5
ATMOS	1.38	18	36.14	+.29	+8.4
AutoData	1.58	20	55.85	-.70	+3.4
BP PLC	1.92	5	40.15	+.25	-6.1
BabsCClnv	1.20	...	16.08	-.05	-10.6
BakrHu	.60	12	46.99	+.67	-3.4
BkofAm	.04	8	7.22	-.12	+29.9
Bar iPVix		...	13.34	-.30	-62.5
BasicEnSv		6	11.39	+.57	-42.2
BerkHa A	...	21	127400.00	-45.00	+11.0
BerryPet	.32	...	37.65	-.37	-10.4
BlkHillsCp	1.48	29	31.14	-.71	-7.3
BostonSci		13	5.21	+.04	-2.4
BrMySq	1.36	17	35.60	...	+1.0
BrownFA	1.40	23	91.00	...	+14.8
BrownFB	1.40	26	93.79	+.23	+16.5
CVS Care	.65	17	44.84	-.41	+10.0
Cameron		21	50.20	-.07	+2.1
Caterpillar	2.08f	9	82.65	-1.56	-8.8
Celestic g		7	7.34	-.30	+.1
CntryLink	2.90	34	42.12	+.58	+13.2
ChesEng	.35	7	18.67	-.15	-16.2
Chevron	3.60	8	110.48	+.90	+3.8
Chicos	.21	17	15.36	+.04	+37.9
Chimera	.44e	4	2.17	+.01	-13.5
Cimarex	.48	9	56.79	+.10	-8.3
Cisco	.32	12	15.98	+.03	-11.3
Citigroup	.04	8	26.78	-.35	+1.8
ClayEng	...	5	41.77	+.49	-45.0
CocaCola	2.04	21	81.01	+.21	+15.8
ColgPal	2.48	21	106.60	-.76	+15.4
Comcast	.65	21	33.55	+1.00	+41.5
ConAgra	.96	22	24.39	-.30	-7.6
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VerizonCm	2.00	45	45.21	+.07	+12.7
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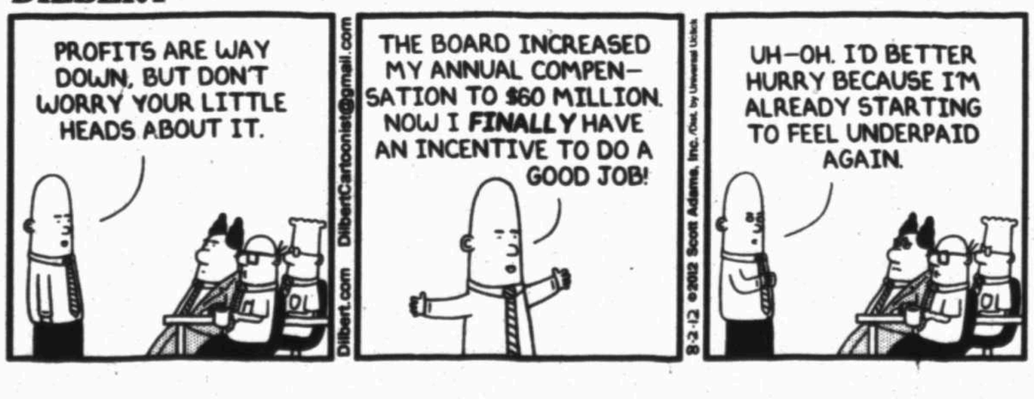

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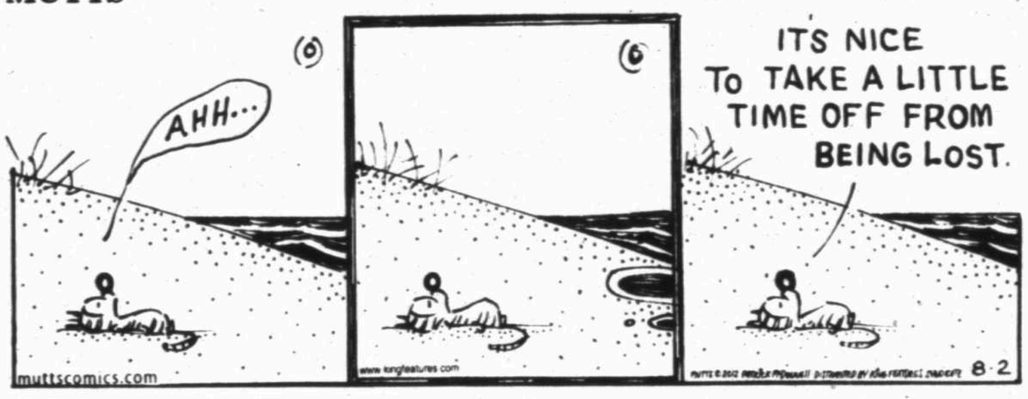

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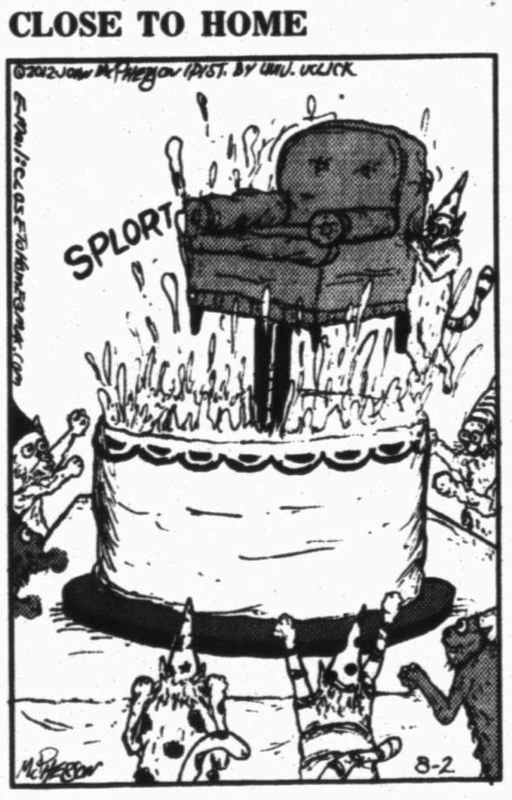

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Harrington at Reno-Tahoe Open, Stableford scoring

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Add the score to the list of complicated numbers Padraig Harrington, Justin Leonard, Stewart Cink and others will be calculating at the Reno-Tahoe Open.

For the first time since the 2006 International in Castle Rock, Colo., the modified Stableford will be used in a PGA Tour event. The system designed to reward aggressive play awards 8 points for eagle, 5 for birdie, zero for par, and minus 1 for bogey and minus 3 for double bogey or worse.

And there's the usual match for the elevation changes and gusty mountain wind on the edge of the Sierra Nevada.

"A lot of calculations have to be done this week," said Harrington, who is making his first appearance at the 7,472-yard Montreux Golf & Country Club in a field that also includes John Daly, Mike Weir, David Duval, Rickey Barnes, Lee Janzen, Rocco Mediate, Stuart Appleby and Chris DiMarco.

"It's a little bit like changing from stroke play to match play. You've got to be a bit more aggressive," said Harrington, who has finished in the top 10 three times this year and is ranked 67th in FedEx Cup points.

"The difference between going from say a par to a birdie is two points. The difference from par to bogey is effectively one point. It's like a shot and a half. Missing birdie putts is a lot worse than missing par putts this week."

It all should make for an exciting finish Sunday on the par 5-18th that stretches to 616 yards but runs downhill, often down wind, and usually is reachable in two.

"You can come down to the last and play the hole OK, make a 5 and some guy four points behind you can pass you," Harrington said. "You never lose a four-shot lead coming down to the last but you could easily lose a four-point lead."

Jana Smoley, director of the 14-year-old tournament, said the course sets up nicely for the different scoring format especially with high risk-reward shots on the final three holes that include the 220-yard, par-3 16th and 464-yard, par-4 17th.

"We like to say black is the new red in Reno," she said. "The highest score wins."

The field includes four players who won the International using the modified Stableford — Lee Janzen (1995), Tom Pernice (2001), Rich Beem (2002) and Rod Pampling (2004).

Like in Colorado, the ball travels anywhere 8 percent to 12 percent farther at the course halfway between Reno and Lake Tahoe than it does at sea level.

Pampling said he "had no clue" the first time he played at the International because he'd never played in the mountains before.

"It was like 'what in the world is going on here?' I was very confused ... The next year, for whatever reason something just clicked," said the Aussie who thinks the trajectory of his shots may have something to do with it.

"My ball flight is not as high as a lot of guys," he said. "Once it's up there, it's anybody's guess how far it's going to go."

Pampling said all the par 5s are reachable in two and a few par 4s can be driven.

"It's going to make it pretty exciting," he said. "I think sometimes guys try to get too aggressive trying to make eagle and instead of making your birdie you might get a par or bogey."

The Reno field includes more than a dozen golfers in the Top 100 of the FedEx Cup rankings — Seung-Yul Noh (38), Spencer Levin (42), John Rollins (44), Troy Matteson (63), Kevin Stadler (68), Pat Perez (70), Dicky Pride (72), J.B. Holmes (74), Chris Kirk (81), Bryce Molder (84), John Merrick (90), John Mallinger (91) and JJ Henry (97).

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City of Midland, Texas

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)®

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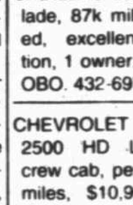

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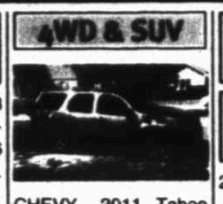

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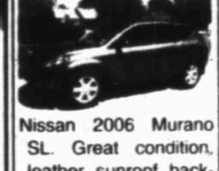

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79705

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Yard & Garage Sales

79703

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79705

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79705

2506 NEELY. Thursday only from 8am - 12noon. Household items, baby miscellaneous and more.

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Homes for Sale

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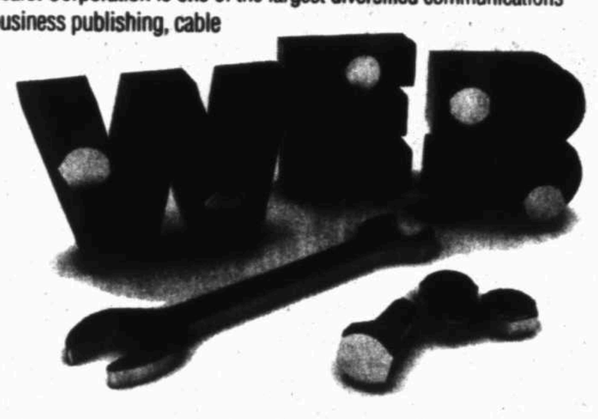

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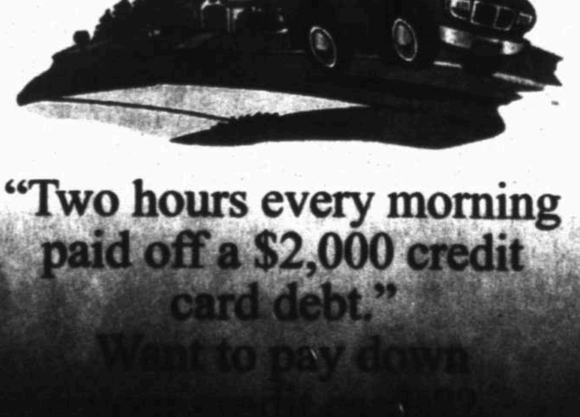

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Guy Fieri's Cooking with kids

Slammin' Summer Picnic

Know what ingredient makes everything taste better? **Fresh air!** There's nothing like packing up a picnic and heading to your favorite park or beach!

LET'S DO THIS! Work on this page with a parent. Cooking together builds creativity and confidence!

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Briney Basics

To brine a turkey is to _____ the meat in salted, seasoned water for a period of time. Today people brine meat to add _____ and to make the meat more tender.

Long ago, before refrigerators, people discovered that sprinkling salt on _____ kept it from going bad.

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Replace the missing words.

Standards Link: Language Arts. Students use strategies to understand a variety of literary passages.

GUY'S RECIPE OF THE W...

ROASTED ... SANDWICH

Recipe Courtesy Guy Fieri

Prep Time: 1 hr 30 min
Cook Time: 1 hr 10 min
Makes: 6 servings

SHEET YOU'LL NEED:

For the turkey:
- 2 cups water
- 3 tbs Dijon mustard
- 1 tbs sugar
- 1 tbs Kosher salt
- 1 tsp ground pepper
- 3 lbs. skinless bone-in turkey, rinsed and patted dry

For the pesto:
- 1 cup roasted red peppers, drained
- 1/2 cup fresh basil
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1/2 tsp Kosher salt
- 1 tsp ground pepper
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

For the sandwich:
- 3/4 cup jarred Italian pickled vegetables
- sourdough loaf
- shredded lettuce
- 3 slices provolone cheese

Before you start cooking, you'll need to brine the turkey.

Combine the water, mustard, sugar, salt and pepper in a one gallon re-sealable plastic bag. Add the turkey, seal the bag and place in a large bowl; refrigerate 45 minutes.

MAKE THE PESTO

In a food processor, pulse the roasted peppers, basil, garlic, Parmesan, pine nuts, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper until combined. With the motor running, slowly add the olive oil through the feed tube. Refrigerate until ready to use.

COOK THE TURKEY

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Remove the turkey from the brine (do not rinse) and place on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Roast until internal temperature is 165°F, about 1 hour. Transfer to a cutting board to cool.

ASSEMBLE THE SANDWICH

Remove meat from the bone. Slice into 1/2-inch-thick pieces. Roughly chop the pickled vegetables and mix with 1/4 cup pesto. Slice the bread in half horizontally to make a giant bun. Pull some of the bread out of the inside of the top half to hollow it out. Spread pesto on both halves. Layer the lettuce, provolone, turkey and the vegetable-pesto mixture on the bottom half of the bread, then cover with the top half. Wrap tightly with plastic wrap to squeeze the sandwich together. Refrigerate 20 minutes, then slice into sandwich-size wedges.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow multi-step written directions.

Kids: Make a video or take pictures of your family making Guy's Roasted Turkey Sandwich. You might see it featured on Guy Fieri's very own Cooking With Kids website (cwkfoundation.org)! Send to: kidscout@kidscoop.com

Kid Scoop Table Talks

Mealtime is a chance for families to talk about things that are interesting. Here's today's topic:

If you could invite anyone in the world to dinner, who would it be? What would you like to ask your special dinner guest?

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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H	I	R	L	S	L	I	C	E	U
F	C	D	S	F	E	N	T	C	S
I	G	L	O	P	A	R	K	U	T
S	K	R	J	I	R	L	V	P	A
P	R	O	V	O	L	O	N	E	R
O	I	W	C	I	N	C	I	P	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Why did the turkey cross the road?

Use the code to discover the punch line!

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For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit www.cwkfoundation.org

Weekly Writing Corner

Plan a Picnic

Where would you go on a family picnic? What would you bring?

If I went on a family picnic, I would go next to the playground. I would eat watemelon, sushi and chocolate chip pudding. I would drink Sprite.

Abby, 1st grade

I would go on a big hill with flowers blooming. And I will bring for my picnic, vegetables and fruit and a picnic basket and drinks and silverware.

Rachel, 3rd grade

I would go to the lake for a picnic. I would bring fruit, chocolate cake and sandwiches. I would bring a towel so I can lay down on it. I would bring an umbrella for shade.

Kaitlyn, 1st grade

I would go to the park with my dad and my friend Michael. We would bring a mitt and ball to play. We would have a good time. For lunch, I would bring Dad's atomic, spicy sandwich with a little horseradish, a go-yogurt that looks like a frozen liquid and orange-brownish Chick-fil-A's special sauce. It would be very yummy.

Luke, 1st grade

It's time for a family get-together where there will be delicious food and FUN! I think a park would be the best place but if it rains, you could have an indoor picnic. Things needed would be: picnic basket, blankets, disposable utensils, unbreakable plates, lawn chairs, ham and cheese sandwiches, fried chicken, potato salad, chocolate chip cookies, grapes, apple slices, water, lemonade, tea, celery sticks, carrots, crackers, cheese spread, and napkins. Remember to bring a cooler for the foods that could spoil and a lot of ice! Don't forget the games -- volleyball or soccer. Or even a nice trail walk.

Rayne, 1st grade

I would go on a picnic to the lake. I would go fishing, jump in the water and swim. Then I would eat my lunch under a tree with lots of shade. I would have a sandwich and chips for lunch.

Luke, 3rd grade

I would go to the Reservoir. It's a very beautiful place with a lake and lots of trees. They also have picnic tables. I would bring deviled eggs, water, chips and ham and turkey sandwiches. I would also bring napkins and a pretty picnic basket to put it all in. After a good lunch we can go on a hike in the forest or fish by the lake.

Morgan 5th grade

I would go to the park. We would have apples, sandwiches, grapes, water and juice.

Destini, 1st grade

If I went on a picnic with my family, we would go to Tennessee to a lake. We would bring a game, a backpack, food and hiking boots.

Jacob, 1st grade

If me and my family went on a picnic, we would bring blankets, hot dogs, games, ketchup, mustard and sandwiches. We like to picnic on the fourth of July and we go to my grandma's house.

Katelyn, 1st grade

I would have a picnic at Niagara Falls. I would have it there because it is nice there. I would eat corn, chicken and macaroni and cheese.

Nick, 1st grade

If I went on a picnic with my family, we would go to Washington D.C. We would bring food, sandwiches, a Frisbee, a ball to play with and dessert, which is a cheesecake and five hotdogs. If the picnic was in the park, I would bring peanut butter sandwiches, checkers, hot dogs, a book, apples and mashed potatoes. I would bring a float so that I wouldn't drown in the lake.

Erica, 1st grade

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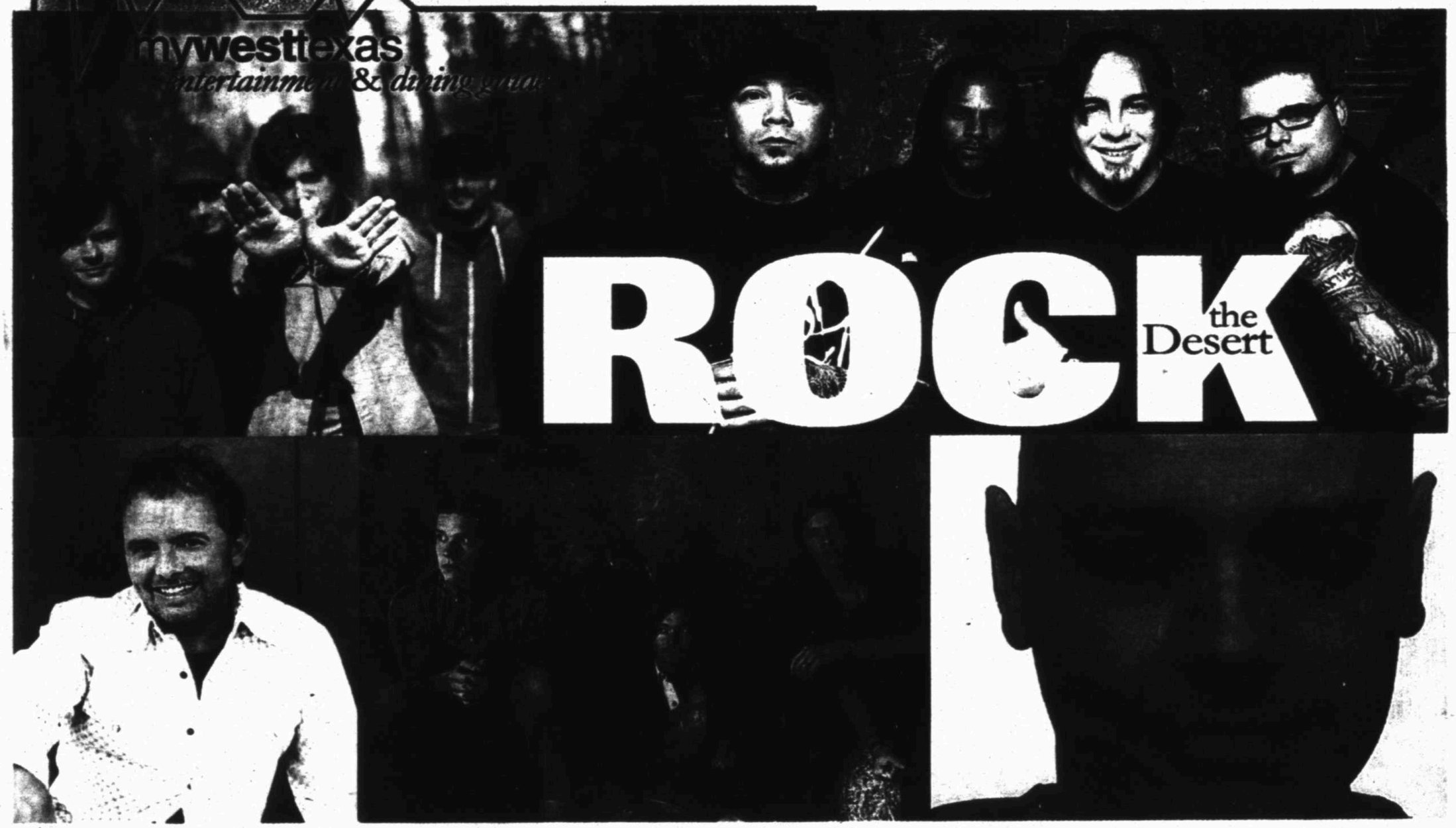

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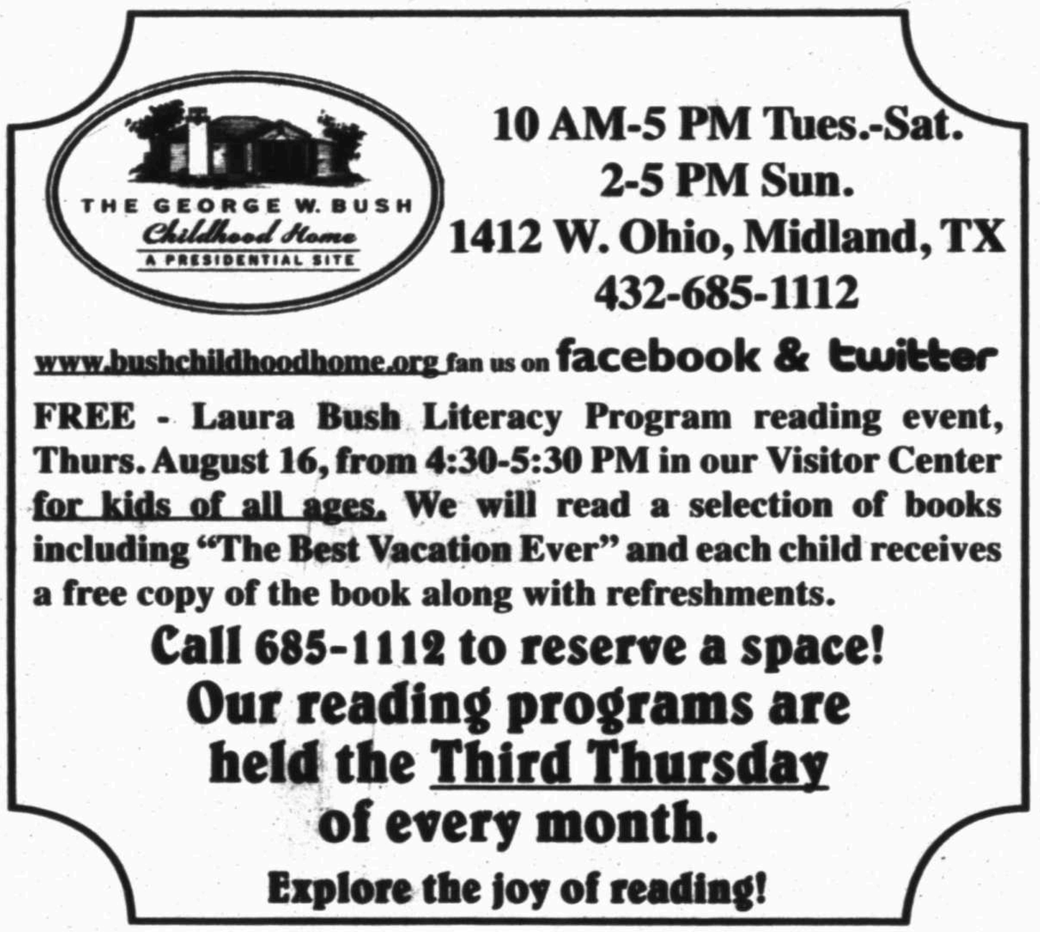

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When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers

Friday

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When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Sept. 1.
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
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When: Friday and Aug. 10
Cost: Museum members: $15 per class; nonmembers: $20.
Call: 683-4403 or view online at www.petroleummuseum.org. Registration: underway for children entering third through eighth grade. Sponsored by Key Energy.

RICK SMITH'S "WHENEVER IT RAINS"
When: Friday-Aug. 11
Where: The Globe Theatre, Odessa
Call: 580-3177. Buy tickets online at www.globesw.org

LARRY SHUE'S "THE NERD" PRESENTED BY MARK 10 THEATRICALS
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Dee's Bistro, 622 N. Lee Ave. at 7th Street, Odessa
Info: "The Nerd" is recommended for adults for mild language (PG). The $25 admission includes chicken, brisket or vegetarian entrée and all the trimmings, plus dessert and the show. A cash bar will be available. Reservations must be paid 24 hours in advance, or tickets cannot be guaranteed. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Aug. 17; and at 5 p.m. Aug. 19. Reservations can be made on line by visiting www.mark10theatricals.com, or by calling 432-853-5249.

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Saturday

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When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Horseshoe
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Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers
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When: 7 p.m.
Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Info: Features Mercedes Blue Grass.
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Monday

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When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

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When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

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When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
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When: 7 p.m.
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Aug. 10: 2-5 p.m. "Inside a Hurricane"
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In the limelight
Whenever It Rains

By Graham Dixon

Plays, actors, directors and staff come and go at theaters, while the physical space remains the same. This inevitable process has occurred at the Globe Theatre in Odessa. The Ridleys have left, and the space is in a state of flux with no director at the helm. It is a period of risk, and yet also a time of opportunity. Sparsely attended productions of the last few years might be replaced … but by what?

One answer is being offered with "Whenever It Rains" — a play that covers the history of Odessa from its earliest times through to the discovery of oil. First-time director Maija Johnson-Home blocks the production in a fluid and often imaginative way. Consisting of 37 scenes that are occasionally just vignettes lasting a few seconds, the play challenges a director, but Johnson-Home is up to the task in a way many more experienced at the craft would not be.

The play itself has rather varied writing. Occasionally it is very funny, such as the bizarre story regarding the donkeys on the railway track, which also is acted excellently by Cory Maxwell and Victoria Stoner. The Showdown scene between the saloon denizens and religious do-gooders has some fine singing that encapsulates the very different moral outlooks that still, to some extent, exist in the West.

At other moments the play is a trifle bizarre. It appears to find genuine humor in the fact that Chinese railway workers could be murdered with impunity during the 19th century. Other scenes, including "Naming the Streets," trudge toward the clunkily surreal, with their re-enactment of Civil War tensions.

Standing out among the actors is Scott Timms, especially in his portrayal of the always-enthusiastic Dr. Wilson. Aaron Cox also has a lot of energy whenever he is on stage, although his Rev. Daugherty appeared more like a rabbi than a minister. His summary dismissal from the town after his losing bid to close the saloon was heightened by some firing of real blanks, a dramatic effect also used when two lost ladies shoot a rattlesnake. Billy Baker and Jocelyn Mosman were fine in their recurring scene as the telegraph (eventually telephone) operator and the reporter.

The play captures the increasing pace of change in the first two decades of the 20th century well — although the cast did not change costumes to show the passage of time even while they were talking on telephones and watching ill-planned airplane shows. They were stuck in 1870s clothes when the carnage of WWI and the terrors of the subsequent influenza epidemic were being played out.

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Ultimately the little anecdotes, such as the mischievous way the first saloon owners got around the law banning alcohol sales on private property — locating their establishment in the middle of the street — made this production entertaining.

Looking at the calendar for this year's season, it was strange to see not a single Shakespeare play appears. While the absence is an understandable result of no permanent director, it also highlights the paradox presented by the Globe Theater of the Southwest. It is a beautiful space — in its way the equal of the Wagner Noël for professionals or Midland Community Theatre for amateurs — but unlike those well-known institutions, it is not being used to anything like its full potential.

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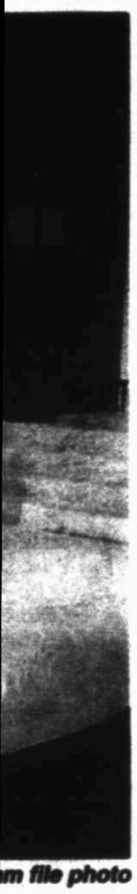

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By Eric Woods

Six Market Blvd. isn't a street, but more like an intersection where four dreams converged in Stephenville.

The Texas country band known as Six Market Blvd. is made up of front man, Clayton Landau, Josh Serrato, Ben Hussey and Dallas Neal.

Each member of the band, (some of them former Tarleton State University students) met on the Stephenville music scene, each taking their turn on stage at whatever club had an open mic night. They all found that they shared a dream of making music. Little did they know how fast that dream would come true, or that it would mean putting other responsibilities on hold until they could find out exactly where the Blvd. would take them.

They've been together since 2008.

"We knew each other through the music scene," Landau said. "We found out that we all had the same interests in what we wanted to do and one thing just led to another."

It all began with an acoustic contest in Fort Worth. The band won and that got them their first foot in the recording studio door. The prize for first place was a chance to record one song with producer Bart Rose at the Fort Worth Sound recording studio.

After recording the single, Rose agreed to produce the band's independent debut album, "Running On Seven," which produced two hit singles on the Texas Music chart, "Man Alive" and "Misery And Me." Rose also produced the band's most recent album, "Shake It Down."

"Shake It Down," actually has been shaking things up on the Texas music scene. The band's sophomore album, which was released last May, came out with a vengeance. The album debuted on the Billboard country albums chart at No. 42, No. 22 on Heatseekers and No. 1 on Heatseekers Regional South Central. "Shake It Down" also hit No. 5 on the iTunes country chart.

The first single from the album, "Say It," currently is holding steady in the top 20 of the Texas Music chart.

Landau, 26, said the band wasn't feeling the sophomore curse when it was time to record "Shake It Down." Instead the guys had learned not only from their first experiences in the recording studio but also what they had learned on the road.

"We were seasoned a little more from playing on the road and we had more of an idea of what we wanted to do and how we wanted to do it," Landau said. "We also knew how much time we were going to spend on recording it. We took more time than we did last time and put the songs in there exactly how we wanted it, piece by piece and tone by tone."

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SIX MARKET BLVD.
When: Saturday
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Grindstone @ The Bar
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Abigail Williams, Trail of the Bloodstained God, Weedgrinder @ Pine Box
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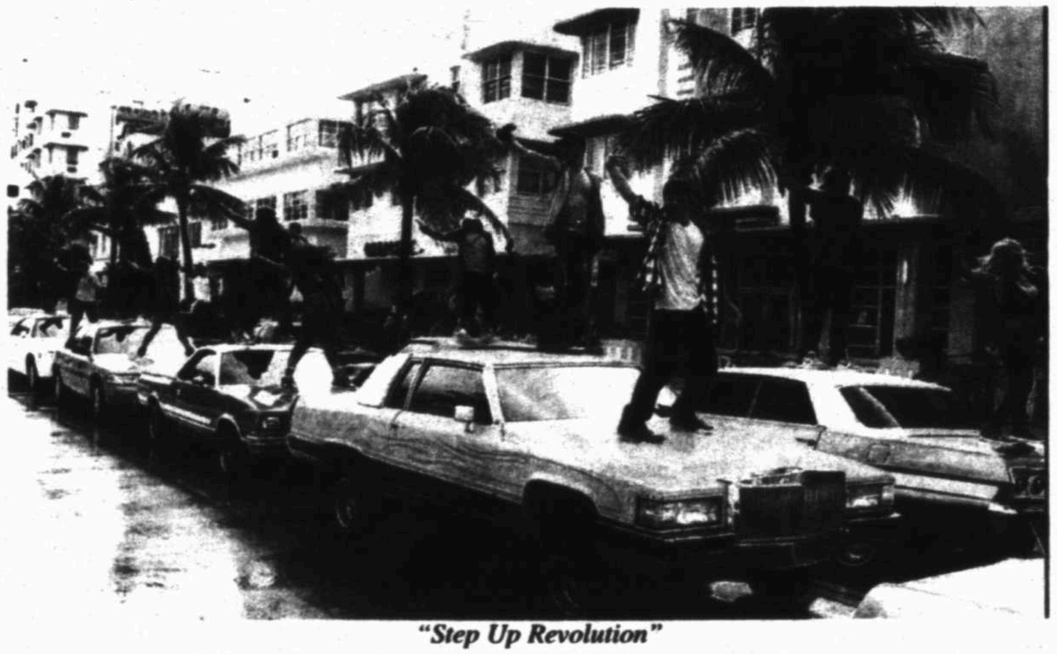

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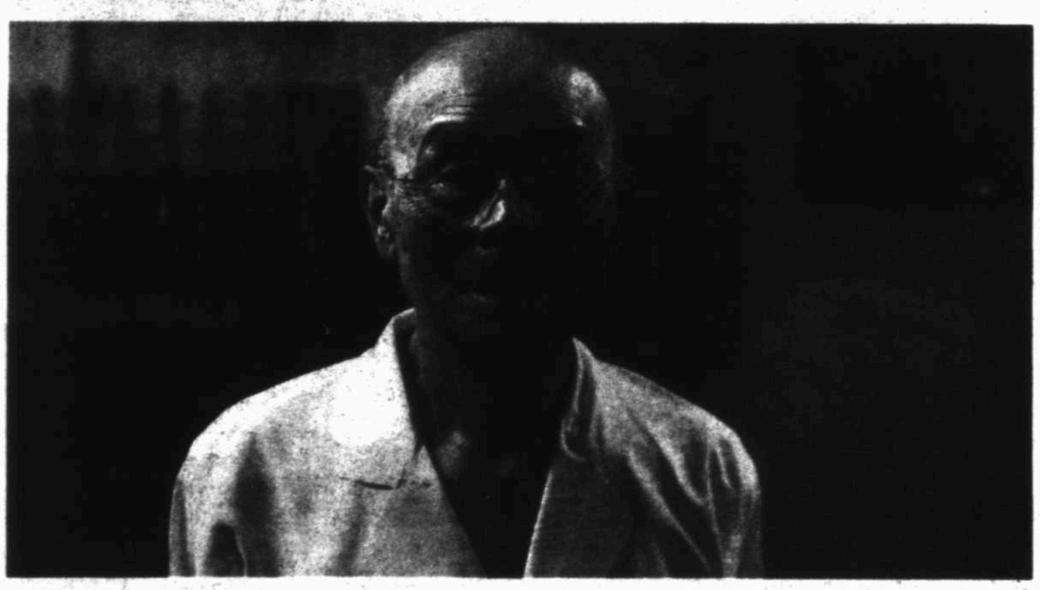

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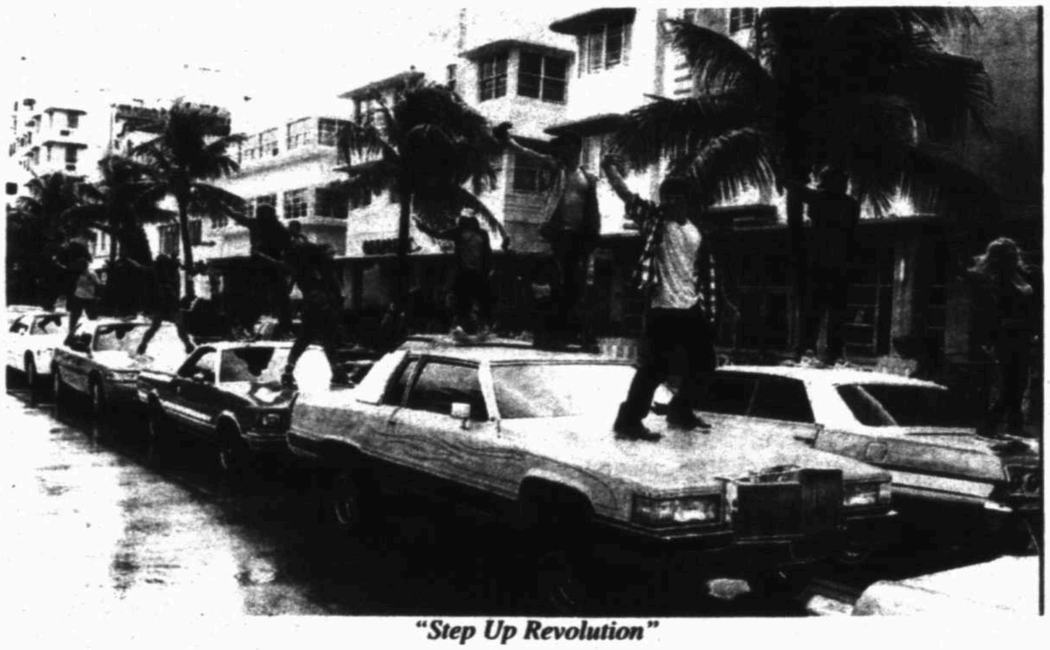

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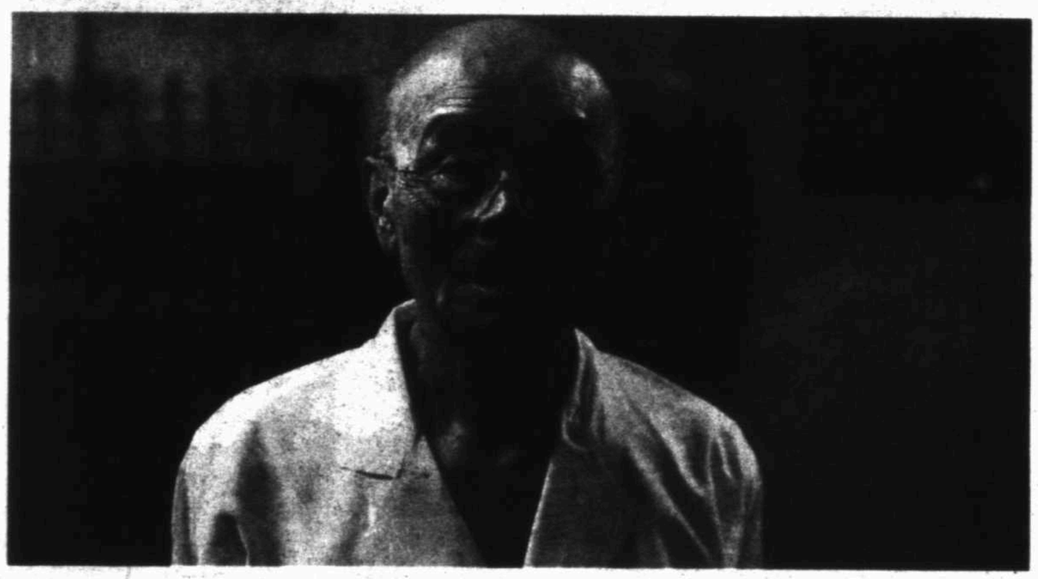

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"It got stormed out on the day we were actually supposed to play. The (Rock the Desert officials) wanted us to stay an extra day but there was no way I could make it because I had prior arrangements with my kids (the following evening), I remember we wanted to (stay). It's not like we didn't want to. We checked the flight arrangements and there was no way we could (stay and then get back to San Diego) in time," Sandoval said in an April interview with the Reporter-Telegram.

He and his bandmates were upset, but fans were devastated. It was one of the biggest crowds the annual Christian music festival had ever seen, with estimates going into six figures at the number of fans who were in attendance that year. The Saturday rainout seemed insurmountable but officials wanted to appease fans by trying again the next day.

Many of the bands were able to stay, but P.O.D. — that year's headliner — apparently wasn't one of them.

Sandoval and the guys in the band had a solution, but they never expected it to come to fruition.

"We made a joke that the only way we could make it was if we had a jet.

One of the guys that helps run the whole thing said, 'You guys can use mine.' So, we played the show, they drove us straight to the private airport and they flew us home on that jet. It was amazing," he said.

P.O.D. makes its return to Rock the Desert this evening. The band is among the acts scheduled to perform at the festival, which gets under way at 2 p.m. at the Rock the Desert festival field located at 1700 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

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4:30 p.m.: Oh Sleeper
5:30 p.m.: Dominic Balli
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9 p.m.: Love and Death
9:45 p.m.: Lacy of Flyleaf
10:15 p.m.: Ryan Ries
10:40 p.m.: P.O.D.

Friday, Aug. 3

MAIN TENT
11:20 a.m.: Climbing Blind
Noon: Anthem Lights
1:30 p.m.: For King & Country
3 p.m.: Ashes Remain
4:30 p.m.: The Afters
6 p.m.: Shawn McDonald
7:30 p.m.: Don Piper
8:30 p.m.: Ben Rector
10 p.m.: Needtobreathe

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

Saturday, Aug. 4

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

TEEN TENT
12:30 p.m.: Climbing Blind
1:45 p.m.: S.O.G.
3 p.m.: The Advice
4 p.m.: Phil Joel
5:15 p.m.: Jaymay
6 p.m.: Flame
8:30 pm.: Manafest

ROCK the DESERT

Demon Hunter

Love and Death

Metal night brings excitement to 13th Rock the Desert

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Rock the Desert officials plan to amp up the volume this year at "Don't Stop Believin'" with the invasion of heavy metal musicians and high-energy performances from motocross and skating stunt acts.

Musical acts from touring group the Whosoevers will host a "Whosoever Takeover" during the festival's opening day today. The group was founded in 2008 and includes P.O.D., Demon Hunter, Love and Death, Lacey of Flyleaf, Dominic Balli, Icon for Hire, Ryan Ries and Oh, Sleeper. The popular metal music acts came together with the Christian-based intention to give hope to those who have dealt with addictive or self-destructive behaviors, and draws their name from Bible verse John 3:16.

The Whosoevers also include motocross aerialist Ronnie Faisst, who will perform at Thursday's Rock the Desert with fellow members of motocross stunt group Metal Mulisha in tow. The group's involvement in freestyle competitions like the X Games since the late 1990s has helped spread the band's message to a growing audience around the world.

Metal Mulisha will demo skills throughout the day alongside the Circa Skate Team, a group of skateboarding professionals that was founded in 1999. Both groups will start performing at 3 p.m. today.

Rock the Desert attendees will have the opportunity this year to skate with the professional athletes from the Circa Skate Team. All participants will be required to sign a waiver and must wear a helmet. A parent or guardian's signature is required for participants under the age of 18, and the form much be notarized beforehand if the parent or guardian will not be present at the festival. Waivers can be downloaded from the Rock the Desert website at www.rockthedesert.com.

Tickets for the Rock the Desert Festival can be purchased at local Mardel's and Chick-Fil-A establishments, online at www.rockthedesert.com, or by phone at 563-3434. Tickets are for all three days of the festival and cost $25 in advance or $30 at the gate.

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

ALL THE DETAILS

ROCK THE DESERT

When: Today-Saturday. Gates open today at 3 p.m., Friday at 11 a.m., and Saturday at 10 a.m.

Where: 2000 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788

Tickets: $25 in advance; $30 at the gate. Advance purchase available at Mardels and Chick-Fil-A, www.rockthedesert.com or by calling 563-3434.

"Metal Thursday" Schedule:

2 p.m.: Climbing Blind
3 p.m.: Metal Mulisha
3 p.m.: C1RCA Skate Team
4:30 p.m.: Oh Sleeper
5:30 p.m.: Dominic Balli
6:45 p.m.: Icon for Hire
8 p.m.: Demon Hunter
9 p.m.: Love and Death
9:45 p.m.: Lacy of Flyleaf
10:15 p.m.: Ryan Ries
10:40 p.m.: P.O.D.

ROCK THE DESERT

FRIDAY

King & Country climbing Christian charts

By Eric Woods

When the contemporary Christian alternative rock duo, for King & Country first hit the scene, they were simply known as Joel & Luke.

While the name was appropriate, especially since the group is made up of brothers Joel and Luke Smallbone, there just wasn't enough pop or pizzazz in the name for them.

"Obviously that name was incredibly creative," Luke said with tongue firmly planted in cheek. "No, it was incredibly boring. It just didn't feel right. Our sound is a little more like a band and not like just two guys. We needed to come up with a band name."

As the Nashville-based duo sat in the studio bouncing names back and forth, the closest they came to a good fit was, All the King's Men. That was until their producer spun around in his chair and popped up with for King & Country.

"Joel and I just looked at each other and it was really cool," Luke said. "It just had this regal feel to it."

What also made the name a really good fit, said Luke, was that it was also a mission statement. The reason they go out and perform every night is for their Lord and their country. That and it really sounds cool when they are announced on stage.

"It's always a keen reminder of why we do music and also who we are."

But, Joel and Luke, (originally from Australia) didn't always see eye to eye on things as they do now. Both boys were two of seven children (Luke said he is the fifth child and Joel is the fourth), and while things are pretty harmonious between them now, sibling rivalry was a problem growing up. One of their other siblings is their sister, Christian pop rock singer, Rebecca St. James.

"The ironic thing is Joel and I kind of grew up not necessarily best buds," Luke said and laughed. "I played a lot of sports and Joel did a lot of other things, so I could beat him in sports. We had this rivalry where he didn't really like me and I didn't like him."

But as time went on, Joel and Luke, who come from a strong musical background, realized their harmony came from their differences. Where one brother is strong, the other is weak. They not only balance each other out musically but also personally.

The Yin and Yang for King & Country combination obviously has been a successful one as their debut album "Crave," (release earlier this year on a Word Music Group Label) has found a great deal of success in both Christian and mainstream music.

"Crave" climbed its way up the charts on the album's first day out when it made No. 2 on the iTunes top Christian & Gospel albums. The album also popped to the No. 4 position of the Billboard's Christian Albums chart.

Tracks from the album also have been used on the small screen. "People Change" and "Love's To Blame" were used on the CW network's series, "The Vampire Diaries." "Light It Up" and "Sane," were also heard on the Lifetime Television program, "Drop Dead Diva."

As for the future, the duo is working on a Christmas song and a possible Christmas tour as well. After that, it's anyone's guess.

"And then as we get into the next year, the sky's the limit," Luke said and laughed. "Who knows?"

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COWBOY FAST DRAW
When: Aug. 10-11
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Building G, Odessa

ODESSA CHAMPION MOTOR SPEEDWAY
When: Aug. 11 Gates open 6 p.m. Races begin at 8 p.m.
Where: 12300 W Highway 80 E Odessa
Info: West Texas Street Stock, West Texas Limited Stock Cars, West Texas Stock Cars, West Texas Limited Modifieds, West Texas Modifieds, West Texas Dwarfs and an Enduro class.
Saturday: West Texas Dwarfs, ASCS Sprints
Admission: Pit: $25 spectators, $30 car and driver. Pit gate opens at 5 p.m.
Spectator: $10 adults, $5 children 6-11, and free 5 and under. Spectator gate opens 6 p.m. Special rates on company family nights and birthday parties, call 432-563-1715 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and after hours 432-889-6273.

THE HOT AUGUST DAYS CLASSIC CAR SHOW
When: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 11
Where: Raymond James Financial Services parking lot, 2020 W. Cuthbert Ave.
Exhibitors: Local classic car owners. No fee, no judging, no prizes. Hot dog vendor on premises.

THE SIBLEY NATURE CENTER: BUG CAMP
When: Aug. 13-16 from 9 a.m. to noon each day
Contact: Michael Nickell, Sibley Nature Center, 684- 6827, or go to the Sibley Nature Center website at www.sibleynaturecenter.org.
Cost: $50 Sibley Nature Center members and $80 non-Sibley members.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CHRIST CHURCH MIDLAND
When: 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-16
Where: 5501 N. Midkiff Road
Theme: Sky VBS: Anything Is Possible With God!
Info: Sign up online at christchurchmidland.org

THIRD ANNUAL CARNIVAL OF MADNESS TOUR
When: Aug. 15
Where: Horseshoe
Info: Features Evanescence, Chevelle, Halestorm, Cavo and New Medicine.
Tickets: $25-$45

CELTIC FESTIVAL
When: Aug. 18-19
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Info: Presented by the Celtic Heritage Society

PAT BENATAR AND NEAL GIRALDO
When: 8 p.m. Aug. 21
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788
Tickets: $30-$70. Box office hours noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.

LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND
When: 8 p.m. Sept. 1
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center on the Midland College campus
Tickets: Free general admission tickets will be available beginning Aug. 6.
Info: Presented by the Midland College Foundation and the Phyllis & Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series

FOREIGNER
When: 8 p.m. Sept. 6
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center on the Midland College campus
Tickets: $30 upper section and $40 lower section. Available at Super Mercado in Midland, Endless Horizon in Odessa and www.centralticketoffice.com. Doors open 7 p.m.
Info: Fifth Annual Concert for Kids, presented by Midland ISD Education Foundation along with Pioneer Natural Resources. Sponsorships call 432-689-1038 or 432-689-1982.

SEPTEMBERFEST
When: Sept. 7-9
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

PERMIAN BASIN FAIR AND EXPO
When: Sept. 7-15
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN
When: Sept. 20
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, Midland College campus
Info: Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series presents Goodwin, world-renowned historian and best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, in a free lecture.

JOHN PRINE
When: 8 p.m. Sept. 26
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788
Box office: noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.
Tickets on johnprine:net $39.50-$59.50
Info: Also performing Alejandro Escovedo.

KENNY ROGERS
When: 8 p.m. Oct. 11
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788
Tickets: $60-$115. Box office hours noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.

GEORGE JONES
When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center,1310 N. FM 1788
Tickets: $40-$95. Box office hours noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.

BROADWAY SERIES
When: winter 2012 and spring 2013
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Series: Cirque Dreams Holidaze, Nov. 18; Disney's Beauty And The Beast, Dec. 19 and 20; Mannheim Steamroller Christmas By Chip Davis, Dec. 26; and in 2013, Monty Python's Spamalot, Feb. 24; Rain: A Tribute To The Beatles, April 14; Blue Man Group, April 30-May 2; and The Addams Family, May 23.
Box office: noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 552-4430.
Web: wagnernoel.com

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Casual country restaurant offers hearty breakfast, lunch

By Joan Huff

One day as I was driving on Rankin Highway, I noticed a restaurant completely surrounded by pickups and cars. Translation: This must be a great eating place. The sign over the building read, "Manuel's — Home of the Son of a Gun." Curious enough to stop and go inside, I soon found out what the sign was referring to and learned this restaurant had been in business since the 1970s.

When my friend and I entered we saw how crowded it was, but the service seemed to be going quickly. The décor of the restaurant is country casual with deer heads, shotguns and horseshoes hanging on the walls and a TV that was tuned in to a sports channel.

Customers order at the kitchen window where there is a large menu on the wall. A very friendly waitress will take your order, then turn to the cash register to pay your bill. After ordering, you may go choose from a table or booth, many of which are covered with football tablecloths while others have black and white checkered coverings.

Manuel's food is all homemade, using authentic treasured family recipes. The restaurant is known for the "Son of a Gun Plate" — also its best seller — a 90 percent lean hamburger steak with onions, jalapeno gravy, beans, potatoes and tortillas. Manuel's also is know for its hot sauce, which can be purchased to take home.

The menu is diverse and includes burgers, sandwiches and even a brisket plate. Mexican dishes take up the bulk of the menu and include burritos made with asado, taco meat, brisket, fajita meat; and several types of tacos.

I chose the No. 1 Mexican Plate which included two tamales, two cheese enchiladas, rice and beans. My friend ordered a regular hamburger. While we waited, we enjoyed homemade chips and hot sauce which were delivered to our table. Our food arrived, and we both enjoyed our selections. The flavors of my tamales and enchiladas were delicious, and the burger was just as good.

A few of the many other choices on the menu include plates featuring tacos, fajitas, flautas, gorditas and a combination plate. Each is served with side dishes such as rice, beans, flour tortillas or salad. The restaurant also offers several salad plates with taco meat, fajita chicken or beef and a few varieties of tortas.

Manuel's opens at 7 a.m. with a breakfast menu that lists hearty items to keep customers satisfied until they come back for lunch. The variety of burritos is pretty amazing with ingredients such as bacon, ham, potato, sausage and chorizo. Breakfast plates include several types of eggs, potatoes, beans, toast or tortillas. Pancakes and omelets with a choice of fillings are on the menu and customers can enjoy menudo on Fridays and Saturdays.

Sometime I will have to come back to try breakfast at Manuel's. But now I have to say it, I'll be a son of a gun, Manuel's is a great place to eat.

MANUEL'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD

3905 S. Hwy. 349 (one mile south of Interstate 20 on Rankin Highway)

www.manuelsdeli.com

682-2258

Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Meals served: breakfast, lunch
Kid's menu: Kid friendly foods
Parking: Ample parking lot
Outdoor seating: No
Private dining room for parties? No
Take out? Yes

Rating:
Food: 4 spoons out of 5
Service: 4 spoons out of 5
Value: 4 spoons out of 5
Cleanliness: 4 spoons out of 5
Overall Rating: 4 spoons out of 5

TONYS
Old Fashioned Bakery
1108 N. Big Spring
Midland, TX. 79701
432-570-4166
Hours:
Tuesday-Wednesday 7am - 3pm
Thursday-Friday 7am - 6pm
Saturday 7am - 3pm

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.
Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

American/Grill

Addie's Diner
304 E. Florida Ave.
686-2044

Waitresses wearing poodle skirts and records dangling from the ceiling give this place a true "diner" vibe. Delicious burgers and salads. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. Kid's menu available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Bush's Chicken (OAC)
2210 N. Big Spring St.
687-7090

Fried chicken meals with traditional sides. All combos include fries, gravy, roll and a large drink. Snack packs and family size meals available. Kid's menu. Try the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Iced tea is sold by the gallon. Three-lane drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Drive through 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily; through, lobby 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily.
3 spoons

Café at The Gardens (SD)
3300 Fairgrounds Road
687-1478

Located in the back of Alldredge Gardens, the cafe offers one of the most relaxed atmospheres in town. Sit in the garden center and enjoy the beautiful fish in the pond as you eat your lunch. Sandwiches, soups, quiche, burgers and wonderful desserts. Kid's menu. Catering available as well as party area.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
4 spoons

Claudia's Kitchen
3601 W. Wall St.
(Inside the Bradford Inn and Suites)
432-694-8821, ext.165

Friendly service and diner atmosphere. Try the Texas toothpicks and jalapeno bottle caps. Breakfast items can be ordered throughout the day and include hearty meals such as pork chops, chicken fried steak with eggs and potatoes. Large selection of burgers and sandwiches, chicken fried steak, steak fingers and ribeyes.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 6 -10 p.m. the last Friday of the month for dinner featuring Christian karaoke.
3 spoons

Graham Pharmacy (SD)
1601 W. Wall St.
684-5756

Pharmacy with gift shop and "old-fashioned" soda fountain offerning homemade fudge and desserts, simple lunch favorites and shakes and ice cream dishes. Sandwiches include BLT, tuna, pimento cheese and ham and cheese as well as club sandwiches with turkey and/or ham and cheese. Hot dogs, corn dogs, salads and Frito pie also are available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.
3 spoons

Down Home Kitchen (SD)
102 N. Lee St.
682-3696

Small, unassuming building in south Midland. Diners may choose from a few freshly-made entrees — meatloaf, pork chops, chicken fried steak and more — and sides such as corn, macaroni and cheese, green beans and boiled cabbage. Each plate is around $8 and includes an entree, two sides and bread. Dessert options include peach cobbler and a variety of cakes.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

Cracker Barrel (SD)
3108 N. Loop 250 West
689-3137

Home-style meals. Serving breakfast (all day), lunch and dinner. Menu includes soups, sandwiches, pork barbecue, fried chicken tenderloin, grilled pork chops, sugar cured ham, smoked ham, hamburger steak and meatloaf. Friday fish fry, Saturday offers made from scratch chicken n' rice with vegetables and Sunday features homestyle chicken. Kid's menu available. Old country store in front of restaurant.

Offer expires 8/31/12 and is available in the standard home delivery area only. *Gift Card offer available for paying in advance and varies by term and subscription. Sales ads, inserts, and coupons are zoned for delivery by the individual advertiser and therefore may not be included in all home delivery newspapers. Service should begin within 7 working days from your order.

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Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

The Bar (SD)
606 W. Missouri Ave.
685-1757

Opened in 1979 and serves lunch, dinner and Saturday brunch. Menu items include sandwiches, burgers, chili, soups, steaks and more. Smoking is permitted in part of the restaurant. Menu is available at www.thebarmidland.com.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Midland Donuts (OAC)
2100 W. Wall St.
and 307 N. Midland Drive
686-7766

Large assortment of doughnuts and breakfast pastries as well as breakfast burritos and biscuits. Menu also includes croissant rolls and croissant sandwiches. More than 100 drink options including blended coffees, smoothies, chai teas, shaken iced teas, tapiocas and sno-cones. Dining room and drive through.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 3 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
2 spoons

The Ranch House (OAC)
5103 W. Wadley Ave.
699-0695

Stop by for a quick sandwich. Choices include: chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. Sandwiches are $4.50 and come with potato chips. Combination meals are $6.50 and include a side of home-made beans. Homemade bread. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily
3 spoons

Clear Springs Cafe (SD)
5707 Andrews Highway
522-1188

Burgers, Po'boy, catfish, shrimp, crawfish, oysters, chicken strips, steaks, chicken fried steak and chicken. Specials offered daily. Claim to have the "best onion rings and catfish in Texas, the World and the known Universe." Kid's menu. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

Four G's Café (SD)
2907 North Big Spring St.
686-8013

Cheery atmosphere and very friendly service. Serving a wide variety of breakfast menu items including huevos rancheros, omelettes, pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon and sausage, even chicken fried steak cooked to your specifications. Play a game of checkers as you wait on your meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 11 a.m. Friday, 7 a.m. - noon Saturday and 8 a.m. - noon Sunday.
3 spoons

Green's Restaurant (SD)
20 Village Circle Drive
682-2132

Open for breakfast and lunch. Diner-style food. Smoking permitted. Breakfast items are served all day and include hotcakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham and omelets. The lunch menu consists of combos with burgers — choose from the cowboy, A1 or jalapeno — or sandwiches with fries and a drink for $6 or specials such as chicken fried steak, Monterrray chicken, lemon pepper chicken and fish.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday - Sunday.
2 spoons

Le Bistro inside DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Midland Plaza (SD)
117 W. Wall St.
683-6131

Full breakfast and lunch buffet with daily specials. Also offers full menu of items including specialty appetizers such as mini hamburgers and hotdogs, hot wings, fish assortment and stuffed potato skins. Steaks, seafood, sandwiches and salads are available with various side dishes.
Buffet: $$
Hours: 6:30-10 a.m. breakfast buffet, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. lunch buffet; regular menu until 10 p.m. daily.
4 spoons

JoJo's Eatery
214 W. Texas Ave. (Petroleum Building)
682-3134

Offering a large selection of sandwiches, salads and burgers. Super friendly service and atmosphere. Absolutely do not leave before trying the pie (any kind). Buy it by the slice or whole pies and cakes made to order. Daily specials, catering and call-in orders welcome.
Entrée price range $
Hours: 6 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Nueva Vista Grill (OAC)
6101 West Wadley Ave.
(Neuva Vista Golf Course)
522-7455

An "oasis" found in Midland offering a relaxing and casual lunch or dinner atmosphere. Salads include grilled chicken, crispy chicken or chef salad, delicious grilled sandwiches, barbecue and a wide variety of burgers. Daily lunch specials at great prices. Variety of fountain drinks, sports drinks, bottled soft drinks and can and tap beer. Breakfast available. Payment types accepted: credit cards and cash.
Price range: $
Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (during cold weather); 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. (Summer hours). In summer, offer breakfast items.
3 spoons

Lori's Café (SD)
2201 W. Wall St.
570-1701

Homestyle cooking. Breakfast includes pancakes, omelettes, waffles, breakfast enchiladas and burritos, as well as traditional eggs, toast, bacon and grits. Lunch offers sandwiches such as French dip, Philly cheesesteak, Reuben and chicken Parmesan. Burgers, a large selection of salads, chicken fried steak and many appetizers.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 6 a.m.-2 p.m Tuesday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

Stanton Drug and Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain (SD)
201 N. St. Peter
Stanton
432-756-3731

Enjoy small-town atmosphere and a mouth-watering hamburger or sandwich in the quaint surroundings of the Stanton Drug Store. Breakfast served until 10:45 a.m. Only a short drive from Midland.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. (or until they run out of meat) Monday-Friday.
3 spoons

Strawberry Fields Cafe (SD)
2311 W. Wadley Ave.
684-5869

Fresh foods made from organic and natural ingredients. Meats and poultry are free-range, raised on a natural diet and free of chemicals used on conventional factory farms. All foods are made fresh daily and are free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Salads can be purchased by the pound. Sandwiches, wraps, no-bull burger (veggie burger) and soups. This is the place to go for a guilt-free delicious meal. Kid's menu.
Entrée price range: $
Hours:9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Tater World (SD)
802 S. Garfield St.
682-9111

Taters are front and center on the menu including tater twisters (homemade tater chips), cheddar fries, tater skins and baked potatoes, which weigh one pound or more. Brisket, steak stuffed taters or regular stuffed potatoes. Other dishes include some of the best catfish in town, a variety of salads, sandwiches, burgers, chicken fried steak, breakfast burritos and "hot doggs." Catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. Friday.
4 spoons

Eddie's Catfish Company (OAC)
301 N. Lee St.
684-4422

The owners of Eddie's Catfish Company used to serve catfish only on Fridays at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. When they moved into the building on Lee Street, they began serving catfish Monday through Saturday. The menu features one- or two-piece catfish meals, fried shrimp or a combination. Meals include hushpuppies, coleslaw and French fries or onion rings. Large portions. Family packs.
Entree price range: $
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
3 spoons

Café Unique (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Road
(San Miguel Shopping Center)
262-5993
www.MidlandsUniqueCatering.com

Meals to go, catering and a café all under one roof. Salads such as a Palm Desert Salad consisting of mixed greens, chili peanuts, apples, Blue cheese crumbles, avocado and barbecue Ranch dressing with grilled chicken. Sandwiches include chicken salad on a toasted croissant with chips; turkey, bacon and tomato melt on sourdough with chips; or pulled pork sandwiches with saucy pinto beans. Variety of quiches.
Entrée price range: $
Café hours: 11 a.m.-3: p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Drop in for dinners to go 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
2 spoons

Triple Threat Sports Bar & Grill (SD)
12 Meta Drive
(Village Shopping Center)
683-5300

Sports bar atmosphere with pool tables and several video games. Thirteen big-screen televisions. Happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-7 p.m. with drink specials and free chips and salsa. Menu features a wide selection of appetizers including popcorn shrimp, Buffalo wings, chicken tenders, chips and salsa or queso, fried mushrooms, mozzarella sticks and a sampler platter. Known for their Philly cheese

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steaks served with fries.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - midnight Sunday.
4 spoons

Cotton Patch Cafe (SD)
2320 W. Loop 250 N.
618-0070
www.cottonpatch.com

Casual with a grill-style atmosphere. Large menu offers a wide choice of flavors, combinations and sizes of meals. Start with appetizers and finish up with a steak, sandwich, burger or fish. Grilled favorites as well as soups and salads are available. Daily specials include chicken fried steak with a choice of two sides for $6.99 or all you can eat catfish for $9.99 on Fridays.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.
4 spoons

Denny's (SD)
3701 W. Wall St.
www.dennys.com
520-5306

Always open with a friendly atmosphere. Large variety of menu items from appetizers, snacks, breakfast items, burgers, sandwiches, steaks and chicken. Special combination meals and seasonal dinners also served on holidays. Good food, service and willingness to make customers happy.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 24 hours every day.
3 spoons

Yana 615 (SD)
615 North Sam Houston
Odessa
432-332-4305

Located in the downtown Odessa area near the hospital in a house that has been remodeled into a restaurant. Quaint and charming. A relaxing and out of the ordinary spot to meet friends for lunch. Specialties of the house include orange roughy, a vegetable plate, lemon pepper pasta, spinach lasagna and chicken tarragon. Chicken palatchinka (two homemade crepes filled with chicken breast in a creamy sauce and served with dried fruit baked rice and a house salad) is a favorite. Dessert is a must!
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday
5 spoons

The Café at Crestview (OAC)
301 N. Loop 250 West
(inside Crestview Baptist Church)
www.crestviewmidland.org
681-8200 ext. 2007
Catering: 559-2928

A tranquil setting featuring a café that is open to everyone. Signs in the parking lot will direct you to the correct door to enter. Menu includes soup of the day, soup and sandwich and salads ranging from a grilled chicken, chicken Caesar or garden salad. Tex-Mex dishes include chicken fajitas, ground beef burritos or quesadillas and various types of nachos. Signature sandwiches, burgers and hearty specials all at very reasonable prices. Delicious desserts. Wednesday night meals for $7 each or $20 per family. Free drinks with meal.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-6 p.m. Wednesday
3 spoons

Pizza/Italian

Brianna's Pizza (OAC)
4309 W. Illinois Ave.
689-3901

Dine-in or carry out. Brianna's offers personal, small, medium or large pizzas with a variety of toppings. Specialty pizzas include Hawaiian style, meat lovers, veggie, supreme, Mexican style and Sicilian style. Wings, boneless wings and subs also available. Lunch special from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. of $1.50 per slice of pizza.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday - Saturday
2 spoons

Italian Village Ristorante (SD)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
684-6595

Authentic Italian food with excellent service and food prepared to perfection. Pasta selections include items such as fettuccini di flavia (sautéed gulf shrimp prosciutto, broccoli, artichoke hearts in a creamy vodka sauce), cannelloni, spaghetti bolognese, and beef lasagna. Chicken, veal, steaks and seafood also on the menu. A little piece of Italy that happens to be in Midland.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4:45-9:45 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4:45-9:45 p.m. Saturday
5 spoons

Pizzeria Venti (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd. #135
(San Miguel Square)
689-7220
www.pizzeriaventi.com

Pizzeria Venti serves piping hot slices of pizza from their wide selection. Glass display case containing all types of pizzas, a beautiful array of salads and timpanini (stuffed pizza pie). Crust made with extra virgin olive oil, imported Italian water, salt, flour and yeast. Baked pasta such as mostaccioli, cheese ravioli, manicotti and lasagna also on the menu. Soups including Tuscan white bean and minestrone can be ordered in small and large sizes. Italian pastries such as cannolis, tiramisu and various cakes. Catering available.
Price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday
4 spoons

Double Dave's Pizzaworks (OAC)
3208 N. Loop 250 West Suite 100
618-DAVE (3283)

Dine-in, carry out or delivery. Specialty pizzas include "Dave's Fave," "Buffalo Chicken," "BBQ Chicken" and more. Custom pizza start at $4.99 for a small pie; specialty pizzas start at $12.99 for a medium. Other menu items include "Chee-z Rolls;" "Peproni Rolls," veggie stromboli, breadsticks; hot wings, chicken parmesan stuffer, garlic spinach stromboli, and dessert pastries. Save room for a few Peproni Rolls. Lunch and dinner buffets.
Entree price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
3 spoons

Luigi's Italian Restaurant (SD)
111 N. Big Spring St.
683-6363

Downtown establishment open for more than 51 years. Pasta dishes, baked lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fettuccine alfredo, Luigi's chicken delight, sandwiches as well as appetizers that include soups, salads and an antipasto salad. Low calorie dishes available. Carry out dining as well as take and bake pizzas. Full service bar and kid's menu. Accept reservations for five or more. Romantic atmosphere. Parking is sparse, especially at lunch.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:30 p.m., 5-10 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

MD Pizza Factory (SD)
4706 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 13
(Albertson's parking lot)
432-682-4440

Casual atmosphere for dining in or take out. Signature pizzas such as chicken teriyaki, taco pizza and Genoa pesto chicken. There is also a meat lover's pizza, which includes almost every meat topping you can think of. Soups, salads, sandwiches and breadsticks. Lunch specials, senior citizen discount on Monday nights, teacher discount on Tuesday nights.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 -9:30 p.m. Monday – Friday; 4 -9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
3 spoons

Mi Piaci Italian (SD)
2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa
432-362-8060

Located on the corner of University Boulevard and Grandview Avenue, Mi Piaci's offers traditional Italian food such as pasta, chicken, seafood, veal and pizza. Try the garlic bread with dipping sauces before your meal. Kids menu and rooms for private parties. BYOB.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday
4 spoons

Papa Murphy's- Take 'N' Bake Pizza (pick up)
4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113
(Across from the North side of Wal-Mart)
699-7272
www.papamurphys.com

Take and bake pizza kitchen. They make the pizza to your specific order and you take it home to bake in your own oven at your convenience. Watch your pizza change from a ball of dough to a pie full of your favorite toppings. Coupons given at each purchase for next visit. Daily specials.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday.
4 spoons

The Garlic Press (SD)
2200 W. Wadley Ave.
#6 Oak Ridge Square
570-4020
www.thegarlicpress.net

Fine dining, Tuscan atmosphere. Seafood, steaks, crepes, salads and pasta dishes beautifully arranged on the plates. Dining here is an occasion, not just a meal. Extensive wine list. Kid's menu available. Catering available.
Entrée price range: $$$
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:30 - 10 p.m. Friday; 5:30 - 10 p.m. Saturday.
5 spoons

Carino's (SD)
4711 W. Loop 250 N.
520-7600

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Carino's offers an extensive menu for lunch and dinner as well as take-out and catering. The restaurant also has an enclosed patio available for parties. Lunch specials for $5.99. Appetizers include Italian nachos, fried calamari and fried mozzarella. Entrees include salads, pizza, traditional Italian dishes and specialty Italian dishes such as baked tortellini, five meat Tuscan pasta and angel hair with artichokes.
Price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday
4 spoons

Venezia Restaurant (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20
Plaza Oaks Shopping Center
www.veneziarestaurant.info

Named for one of Italy's most romantic cities, the atmosphere of the restaurant has a similar theme. Paintings of Venice, wine racks (they offer one of the largest wine lists in the Permian Basin) and inviting surroundings. Variety of pasta dishes. Tenderloin, ribeye, baby rack of lamb and quail. If you enjoy veal, there is a wide selection with items such as veal marsala, veal piccata and green peppercorn veal. Reservations recommended.
Entrée price range: $$$
Hours: 11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., 5-10:15 p.m. Tuesday - Friday; 5-10:15 p.m. Monday; 5 - 10:30 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante (SD)
1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa
550-7443

Unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Try the baked havarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce for an appetizer. Entrees include pollo piccata, farfalle con pollo, gnocchi bolongnese, lasagna, veal and fisH of the day and variety of pizzas. Desserts include different types of cake and cheesecake. Live music two nights a week and during the weekends. Smoking is allowed on the patio.
Entree price range: $$
Hours: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:15 - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 5:15 - 10 p.m. Friday; 5:15 - 10 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

Torino's (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff #110
Facebook @ Torinos Pizzabar
218-6943

Go to Torino's to watch your favorite game. Flat-screen TVs arranged on the walls in the various dining areas offer direct TV. Pizza is made to order and is offered in quarter, half or whole sizes. Favorites include supreme, meat lovers, pepperoni, Italian sausage or cheese. Wings, cheese sticks, fried mushrooms, nachos, stuffed jalapenos and fries are perfect for game-time snacks. Menu also includes salads.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily
4 spoons

The Midland Reporter-Telegram helps you celebrate the milestone with the Class of 2025 in a back-to-school souvenir supplement, publishing on August 16, 2012.

If your child is starting kindergarten this Fall, fill out the form below and return it to "KINDERGARTNER PICS" c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, no later than Friday, August 10, 2012.

One child will be randomly selected to win a $50 Kohl's gift card for new school clothes and a backpack full of school supplies! The winner will be notified on August 15, 2012 & will be featured in the Sunday edition on August 19, 2012.

Child's Name: _____
Parent's/ Guardian's Name: _____
Child's Age: _____
Phone: _____
School child will attend: _____
I can't wait to learn about: _____
_____
When I grow up, I want to be: _____
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Please enclose a photo of your child (head & shoulders only) suitable for the souvenir edition. Print child's name on back of photo. Do not staple photo to form. Photos will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Photos can be picked up at the Midland Reporter-Telegram until Friday, August 31, 2012. Any unclaimed photos will be destroyed.