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Conservatives score victories in primaries

Grassroots groups tout wins they hope will further limited-government agendas

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

DALLAS — Two groups will continue to dominate Texas politics next year: the conservatives and the more conservatives.

Little more than 10 percent of the electorate voted in the Republican primary on Tuesday, and those who did sent a clear signal they expect Texas to remain on the rightward course set 34 years ago when Bill Clements became the first Republican governor in 100 years.

In the race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Republican operatives in Austin thought Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst was a shoo-in. But GOP voters clearly said "not so fast" and forced the long-serving politician into a runoff with Ted Cruz, the charismatic young tea partier with the backing of national conservative groups.

Dewhurst must now dig even deeper into his $250 million personal fortune to finance the continuation of what already has been an ugly campaign. National activists will go back to their supporters to make sure Cruz has enough money to keep up.

Both campaigns will struggle to get their supporters to the polls because turnout is normally even more sparce for runoffs than for primaries. Turnout is important because hardcore voters show up to the polls, and in Texas that means the more conservative activists. High turnout dilutes their influence, while low turnout magnifies it.

The national tea party group FreedomWorks was key to getting out the conservative vote for Cruz, training 100,000 activists in Texas.

"This is an incremental but important victory for the limited government grassroots movement in Texas," said Ryan Hecker, the group's chief operating officer. The group said it will continue to help Cruz and other tea party candidates across the country.

That activism flowed down the ticket into legislative races, with at least 40 new members headed to the 150-seat Texas House.

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Semifinals bound

Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

Alamo Junior High's Thomas Rubio smiles as he heads to join the 50 other semifinalists on stage at the 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee in National Harbor, Md. As a second-year competitior, Rubio scored higher than at least 228 other spellers during three preliminary rounds to earn a spot in the semifinal.

Rubio advances at national bee

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. — The moment Scripps National Spelling Bee Director Paige Kimble announced Thomas Rubio's name, a shocked smile spread across his face and mother Mildred let out a shriek.

Mildred wrapped her arms around Thomas, and as he tried to make his way toward the stage, tears began to roll down her face.

Abner Rubio leaned over to his wife and with a smile said, "I can't believe he made it," as he patted Thomas on the arm.

Follow the action

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Feeling a gamut of emotions as they listened to 50 names announced as the bee's semifinalists isn't new for the Rubios. They attended last year with Thomas and in 2006 with daughter Danielle.

However, hearing their child's name announced as one of the 50 semifinalists was a first, which brought about new emotions of excitement.

"I'm pretty surprised I advanced," said the Alamo Junior High eighth-grader. "I thought I'd missed too many words on the written test to make semifinals."

Earlier in the day, Rubio correctly spelled "rowan" in round two and "tympanum" in round three of the preliminaries, earning him six points to combine with his score on Tuesday's written test.

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United Way announces executive director

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The former executive director of the Greater Longview United Way will take the helm of the United Way of Midland on Tuesday, the organization announced Wednesday.

Donna Mahurin tendered her resignation in Longview earlier this month after accepting the position in the Tall City. She has 17 years experience as an executive director and has spent 12 years with United Ways.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Mahurin as executive director of the United Way of Midland," said Ellen House, United Way of Midland's board president. "Her proven track record with successful community partnerships and resource development will continue to strengthen the important presence of United Way in our community."

Midland's United Way board unanimously approved hiring Mahurin during its May meeting.

House said they formally interviewed three candidates, none of whom were from Midland. There were no internal applicants for the position, she said.

The board began searching for a new executive director after receiving word from Cindy Benson in late 2011 that she would resign from her post in February. Benson is now controller at the Scharbauer Foundation.

"We did a complete nationwide search and had a number of good candidates, but Ms. Mahurin had all of the right experience with United Way, as well as just general experience in dealing with community partnerships and nonprofits and so forth," House said.

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3 children die after Highway 385 crash

Odessa American

Four adults and a child were recovering in area hospitals Wednesday from injuries they suffered in an accident that killed three other children. The accident occurred Tuesday afternoon on U.S. Highway 385 near Odessa.

Joe Araiza, 62, and Linda Araiza, 62, both of Odessa, were listed in serious condition Wednesday morning at Medical Center Hospital, according to spokeswoman Amber Sweeney. Madonna Belis Amaton, 26, of Seminole, was listed in critical condition and Carlos Osvaldo Amaton, 29, also of Seminole, was listed in serious condition, Sweeney said. James Eric Belis-Aguerro, 6, was transported to a Lubbock hospital, according to family members.

Alaina Elvita Belis, 4; Jamie Marie Belis, 11; and Ruben Julius Belis, 8, were pronounced dead at the scene, said a spokeswoman with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Family of Madonna Amaton said Ruben's last name was Ramirez.

Linda Araiza had a broken back, sternum and collar bone, while Joe Araiza had neck injuries and brain bleeding, according to Sally Tenorio, Linda Araiza's sister. Both were able to speak, Tenorio said. She also said the Amatons had head injuries.

Madonna Amaton underwent surgery Tuesday night and has been under sedation, according to family members.

The accident happened in the northbound lanes of U.S. 385 around mile marker 348. Tenorio said Madonna Amaton called longtime friend, Linda Araiza, when their vehicle got a flat tire. They put the children's car seats in Araiza's vehicle and went to get the tire fixed. On the way back, Linda Araiza passed the Amatons' vehicle and had to turn around, Tenorio said. She pulled into the crossover and as she waited to turn southbound the vehicle was hit in the back by a pickup driven by Nicole Sheesley, of Gardendale, said the DPS spokeswoman. Sheesley reportedly was not transported to the hospital

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Hillander breaks ground

Cal Heidelberg, 6, shovels dirt while his brother Mac, 2, stares into the distance, after a ground breaking ceremony that included teachers, students, board members and alumni, for the new math and Science building at Hillander School.

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Congressman Reyes ousted in Texas primary stunner

Associated Press

EL PASO — Many entrenched members of the Texas congressional delegation overcame reshuffled political boundaries to win their primaries, but those new maps had nothing to do with how a guitar-playing, twice-arrested former city councilman who advocates legalizing marijuana ousted a powerful Democrat in a doozy of an election-night stunner.

Beto O'Rourke kept a low profile Wednesday after defeating U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes in the El Paso district. The former House Intelligence chairman, meanwhile, returned to Washington after he was denied even a runoff despite an endorsement from President Barack Obama and a campaign stop from former President Bill Clinton.

The upset was a twist on the anti-incumbent fervor that swept through the U.S. House in the 2010 midterms. Then, it was Republicans swinging a wrecking ball to entrenched Democrats, but on Tuesday, O'Rourke ousted an eight-term congressman and fellow Democrat who he had attacked as becoming too cozy and ineffective to stay in Congress

At least that was the message in public. Behind the scenes, O'Rourke was embroiled in one of the nastiest U.S. House races nationwide this primary season.

Ads played up Reyes' ties to a company that was awarded a $200 million contract and gave Reyes contributions and hired his children, while Reyes shot back with television spots recounting O'Rourke being arrested for drunk driving and showing a cellphone video of O'Rourke rolling around on a barroom floor.

AP file photo

President Barack Obama is greeted by U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, as he steps off Air Force One at Biggs Army Airfield in El Paso on May 10. In a major upset, Reyes lost the race for the Democratic nomination to retain his congressional seat in far West Texas on Tuesday. The 67-year-old Reyes was first elected to Congress in 1996.

O'Rourke is unlikely to face much of a threat from the GOP nominee in the heavily Democratic district this November.

He was an unconventional candidate for being such a serious threat to an establishment incumbent like Reyes.

According to the El Paso Times, O'Rourke has supported the idea of legalizing marijuana as a way of making a dent in the drug war being waged directly across the border from El Paso in violent Ciudad Juarez. O'Rourke, however, said during his campaign that he would not press for legalization in Congress because it wasn't a priority to this district.

He's also a former guitarist in an El Paso rock band that included members who now play in the Grammy Award-winning act The Mars Volta. He was arrested in the 1990s on charges of burglary and drunk driving and has called his public service a way for atoning for those mistakes. O'Rourke told the El Paso Times that the burglary arrest happened after he tripped an alarm while jumping a fence at the University of Texas at El Paso in 1995 but prosecutors declined the case.

But O'Rourke also comes from a family with deep political roots. His father, Pat O'Rourke, was a former El Paso County judge who was a popular longtime Democrat before switching parties in 1996, when he unsuccessfully ran for Congress as a Republican.

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Those races also saw voters choose the more conservative candidate in many races, and three committee chairs lost their seats while a fourth is in a runoff.

Empower Texans, a statewide conservative group, crowed about their victories in a perennial battle with Speaker Joe Straus, whom they've repeatedly targeted for being too moderate. The group's primary challenger to Straus lost, but tea party favorite Rep. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, announced Tuesday that he will run for speaker in January, when House members will vote for their leader.

No Democrat has held statewide office in Texas since 1998, and Republicans almost certainly will control both houses of the Legislature next year. The Republican Party so thoroughly dominates Texas politics that the only real competition for power comes from within it.

Straus has come to personify a pro-business, establishment wing of the party that leans toward pragmatism. As speaker, he appoints committee chairs, who then decide what bills move forward in the Legislature. The fact that so many of his allies have retired, or lost reelection bids, will force Straus to compromise with the more conservative wing in order to hold on to power.

Gov. Rick Perry leads to social conservative wing of the GOP, and he has done his best to set the agenda for the Legislature, often stepping on Straus' toes.

A key sticking point between Straus and Perry is the governor's new Texas Budget Compact. Perry has called on all Texas GOP members to sign the pledge not to increase state taxes or spending, even if the state has increased revenues. Straus has refused to sign any pledges ahead of the legislative session, preferring that lawmakers keep their options open to find solutions rather than be locked into prior commitments.

Perry is looking to maintain his conservative credentials as he considers running for re-election in 2014 or running for president again in 2016. But many suburban Republicans returned home last year to parents angered by more than $4 billion in cuts to public education spending. Schools have laid off teachers, increased class sizes and cut extra programs to make ends meet, a move that angered many Republican voters.

However, based on the results, those angry voters did not cast ballots in the Republican primary nor did they decide to place tea party values over their concerns about school finance.

Texas primary turnout was low; runoff may be lower

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Turnout was low for the Texas primary, and a late-summer runoff to decide who wins the Republican nomination for an open U.S. Senate seat is likely to see it sink even lower.

Both establishment GOP favorite Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and tea party darling Ted Cruz claim that gives them an advantage as their campaigns gear up for round 2 of what has already been a nasty and expensive intraparty fight.

Who's right may ultimately depend on just how low turnout goes.

After the primary was twice delayed because of legal battles over redistricting, about 11 percent of registered Republicans cast ballots Tuesday. That meant about 1.4 million people voted in the GOP race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Dewhurst won 43 percent of the vote, 10 points better than Cruz, an attorney and former state solicitor general. Because neither got a majority, the race moves to a July 31 runoff.

Cruz claims his fiery brand of grassroots populism inspires the kind of hardcore conservatives who will reliably cast ballots in a second round of voting — thus carrying him to the GOP nomination. But Dewhurst campaign pollster Mike Baselice says his candidate did well among senior citizens and repeat Republican Party primary voters — both groups likely to participate in the runoff.

Mark Jones, chairman of the Political Science Department at Rice University, said the Texas heat, the fact that little may be at stake in many local races statewide, and the chances many families could be on vacation, mean turnout for the runoff should fall to between 750,000 and 1 million ballots cast.

Jones said Cruz indeed has a group of fierce supporters who likely will enthusiastically vote for him a second time — but he doesn't appear to have the money to grow that base in any significant way over the next two months. Dewhurst, meanwhile, enjoys far broader support among mainstream Republicans, but many of those may not be so anxious to participate in the runoff.

"The trick for Dewhurst will be to get July 31 to look as close as possible to May 29th," Jones said. "The higher the turnout is, the better it is for Dewhurst. The lower it is, the better it is for Cruz."

The wild card could be former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, who finished third in a nine-Republican Senate race with 13 percent of the primary ballots cast. Baselice claims his polling shows that Leppert supporters prefer Dewhurst over Cruz 50 percent to 20 percent — but Jones said those who voted for Leppert also are more likely to get disillusioned and skip the runoff entirely.

Daniel Keylin, a spokesman for the Leppert campaign, said that his candidate is in no hurry to endorse either of his former opponents.

"He's thanking supporters and campaign staff all over the state," Keylin said. "The next few days, that's his main focus."

Addressing a Houston news conference Wednesday, Dewhurst said of Cruz during the runoff, "his strategy is to have as low of a turnout as possible because that's the only way he can win."

"I think that's being cynical," Dewhurst said.

Dewhurst has overseen the state Senate for nearly nine years as lieutenant governor and says he helped make Texas one of the most conservative states in the country. But he also has a net worth of over $200 million and has tapped his personal resources repeatedly to bolster his campaign.

Matt Hirsch, a Dewhurst spokesman, said that as of Wednesday, Dewhurst had donated $10.25 million to his campaign. The lieutenant governor refused to say if he would contribute still more of his own money now that the fight for the runoff has begun, offering only that, "I have never run a race in which I said I won't put the resources in in order to win."

Cruz donated $470,000 to his own campaign but has received millions from national tea party groups who have targeted Dewhurst as too moderate. During his own news conference in Houston shortly after Dewhurst's, Cruz said his donations in Texas and across the country have spiked since he forced the runoff.

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The National September 11 Memorial and Museum on Wednesday marked the 10th anniversary of the end of cleanup operations at the site with a tribute to recovery workers and first responders.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former Gov. George Pataki attended the evening event at the Sept. 11 memorial plaza at the World Trade Center site.

"It looks peaceful, the extreme opposite of what I saw when I first came down," said Jaye Markwell, a Connecticut volunteer with the Salvation Army who helped deliver food during the effort.

After the attacks, an army of workers spent months cleaning up the site. The formal end of that operation was May 30, 2002, and was marked with the removal of the last column of steel that had still been standing.

In that ceremony, the steel column was covered in a black shroud and taken away, along with an empty stretcher covered with an American flag.

LAS VEGAS

Wayne Newton denies museum developer allegations

Wayne Newton's lawyers are denying allegations of mismanagement, animal abuse and sexual harassment lodged in a lawsuit against the Las Vegas entertainer by a business associate. And they're responding with counterclaims alleging breach of contract and fraud.

Documents filed Wednesday in Nevada state court say allegations in a lawsuit filed two weeks ago by the company that bought rights to convert Newton's home into a tourist attraction are "scurrilous and scandalous."

Attorney Bryce Kunimoto tells The Associated Press he's confident the legendary crooner and his family will be vindicated.

Sweetener's name to stay the same

FDA rejects new name for high fructose corn syrup

Associated Press

NEW YORK — High fructose corn syrup won't get a wholesome new name after all.

The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday rejected the Corn Refiners Association's bid to rename its sweetening agent "corn sugar."

Given the sweetener's bad reputation in recent years, the association submitted an application to the agency in 2010 to have the product renamed on nutrition labels.

But the FDA said that it defines sugar as a solid, dried and crystallized food — not a syrup.

Separately, the Corn Refiners Association has also been running a marketing campaign to explain that its syrup is actually a form of sugar and has the same nutritional value as the familiar white, granular table sugar that consumers are familiar with.

That in turn prompted a lawsuit from the Sugar Association last year claiming that the campaign is misleading.

Dan Callister, a lawyer for the Sugar Association, said the FDA's decision confirms his group's position that sugar and high fructose corn syrup are two distinct products.

"What's going on here is basically a con game to suggest otherwise," Callister said. "What do con men do? They normally try to change their name. The FDA has thankfully stopped that."

The Corn Refiners Association issued a statement Wednesday noting that the FDA denied its petition on "narrow, technical" grounds.

The group said it stood by its claim that "the vast majority of American consumers are confused about HFCS."

High fructose corn syrup came into the U.S. market in the late 1970s and 1980s. The product is used widely in cereals, sodas and other processed food and drinks because it's cheaper and mixes easily into recipes.

Despite the name, the Corn Refiners Association says the most common forms of it are about half fructose and half glucose.

The American Medical Association has said it wants more research on high fructose corn syrup, but says there's not enough evidence to restrict its use for now. The Center for Science in the Public Interest has said that there was no evidence that the sweetener is any worse for the body than sugar — and that Americans consume too much of both of them.

Hundreds of salmonella cases tied to chicks

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Those cute mail-order chicks that wind up in children's Easter baskets and backyard farms have been linked to more than 300 cases of salmonella in the U.S. — mostly in youngsters — since 2004.

An estimated 50 million live poultry are sold through the mail each year in the United States in a business that has been booming because of the growing popularity of backyard chicken farming as a hobby among people who like the idea of raising their own food.

But health officials are warning of a bacterial threat on the birds' feet, feathers, beaks and eggs.

"Most people can tell you that chicken meat may have salmonella on it," said Casey Barton Behravesh of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "But surprisingly, we found many people are not aware that live chicks and chickens can spread salmonella to people."

Since 2004, at least 316 people in 43 states got sick in an outbreak tied primarily to one mail-order hatchery. Health officials believe thousands more illnesses connected to the business were probably never reported.

No one died, but three dozen people were hospitalized with bloody diarrhea or other symptoms. The illnesses were detailed Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Salmonella can cause diarrhea, fever and stomach pain but is rarely fatal. It is most dangerous to very young children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems. The infection is usually contracted from food, but live animals can transmit it, too, because the bacteria can be in their feces.

Salmonella outbreaks have been linked to hatcheries for more than 50 years. And health officials have long warned that people can get salmonella from touching chickens — especially children, who tend to put their fingers in their mouths. Indeed, the CDC says children under 5 shouldn't be allowed to touch chickens at all.

Health officials also advise people not to bring birds into their homes and to wash their hands thoroughly after handling live poultry.

About 20 hatcheries mail live chicks overnight in the U.S., supplying not only feed stores and farms but amateurs with backyard coops. The mail-order houses have been seeing record sales in recent years.

"It's all part of this greener, healthier lifestyle," said Behravesh, a veterinary epidemiologist.

Jonah McDonald, a 32-year-old Atlanta man who keeps three hens and insists a backyard egg tastes better, said he does not know of anyone who has gotten salmonella from handling chickens.

"The kids in my neighborhood come over and feed scraps to my chickens," he said. "It's a real community thing."

The CDC described an eight-year investigation into salmonella illnesses, with more than 80 percent of the cases tied to a single hatchery in the western U.S. While CDC officials refused to identify the business, a previous report on the investigation by the health agency indicated it is in New Mexico.

Investigators interviewed victims and concluded many had caught salmonella from touching chicks or ducklings, often at home. From there, most of the illnesses were traced to the hatchery.

Behravesh said the hatchery has taken steps to curb the spread of salmonella — including replacing equipment, adopting new egg-cleaning procedures and vaccinating chickens — and is not considered a health threat.

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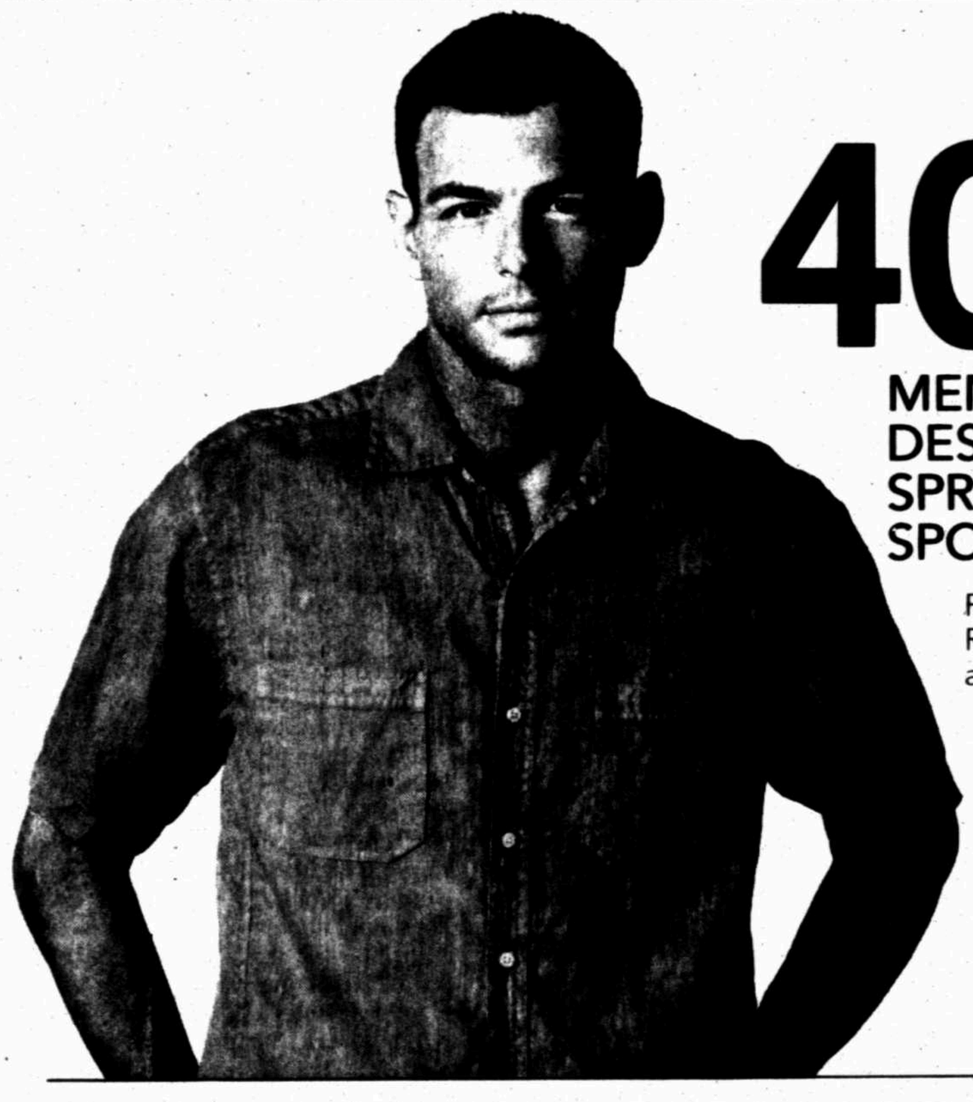
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

■ Concert, Kenny Loggins, 8 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. Tickets: $50. Endless Horizons in Odessa, Super Mercado in Midland, charge by phone at 800-462-7979, or charge online at centralticketoffice.com.

Meetings schedule

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board
4 p.m. today
City Hall basement conference room
300 N. Loraine St.

Talk MISD with Ryder Warren
MISD town hall meeting days this week. Meeting scheduled for 7 p.m.
■ Today at Bonham Elementary, 909 Bonham for Tommy Bishop's District 3

Community calendar

■ Midland Need to Read is planning tutor training from 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. today at 1709 W. Wall St.
For more information or to make a reservation, call Patci Lewis or Cris Shaw at 682-9693.
■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners are to meet 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 9 at Hogan Park. For more information, call 682-1700.
■ Midland Area Cancer Support Groups has monthly meetings. The schedule for June is as follows:
■ Dialogue Support Group, noon June 12 at Hospice Midland Inspiration Centre, 4629 Andrews Highway; speaker Kitty Binek with Aphasia Center of West Texas.
■ Women's Support Group, noon June 19, Gifts of Hope - Hope House, 2006 W. Tennessee Ave.
For both groups, lunch will be provided by Gifts of Hope. For more information, call Fatima Castillo at 218-8714.
■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. June 21.
This month's featured book is "Happy Birthday America." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.
To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Habitat applications

Midland Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications through the month of June for the homeownership program. Anyone interested in applying may pick up an application at the Habitat office, 305 E. Texas Ave.
The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. June 29.
Midland County residents may apply to the Midland Habitat for Humanity office located at 305 E. Texas. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Midland posts fourth lowest jobless rate

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Midland's 3.5 percent unemployment rate during the month of April was the fourth lowest in the nation.
Bismarck, N.D. (2.8 percent), Fargo, N.D. (3.3) and Lincoln, Neb. (3.3 percent) finished as the top 3.
Odessa tied for seventh and Amarillo tied for 14th.
See the complete list on Sunday's Your City page.

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: 13,951,000 gallons
Previous three Tuesdays
May 22 total: 14,135,000 gallons
May 15 total: 11,635,000 gallons
May 8 total: 13,311,000 gallons
Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 95,111 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 164,619 acre-feet. ... Average usage since May 1 from CRMWD is 10,382,517.

Movies in Midland

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:
Tall City 14:
No films closing today
Opening Friday: "Snow White and the Huntsman"
Big Sky Drive-in:
Closing today: "The Lucky One" and "Think Like a Man"
Opening Friday: "Snow White and the Hunstman" and "What to Expect When You're Expecting"
See the Pulse entertainment and dining guide in this issue for movie and DVD reviews.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 8-6-6
Pick 3 night: 0-5-3
Daily 4 day: 3-8-3-9
Daily 4 night: 0-0-4-8
Cash Five: 4-7-15-31-36
Lotto Texas: 8-15-47-52-53-54
Powerball: 9-10-24-52-56 PB: 14

Today in history

Today is Thursday, May 31, the 152nd day of 2012. There are 214 days left in the year.
On this date:
In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.
In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.
In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.
Ten years ago: A three-judge federal panel in Philadelphia ruled that public libraries could not be forced to install software that blocked sexually explicit websites. (However, the U.S. Supreme Court later upheld the use of the filters in public libraries.)

Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

Alamo Junior High eighth-grader Thomas Rubio correctly spells "tympanum" in round three at the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Wednesday in National Harbor, Md. Rubio also appeared at the 2011 bee, where he correctly spelled both words on stage. Monahans' Ethan Wall waits in the background for his turn to spell next.

RUBIO

From 1A

Having missed seven words on the test, Abner Rubio said they thought Thomas' chance of advancing was unlikely because he didn't advance in 2011 after only missing five words.

However, a harder written test played to Rubio's advantage this year.

Kimble told the crowd-filled ballroom at the Gaylord National Hotel that scores were much lower on the written test this year and that all spellers who scored at least a 23 would advance.

Luckily for Rubio, he scored a 24.

Perhaps his luck came from wearing the same outfit that helped him win the Reporter-Telegram's Feb. 25 regional bee — white tennis shoes, light blue jeans, a longsleeved grey undershirt and his orange SpeakHope T-shirt.

"I wore it because I won with it once before and thought it might be my luck," Rubio said, noting he'll have to wear something different for the semifinals.

Going into today's competition, Rubio said he knows he has to "focus, concentrate and take your best shot."

He's one of five spellers from Texas who advanced to the semifinals, which begins at 9 a.m. on ESPN2 and ESPN3.com, and he said he's proud he met his goal of making it to semifinals and is working toward the finals, where $30,000 in prizes are up for grabs.

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Could you have spelled these words?

During the round one test, spellers were asked to spell the following 25 words correctly: alacrity, alternate, andragogy, anemochore, beluncle, chiarrone, conscionable, demotion, dodo, dubitante, ejido, miaset, muesli, neomanta, outreculdance, pogonotomy, quelea, rita, semelparous, somnial, specimen, statuesque, Thujyddesn, tomalley and urbicarian.

50 advance to semifinals of National Spelling Bee

Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — Lena Greenberg was in constant motion as she stood waiting for her turn at the microphone at the National Spelling Bee — arms waving, feet dancing, head bobbing.

"It calmed me down," Greenberg said later, although she certainly never looked calm.

Speaking in a loud, high-pitched voice, she spelled the words "jong" and "thalian" correctly. When the judges nodded their heads, she sprinted and skipped back to her chair and doubled over in delight.

Greenberg, 14, of Philadelphia, was one of 50 spellers to advance to the semifinals of the 85th Scripps National Spelling Bee on Wednesday after 228 participants were eliminated. Last year, she missed the semifinals by one point.

Today's semifinals will not include the youngest speller in bee history, 6-year-old Lori Anne Madison of Lake Ridge, Va., although she made a valiant effort. Lori Anne misspelled one of her two words during the preliminary rounds — "inglu-vies," which she started with an "e" — and her score on Tuesday's computer test wasn't enough to make up the difference.

"It was close," said spelling bee director Paige Kimball.

Only one semifinalist advanced with a perfect score — 10-year-old Vanya Shivashankar, of Olathe, Kan. Vanya's sister, Kavya, won the 2009 National Spelling Bee. On Wednesday, the fifth-grader spelled "debellation" and "auteur" with obvious ease, and she got all 25 scored words right on Tuesday's 50-word computer test — including "semelparous" and "outrecuidance."

Like her sister, Vanya aspires to be a surgeon, and she's part of a customarily strong contingent of Indian-Americans in the semifinals. Spellers of Indian descent have won four years in a row and nine of the last 13 years, a run that began when Nupur Lala captured the crown in 1999 and was featured in the documentary "Spellbound."

Last year, five spellers got perfect scores, and semifinalists could only afford to miss two words. This year's test was much more difficult — so 17 out of 25 was enough to advance.

Two of last year's finalists also advanced — Nabeel Rahman, of Buffalo, N.Y., and two-time finalist Arvind Mahankali, of Bayside Hills, N.Y.

While 6-year-old Lori Anne was the talk of the spelling bee, Wednesday belonged to the veterans. In contrast to Greenberg's jitters, five-time National Spelling Bee participant Nicholas Rushlow was the picture of cool as he strutted to the microphone and greeted pronouncer Jacques Bailly.

Rushlow, a year-round competitive swimmer who reads "Get Fuzzy" comic books to relax before spelling, made the semifinals for a fourth time.

"I don't know what I'm going to do after this bee," he said. "I'll have to find a new hobby."

Rahul Malayappan, of Danbury, Conn., the other fifth-time participant, also made the semifinals. Emily Keaton, of Pikeville, Ky., made them for the third time in four appearances.

"It's still a big deal," she said. "Everyone wants to do better than you've done before."

Three foreign competitors made the semifinals: Mignon Tsai, of Vancouver, Jennifer Mong, of St. John's, Newfoundland, and the unfailingly polite Gifton Wright, of Spanish Town, Jamaica, who said "Thank you, sir" every time Bailly gave him a definition or word origin.

This week, Scripps announced tentative plans for a world spelling bee with teams of spellers from dozens of countries. Once that gets off the ground, the National Spelling Bee would be closed to international participants.

This year's winner gets $30,000 in cash, a trophy, a $2,500 savings bond, a $5,000 scholarship, $2,600 in reference works from the Encyclopedia Britannica and an online language course.

Most spellers have a routine, asking for the definition and country of origin even if they know the word immediately. Many pretend to write the words on their hands or arms. But some are confident enough to wing it.

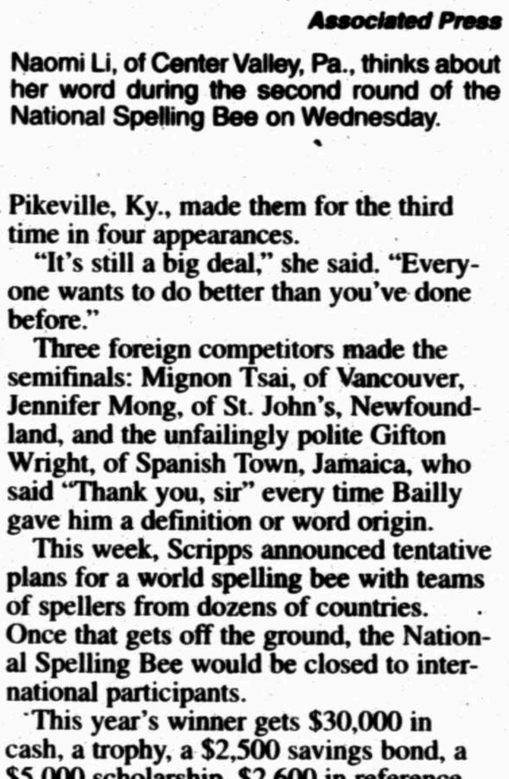
Wearing a black hoodie, T-shirt and blue jeans, Dylan Bird, 13, of Pebble Beach, Calif., greeted Bailly with "'Sup?" before spelling "catalineta." Earlier, he spelled "corpuscle." Neither time did he ask for so much as a definition.

"I never really felt the need," said Bird, a second-time participant. "With experience, you kind of are able to relax a bit more."

His nonchalance apparently didn't work as well on the computer test. Bird didn't make the semifinals.

Neither did Jack Pasche, 13, of Sutton Bay, Mich., whose attempt to spell "idiosyncratically" was, well, idiosyncratic.

"I-O-Q-R-S-Z-quatro," he said, before laughter drowned him out.



Associated Press

Naomi Li, of Center Valley, Pa., thinks about her word during the second round of the National Spelling Bee on Wednesday.

DIRECTOR

From 1A

Mahurin has a history of helping to increase fundraising. While executive director of the Greater Longview United Way, revenue increased by 35 percent during the last five years, said Lesa Story, board president of Longview's United Way.

"It was the involvement and the time and effort that Donna put into the campaign — getting to know the companies as well as the community," Story said.

The Greater Longview United Way set a record for fundraising this year when it brought in about $1.35 million from partners throughout Gregg County, which in 2010 had a population of nearly 122,000.

United Way of Midland raised just more than $3.3 million in its 2011-12 campaign. Midland County had a population of 136,975 in 2010.

Midland's United Way has raised more than $3 million during each of the past 12 years.

House said the search committee took into consideration applicants' success at previous United Way agencies. In addition to Mahurin's fundraising abilities, House said they also felt she could work with the results of United Way's most recent needs assessment.

"We really wanted someone who we felt could help us implement our strategic plan and our community impact model, and her experience led us to believe she could do that," House said.

United Way of Midland implemented a multi-year funding strategy for non-profits in recent years, which is the same strategy Longview has been using.

Story said Mahurin helped to implement the multi-year funding process there and since it's been in place they've seen a benefit for the organizations they fund.

"It's helped the agencies plan better for fluctuations and also their own fundraising that they do. They know what they can count," she said.

Before joining the Greater Longview United Way, Mahurin was director at the East Texas Piney Woods chapter of the American Red Cross. She also was executive director of a United Way in Arkansas.

Story said Mahurin was involved in various aspects of the Longview community and will be missed, though she knows Mahurin will be an asset to Midland.

"Donna has an innate ability to relate to a very diverse group of people. She communicates very well with business leaders as well as agencies and clientele and the community at-large," she said. "She is very creative. She's a very out-of-the box thinker, and so if your community is open to new ideas, new innovations, partnering with the United Way I think that you'll get along great with Donna and she will lead a fantastic organization for Midland."

Mahurin will be United Way of Midland's 11th executive director since the mid-1940s, according to a history of the organization compiled by Benson.

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ACLU lawsuit challenges Illinois gay marriage ban

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Building on the momentum of President Barack Obama's recent support of gay marriage, two major civil rights groups in his home state filed lawsuits Wednesday in hopes of legalizing same-sex marriage in Illinois.

The two lawsuits — brought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois and the New York-based Lambda Legal — represent 25 couples statewide. Both challenge a state law that defines marriage as between a man and woman, arguing that the Illinois Constitution guarantees the right for same-sex couples to marry under due process and equality clauses.

"It's time for Illinois to recognize the love and commitment of these couples," said John Knight, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Project of the ACLU of Illinois. "We've waited long enough."

Knight said Obama's comments, as well as Gov. Pat Quinn's backing of gay marriage earlier this month and nationwide polls showing increasing public support for same-sex marriage set the stage.

The filings come a year after Illinois enacted civil unions, but many couples in the lawsuits said civil unions made them feel like second-class citizens.

Lambda Legal's lawsuit, which has 16 couples, includes Chicagoans Patrick Bova and Jim Darby. They've been together for 48 years and hope to marry by their 50th anniversary. They entered into a civil union last year, but said they want their relationship to be recognized in the same way as their heterosexual friends.

"I have bought so many toasters for so many weddings," Darby joked Wednesday at a news conference. "I want someone to buy me a toaster."

The 25 couples in both lawsuits tried to apply for marriage licenses in Cook County, but were denied.

It's unclear how Illinois will handle the cases' legal process, but attorneys with the advocacy groups are ready to take them to the state Supreme Court. The defendant named in the case, Cook County Clerk David Orr, is personally in favor of gay marriage. Several messages left for Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, who would represent Orr, were not immediately returned Wednesday.

A spokeswoman said Orr was out of the country and had not seen the lawsuit, but issued a statement on his behalf.

"The time is long past due for the State of Illinois to allow County Clerks to issue marriage licenses to couples who want to make that commitment," the statement said. "I hope this lawsuit clears the last hurdle to achieving equal marriage rights for all."

Currently, the District of Columbia and six states — Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont — have legalized gay marriage. Courts decided for gay marriage in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Iowa. A lawsuit, filed by Lambda Legal, challenging an Iowa law that barred gay marriage prompted the Iowa Supreme Court to legalize it in 2009.

Legislation to eliminate language that prohibits gay marriage is pending in Illinois, but a vote isn't expected before the session is scheduled to end this week.

Illinois' civil unions give same-sex couples some, but not all, of the same legal rights and protections as marriage, such as the power to decide medical treatment for a partner and to inherit a partner's property. When that law was approved last year, opponents — including some religious and conservative groups — said it was a step toward gay marriage.

CRASH

From 1A

Two of the three children reportedly were wearing seatbelts; citations had not been given at the scene, the spokeswoman said.

An account has been set up to help with the children' funeral costs. The account is at First Basin Credit Union under the number "71114" or "Belis Kids Donations."

Odd politics, presidential tradition: Bush is back

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This is a little awkward.

President Barack Obama can't seem to stop bad-mouthing the record of former President George W. Bush. But today, Obama is going to welcome his predecessor and proudly preside as Bush's image and legacy are enshrined at the White House forever.

Obama and first lady Michelle Obama will join Bush and his wife, Laura, as their official portraits are unveiled. The incumbent is keeping up a presidential tradition typically defined by cheer and graciousness, but not without some uneasiness.

Hardly a day goes by without Obama or his aides talking about the mess they inherited — meaning, from Bush.

It was just one week ago that Obama, revving up campaign donors, turned Bush into a punch line. Obama depicted Republican rival Mitt Romney as a peddler of bad economic ideas, helping the rich at the expense of the middle class, and then added to laughs: "That was tried, remember? The last guy did all this."

Now the last guy is coming back.

So, too, will his father, former President George H.W. Bush and the former first lady Barbara Bush. The Obamas will hold forth in the ornate East Room as George and Laura Bush are honored for their service before an invited audience of Bush friends and former staff members.

It will be a rare limelight moment for Bush, who has not been back in more than two years.

Obama and Bush have a cordial and respectful relationship, but they are not close. Both are political veterans who are able to separate political tactics from what they see as an overarching community among people who have served in the Oval Office, according to people close to them.

Only 44 men in history, and five men alive, have held the job.

"President Bush has been around politics a long time. He's been around how presidents deal with each other for a long time," said Tony Fratto, one of his former spokesmen at the White House. "He has an understanding for separating the necessities of political rhetoric from the job itself."

Bush showed that all through 2008, when Obama assailed his record on war and the economy en route to the White House. It was hard to remember at times that Obama was running not against Bush, who was finishing the last year of a tumultuous eight-year term, but rather Arizona Sen. John McCain.

When it was done, Bush welcomed Obama to the White House with grace and demanded that his team ensure a smooth transition.

History has marked this moment before, with grudges put aside.

When Bill Clinton came back for his portrait unveiling, Bush lauded him for "the forward-looking spirit that Americans like in a president." Never mind that Bush had run for the presidency to "restore honor and dignity" after Clinton's sex scandal.

And when Clinton welcomed back George H.W. Bush, whom he had defeated, he said to him and his wife: "Welcome home. We're glad to have you here."

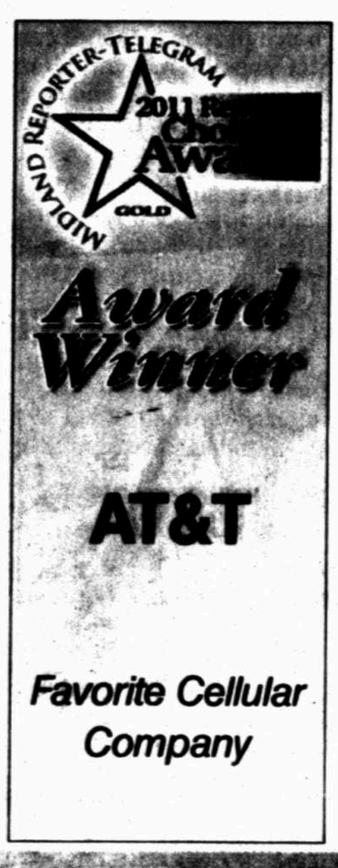
"I would be surprised if there's very much tension" this time around, said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University who has long followed Bush's career.

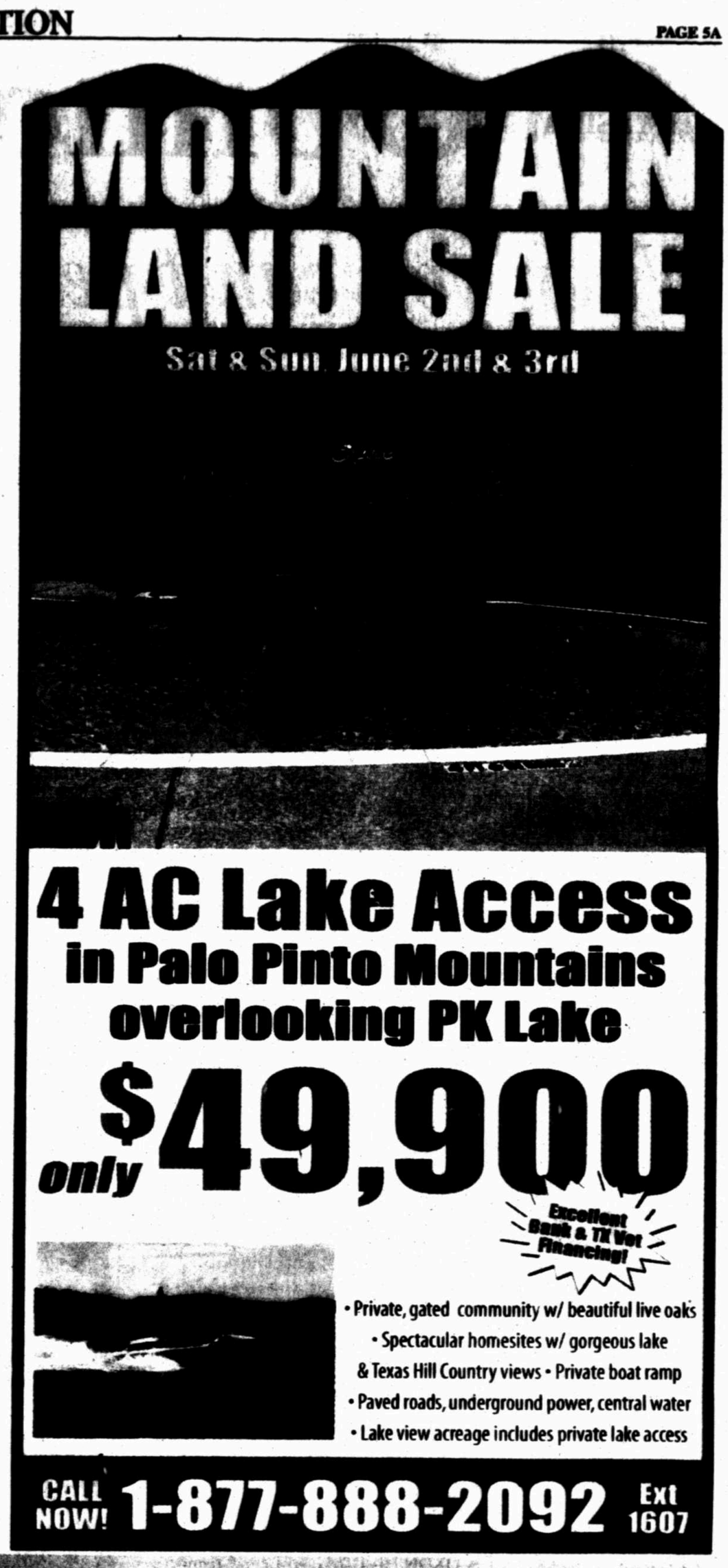
Obama has enlisted Bush's help on earthquake relief for Haiti, and the two stood together in New York City last year in marking the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on America. They have also spoken at least three times at signature moments over the last three years, including the killing of Osama bin Laden.

Still, in the midst of a tight election year, the Obama-bashing-Bush's-record sets a backdrop.

"This president is looking for someone to blame," Romney said while campaigning in Colorado this week. "Of course, he started off by blaming George Bush, and that worked for a while but, you know, after three and a half years that wears kind of thin."

The White House points out that Obama praises Bush sometimes, too, as he did in March over Bush's willingness to take on immigration.





Opinion

When you can't persuade, rig the system

■ The liberal playbook may work for Montana, which attempts to get around the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision.

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Montana uses an interesting argument to justify defiance of a Supreme Court decision: Because the state is particularly prone to political corruption, it should be trusted to constrict First Amendment protections of political speech.

At issue is the court's 2010 Citizens United decision, which held, unremarkably, that Americans do not forfeit their First Amendment rights when they come together in corporate entities or labor unions to speak collectively. What do liberals consider the constitutional basis for saying otherwise?

Three Montana corporations sued to bring the state into conformity with Citizens United by overturning a 100-year-old state law, passed when copper and other corporations supposedly held sway, banning all corporate political spending. The state's Supreme Court refused to do this, citing Montana's supposedly unique susceptibility to corporate domination -- an idea amusingly discordant with the three corporations' failure even to persuade the state court to acknowledge the supremacy of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Reasons for the Supreme Court to reconsider Citizens United are nonexistent. The ruling's primary effect has been to give unions and incorporated nonprofit advocacy groups freedom to spend what they choose on political advocacy as long as they do not coordinate with candidates or campaigns. Campaign "reformers," who advocate speech rationing, apparently regard evidence irrelevant to argument, probably because there is no evidence for their assertion that 2012 has been dominated by corporate money unleashed by Citizens United. An amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court by Sen. Mitch McConnell, Congress' staunchest defender of the First Amendment, notes:

Through March 31, the eight leading super PACs supporting Republican presidential candidates received contributions totaling $96,410,614. Of this, $83,220,167 (86.32 percent) came from individuals, only $13,190,447 (13.68 percent) from corporations, and only 0.81 percent from public companies. McConnell says "not a single one of the Fortune 100 companies has contributed a cent" to any of the eight super PACS. These facts refute such prophesied nightmares as The Washington Post's fear that corporate money "may now overwhelm" individuals' contributions.

Even an article in the ABA Journal falsely says: "These multimillion-dollar PACs were made possible by" Citizens United. And Justices Stephen Breyer and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who dissented in that decision, say the Montana case gives the court an occasion to reconsider it "in light of the huge sums currently deployed to buy candidates' allegiance." Disregard the unsupported smear that candidates are bought, but note this: If these justices believe candidates are corrupted by independent expenditures, presumably they believe that regulating or outlawing them can be justified as combating corruption or the "appearance" thereof. Hence their objection is not to Citizens United but to constitutional protection of advocacy-funding practices that are as old as the Republic.

Before Citizens United removed restrictions on independent expenditures by for-profit corporations, a majority of states didn't haveany such restrictions. Neither did they have records of distinctively bad behavior.

Indisputably, this year's super PACs have, as McConnell's brief says, "led to more political debate over a lengthier period of time during which more voters had the opportunity to participate in the choice of a presidential candidate." As McConnell notes, the Montana court's ruling is "disdainful" and disobedient regarding the Citizens United decision, but this lawlessness is not what bothers many people who think of themselves as defenders of good government. Instead, much of the media and most liberals urge Americans to be scandalized about "too much money" in politics. That three-word trope means (because most political money is spent on the dissemination of political advocacy) that there is more political speech *by others* than is considered proper by much of the media, which are unrestricted advocates.

This media and liberal anxiety was not conspicuous in 2004, when George Soros spent $24 million supporting Democratic candidates. Back then, the liberal/media complex embraced this Supreme Court principle enunciated in 1976: "The concept that government may restrict the speech of some elements of our society in order to enhance the relative voice of others is wholly foreign to the First Amendment."

Last year, Procter & Gamble, America's largest advertiser, spent $2,949,100,000 — more than will be spent by the Obama and Romney campaigns and super PACs supporting them. The fact that more is spent to influence Americans' choice of their detergent than of their president is as interesting as this:

The collapse of liberals' confidence in their ability to persuade is apparent in their concentration on rigging the rules of political persuasion. Their problem is that the First Amendment *is* the rule.

OUR VIEW

Still much to be decided after primary elections

While Tuesday's vote was only the preliminary to November's all-important election sweepstakes, Texas voters definitely set the wheels in motion for the future of our national, state and local leadership. It's a process that demands our time and energy.

Mitt Romney will be the Republican nominee as Texans put him over the number of delegates he needed for the GOP nod.

Kel Seliger once again will be our representative in the state Senate because he doesn't have a Democratic opponent next fall. We expect incumbent congressman Mike Conaway is all but a shoe-in to represent District 11. He faces Democrat Jim Riley in November but will be a considerable favorite.

Voters still have a lot of work to do before November as the slate for the July 31 runoff is full. As expected, the Republican race for U.S. Senate came down to David Dewhurst and Ted Cruz. The Democratic Party also will have a runoff between Paul Saddler and Grady Yarbrough. Their party's path to victory in November is less certain because a Democrat hasn't won a statewide race in nearly two decades.

Newcomer Christi Craddick earned a runoff with Warren Chisum in a Railroad Commission race. She garnered nearly 36 percent of the vote, leading Chisum by 8 points; Midland County voters gave Craddick a better than 3-to-1 margin over Chisum. Midlanders also backed Barry Smitherman with 55 percent of the vote. He, too, faces a runoff against Greg Parker.

Locally, the race for the 238th District Court provided a lot of fireworks as David Lindemood and Elizabeth Leonard are headed for a runoff after finishing less than 1 percentage point apart in the race for the position that was vacated by the death of Judge John Hyde.

There were a few surprises along the way. Mike Willson defeated Eric Kalenak, who had been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry, for justice of the 11th Court of Appeals. And there will be a new constable in Precinct 1 after David Criner upset incumbent James "Gene" Smith. Mark Wohelking also will be new to the constable ranks. He defeated Glenn Wells in the race for the Precinct 2 post that has been open since the resignation of "Choc" Harris last year.

A key local race also has been staged. For County Commission Precinct 3, Lynn Yarbrough beat Brooks Smith in the Republican primary and will face incumbent Luis Sanchez next fall.

Early reaction statewide shows a more conversative Senate is likely in the works. Reports also indicate key liuetenants of House Speaker Joe Straus were denied primary victories.

We also have questions about the congressional race in El Paso in which Democratic congressman Silvestre Reyes lost in the primary to a city councilman noted for his desire to see marijuana legalized. The establishment took a beating there.

In summary, it looks as if Texas government will remain bent on a conservative agenda and that is the message that needs to be sent to Washington come November. Locally, Republicans still carry the heavy hammer at the polls, but we still have several races that need our attention.

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Obama hides from spending record

■ Obama wants everyone to believe the spending notion is made up. That sadly isn't the case.

RICH LOWRY
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Franklin Delano Roosevelt never denied that he created Social Security. Lyndon Baines Johnson didn't forswear any responsibility for Medicaid. Ronald Reagan never argued that his defense buildup didn't happen.

The Obama White House, in contrast, wants to wish away the historic federal spending that is one of its signature accomplishments.

White House press secretary Jay Carney, whose job it is to dodge questions and elide facts without betraying any embarrassment, urged reporters the other day to steer clear of "the BS that you hear about spending and fiscal constraint with regard to this administration." Not one to be outclassed by his press secretary, President Barack Obama kept up the edifying livestock theme by calling Mitt Romney's attacks on his deficit spending "a cow pie of distortion."

The White House has a deeply conflicted relationship to its own record. It is saddled with a bad case of spender's denial, a rare psychological disorder afflicting committed Keynesians facing reelection at a time of record debt.

On the one hand, spending is the lifeblood of "Forward." It saved us from another Great Depression. It is forging a glorious new future of green energy. It is the only thing standing between the American public and the untold devastation of the Paul Ryan budget. How do we know? Because President Obama says so.

On the other hand, the deficits and the debt that come with all this spending are alarming and unpopular. So Obama calls himself the most fiscally conservative president in more than half a century. When the president isn't extolling his transformative expenditures, he has a Walter Mitty life as the second coming of Dwight Eisenhower. He needs to consult an accountant and a therapist, and not necessarily in that order.

If you torture the numbers just the right way — the Office of Management and Budget meets the Spanish Inquisition — you can come up with a 0.4 percent rate of spending growth during the Obama administration. To get there, you have to ignore part of the stimulus (on grounds that Obama didn't have complete control of the budget in 2009) and play games with the bailouts (crediting Obama with spending cuts when they are paid back). Even fact-checkers with mainstream media outfits have stomped merrily over the statistical legerdemain.

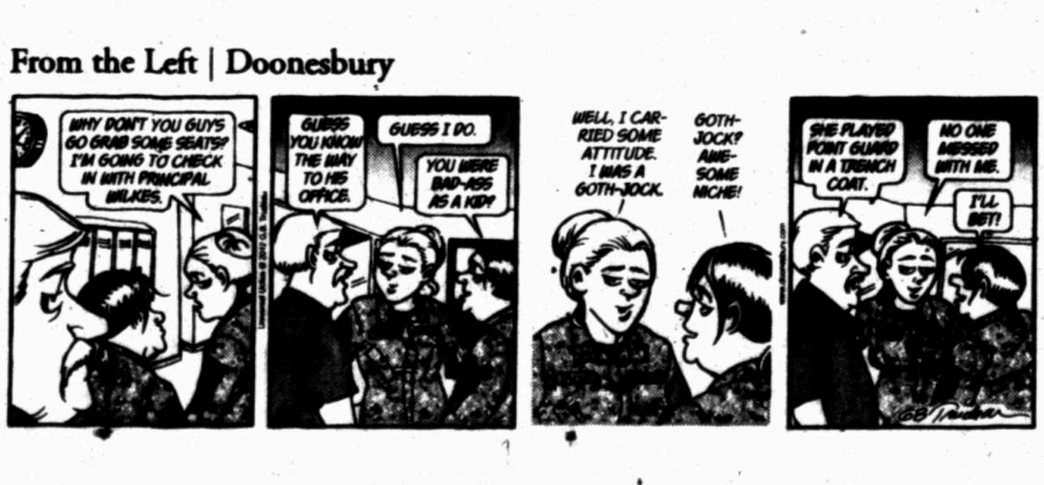
Andrew Taylor of The Associated Press writes that "Obama bears the chief responsibility for an 11 percent, $59 billion increase in non-defense spending in 2009. Then there's a 9 percent, $109 billion increase in combined defense and non-defense appropriated outlays in 2010, a year for which Obama is wholly responsible." Spending growth slowed after that, under the influence of the very same congressional Republicans that President Obama excoriates for not allowing him to spend more.

There's no doubt that the president inherited a fiscal nightmare. Spending spiked as the economy tanked. His response has been to spend yet more every single year. Spending was $2.98 trillion in 2008, and the president's budget calls for it to hit $3.72 trillion in 2013. As a percentage of GDP, spending has been at post-World War II highs throughout his term. If fiscal probity is truly his aim, President Obama is a miserable failure of a skinflint.

The laughable claim to fiscal restraint is meant to recapture some of Obama's former ideological indistinctness. Back in 2008, he could say — with no direct evidence to contradict him — that he wanted a net cut in federal spending, in his guise as a post-partisan pragmatist. That was several $1 trillion deficits ago. Now, the president can say whatever he wants, but his budgets are a matter of public record.

He should embrace those budgets in all their Keynesian majesty. They are one of his most consequential contributions to our national life, and a true expression of his philosophical core and that of his party. In his tawdry denials, the president almost acts as if $5.5 trillion in new debt is something to be ashamed of.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Oil statistics belie tough enforcement talk

Analysis shows EPA targeted producers more during Bush administration

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the three years since President Barack Obama took office, Republicans have made the Environmental Protection Agency a lightning rod for complaints that his administration has been too tough on oil and gas producers.

But an Associated Press analysis of enforcement data over the past decade finds that's not the case. In fact, the EPA went after producers more often in the years of Republican President George W. Bush, a former Texas oilman, than under Obama.

Also, the agency's enforcement actions have declined overall since 2002 and reached their lowest point last year, the review found.

Accusations of EPA overzealousness peaked in April. That's when a regional administrator resigned after a two-year-old video surfaced in which he compared enforcement of oil and gas regulations with how the Romans used to conquer villages, by finding "the first five guys they saw and they'd crucify them." GOP critics publicized the video of Al Armendariz, who headed the region that includes Texas and other major oil- and gas-producing states, as an example of what was wrong with an agency that Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney calls "completely out of control."

"We have a genuine concern that his comments reflect the agency's overall enforcement philosophy," six Republican congressmen from Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana said in a joint statement the day Armendariz stepped down.

Romney has expressed distaste for the EPA's tactics. The agency, he said late last year, "is a tool in the hands of the president to crush the private enterprise system, to crush our ability to — to have energy, whether it's oil, gas, coal, nuclear."

Actually, the U.S. produced more oil in 2010 than it has since 2003, and all forms of energy production have increased under Obama, but he can't take credit for all of it.

Armendariz's territory, which also includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma, has more oil and gas wells than any of EPA's nine other regions. But the number of enforcement cases against companies working those wells has been lower every year under Obama than any year under Bush.

That trend extends to the rest of the country, where the number of enforcement actions against oil and gas producers dropped by 61 percent over the past decade, from 224 in 2002 to 87 last year. The decline came despite an increase in the number of producing wells and despite the EPA's listing of energy extraction as an enforcement priority under Obama. So far this year, the administration has filed 51 formal enforcement cases against energy producers.

Fact Check

AP file photo

A Trinidad Drilling rig sits atop the Combs Ranch Unit natural gas well May 7 in Converse County, Wyo. An analysis shows the EPA targeted oil producers more often during the George W. Bush administration than it has with President Barack Obama.

While there has been an uptick in the average fine against companies producing oil and gas since 2007, when the penalty reached a low in the decade evaluated by the AP, the average is still lower than during some years under Bush, who was viewed as sympathetic to the oil and gas industry.

The year 2011 was an exception; the average soared because of a $20.5 million fine against a BP subsidiary in Alaska. That was the largest penalty against an oil and gas producer under Obama, but it was for a pipeline spill that happened five years earlier.

States usually take the lead on oil and gas enforcement, and federal regulations make clear that is preferred. The EPA's role is mostly limited to ensuring that state rules are in line with federal regulations designed to protect drinking water, waterways and the air.

EPA officials said the lower enforcement numbers reflect a strategy that focuses on the violations that pose the most significant risks to human health and the environment. Many of those occur not at well sites, but at other points in the oil and gas process, such as collection sites and refineries.

The agency, struggling with constant budget cuts in recent years, also doesn't have the manpower to police all the wells nationwide. The states often have more inspectors on the ground than does the federal government.

In Texas, for example, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has 500 inspectors, all of whom do some work with the state's nearly 400,000 oil and gas wells. The Texas Railroad Commission, the agency that oversees drilling, has 153 inspectors. The EPA in all of Region 6 has two oil and gas inspectors.

EPA critics say the problem is bigger than enforcement. They point to regulations that they say hamper oil and gas production and raise refining costs, while giving an advantage to renewable fuels.

"It is this whole mentality that this administration continues to have as they try to pick winners and losers in the marketplace, as they force consumers off oil and gas," said Charles Drevna, president of the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, a trade group that represents the refineries and chemical plants that process oil and natural gas.

In articles, Drevna has written that "resignation or not, Obama and the EPA are determined to pursue policies that Armendariz so accurately described."

Critics also say that the data only tell part of the story, since it doesn't include violation notices or emergency orders — such as the one that Armendariz issued in 2010 to Range Resources to stop contaminating a drinking water well and to supply residents with clean water within 48 hours.

The order was later withdrawn after a state court ruled that the evidence linking the company's hydraulic fracturing to the well's contamination had been falsified.

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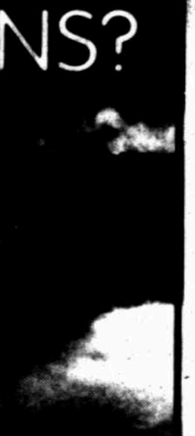

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Water district secures interim financing

Funds will be used to buy rights of way for pipeline construction

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

The Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 passed a resolution Wednesday that will allow it to secure the $70 million in interim financing needed to continue the T-Bar Ranch pipeline project.

As part of the resolution, which was passed unanimously in a 3-0 vote, the board agreed to sell revenue notes to a consortium of banks being led by Community National Bank.

The financing is needed to allow the water district to continue acquiring rights of way for pipeline construction and also finance the building of the line and its supporting infrastructure, said Robert Rendall, shareholder with Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder Inc., who is working with the district.

"This is a little bit outside the box," he said. "Normally, you go get your permanent financing before you start construction, but the city of Midland didn't have time."

The district has signed interlocal and water delivery contracts with the city that requires it to bring water from the city's T-Bar Ranch property to Midland by May 31, 2013.

The district will construct and operate the pipelines and infrastructure, and the city will pay the district for the water it takes into its system for use.

Under the contracts, the city has agreed to purchase an average of 10 million gallons of water per day at a cost not to exceed $2.78 per thousand gallons during the first three years.

Rendall said the district is moving at such a pace that interim financing was needed to allow it to continue with the project.

Long-term financing will be obtained in the form of notes the district plans to sell by the fall, Rendall said.

Those notes will be used to pay back the banks providing the interim financing. Banks involved in the project include: Community National Bank, Western National

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FIELDOFTEAMS

Students compete in a tug-of-war Wednesday during their field day at Sam Houston Elementary.

Cornell Hunt, 6, competes in the Hula-Hoop toss Wednesday during the activities. See more photos from field day in Tuesday's Education section. Did you take photos at field day? Email them to sdoreen@mrt.com and they might be posted on www.mywesttexas.com or post them on our Facebook page — www.facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram

Students compete in a push cart race during the field day.

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MMH adopts policy to ban unsolicited literature

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Anyone interested in distributing literature at Midland Memorial Hospital will have to get permission from a hospital executive after the board adopted an anti-solicitation policy Wednesday.

MMH President Russell Meyers said at the monthly board meeting that there have been problems with people attempting to distribute literature around the hospital. He said that even though it's a public facility, officials want to use discretion and make sure that the items are consistent with the hospital's mission.

Blanket approvals could be issued for ongoing programs such as First Baptist Church's New Testament distribution to new mothers, Meyers said.

The new policy reiterates the hospital's existing policy, said Marcy Madrid, director of marketing for MMH.

While the hospital may be an ideal place for people to advertise their businesses or distribute booklets and pamphlets, Madrid said the hospital had to establish some restrictions. The policy explains the need to have all information now approved at an executive level before distribution.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, Midlanders John and Celeste Thomas addressed the board as advocates for stroke survivors who need speech pathologists. Celeste Thomas asked the board to consider hiring therapists to work with stroke victims so patients like her husband do not have to travel to Odessa for treatment.

The hospital used to employ up to five therapists. The last therapist left the hospital in April. Meyers told the couple that a therapist is scheduled to start work today at MMH and a second therapist has committed to begin work in August. Officials are awaiting decisions from three other therapists about coming to MMH, he said.

"It's been a serious concern of ours and it's slower to recruit new ones," he said.

District 2 board member Anneliese Hyde said the therapy department is critical for outpatient care and is an important part of the hospital.

"If we have to go to Odessa, that doesn't say very much for us," she said.

The board also:

■ Approved a five-year operating cost of $952,845 for an interactive television system for patients.

The new system will allow users to navigate through a series of options on the screen to watch television, view patient education videos, select room service assistance and also view other choices of entertainment such as games, the Internet or movies.

A patient also could go online to order blankets for his room or learn the process for checking out of the hospital.

The hospital will contract with Allen Technologies. The initial hardware costs of $365,000 will be allocated to the new patient

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The time has come to bid farewell to Midland, my friends

SHANNA SISSOM
City Editor

Like most of us, on New Year's Eve I reflect on the past 12 months and ponder what lies ahead. Change is not something yours truly embraces, but already this year has delivered more than I ever could have imagined.

The best part is a special relationship that started on Dec. 17 of last year as two strangers on a plane started talking about the delayed flight. We went on our first date in late December, and he's been holding my hand ever since.

But soon, he'll be driving far more than a few minutes to reach my doorstep.

Recent changes at the newspaper have resulted in my accepting a transfer to a sister Hearst newspaper, The Plainview Herald, where I will serve as managing editor.

This all came about so quickly, it's left my head spinning.

So after 10 1/2 years, it's time to move on to a new challenge. I do so with gratitude to my employer, as I sadly leave colleagues, many of whom are very dear to me.

As I look around the newsroom at our talented young reporters, I take joy in knowing I was a small part of the formative years in their careers. I sure will miss them.

Then I am reminded of a time when I was very sick and our photo editor came to check on me. Then there's the copy editor who always took care of Gracie Kitty when I traveled. We are very much like family here, looking out for each other. And that's a good thing because in the newspaper business, you might find yourself working and having dinner with coworkers on any given holiday.

So many reporters and photographers have passed through during my time here; I remain in contact with many of them.

Also dear to my heart is this community, and leaving Midland probably will be the hardest part.

Most Friday evenings have found me at the American Legion Post 19, a place where people who love God and country congregate. Oh, the shuffleboard and Wii games that have been played over the years. (Though I am told that doesn't

Please see **SISSOM**/2B

Obituaries

Majesta Louise Hampton

February 1, 1932 ~ May 2, 2012

Majesta Louise Hampton, age 80, of Round Rock, passed away on May 2, 2012. She was born on February 1, 1932, in Brownsville, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Bernice Aurline and Elmer Clay Griffith; her sister, Bunny Stovall, and her husband, James T. Hampton. Those left behind to cherish her memory are her three children, Kenneth Hopper, Kathy Blessing-Cook and husband, Larry, and Kristie Hampton Celey; her four grandchildren, Craig Blessing, Lori Beth Aguilar, Stevie Rae Armstrong and husband, Sean, and James Clay Celey; her six great-grandchildren, Darian, Adrianna, Elijah, Riker, Rien Rae, and Kaedence. She is also survived by her sisters, Hope Crabtree and Susie Griffith.

The memorial service for Louise will be held at The Fellowship in Round Rock, Texas, on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. Her remains will be placed at Mission Park North in San Antonio, with her husband, Jim. Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home, 14501 North Interstate 35, Pflugerville, Texas 78660.

Ramon S. Hinojosa

Ramon S. Hinojosa, 85, of Midland, TX, went home to be with his heavenly Father, on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at Hospice of Midland inpatient unit. He was born on July 25, 1926, in Hebronville, TX, to the late Rafael and Beatriz Hinojosa. Ramon was raised and educated in Mexico. He later met and married the love of his life, Estela Hinojosa, December 27, 1947. The couple was married for 64 years. They later moved to Midland. After working, most of his life, Ramon retired and began gardening, also making patio furniture, and cement landscaping decorations for his family and friends. Ramon also enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a devout catholic and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Ramon is survived by his wife, Estela Hinojosa of Midland; his five sons, Ezequiel Hinojosa of Midland, TX, Ramon Amando Hinojosa of Edninburg, TX, Mario Hinojosa of Lubbock, TX, Rolando Hinojosa of Midland, and Herbey Hinojosa of Big Spring, TX; his two daughters, Maricela Hinojosa of Lubbock, TX, Adamina Silva of Houston, TX; seventeen grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ramon is preceded in death by his three brothers, Severo Hinojosa, Roel Hinojosa, Francisco Hinojosa and his eldest son, Joel Hinojosa; and his parents, Rafael and Beatriz Hinojosa.

Pallbearers will be grandchildren, Samuel Hinojosa, Jennifer Hinojosa, Raymond Hinojosa, Adam Silva, Mario Hinojosa, Andrew Hinojosa, and David Hinojosa and great grandchild, Justin Sanchez.

Rosary was held Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held today Thursday, May 31, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Fr. Edward de Leon, OMI, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven North Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas, Midland, TX 79701.

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

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Death Notices

Mozelle Irene "Hootie" Thompson Postelle

Mozelle Irene "Hootie" Thompson Postelle, 88, of Odessa, passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2012, in Odessa.

Hootie is survived by her son, Stephen W. Thompson; her daughter, Peggy A. Gaitan; and grandson, PFC John R. Gaitan, in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 31, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home. Services are scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 1, 2012, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Employee Rosy Tirado pulls a pepperoni pizza from an oven at a Pizza Patrón in Dallas on May 24. The fast food restaurant has drawn the attention of the Texas community for its advertising campaigns aimed at first-generation Mexican immigrants and Mexican-Americans. Five years ago Pizza Patrón organized a controversial advertising campaign that allowed people to pay for their pizzas with Mexican pesos. The most recent promotion is scheduled for June 5, between 5-8 p.m., while supplies last, in which any customer who places their pizza order in Spanish will receive a free large pepperoni pizza.

Pizza chain offers free pie — with a girar

By Vic Kolenc
El Paso Times

Pizza, por favor.

That's what Pizza Patrón officials want people to say to get a free pizza for three hours June 5.

It's the small, Dallas-based pizza chain's way of promoting its brand, and pizza.

Even though the company's store posters and Web page proclaim that people have to order in Spanish to get a free pizza, in reality, a person can order in any language and get the free pie, said Ernesto Hernandez, operations manager for the six Pizza Patrón locations in El Paso.

"You don't have to say it in Spanish; we will not deny the product to anyone," Hernandez said. "You can say it in Chinese," or English and still get the free pizza, he said.

"Our purpose is to honor our heritage, and create business in our location," said Hernandez.

But Sandy Bell, a spokeswoman for Pizza Patrón's corporate headquarters in Dallas, said in an email, "It's my understanding that you have to at least say 'Pizza, por favor,' which I'm sure the counter staff will coach someone on if they've never uttered a word of Spanish. Maybe Ernesto plans on being relaxed about it, but I think all of our franchisees will stick with the order in Spanish for a free pizza as planned."

Andrew Gamm, brand director for Pizza Patrón, said in a written statement that the Spanish for pizza promotion "makes great business sense — it is an opportunity for us to strengthen the relationship we have with our core customer."

The campaign is the first of three the chain plans to run this year "to celebrate the brand's Hispanic focus and honor the positive force of change immigrants have made in communities throughout America," the company reported in a press release.

The promotion has given the chain national publicity, and has also drawn criticism from people who don't like the idea of requiring people to speak Spanish to get a free pizza.

"It seems to punish people who can't speak Spanish, and I resent that," Peter Thomas, chairman of the Virginia-based Conservative Caucus, which advocates English as the nation's spoken language, told USA Today.

"In public areas, people should be speaking English, and that includes pizza parlors," Thomas told USA Today.

USA Today's Web page and Pizza Patrón's Facebook page have comments from a few people upset about the Spanish-speaking requirement. But many of the people commenting said they have no problem with the promotion, and several said they plan to get their free pizza.

El Pasoan Oscar Reyes' Facebook profile indicates he speaks Spanish, English and Spanglish. In a comment on an elpasotimes.com link to the USA Today story, he simply stated: "Yo quiero una PIZZA," or I want a pizza.

Pizza Patrón's Hernandez said signs promoting the Spanish for pizza giveaway went up at El Paso locations this week. So far, he said the main reaction is people planning to come and get their free pizza on June 5.

"A lot of our customers order in Spanish," Hernandez said. And most of the chain's El Paso employees are bilingual, he said.

The six El Paso locations have the capacity to give away 300 pizzas per location, or 1,800 pizzas total, during the evening promotion that will run from 5 to 8 on June 5, Hernandez said. The pizzas regularly sell for $4.99 each.

This is the first time Pizza Patrón has had a promotion like this, but it's common for the El Paso franchises to give away pizza at various events, he said.

"That's how people get to know us, and how we win customers," Hernandez said.

In 2007, the chain received a lot of attention when it promoted accepting pesos to pay for its pizza, a policy it continues to follow today.

Pizza Patrón right now has 104 locations in seven states, but in "10 to 25 years, we will be a major player in the business with Dominos and Papa John's," Hernandez predicted.

Water

From 1B

Bank, First Capital Bank of Texas, Bank of Texas, Security Bank, West Texas National Bank, American State Bank and Commercial State Bank.

At least 30 percent of the rights of way needed for the pipeline route has been paid for, said Jay Edwards, project manager with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, when giving his most recent update to the Midland City Council.

Another 30 percent has been agreed to.

Pipe will begin arriving in June and tanks are being pre-fabricated, he said.

Rendall said the interim financing took longer than expected, in part because they had to work through a process with the Attorney General's Office.

Because the banks are providing short-term financing, bank leaders wanted to ensure the district would be permitted to use its permanent financing to pay back the short-term loan.

To do that, Rendall said they went through a process with the Attorney General's Office similar to what's required when long-term notes are sold. Now that it's been completed, he said the process should go quickly when the water district moves in the fall to obtain its permanent financing.

The Attorney General's Office had a few minor changes to the wording of the city and water district's contracts this week before Wednesday's resolution could be approved.

The Midland City Council approved the changes Wednesday morning and the district Wednesday afternoon.

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Sissom

From 1B

constitute "real" exercise.)

Some of the best storytellers I've ever come across can be found in that clubroom, where I've gotten my fair share of column fodder from old veterans.

My favorite? "The three rattlesnake theory and other tales about rain."

My brothers and sisters there will be greatly missed. So will friends from many other organizations I've been a part of over the years. Then there's the fun members of Midland Executive Women, and I surely can't leave out my Midland County Courthouse buddies.

Readers of this column are also dear to my heart, and I've always appreciated emails and phone calls, even if some express displeasure. The vast majority have been kind. I feel like readers are also my friends, even though we may never have met in person.

But I shall visit often, and that's a given.

In the meantime, I look forward to working with new colleagues in The Plainview Herald newsroom. They have reached out to me with open arms, and already it's clear I will be happy there.

There may be one more column next week, but this is my official farewell.

Thanks so much for the memories. I've loved every minute of it.

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Hospital

From 1B

tower capital budget. The ongoing annual fees as an operational expense will start with the fiscal year 2013 operating budget, officials said.

■ Heard a presentation from Ted Kolken, vice president of Healogics. He presented an award to MMH in recognition of the hospital's recent designation as a Wound Care Center of Distinction. MMH has achieved outstanding patient outcomes for 12 consecutive months. The award makes MMH's Wound Management Center one of only 57 centers in the country to receive the award this year.

■ Heard a presentation from Wesley Barnt, director of cardiovascular services, about the award the hospital received from the American Heart Association for excellence in heart care. The hospital was awarded the Congestive Heart Failure Gold Award after being recognized for its performance for the past 24 consecutive months. This is the third consecutive win for the hospital.

■ Approved a contract to Innerface to provide exterior signs for $182,339.

■ Approved the purchase of 15 additional beds for the expanded eighth floor of the new patient tower. The beds will be purchased from Stryker for $158,025.15.

■ Acknowledged Hyde for her eight years of service on the MMH board of directors. Wednesday's meeting was her last after she announced her retirement last month.

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Community at odds over roaming dog

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Blue the dog doesn't have a home. And he apparently doesn't want one. But the blue-eyed Australian cattle dog has $1,800 in savings, a Facebook page and an air-conditioned dog house.

He also has a lawyer, who is working to get him an exemption from local leash laws so he can continue his free-wheeling lifestyle in southern New Mexico's lakeside community of Elephant Butte, where he was abandoned as a puppy a decade ago.

The City Council has scheduled a June 13 meeting, where supporters of Blue hope to end an impasse over his fate.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Mexican journalist seeks asylum in US

A Mexican journalist whose family was shot dead in their home last year is seeking asylum in the United States.

Journalist Miguel Angel Lopez said he fled to Mexico City in June after his parents and brother were killed in Veracruz state. The 32-year-old photojournalist said he and his wife were visiting the United Staes when he learned that four colleagues back home had been killed and dismembered. Lopez then decided to seek asylum.

His father, Miguel Angel Lopez Velasco, was a columnist and editorial director for Notiver, where Lopez also worked.

LEGGETT

3 killed when car rams tractor-trailer

Three people died when the car in which they were riding slammed into a tractor-trailer rig that had turned in front of them on an East Texas highway.

The crash happened Wednesday afternoon on U.S. 59 at Loop 116 in Leggett in the East Texas Piney Woods, about 80 miles northeast of Houston. Trooper David Hendry of the Texas Department of Public Safety said the 18-wheeler was northbound on U.S. 59 and turning left onto Loop 116 when hit by the car.

The vehicles burst into flame. The truck driver escaped his cab but was kept by flames from rescuing the three.

CONROE

Truancy citation against honors student dropped

A judge has decided to drop a contempt citation against a 17-year-old Houston-area high school honors student whom he jailed overnight for truancy.

Lanny Moriarty, who's Montgomery County Precinct 1 justice of the peace, said Wednesday that he will clear Diane Tran of any criminal record.

Moriarty had cited the Willis High School junior for truancy last week and jailed her for 24 hours. Tran said, however, that she occasionally missed morning classes because of exhaustion from working two jobs to support herself and her siblings. She had told KHOU-TV of Houston that their parents had divorced and left them on their own.

Highway 191 safety project set to begin

From staff reports

A safety project is set to begin next week on Highway 191.

The Odessa District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has scheduled the construction of a post and cable fence project on Highway 191 west of Farm-to-Mark Road 1788. Digby Construction is scheduled to begin construction next week, according to a release from TxDOT.

TxDOT has seen a "dramatic increase" in the number of motorists illegally crossing the medians between the Highway 191 main lanes and the frontage roads. Officials decided the installation of post and cable fences would help improve the safety and prevent the issues caused by illegal crossings, the release states.

The contract calls for post and cable fencing to be built on the north frontage road of Highway 191 from Loop 338 in Odessa to FM 1788 in Midland. On the south frontage road, the post and cable fencing will go from Billy Hext Road to FM 1788.

A post and cable fence also will be installed on the Highway 349 reliever route north of Highway 158 in northern Midland County. That fence also is intended to eliminate illegal crossings of medians and state right of way, the release states.

Digby won the contract with a bid of $171,959.70.

The project is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 31.

Go Red women's luncheon to promote healthy hearts

From staff reports

The American Heart Association will host the annual Go Red women's luncheon to promote healthy hearts and awareness for heart disease.

The luncheon will be held June 14 at the Midland Country Club.

AHA staff said heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women and the goal is to educate women in the Permian Basin about the warning signs and risk factors for heart disease and stroke.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. with free health screenings, a health fair and auction. Keynote speaker Sharyn Ivory will address the luncheon participants at noon and talk about laughing the stress out of one's heart.

A native Texan, Ivory draws on her life experiences as a health care executive, community leader, wife and mother, said officials.

Individual tickets for the event are $25 each or a table for eight can be reserved for $300.

Sponsors for the event are also needed with opportunities ranging from $500 to $4,500.

The luncheon will be presented by West Texas State Bank, said officials.

Those interested in participating in the event as a sponsor, purse donor or attendee can contact Amber Beck at 512-338-2643 for more information.

San Antonio man arrested after ex-wife calls police

San Antonio Express-News

A man who police said burglarized his ex-wife's home, assaulted her and broke her cellphone as she tried to call police was arrested this week on several charges.

Everardo Sanchez, 33, remained in Bexar County Jail on Wednesday on $88,500 bail on two charges of home burglary, two of criminal mischief, an assault charge and a charge of interfering with an emergency call.

The pair divorced in 2005 and the woman filed a protective order against Sanchez that year, according to an affidavit.

According to arrest warrant affidavits, Sanchez's ex-wife called police in September to report he had fired several rounds at a motorcycle under her carport, eventually causing the cycle and the house's siding to catch on fire. Damage was estimated at $9,600, according to an affidavit.

On April 17, according to another affidavit, Sanchez's ex-wife called police to report he had forced his way into her home, shoved her down and took some fishing rods and a folding table. She also told police he took her cellphone when she tried to call police and threw it on the ground, breaking it.

Based on the evidence collected at the home, police obtained six arrest warrants and arrested Sanchez on Tuesday.

Gila fire close to becoming largest in NM history

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A massive wildfire in southwestern New Mexico's Gila National Forest is just a few thousand acres short of becoming the largest in New Mexico history.

The U.S. Forest Service said the erratic Whitewater Baldy Complex Fire had grown to about 152,000 acres by Tuesday — just 5,000 acres from breaking a state record.

The 156,593-acre Los Conchas fire last year was the state's largest when it charred around 244 square miles.

More than 1,100 firefighters and nine helicopters are fighting the Gila blaze around 15 miles east of Glenwood, N.M. The fire, started by lighting May 16, is 0 percent contained.

A community meeting was scheduled Tuesday at the Glenwood Community Center to provide updates on strategies for suppressing the Whitewater Baldy Complex Fire.

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AMC		40	21	23	42	51	CSI "Head Case"		Ⓟ ★★★ U.S. Marshals ('98, Act) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes.					Ⓟ ★★★ The Fugitive Harrison Ford.			
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LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Wife Swap		House Hunting	House Hunting	House Hunting	House Hunting	7 Days of Sex Couples have daily sex.	Converse "Breaking Through to Me"		House Hunting	House Hunting
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
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Exxon investors support company on executive pay

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil Corp.'s CEO had a good year in 2011 — he got compensation valued at $25.2 million. Shareholders had a good year too, so on Wednesday they gave their approval to the oil giant's executive pay program.

Investors at Exxon's annual meeting cast about 78 percent of their shares in favor of the compensation-setting system, ignoring critics who said executive pay was too high.

Shareholders also voted against resolutions that took aim at a controversial method of drilling for natural gas and called on Exxon to set targets for cutting greenhouse gas emissions. Similar resolutions have been defeated at previous Exxon meetings.

They also rejected a measure to ban discrimination against gays and transgender employees. The company said it already prohibits bias of any kind including for sexual orientation, but the measure's supporters complained that Exxon does not offer benefits to partners of gay employees.

Rising oil prices helped boost Exxon's net income by 35 percent to $41 billion in 2011, the company's best year since 2008. The stock rose 16 percent.

The company's board boosted Chairman and CEO Rex W. Tillerson's compensation by 17 percent, according to an analysis by The Associated Press. The combination of salary, stock awards and other compensation made Tillerson the 16th-highest paid executive among publicly traded U.S. companies last year.

Shareholder consultant ISS Proxy Advisory Services recommended that investors vote against Exxon's executive compensation, which it called excessive. ISS said Exxon failed to tie CEO pay to specific financial measurements or goals, "resulting in higher than justified rewards."

Another shareholder-advisory firm, Glass, Lewis & Co., said Exxon paid top officers more than many other large companies and allowed the board too much discretion in setting compensation. That "has left shareholders in the dark, unable to see a direct link between pay and performance."

Still, Glass Lewis said Exxon's pay policies have improved slightly, and it recommended voting for the company's executive compensation. The vote was nonbinding, but if it went against Exxon, the board would have felt pressured to change pay policy.

Exxon shares fell $2.14, or 2.6 percent, to close at $79.79 as stock markets and the price of oil both slumped.

Exxon shares have fallen 2 percent in the past year, roughly in line with major indexes. Over 10 years, the shares have risen 108 percent, about four times as much as the Dow Jones industrial average and the S&P 500 index.

Irving-based Exxon might have performed better in the past year, but its $29 billion purchase of natural gas producer XTO Energy in 2010 hasn't produced the hoped-for boost because of falling gas prices.

U.S. gas supplies have ballooned since the acquisition. Tillerson said Exxon knew there could be an oversupply of gas because of hydraulic fracturing or fracking, which has boosted production. But, he said, the company didn't expect the U.S. economy to remain so weak for so long, which has also undermined gas prices.

"There's no regrets," he said of the XTO deal.

One of Wednesday's resolutions called on Exxon to report on the risks it faces from opposition to hydraulic fracturing. ISS recommended a "yes" vote but, heeding the board's recommendation, shareholders rejected the measure 70.4 percent to 29.6 percent. Chevron Corp. shareholders voted against a similar resolution at that company's annual meeting in California.

Hydraulic fracturing is the high-pressure injection of water, sand and chemicals deep underground to break up rock formations and release more natural gas.

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In this June 24, 2010, photo, Katy Hayes plays with daughter, Arielle, at her home in Kingwood. The Houston Chronicle reported that after losing her limbs from a flesh-eating disease, Hayes, a mother of three, will have someone else's arms and hands transplanted onto her body — the first procedure of its kind in the U.S.

Victim of flesh-eating infection hopes for limb transplant

By Cindy Horswell
Houston Chronicle

Katy Hayes has no illusions about the countless risks she faces as the first person in the U.S. to have someone else's arms and hands transplanted onto her body.

After all, the 43-year-old Kingwood mother of three already has experienced losing every one of her own limbs.

A flesh-eating infection invaded her body shortly after the birth of her last child two years ago, forcing doctors to amputate her arms and legs above the knees and elbows, leaving behind only small stubs.

Katy's eyes glistened and her voice cracked recently as she recalled being quizzed by a medical team at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a Harvard teaching affiliate in Boston, about what motivated her quest for transplants.

"I want my life back," she answered without hesitation. "I want to hold my last child before she's grown — and she's already 2. If anybody tells me 'no,' I'll just go to the next hospital. 'No' is not an option."

Her husband, Al Hayes, who plays in a rock band and teaches music, supports her decision: "Death is not the worst thing that can happen here. What about having to resign herself to the life she has now? It's our job to keep moving forward."

Katy continues to surprise her doctors with her fighting spirit. They never expected her to survive that flesh-eating infection. Her caretakers were stunned when she awoke after being comatose for a month to discover she was now a quad amputee.

"I have no regrets. I'm glad to be alive," she said, though she admits to indulging in an occasional pity party. "I'm only human. But I passed Brigham's psychological exam. I don't have prolonged dark days."

She's also had to undergo a battery of physical exams to assure she's in good health before she's placed on the donor list possibly as early as next month. At this point, she still has a few issues to clear up such as repairing some teeth and removing anything that might cause kidney stones, said Dr. Simon Talbot, who heads the transplant team at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

While using another person's hands and arms seems like pure science fiction, Katy points out that a farmer had both his arms successfully replaced in Germany four years ago. Karl Merk lost his arms above the elbow in a combine harvesting accident and received new ones from a teenager who died in a car accident.

Dr. W.P. Andrew Lee, chairman of the plastic and reconstructive surgery department at Johns Hopkins University, said attaching full arms can be much trickier than the more common hand transplants below the elbow. That's because new nerves — which use the arm's old nerves as conduits or channels — must grow a longer distance to reach the hand.

Lee led the first doctor team in the U.S. that attached one full arm to a patient, Chris Pollock. Katy will become the first patient to have two full arm transplants. At the same time, nearly 50 single and double hand transplants have been performed worldwide, research shows.

"The nerve in the arm will grow only about an inch a month. It can take a year or two to reach the hand. Functional recovery is less predictable," Lee said, noting Pollock can now grasp things.

A team of some 40 medical personnel will be required to connect Katy's new arms in a surgical procedure expected to take at least 15 hours. Doctors must first meticulously attach the bone with metal plates, then with the help of microscopes suture the arteries, veins, tendons and nerves.

What emboldens Katy, as she pushes forward with this historic surgery, is watching Internet videos of the German farmer. She's amazed to see him scratch his head, shake hands, lift weights and ride a bike.

But Katy, who used to own a spa where she enjoyed giving massages, also knows the surgical procedure is experimental and dangerous. A 27-year-old man, who was also a quad amputee, died this year after having a double-arm transplant in Turkey.

"I'll be their guinea pig," Katy acknowledged. "But I'll also be that pioneer in a new world who can one day talk to others about having transplants."

She and her husband think about others who could benefit from transplanted limbs, such as injured soldiers, diabetics and children with birth defects.

"We're told that 18 people have amputations every day," said her husband, Al.

Doctors cannot guarantee how much Katy will be able to move or feel with her new arms.

"It's supposed to take three months healing and therapy before I can move the elbow," she said. Her arms will be supported by harness-like slings until the tissue heals.

While she doesn't expect to perform fine motor skills like buttoning a blouse, she does hope to do basic things like grab a cup, brush her teeth, hold a pen and hug someone. She also laughs about having a complete new set of fingerprints to identify herself.

But before undertaking this surgery, doctors had to be reassured that she wouldn't feel like some kind of Frankenstein monster using a stranger's limbs.

"I told them that the new arms look like freedom to me. I see them as gifts," she said.

The Harvard-affiliated hospital is donating its medical services for Katy. But the Hayes family is holding fundraisers to help cover their living expenses in Boston and allow her husband to assist her recovery after surgery.

When it's all over, despite her challenging disabilities, Katy believes she will have given her three children a gift that not everyone can.

"When you're up against an obstacle, you can still get through it," she said.

Judge dismisses bid to remove prosecutor

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — A state judge on Wednesday dismissed a citizen's attempt to remove a South Texas district attorney under federal indictment for corruption charges but suggested the prosecutor should step down temporarily.

Two blocks away, a federal judge sentenced a former investigator from that prosecutor's office to a year and one day in prison on his own corruption charges.

The cases were separate, but stemmed from an expansive yearslong investigation that began with a corrupt former state judge and ensnared nearly a dozen people tied to his court.

Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos was being targeted under a Texas law that allows some residents to submit a petition to a district court seeking the elected official's removal. Federal prosecutors had indicted Villalobos earlier this month.

Visiting Senior Judge J. Manuel Banales told attorney Juan Angel Guerra on Wednesday that his client's petition had failed to meet the state's requirements. Banales, however, rejected the petition without prejudice, meaning others could still make a similar request.

"The fact that Mr. Villalobos has been indicted by a federal grand jury should raise serious concerns to everyone in this community and it may be the more prudent and honorable thing for Mr. Villalobos under the circumstances to voluntarily step aside on a temporary basis pending the disposition of those charges," Banales said. "Because if he's acquitted then he returns to his office. If he's convicted he forfeits the office."

Attorneys for Villalobos had maintained that the court lacked jurisdiction to rule on the request because the state had not been properly joined to the case.

Villalobos is accused of taking more than $100,000 in bribes and kickbacks in exchange for using his prosecutorial discretion. The federal investigation has netted guilty pleas from former state District Judge Abel Limas and other court officials. Villalobos has denied all of the charges.

One of those officials was Jaime Munivez, who had served as a bailiff in Limas' court and, more recently, as a criminal investigator in Villalobos' office.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen sentenced Munivez to one year and one day in prison on two counts of interference with commerce under color of official right. Munivez had pleaded guilty in December. Prosecutors said Munivez provided fake legal documents to assist an associate of Limas in extortion schemes.

In court Wednesday, Munivez said he accepted responsibility and apologized to his family for embarrassing them.

The failed removal of Villalobos came one day after he and Guerra lost the Democratic primary for a new congressional seat. Villalobos' office did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but Villalobos had previously said he would not give up his office. Villalobos failed to qualify for a runoff in Tuesday's primary, garnering 9 percent of the vote.

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Baby Boomers Now Fear Memory Loss More Than Cancer

Mayo Clinic guidelines detailed in top-selling brain health book may help prevent mental decline; makes available 10,000 copies to 'help fight memory loss'

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON –

When do normal, everyday memory problems become a cause for concern?

Millions of Americans aged 55 and older ask this same question, everyday. According to a recent MetLife/Harris survey, older Americans are now more concerned about losing their cognitive abilities than they are about cancer, heart disease or stroke. Recent research now shows that those early signs of memory loss may be more alarming than we ever imagined.

Widespread anxiety and uncertainty about mental decline has prompted brain research scientist and author Joshua Reynolds to provide a special offer making a limited number of his top-selling book, *20/20 Brainpower: 20 Days to a Quicker, Calmer, Sharper Mind* available, free of charge.

Reynolds' medically acclaimed book offers three simple steps to combat cognitive decline, including practical tips to build and protect your cognitive powers using proven brain exercises, foods and key, vital nutrients. You'll also learn useful techniques to quickly relax and unwind – a perfect anti-stress formula.

Leading psychologists, neuro-doctors and scientists call this "better brain book" a state-of-the-art, 'owner's manual' for your brain.

Use It or Lose It

"If you don't nourish, nurture and nudge your brain cells regularly," Reynolds warns, "you may lose your mental sharpness, memory and ability to concentrate and think clearly."

It's a theory echoed by former Harvard Medical School Neurosurgeon, and author of *Reversing Memory Loss*, Vernon Mark, MD, who says, "It's true for the body. Use it or lose it may be even more important for saving your brain."

Mayo Clinic Agrees

The world-famous Mayo Clinic concurs, reporting, "Cognitive decline is clearly *not* inevitable … cognitive training with brain exercise, stress reduction, proper nutrition and targeted therapeutics, including cognitive enhancers and protective brain agents may prove useful for the prevention and treatment of cognitive decline with aging."

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Preeminent brain expert, author Joshua Reynolds reveals brain rejuvenation techniques in his top-selling book.

It's no coincidence that these same brain nutrients are found in the #1 selling, non-prescription, brain health supplement on the market.

Stress-Relieving Brain Waves

If you're a walking stress-bomb, page 130 reveals how to quickly trigger a state of deep relaxation that signals your brain to 'vacuum' away stress.

Millions of adults are suffering with progressive mental decline, a mind-robbing form of memory loss that can rip apart families and lives. Research has identified effective preventive measures that can be used by anyone.

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Peer Reviewed

Reynolds' book has received favorable reviews from professors and researchers at Harvard University, UCLA, the Mayo Clinic, and even NASA's legendary Ames Research Center.

UCLA School of Medicine Professor Hyla Cass, MD, claims Reynolds' book can help you "...regain and maintain your brain."

University of California, Berkeley, Professor Emeritus, Arthur R. Jensen, Ph.D. says this about the author, "He's a pioneer in the modern technology of brain science."

Doctor/pharmacist Ross Pelton calls *20/20 Brainpower*, "...an Olympic training program for the mind. Faster brains correlate to increased intelligence and healthier, longer lives."

Dr. L. Cass Terry, former Chair and Professor of Neurology, Medical College of Wisconsin, adds, "...very few people understand the brain and cognitive function better than Joshua Reynolds."

Over the course of a 40-year career, what fitness gurus Jack Lalanne and Jane Fonda have done for the body, Josh Reynolds is now doing for your brain.

Need for Speed

Not only was he one of the first to accurately measure the 'processing' speed of the brain, he may *be* the first to actually help the brain 'work faster,' thanks to *a revolutionary series of brain tune up exercises* — fun, five-minute "brain trainings" now used by doctors and health enthusiasts worldwide to jump-start and speed up a sluggish brain.

In one landmark 30-day trial, participants using Reynolds' brain exercises not only increased overall cognitive efficiency and brain speed, they slashed anxiety and stress levels, and *increased their IQ by an amazing nine points*.

Reynolds adds, "Stimulating your brain helps grow new brain cells. Large group studies have shown that *brain speed exercises*, like those in *20/20 Brainpower*, can even improve driving skills and safety records of older drivers."

Not one to rest on his laurels, a few years ago Reynolds and fellow scientists at Brain Research Labs developed the *world's first clinically validated memory pill*, shown to help reverse up to 15 years of mental decline and lost memory power.

Old Brains... Sputter

During his research, Reynolds learned of a common yet easily corrected brain condition that, if left untreated, could have alarming consequences for almost every adult.

"We discovered that as your brain ages it can run low on a vital fuel called neurotransmitters," says Reynolds.

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FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 88 low 69

SATURDAY Mostly sunny high 97 low 72

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 87 and northeast winds between 10 and 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 65 and east winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 88, a low around 69 and southeast winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 97 and a low around 72.

The high Wednesday reached 102 while the low dropped to 74. The record high for May 30 is 104 set in 1998. The record low is 46 set in 1947.

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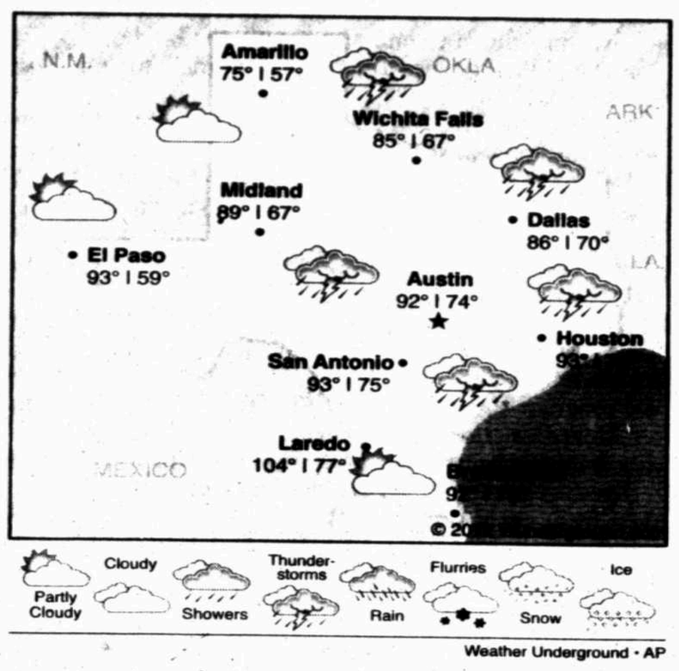
A front along the Virginia and North Carolina border will separate cool, less humid air in the Northeast from warm, humid air in the Southeast today. A few showers and thunderstorms will occur along this boundary. Beryl will move out to sea. Despite Beryl's absence, showers and thunderstorms are forecast over the southern Atlantic Seaboard.

Over the middle of the nation, an unusually strong storm system for late May will be in much of the Plains and Midwest. In the storm's warm sector, locally damaging thunderstorms will stretch from coastal Texas to the Ohio Valley.



Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	2.88 in.
Total for year	4.23 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.18 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	102
Low	74
Normal high	91
Normal low	64

Sunrise ... 6:44 a.m.
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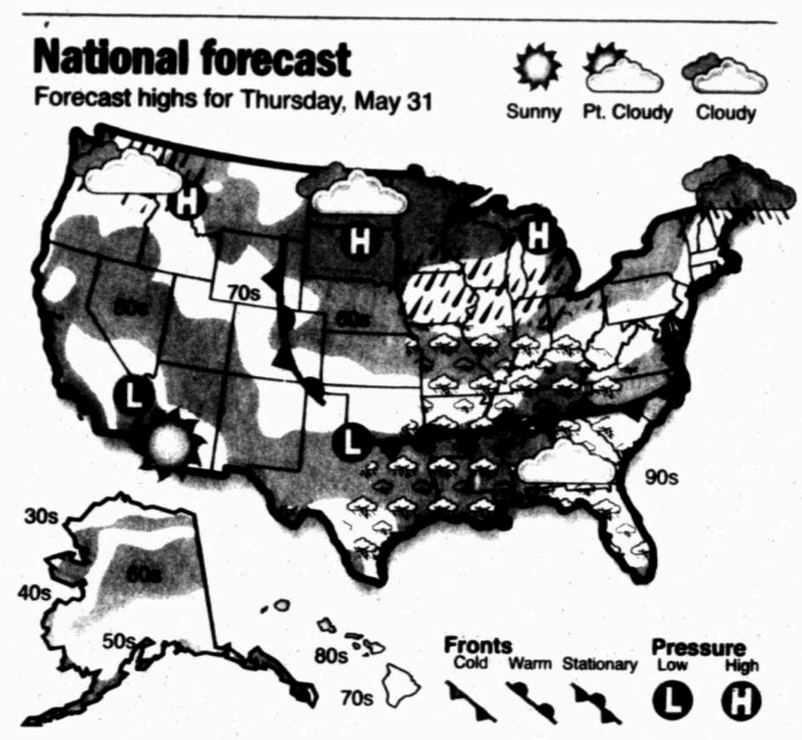

Marriage isn't in the cards for widower and girlfriend

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old widower with three grown children. My girlfriend is 53. We dated for several months before she moved in with me. I thought maybe with her living here I might fall in love with her. It has not, and will not, happen.

I hate to break her heart, but I know now that I will never ask her to marry me. I intend to remain single for the rest of my life.

How do I bring closure to this relationship? What are the words? I'm lost because this is a first for me. I was married for 40 years, and I just do not wish to be married again. How do I tell this nice lady? — IN A BIND IN TEXAS

DEAR IN A BIND: Having the woman move in with you "hoping" you would fall in love with her was a huge mistake, and one you should not repeat. When you say what you need to say, have plenty of tissue handy and expect her to be tearful and angry.

Start by saying, "We need to talk." Tell her she has done nothing wrong, and it is not a failure on her part, but you realize that you do not wish to remarry. Explain that feeling as you do, it would be best if she moved. Offer to help her find a place if she has nowhere to go. You will be doing both of you a favor by being up-front NOW.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young, recently married woman. My husband and I are at the point where we're thinking about having kids. My brother married a close friend of mine not long after my wedding. My sister-in-law has a medical condition that may prevent her from having children.

I am very close to my brother and his wife, and I can see the writing on the wall. She brought up surrogacy once in passing, as a possible alternative if she can't have kids.

If I'm asked to be the surrogate, what advice do you have? I would be more than willing to consider it, but only after my husband and I have had our own children. Would it be selfish of me to also expect some compensation for my time and the toll it will take on my body? I want to be ready if and when I'm asked. What would be the best way to explain my reasoning to her? — BACKUP MOM IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR BACKUP MOM: You are an intelligent woman and you are asking good questions. You should explain your thinking to your sister-in-law as you have addressed them in your letter. It would be wise to consult an attorney who specializes in adoption/surrogacy to learn about the laws and procedures that apply in your state.

DEAR ABBY: I am an adult male with a longtime problem. Whether it's a sad or happy occasion, I start crying, sometimes sobbing. I try to avoid any situation that may cause this.

I am at a new point in my life where I can no longer avoid these situations. People think it's not normal. Please don't suggest I live with it. Is there a magic pill to control this? — BIG CRYBABY IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DEAR CRYBABY: There is no pill I know of that can help you control those emotions. And because it is causing you problems, I do not recommend you "live with it." I do think, however, that if you discuss with a therapist what it is about sad and happy occasions that causes such an extreme reaction that you could get quickly to the bottom of it and learn to better control those emotions.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Watch those spots

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10
♡ A K J 8 7
◇ K 7 2
♣ K J 6

WEST
♠ 7 3
♡ 9 2
◇ J 8 5 4
♣ Q 10 9 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 8 6 4 2
♡ Q 10 5 4
◇ Q 10 9 6
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 5
♡ 6 3
◇ A 3
♣ A 8 7 5 3

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1♠	Pass	1◇
Pass	1♠	Pass	2◇
Pass	2NT	Pass	6NT
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Nine of ♣

North-South were a trifle ambitious to get to a small slam on this deal from a duplicate pairs event with only a combined 31 HCP, but the two five-card suits were some compensation. West's choice of the lead of the 10 of clubs into South's suit was disastrous (a low club might have been better), and declarer was quick to take advantage of it.

Dummy's jack of clubs won the first trick as East parted with a spade. The ace of spades was cashed and the 10 was overtaken with the jack as East followed low and a low club was covered by the nine and taken with the king. Next came the six of clubs ducked to West's queen.

Declarer now had 11 tricks — four clubs, three spades and two in each red suit — so a simple squeeze against East was going to work. Not surprisingly, plus-990 was an absolute top score.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 31, 2012:

This year you naturally do and say the right thing. As a result, much will fall on your plate. You also have an unusual blend of charisma and creativity, which allows you to manifest many long-term desires. If you are single, you have a tendency to choose someone much older or younger than yourself. Try it out, but understand that you might need to continue until you find someone more compatible. This person could turn the corner at any moment. If you are attached, the two of you work even better together. LIBRA can be quite a flirt.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Defer to others, and let them figure out what is happening. When they come back with suggestions, analysis and information, you will be able to make a decision. Someone might be overly serious. Do not take this person's sharing in the same vein. Listen, but stay level. Tonight: Get on the phone and make plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You push ahead into new turf; you rarely question where you are. If you look around, you'll realize that you are by yourself. Stop. Decide if this is the result of taking a risk or simply a natural change. Regardless, you still might decide to forge ahead. Tonight: Sometimes fatigue is a result of stress. Take a nap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You seem to have a flare for making situations work, or you might make an adjustment to make sure it works. Remember to call a friend or loved one. You do not want to get any attitude, do you? Find a phone. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Settle in and decide which way to go with an important decision. You might push someone too far. As a result, he or she could become far more difficult. Look to more creative and dynamic solutions that don't involve this person. Ultimately, everyone will be happier. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You make your points so clear that you often are understood. You will note that even as precise as you can be, one person remains closed down. It is not your fault. Let the situation go and do nothing more for the moment. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You have many assets and talents. Consider adding to your income through one of your innate gifts if you no longer want to feel so restricted by money. You do not need to make a final decision right now. Reflect on it. Tonight: Squeeze in a relaxing soak.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You have a charming way about you that helps others gravitate toward you and open up. How you see someone could change radically as a result. Your seemingly happy demeanor does a great job of disguising your real mood. Tonight: Do for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Others want to express their competency and take over a job, chore or errand. Let them. Allow your mind to wander to a deeper issue that probably involves a special person in your life. Do not misread him or her. Tonight: Take some private time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your innate ability to bring out the best in others attracts many people. What an entourage! You might not understand the dynamics of dealing with a difficult situation. Do not let one issue get the best of you under the present circumstances. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to change gears when dealing with someone. He or she demands your respect. You use sarcasm with this person instead of real respect, but he or she doesn't know the difference. Tonight: A must appearance

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your willingness to stretch beyond your present mental stance makes you even more laid-back, as you incorporate different views. Your empathy and understanding toward others build. Tonight: Make plans for a getaway.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might want to juggle various elements of your life or different people. A close friend or associate might be overwhelmed by everything that is going on. You could be inordinately tired of complaints from this person. Tonight: Have fun.

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BORN TODAY

Actress Brooke Shields (1965), actor Clint Eastwood (1930), former professional football player Joe Namath (1943)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 See 65-Across
4 "My Cousin Vinny" star
9 Mar. parade VIP
14 Bio stat
15 Abbr. seen before a year
16 Ad
17 "Ongoing saga
19 Cougar and Impala
20 Grammar class no-no
21 They're unbeatable
23 Prolonged suffering
25 City on the Orne
27 Cutting remark
28 Broke down
29 "Focaccia-like treat
31 Vein pursuit?
32 Brewer's need
33 "Surely you don't mean me?!"
34 60-Across with heart-shaped leaves
36 Set-up punch
40 Post-punk music genre
41 Ill-gotten gains
42 Before now
43 "Kitchen extraction gadget
47 Bikini specification
48 In another life
49 Fireside stack
50 Concession stand drinks
51 "True dat!"
53 Bovine bedding
55 Off one's rocker
56 "Barely find room for
60 "A nest of robins in her hair" poem
61 Players take them
62 Music-licensing org.
63 __ de France: sports venue near Paris
64 Sprouts-to-be
65 With 1-Across, Time-Life Records product ... and, in a way, what each of the answers to starred clues is

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1 KLM rival
2 Centrist leader?
3 Eagerly deal with, as an envelope
4 Indiana state flower
5 Hockey nickname
6 Sign-making aids
7 Cougar or Impala
8 Spanish writer Blasco
9 Cyberjunk
10 2010 Coen brothers Western
11 "Happy Days" pal of Richie
12 It divides to multiply
13 Threw easily
18 Kick with a "hang time"
22 Glossy coats
23 Illegally off base
24 Spice Girl Halliwell
26 HIV-treating drug
29 Impressive display
30 Box office smash
32 Internet __: fast-spreading item
35 "That parrot is definitely __" line from a Monty Python sketch
36 Not as confident
37 Friday guy?
38 Feverish chills
39 Conks on the head
41 Throw hard
43 Ace bandage sites
44 Injury-free
45 Picnic pitcher filler
46 Friars Club events
47 Ruth's husband
50 Mustard family plant
52 Lost a lap?
54 Serve behind bars?
57 Jose's "Huh?"
58 "As I see it," in email
59 Quash

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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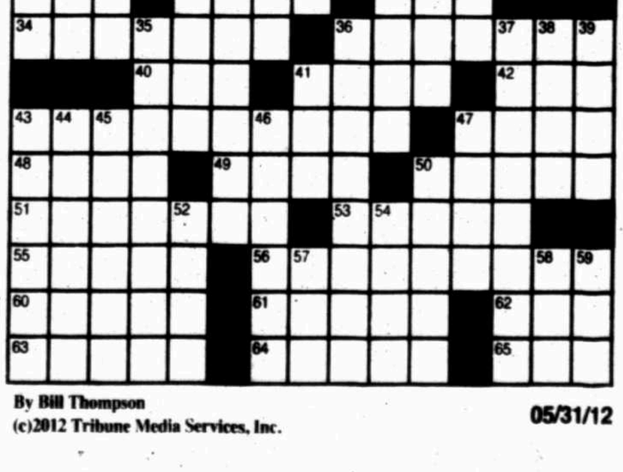

By Bill Thompson
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David Pasztor greets Sunnie, a cute but shy dog that is one of his Hard Luck Hounds, but recently was featured by a local TV station as its Pet of the Week. in Austin. Pasztor helped found Hard Luck Hounds Concierge a little more than a year ago. Unlike other dog rescue groups in the area, Hard Luck Hounds has no facility of its own and works exclusively to get the most hard-to-place animals adopted, most of which are long-stay dogs from the shelter.

Ralph Barerra/Austin American-Statesman

Hard Luck Hounds program helps pooches

By Patrick Beach
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Sunnie is a 4- or 5-year-old pit bull mix, heartworm-positive and a little on the shy side, not the kind of dog likely to make the short list when prospective adopters come looking for a pet at the Austin Animal Center and exactly the kind of dog David Pasztor sees as a prime candidate to be a Hard Luck Hound.

"This dog could go into any household right now," Pasztor said as he visited Sunnie.

Pasztor and a small group of volunteers identify dogs at the shelter that are most likely to be passed over or euthanized and put them in the Hard Luck Hounds program, which aims to get dogs with two strikes another chance.

The shelter, which must give permission for dogs to be placed in the program, waives adoption fees for the hounds, and the Hard Luck Hounds, which is a program of Friends of the Austin Animal Center, kicks in a crate, "concierge service" and sometimes obedience training for dogs that need it.

These dogs didn't have much of a chance before the City Council voted in 2010 to make Austin the first major no-kill city in Texas and before the new, $12 million facility with room for roughly 280 cats and 280 dogs. No-kill means no more than 10 percent of the animals at the shelter can be euthanized; at the old shelter along Town Lake, Pasztor says, that number was often more like 40 to 60 percent.

And the old shelter is where the idea for Hounds started. Volunteers, including Pasztor, get to know animals in their care for weeks and months at a time.

In May 2011, two dogs, Emily and Diamond, were put down suddenly.

"We knew they were adoptable dogs," Pasztor said. "It caught us by surprise and made a lot of us very, very angry." So Pasztor put together a plan.

"We launched the first week of last September," said Pasztor, a former staffer for the American-Statesman and editor of the Texas Observer. "It was just me with a T-shirt" and 10 information sheets on the animals, he said. "The first day, we adopted out Jake, the longest-stay dog at the shelter that day."

Adopters have their standard fees waived, and the group provides new owners with a crate for the animals from a city surplus that's now dwindled to about 10. If training is necessary, the city may provide a voucher. Costs are low; Pasztor estimates he and his fellow volunteers have chipped in a few thousand dollars.

In less than a year, they're closing in on their 100th adoption. Pasztor plans to wear a tuxedo for the event.

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No trade for Jenkins
Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says he will not trade CB Jenkins Page 4C

Tough non-district schedule paying dividends for Mustangs

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — It doesn't really matter what year it is or who is coming back, Andrews baseball coach Rod Gardner has the same philosophy when it comes to scheduling — play good teams and it will pay off down the road.

Even when the Mustangs dropped to Class 3A a few years ago, Andrews was still being invited to tournaments in West Texas that featured some of the area's best Class 5A and 4A teams.

The Mustangs facing that type of competition early in the season doesn't help with an overall record once the playoff starts, but what it has translated to is playoff success, especially this season.

Warren

For the second time in four years the Mustangs (25-13) will be playing for a Region I-3A title, and navigating an early season schedule that includes West Texas Class 5A stalwarts Midland High and Lubbock Coronado, along with trips to tournaments in Midland and Lubbock, has been a key reason they are playing for a chance at the Class 3A state tournment this week.

Andrews will take on Central Texas powerhouse West in a Class 3A regional final series, beginning at 7 p.m. today at Hunter Field in Abilene.

"It gives us a tremendous amout of confidence, knowing that we can go up against those teams and still put up good runs, pitch and get outs," said Andrews senior pitcher/infielder Carl Warren. "It's a good confidence builder."

The Mustangs' schedule hasn't changed a whole lot in regards to tournaments and non-district in Gardner's tenure, and even when Andrews dropped to Class 3A in the 2006 realignment, Gardner never hesitated on his schedule.

The Mustangs still made trips to Midland to play in the annual Tournament of Champions, and also played in the annual tourna-

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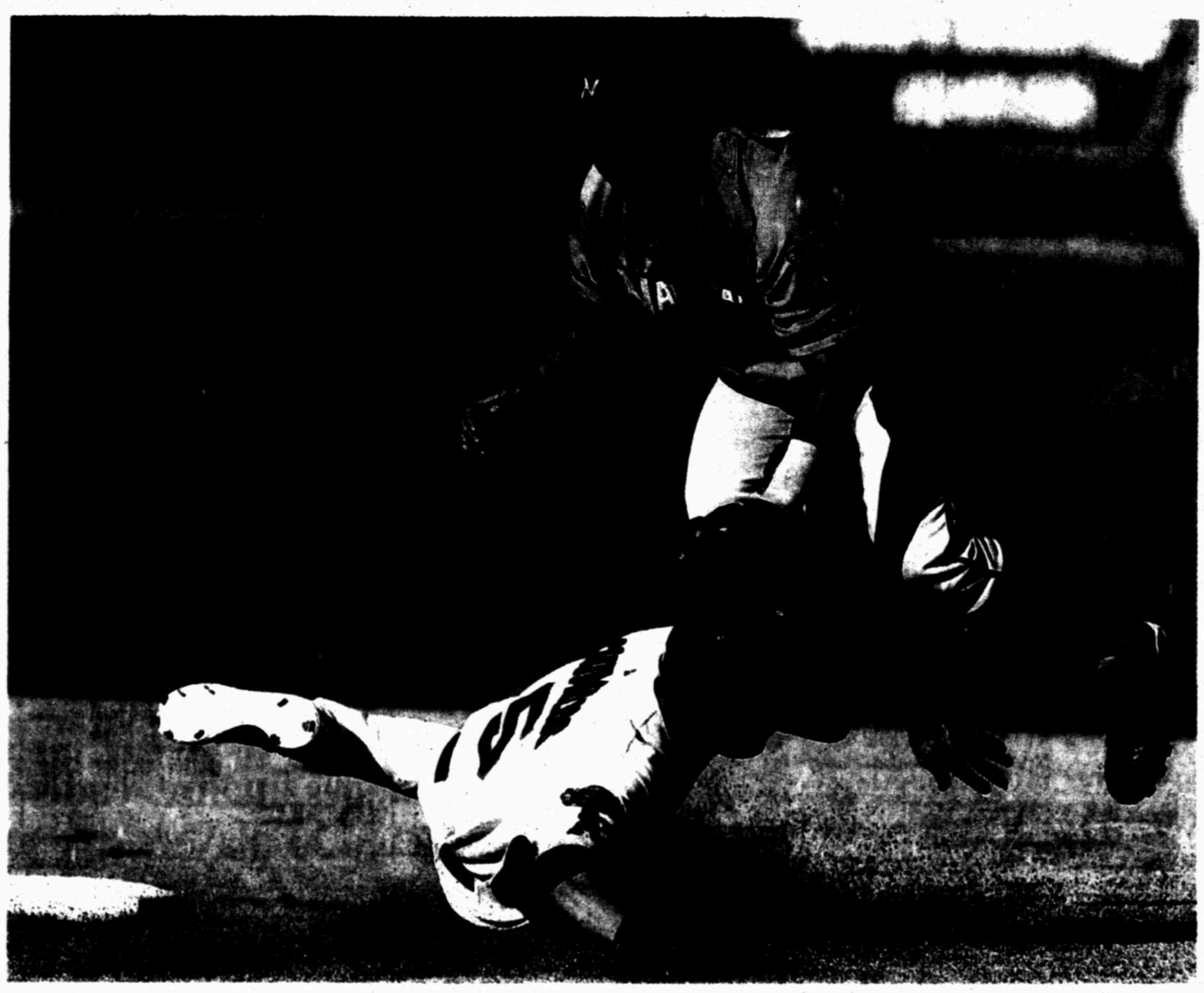
Region I-3A Baseball

Andrews vs. West
- **What:** Class 3A Region I Final
- **Records:** Andrews 25-13, West 29-6
- **When:** Game 1, 7 p.m. today; Game 2, 1 p.m. Friday; Game 3, 30 minutes after Game 2
- **Where:** Hunter Field, Abilene
- **What's at Stake:** A trip to the Class 3A State Tournament

HS Softball
Alpine beats Mineola, 4-3 in 8 innings in Class 2A State Semifinals. Page 2C

Free baseball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Midland's Conner Crumbliss is forced out at second but is able to take out the legs of Northwest Arkansas' Christian Colon so Colon couldn't turn a double play during Wednesday's game at Citibank Ballpark.

Barfield's 11th inning homer lifts 'Hounds past Naturals

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

With the Midland RockHounds and Northwest Arkansas Naturals tied at 6 to start the bottom of the ninth, Jeremy Barfield stepped to the plate and took a huge cut at the first pitch from pitcher Buddy Baumann.

Barfield

Barfield later admitted he was trying to end the game — his teammates had plans.

"My teammates were trying to go see Men in Black (3) at 10:30," Barfield said. "So, we went to extras, and I told them in the top of the inning, 'If I get up, I'm ending it.'"

Two pitches after his whiff, Barfield did just that, blasting a 1-1 pitch off Baumann to left to win it for Midland by a score of 7-6 in 11 innings.

The solo shot was Barfield's first hit of the day, after starting the game 0-for-3 with two walks and a sacrifice fly.

"I needed to get a hit — I'm not trying to wear an 0-for," Barfield said. "I knew we were going to win, but I was trying to win it myself."

Barfield's heroics capped an exhilarating game in which Midland landed the first blow, going up 1-0 in the first on an RBI single by Michael Spina. The RockHounds held that slim lead until Northwest Arkansas came alive for the first time in the top of the third.

After a groundout by Ryan Jenkins, Yem Prades ripped a double, then Christian Colon knocked him in on a single into left to tie it at 1.

The next batter, Eric Duncan, launched Dan Straily's first pitch to deep left center for a two-run home run and a 3-1 lead.

RockHounds	**7**
Naturals	6 (11)

Yet it didn't take long for the RockHounds to respond in the bottom of the frame, as Michael Choice smashed a leadoff home run off Justin Marks to cut the lead to 3-2.

Michael Spina then slapped a double to left, and two batters later, crossed the plate on a sacrifice fly by Barfield, which knotted the game up at 3.

That score held for an inning before the Naturals came alive again in the top of the fifth, and once again it was Duncan leading the charge.

After Prades' third base hit of the game, Duncan stepped to the plate two batters later and laced one into the gap in right center for an RBI triple that allowed his team to regain the advantage.

The next batter, Marion Lisson, then slapped an RBI single to left to push the lead to 5-3.

Yet in the sixth, Spina changed that with one swing of the bat, ripping a two-run double to right, tying the game on his second double of the

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TL Standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	29	22	.569	—
NW Arkansas	26	25	.510	3
Springfield	25	26	.490	4
Arkansas	21	30	.412	8

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frisco	31	20	.608	—
Midland	27	24	.529	4
Corpus Christi	24	27	.471	7
San Antonio	21	30	.412	10

Wednesday's Scores
Midland 7, Northwest Arkansas 6, 11 innings
Frisco 4, Tulsa 0
Springfield 10, San Antonio 5
Corpus Christi 3, Arkansas 2

Today's Games
Tulsa at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Springfield, 7:06 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

Michael Spingler/AP

Venus Williams reacts as she plays Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska during their second round match at the French Open on Tuesday. Williams lost the match.

Venus joins Serena on French Open sidelines

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — Used to be that Venus Williams was the one who was highly ranked, the one considered a title contender, the one who would dominate foes so thoroughly that matches would be tidily wrapped up in an hour.

Now 31, and figuring out from day to day how to handle an illness that saps her strength, Williams was on the wrong end of a lopsided 60-minute defeat in the second round of the French Open on Wednesday.

Looking glum and lacking the verve that carried her to seven Grand Slam titles, Williams barely put up any resistance and lost 6-2, 6-3 to No. 3-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland at Roland Garros. Coming a day after her younger sister Serena was stunned in the first round by 111th-ranked Virginie Razzano of France, the early exit marked the first time in 43 major tournaments with both in the field that neither Williams got to the third round.

"I felt like I played," Williams said after making a hard-to-fathom 33 unforced errors, 27 more than Radwanska. "That pretty much sums it up."

This one was not exactly an out-of-nowhere upset, considering that Williams is ranked 53rd now, never has been as good on clay as on other surfaces, lost to Radwanska 6-4, 6-1 two months ago, and is learning how to be a professional athlete

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San Antonio Spurs forward Boris Diaw (33) congratulates Tony Parker after Parker scored against the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday in San Antonio.
Eric Gay/AP

Thunder may have to ugly it up vs. Spurs

By Jeff Latzke
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Gregg Popovich implored his San Antonio Spurs to get nasty to take control of the Western Conference finals.

The Oklahoma City Thunder may just have to get ugly if they hope to make it a series.

The Thunder have struggled to corral a San Antonio offense that is clicking on all cylinders during a 20-game winning streak, the longest any NBA team has been able to maintain into the playoffs.

Oklahoma City is in an 0-2 hole as the series shifts to the Chesapeake Energy Arena for Game 3 on Thursday night. Maybe — just maybe — the Thunder found something that works while trying to rally from a 22-point, third-quarter deficit in Game 2.

They toughened up, turned it into a more physical contest and the NBA's best free-throw shooting team had both teams marching to the foul line as the lead shrank to six. The Spurs were able to close it out for a 120-111 victory.

"We're a physical team. We have to play that way," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said Wednesday. "If we play free-flowing basketball, we can beat some teams but we're not at our best if we're not being physical on the defensive end.

"Even on offense, we're a physical team. We're aggressive, we set great screens, we

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NASCAR PAGE 5C

Alpine outlasts Mineola in 8 innings, earns berth in today's state final

From staff reports

AUSTIN — An unearned run in the top of the eighth inning proved to be the difference for the Alpine softball team in a 4-3 extra-innings victory against Mineola in the semifinals of the Class 2A UIL State Softball Championships at McCombs Field on Wednesday.

Alpine (32-6) plays Crawford (35-2) for the Class 2A state title at 6 p.m. today at McCombs Field. Crawford defeated Danbury 4-3 in Wednesday's other semifinal.

Lady Bucks center field Christina Graham hit a one-out single to center and came around to score the go-ahead run on a pair of errors by Mineola shortstop Brittney Johnson and left fielder Courtney Hudgins on a ground ball hit by Alpine pitcher Lauren Hardin.

Hardin then went to the pitcher's circle and sat down three straight Mineola batters after allowing a lead off walk in the bottom of the eighth to secure the win.

Alpine took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second

Lady Bucks 4
Yellow Jackets 3 (8)

courtesy of an RBI single hit by second baseman Becky Ruiz, plating left fielder Dominique Portillo. Alpine extended its lead to 3-0 with two runs in the top of the sixth. McCallister doubled to center to lead off the inning and scored two batters later when Hardin doubled to left.

Hardin ended up being thrown out at the plate after trying to score on a single by Mary Catherine Saenz, but Saenz managed to come around to score courtesy of an error by Mineola catcher Morgan Catron.

Mineola finally answered wtih two runs on three hits in the bottom of the sixth and tied the game at 3-3 with a run on two hits in the seventh to send the game to extra innings.

Hardin ended up allowing three earned runs on seven hits and three walks, while striking out four batters. She also had one of just two RBI by the Lady Bucks with Ruiz picking up the other.

HSPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

Class 5A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Final
Arlington Martin (31-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (23-10)
Game 1: Martin 7, Carroll 3
Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, TCU, Fort Worth
x-Game 3: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, TCU, Fort Worth

CLASS 4A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Final
Waco Midway (W6) vs. Cleburne (W7, 26-8)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Cleburne HS
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Midway HS
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Class 3A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Final
West (W8, 29-6) vs. Andrews (R4, 25-13)
Game 1: 7 p.m. Thursday, Hunter Field, Abilene
Game 2: 1 p.m. Friday, Hunter Field, Abilene
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Class 2A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Final
Sonora (R7) vs. Bushland (W1, 27-4)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 11 a.m. Friday, Driggers Field, Abilene
x-Game 3: 2 p.m. Friday, Driggers Field, Abilene

CLASS A
(x-if necessary)
Regional Final
Stamford (W8) vs. Winters (R2, 23-6)
Game 1: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Driggers Field, Abilene
Game 2: 11 a.m. Saturday, Driggers Field, Abilene
x-Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

Softball

UIL State Softball Tournament
All games at University of Texas' Red and Charline McCombs Field, Austin
Class 5A
Semifinals
Plano East (35-3) vs. Klein Collins (30-4), 3 p.m. Friday
San Antonio O'Connor (31-2) vs. Deer Park (29-8), 6 p.m. Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 4 p.m. Saturday
Class 4A
Semifinals
Montgomery (33-6) vs. Forney (32-7), 9 a.m. Friday
Smithson Valley (28-6) vs. Waco Midway (34-8), Noon Friday
Final
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m. Saturday
Class 3A
Semifinals
Lufkin Hudson (34-5) vs. West (29-9), 9 a.m. Thursday
Henderson (29-8) vs. Liberty Hill (27-8), Noon Thursday
Final
Semifinal winners, 10 a.m. Saturday
Class 2A
Semifinals
Alpine 4, Mineola 3, 8 innings
Crawford 4, Danbury 3
Final
Alpine (32-6) vs. Crawford (35-2), 6 p.m. Thursday
Class A
Semifinals
Ivanhoe Rayburn 5, Petrolia 3
Flatonia 4, Garrison 1
Final
Ivanhoe Rayburn (25-1) vs. Flatonia (29-5), 3 p.m. Thursday

MUSTANGS

From 1C

ment in Lubbock that features all of the city's top teams.

He continues to play against those teams partially because they keep wanting to play him, and when a team such as Andrews is playing a team like Midland High or Lubbock Coronado, weaknesses will be exposed.

"It doesn't matter how many As you have in front of the school, they are still 18 years old and 17 years old," Gardner said. "They are the same age you are, and if you can play, you can play."

The Mustangs finished 2-3 in the Tournament of Champions in early March in Midland, and went 2-0-1 at a tournament in Lubbock, including a 2-2 tie against Lubbock Coronado.

Playing in those tournaments offer the Mustangs a chance to play in pressure situations against good teams, which is what they will face the deeper they go in the postseason.

Yes, there were some growing pains for a team that lost 10 seniors from the 2011 club, but as the year has progressed, Gardner said he saw improvement and that's all he wanted.

Playing in those situations paid off in a reginal quarterfinal series victory against Lubbock Estacado and also paid off last week against a Mineral Wells team that had a solid pitching staff in a regional semifinal.

"When you can actaully beat those teams you can beat any team," Warren said. "We've worked so hard and nobody really expected us to get this far. We were looking forward to playing (Lubbock) Cooper, but West will be the exact same team. It should be fun, and it should be good."

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TEXASMLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SEATTLE 21, TEXAS 8

ARLINGTON — Justin Smoak hit two three-run homers against his former team and the Seattle Mariners used a pair of early eight-run innings to rout the Texas Rangers for the second straight game, winning 21-8 Wednesday night.

Smoak had three hits to go with his career high for RBIs as Seattle reached double digits in back-to-back games against the AL West leaders. Jesus Montero homered among his three hits and drove in four runs and Kyle Seager had four hits and two RBIs. Every Seattle starter had at least one hit in amassing 20 hits.

Dustin Ackley also had a three-run homer in support of former Rangers minor league prospect Blake Beavan (3-4).

ROCKIES 13, ASTROS 5

DENVER — Carlos Gonzalez hit three home runs in his last three at-bats, Michael Cuddyer belted a grand slam and Dexter Fowler also homered, leading the Colorado Rockies past the Houston Astros 13-5 on Wednesday night for their third win in a row.

EXTRAS

From 1C

night.

Wednesday was a strong day for anyone named Michael wearing a Rock-Hound uniform as Choice went 4-for-5 with a home run and Spina started 3-for-4 with the two doubles.

"It's good to see those guys, they've been in the middle of the lineup all year long, and had some good days and bad days, and (it's) good to see that they're getting some things going," Midland Manager Steve Scarsone said.

The score remained knotted at five until the top of the eighth, when Lisson reached on a leadoff single then advanced to third on a throwing error by Ryan Ortiz. The error came back to haunt the RockHounds when Paulo Orlando lifted a sacrifice fly to right, giving Northwest Arkansas a 6-5 lead.

Yet a self-inflicted wound by the Naturals allowed Midland to tie the game in the bottom of the frame, when Leonardo Gil scored on a wild pitch by Patrick Keating.

RockHounds' reliever Jonathan Ortiz entered in the ninth and retired the side in order, setting the stage for ninth inning heroics by the RockHounds, but they went down in order as well.

Yet Ortiz and Paul Smyth, who picked up the win Wednesday, held Northwest Arkansas to one hit over the last three innings, never giving the Naturals a chance to win it.

"That's what you hope for," Scarsone said. "And that's what these guys can do, so good timing."

The timely pitching set the stage for Barfield, who ended it with his first game-winning home run, his sixth blast of the season.

"(Baumann)'s sneaky fast, that's what (hitting coach Tim Garland) was saying," Barfield said. "But I told him my hands were sneaky fast too."

Scarsone said he had no idea that Barfield was trying to end it to help out his teammates. He just had a small recommendation for the next time the RockHounds had postgame plans.

"They need to have plans earlier," Scarsone said smiling, "so they do that in nine innings."

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'HOUND BITES: Right fielder Jeremy Barfield put his strong arm to use on a pair of nice plays Wednesday. The first came on a bloop single by Naturals center fielder Yam Prades in the first, which Prades tried to stretch into a double only for Barfield to gun him down on the move. Then in the sixth, Barfield chased down a Ryan Jenkins fly ball, turned and rifled a throw to first to get Nick Van Stratten out on a 9-3 double play. ... Midland played its first extra-innings game of the season Monday then played its second in its next game Wednesday. The RockHounds are now 2-0 in extra-inning games, winning 2-1 Monday and 7-6 Wednesday. ... Midland (27-24) remains four games back of Texas League South-leading Frisco, after the RoughRiders defeated the Texas League North-leading Tulsa Drillers Wednesday.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Shawn Haviland (2-4, 5.79) is expected to get the nod tonight for Midland while Northwest Arkansas is expected to hand the ball to Elisaul Pimentel (2-2, 6.83).

ROCKHOUNDS 7, NATURALS 6, 11 INNINGS

NW Ark	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Prades cf	5	2	3	0	Crumbliss lf	5	0	1	0
Colon ss	4	1	1	1	Gil 3b	5	1	1	0
Duncan 2b	5	2	2	3	Choice cf	5	3	4	1
Lisson 1b	3	1	3	1	Spina dh	6	1	3	3
Testa rf	5	0	0	0	Horton 2b	4	0	0	0
Orlando dh	4	0	1	1	Barfield rf	4	1	1	1
Navarro 2b	4	0	0	0	Alotti 1b	3	0	1	0
Van Stratten lf	4	0	0	0	Ortiz c	5	0	0	0
Jenkins c	4	0	0	0	Coleman ss	3	1	0	0
Totals	**39**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**Totals**	**40**	**7**	**11**	**6**
NW Arkansas	**003**	**020**	**010**	**00**	**—6**	**10**	**3**		
Midland	**102**	**002**	**010**	**01**	**—7**	**11**	**1**		

E — Navarro (10), Colon (12), Prades (2), Ortiz (8). LOB — NW Arkansas 5, Midland 14. 2B — Prades (10), Spina 2 (6). 3B — Duncan (2). HR — Duncan (2), Choice (4), Barfield (6). SB — Lisson 2 (6), Choice (3)

	IP	ER	R	H	BB	SO
NW Arkansas						
Marks	4.0	5	3	2	3	3
Dennick	2.2	3	2	2	3	4
Keating	2.1	2	1	1	1	5
Baumann L, 3-1	1.0	1	1	1	2	1
Midland						
Straily	6.0	8	5	5	2	4
Guzman	2.0	1	1	0	1	0
Ortiz	2.0	1	0	0	0	1
Smyth W, 1-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

Marks pitched to 1 batter in the 5th
Baumann pitched to 1 batter in the 11th
HBP — by Straily (Van Stratten). WP — Dennick, Keating 2.
T — 3:31 A — 3,371

Big 12 officials prefer four-team playoff for college football

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Big 12 favors a selection committee to be involved in picking the four teams involved in a college football playoff instead of a system that would emphasize conference champions.

Interim commissioner Chuck Neinas also said during the league's spring meeting Wednesday that the current Big 12 membership is content with 10 schools after inviting TCU and West Virginia, though he left open the potential for future expansion.

Several configurations of a four-team playoff are being presented at conference meetings around the country. How the teams will be picked is one of the items up for discussion. One model is based upon picking the four best teams and the other model involves conference champions playing their way in.

"We're in favor of taking the four highest-ranked teams," said Neinas, who has begun to transfer power to new Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby. "We think it should be some type of selection committee operation, and how you rate a conference champion, strength of schedule must be included."

Iowa State's Jamie Pollard, the chairman of the conference's athletic directors, believes a human element to the selection process means Oklahoma State would have been involved in a playoff last season.

The Cowboys missed out on playing for the championship when they finished behind Alabama in the BCS standings, relegated instead to playing in the Fiesta Bowl. The Crimson Tide failed to win its division in the SEC, yet managed to beat LSU — the team that did — to win the national title.

The Big 12's athletic directors also discussed whether a four-team playoff would be part of the current bowl system, perhaps with current BCS sites rotating as hosts of the games.

Neinas said the Big 12 favors playing the semifinals outside of the bowls, but that there is a "strong feeling" among other conferences that it would be best to incorporate the semifinals within the bowl configuration with a standalone national championship.

Kings beat Devils in OT

Associated Press

Kings 2
Devils ..... 1 (OT)

Los Angeles lead series 1-0.

NEWARK, N.J. — Anze Kopitar scored a spectacular goal on a breakaway with 11:47 left in overtime Wednesday night and the Los Angeles Kings beat the New Jersey Devils 2-1 in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Finals.

Kopitar faked a backhand shot, put the puck on his forehand and beat a prone Martin Brodeur.

Los Angeles has won all nine of its road games in the playoffs.

Colin Fraser scored in the first period for the Kings, the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference who beat the top three teams to get to their first Stanley Cup Finals since 1993.

Anton Volchenkov tied it late in the second period for New Jersey, the East's sixth seed.

Jackalopes finalize tenders to 13 players

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes announced on Wednesday that it had finalized 13 NAHL tenders for the 2012-13 season.

Players the Jacks signed to tenders for next season were Ryan Webber, Austin Ho, goaltender Blake Wojtala, Cory Sikich, Johan Sjoden, Tanner Jordan, Mason Wyman, Charlie Donlin, Steven Hayden, Austin Azurdia, Shaunak Pal, John Power and Cody Slocum.

All 13 of the tendered players will compete with the returning Jacks and NAHL draftees at the Jackalopes' main tryout camp set for July 26-29 at Polar Ice House in Grapevine.

The NAHL Entry Draft is set for today.

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Miami 3, Boston 0
Monday, May 28: Miami 93, Boston 79
Wednesday's Score: Miami 115, Boston 111, OT
Friday, June 1: Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 3: Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, June 5: Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 7: Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 9: Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
San Antonio 2, Oklahoma City 0
Sunday, May 27: San Antonio 101, Oklahoma City 98
Tuesday, May 29: San Antonio 120, Oklahoma City 111
Today's Game: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 2: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
x-Monday: June 4: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 6: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, June 8: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOX
HEAT 115, CELTICS 111, OT
BOSTON (111): Pierce 8-19 5-6 21, Bass 2-4 4-4 8, Garnett 6-18 6-6 18, Rondo 16-24 10-12 44, Allen 5-11 1-1 13, Stemmma 1-1 0-0 2, Pietrus 1-3 0-0 3, Doolittle 1-1 0-0 2, Pavlovic 0-0 0-0 0, Moon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-81 26-29 111.
MIAMI (115): Battier 3-9 0-0 9, James 7-20 18-24 34, Turiaf 1-1 0-0 2, Chalmers 8-16 3-7 22, Wade 8-15 7-11 23, Anthony 0-1 2-2 2, Miller 3-7 0-0 7, Jones 1-2 0-0 3, Cole 0-0 0-0 0, Haslem 6-12 1-3 13. Totals 37-83 31-47 115.

Boston	**24**	**29**	**22**	**24**	**12 — 111**
Miami	**18**	**28**	**35**	**18**	**16 — 115**

3-Point Goals—Boston 6-21 (Pierce 2-5, Allen 2-5, Pietrus 1-3, Garnett 0-1, Pierce 0-5). Miami 10-26 (Chalmers 3-6, Battier 3-8, James 2-6, Jones 1-2, Miller 1-4). Fouled Out—Pierce, Pietrus, Doolittle, Rondo. Rebounds—Boston 48 (Bass 10), Miami 58 (Haslem 11). Assists—Boston 15 (Rondo 10), Miami 24 (James 7). Total Fouls—Boston 33, Miami 18. Technicals—Garnett, Chalmers. A—19,973 (19,600).

NHL Playoffs

STANLEY CUP FINALS
LOS ANGELES 1, NEW JERSEY 0
Wednesday's Score: Los Angeles 2, New Jersey 1, OT
Saturday, June 2: Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 4: New Jersey at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6: New Jersey at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 9: Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: New Jersey at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 13: Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S SUMMARY
KINGS 2, DEVILS 1, OT

Los Angeles	1	0	0	**1 — 2**
New Jersey	0	1	0	**0 — 1**

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Richards 10. Second Period—2, New Jersey, Volchenkov 1 (Elias, Clarkson), 18:48.
Third Period—None
First Overtime—3, Los Angeles, Kopitar 7 (Williams, Doughty), 8:13.
Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 5-9-8-3—25. New Jersey 5-4-7-2—18.
Goalies—Los Angeles, Quick. New Jersey, Brodeur. A—17,625 (17,625). T—2:53.

Coll. Softball

NCAA Division I Softball World Series Glance
At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium
Oklahoma City
Double Elimination
x-if necessary
Today's Games
Game 1 — South Florida (50-12) vs. Oklahoma (50-8), Noon
Game 2 — LSU (39-23) vs. California (56-5), 2:30 p.m.
Game 3 — Tennessee (52-12) vs. Alabama (55-7), 6 p.m.
Game 4 — Oregon (44-16) vs. Arizona State (51-9), 8:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Game 5 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Game 7 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 11 a.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1:30 p.m.
Game 9 — Game 5 loser vs. Game 7 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 10 — Game 6 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Game 11 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 winner, Noon
Game 12 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 2:30 p.m.
x-Game 13 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 6 p.m.
x-Game 14 — Game 12 winner vs. Game 12 loser, 8:30 p.m.
NOTE: If only one game is necessary, it will be played at 6 p.m.
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, June 4: Teams TBD, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 5: Teams TBD, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 6: Teams TBD, 7 p.m.

LSFL

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Houston	7	0	1.000	465	267
RG Valley	5	2	.667	409	346
Amarillo	3	4	.500	369	374
Abilene	3	4	.500	321	405
Corpus Christi	3	4	.333	313	378
Laredo	2	5	.286	314	396
West Texas	**2**	**5**	**.286**	**395**	**359**

Saturday's Score
Rio Grande Valley 74, Amarillo 73
Sunday's Score
Corpus Christi 44, West Texas 29
Monday's Score
Houston 85, Abilene 75

Fight Schedule

Friday
At Sands Casino Resort, Bethlehem, Pa. (HBO/SNI), Gabriel Rosado vs. Sechew Powell, 12, junior middleweights; Dominick Guinn vs. Ronald Cruz, 12, for the vacant WBC Continental Americas welterweight title.
Saturday
At Home Depot Center, Carson, Calif. (SHO), Antonio Tarver vs. Lateef Kayode, 12, for Tarver's WBO cruiserweight title; Austin Trout vs. Delvin Rodriguez, 12, for Trout's WBA World light middleweight title; Vusi Malinga vs. Leo Santa Cruz, 12, for the vacant IBF bantamweight title; Ronald Wright vs. Peter Quillin, 10, middleweights; Winky Wright vs. Peter Quillin, 10, middleweights.
At the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Beibut Shumenov vs. Enrique Ornelas, 12, for Shumenov's WBA World and IBO light heavyweight titles.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Boxes

MARINERS 21, RANGERS 6

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
Ackley 2b	5	2	2	3
Figgins cf	5	2	1	0
Seager 3b	6	4	4	2
Morse dh	4	4	3	4
Smoak 1b	5	3	3	6
Liddi lf	3	1	1	1
Carp ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Olivo c	6	2	2	2
MSnchs cf	6	1	3	1
Ryan ss	5	2	1	1
Ibanez ph-ss	1	0	0	0
Totals	**47**	**21**	**20**	**20**

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0
Kinsler 2b	3	0	0	0
Hamilton cf	4	1	2	0
Gentry cf	1	0	0	0
Beltre dh	5	1	2	1
DeWitt lf	5	1	1	1
Mnrq ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	3	0	0	0
Moreno rf	4	0	0	0
Torrealba c	4	0	1	2
Kndrck ph	0	1	0	0
Andrus ph-ss	1	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**3**	**6**	**4**

Seattle 000 100 040 —21
Texas 100 005 000 — 6
E—Carp (1), Alb.Gonzalez (1), Oliver 2, Seattle 1. LOB—Seattle 6, Texas 6. 2B—Ackley (10), Seager 2 (16), J.Montero (9), Smoak (3), M.Saunders 2 (13), Kinsler 2 (17), Hamilton 2 (9), Beltre (12), Napoli (3). 3B—Alb.Gonzalez (1). HR—Ackley (4), J.Montero (7), Smoak 2 (5). SB—Figgins (3). SF—Liddi, Rosales.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Beavan W,3-4	6	8	5	5	0	2
Iwakuma S,1-1	3	5	3	3	1	0
Texas						
D.Holland L,4-4	1	2-3	8	8	8	2
Tateyama	2	3	7	6	1	0
M.Lowe	1	2-3	1	1	1	2
R.Rose	2	1	4	0	0	1
Ogando	1	1	0	0	0	2
M.Adams	1	2-3	2	3	3	1
Uehara	1	1-3	1	1	1	0

HBP—by Iwakuma (Kinsler). WP—M.Lowe.
T—3:18. A—43,580 (48,194).

WHITE SOX 4, RAYS 3

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
De Aza cf	3	0	1	0
Ullrdg pr-cf	1	0	0	0
Rdchn 2b	4	1	1	0
A.Dunn 1b	5	0	0	0
Konerk dh	5	0	1	0
Rios rf	4	1	2	1
Przyns c	3	1	0	0
Vicedo lf	4	1	3	1
AlRmrz ss	3	0	0	0
OHudsn 3b	3	0	0	0

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
C.Pena 1b	3	1	1	2
Thmps pr	0	0	0	0
Joyce lf-rf	4	0	1	0
Zobrist rf-2b	4	0	0	0
Scott dh	4	1	1	0
SRdrgz 2b-ss	3	0	0	0
Sutton 3b	3	0	0	0
JMolin c	3	0	0	0
EJhnsn ss	1	0	0	0
Matsui ph-lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**4**	**11**	**4**

Chicago	102	010	000	— 4
Tampa Bay	010	002	000	— 3

LOB—Chicago 10, Tampa Bay 7. 2B—Rios (9), Vicedo (4), Al.Ramirez 2 (8). HR—C.Pena (8), Scott (9). SB—De Aza 2 (11). SF—Al.Ramirez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Quintana	3	2-3	1	1	1	0
Jo.Jones W,3-0	2	2	2	2	0	3
Thornton	1	0	0	0	0	2
Crain	1	1-3	0	0	0	0
Reed S,6-6	1	1	0	0	0	1
Tampa Bay						
Cobb L,2-1	5	9	4	4	1	4
Howell	1	0	0	0	0	1
W.Davis	1	0	0	0	0	1
Badenhop	1	2	0	0	0	0
Jo.Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	0

Badenhop pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.
HBP—by Cobb (Beckham, Pierzynski).
T—2:58. A—13,369 (34,078).

ROYALS 6, INDIANS 3

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
AGordn lf	4	1	2	1
Giavtll 2b	4	1	2	1
Falu pr-2b	0	0	0	0
Butler dh	4	0	1	0
Mostks 3b	4	1	1	1
Hosmer 1b	4	1	2	1
B.Pena c	5	0	3	1
Dyson cf	5	0	2	0
AEscor ss	4	2	1	0

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	0	2	1
Kipnis 2b	4	0	1	0
ACarer lf	3	0	0	0
LaPorta 1b	4	0	0	0
OShppch c	4	0	0	0
Punto 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**3**	**6**	**3**

Kansas City	002	210	010	— 6
Cleveland	030	000	000	— 3

E—Giavotella (3). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Kansas City 12, Cleveland 10. 2B—A.Gordon (13), Giavotella (3), Moustakas (12), Francoeur (13), Damon (2). SB—A.Escobar (8), Kipnis 2 (11). Carlin (11). CS—B.Pena (3), Duncan (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
B.Chen W,4-5	5	7	3	3	2	3
Collins	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Crow	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Mijares	1	1	0	0	0	0
Broxton S,11-13	1	0	0	0	0	2
Cleveland						
J.Gomez L,3-4	5	10	5	5	1	3
Barnes	1	0	0	0	2	1
Sipp	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pestano	1	1	1	1	2	1
J.Smith	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by J.Gomez (Francoeur), by Barnes (A.Gordon).
T—3:28. A—17,112 (43,429).

TWINS 4, ATHLETICS 0

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
JWeeks 2b	4	0	1	0
Cowgill lf	3	0	1	0
Reddck rf	4	0	0	0
Mstrnni dh	4	0	0	0
Dnldsn 3b	3	0	0	0
KSuzuki c	3	0	0	0
Barton 1b	3	0	0	0
Crisp cf	3	0	1	0
Pnngtn ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**0**	**3**	**0**

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Crnghm rf	3	0	0	0
Norberto	1	0	0	0
J.Miller	1	0	0	0
Minnesota				
Liriano W,1-5	6	3	0	0
Al.Burnett	2	0	0	0
Gray	1	0	0	0

HBP—by T.Ross (Morneau).
T—2:16. A—35,103 (39,500).

BLUE JAYS 4, ORIOLES 1

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
EnChnz rf	4	0	0	0
Hardy ss	4	0	1	0
C.Davis dh	3	0	0	0
Adams cf	2	0	0	0
Wieters c	4	0	0	0
McRynl 1b	3	1	0	0
Betemit 3b	3	0	2	1
Flahrty lf	3	0	1	0
Andino 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Rasms cf	4	1	1	1
Bautist rf	2	0	0	0
Arencn c	3	0	0	0
Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0
Cooper dh	3	0	1	0
Mrlnd 1b	3	0	0	0
Rdrgz lf	3	0	1	1
RDavis lf	3	1	1	1
Totals	**32**	**4**	**5**	**4**

Baltimore	000	100	000	— 1
Toronto	011	110	00x	— 4

DP—Baltimore 1, Toronto 2. LOB—Baltimore 5, Toronto 7. 2B—Cooper (1), Mrnq.Reynolds (6), Encarnacion (17), Lawrie (4), R.Davis (3). SB—Vizquel (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Hammel L,6-2	6	2-3	3	4	4	2
O'Day	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Strop	1	0	0	0	1	2
Toronto						
Morrow W,6-3	6	1-3	4	1	1	2
Villanueva	2	3	0	0	0	0
Cordero	1	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen S,5-6	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Morrow (Ad.Jones).
T—2:28. A—17,754 (49,260).

AL Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Baltimore	29	22	.569	—	—	2-8	L-5	14-13	15-9
Tampa Bay	29	22	.569	—	—	6-4	L-3	17-10	12-12
New York	26	23	.531	2	2	5-5	L-2	14-11	12-12
Toronto	27	24	.529	2	2	4-6	W-3	15-10	12-14
Boston	26	24	.520	2 1/2	2 1/2	7-3	W-3	13-13	13-11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	29	22	.569	—	—	9-1	W-8	12-13	17-9
Cleveland	27	23	.540	1 1/2	1 1/2	4-6	L-2	15-14	12-9
Detroit	23	27	.460	5 1/2	5 1/2	4-6	L-3	11-12	12-15
Kansas City	21	28	.429	7	7	5-5	W-2	5-17	16-11
Minnesota	18	32	.360	10 1/2	10 1/2	4-6	W-3	9-17	9-15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	31	20	.608	—	—	6-4	L-2	15-11	16-9
Los Angeles	26	25	.510	5	3	8-2	W-8	13-10	13-15
Seattle	23	30	.434	9	7	4-6	W-2	9-13	14-17
Oakland	22	+29	.431	9	7	2-8	L-8	10-15	12-14

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	29	21	.580	—	—	6-4	L-3	15-8	14-13
Miami	29	22	.569	1/2	—	7-3	W-3	16-10	13-12
New York	29	23	.558	1	1/2	6-4	L-1	16-11	13-12
Atlanta	28	24	.538	2	1/2	2-8	W-2	12-11	16-13
Philadelphia	27	25	.519	3	1 1/2	6-4	W-1	11-13	16-12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	28	22	.560	—	—	7-3	L-1	15-9	13-13
St. Louis	27	24	.529	1 1/2	1	5-5	L-2	13-11	14-13
Pittsburgh	25	25	.500	3	2 1/2	4-6	W-1	16-11	9-14
Houston	22	28	.440	6	5 1/2	4-6	L-5	16-10	6-18
Milwaukee	21	28	.429	6 1/2	6	5-5	W-2	11-13	10-15
Chicago	18	32	.360	10	9 1/2	3-7	W-3	12-15	6-17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	32	17	.653	—	—	6-4	L-2	21-7	11-10
San Francisco	27	23	.540	5 1/2	1/2	6-4	W-3	14-10	13-13
Arizona	22	28	.440	10 1/2	5 1/2	4-6	L-2	10-15	12-13
Colorado	20	29	.408	12	7	5-5	W-3	13-14	8-15
San Diego	17	35	.327	16 1/2	11 1/2	1-9	L-6	12-16	5-19

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 4, Oakland 0
Toronto 4, Baltimore 1
Boston 6, Detroit 4
Seattle 21, Texas 8
N.Y.Yankees at L.A. Angels, late
Today's Games
Detroit (Scherzer 4-3) at Boston (Beckett 4-4), 6:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees at Detroit, 6:05 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Chicago Cubs 8, San Diego 6
Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 1
Philadelphia 10, N.Y.Mets 6
Atlanta 10, St. Louis 7
Miami 3, Washington 2
Colorado 13, Houston 5
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, late
Arizona at San Francisco, late
Today's Games
Houston (Norris 5-1) at Colorado (Guthrie 2-3), 7:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 5-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-3), 9:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Atlanta at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y.Mets, 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

AL Boxes

RED SOX 6, TIGERS 4

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Berry cf	5	1	1	0
Worth 2b	2	1	1	1
Dirks ph	1	0	1	0
RSantg pr-2b	1	0	0	0
MiCarr 3b	5	1	4	1
Fielder 1b	3	0	1	1
Dtrng lf	4	0	1	0
Boesch rf	4	0	0	0
JhPerlt ss	4	0	0	0
Avila c	3	0	2	0
Infante 2b	4	0	0	0

Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	4	1	2	0
Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0
Youkils 1b	4	2	2	1
Mdlrks 3b	4	1	2	2
Byrd rf	3	0	0	0
Shppch c	4	0	0	0
Punto 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	**36**	**4**	**12**	**4**

Detroit	102	000	100	— 4
Boston	400	200	00x	— 6

Today's Games
Detroit (Scherzer 4-3) at Boston (Beckett 4-4), 6:10 p.m.

DP—Detroit 1, Boston 1. LOB—Detroit 8, Boston 6. 2B—Mi.Cabrera 3 (13), Laird (3), Boesch (7), Ad.Gonzalez 2 (18), Sb.Perry (1), HR—Ortiz (12), Youkilis (4), Middlebrooks (6). SF—Worth.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Smyly	6	8	4	4	0	4
Dotel L,1-2	2-3	1	1	1	1	0
Coke	1-3	1	1	0	0	2
Benoit	1	2	1	1	0	2
Boston						
Lester	6	2-3	10	4	4	0
Albers W,1-0	1-3	2	0	0	1	0
A.Miller	1	0	0	0	1	2
Acosta S,13-16	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Lester.
T—3:04. A—37,195 (37,495).

NL Boxes

ROCKIES 13, ASTROS 5

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Schafer cf	5	0	2	0
Altuve 2b	5	1	3	0
Wallac rf	5	0	0	0
CaLee 1b	5	0	0	0
JDMrtn lf	5	1	3	0
Maxwll cf	4	2	2	2
CJhnsn 3b	3	0	3	1
DCrpnt p	0	0	0	0
Bogsvc ph	1	0	0	0
Qulnts p	0	0	0	0
Harrell p	3	0	1	1
R.Cruz p	0	0	0	0
Wlkrsn ph	1	0	0	0
Myers ph-rf	1	1	1	0
Totals	**41**	**5**	**15**	**5**

Colorado	410	016	01x	— 13
Houston	014	000	000	— 5

E—Maxwell (2). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 13, Colorado 4. 2B—Altuve (13), C.Snyder (3), Fowler (6), Tulowitzki (8). HR—Fowler (8), C.Gonzalez 3 (13), Cuddyer (8). SB—Scutaro (5), Tulowitzki (2), Pacheco (1). SF—C.Johnson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Harrell L,4-4	5	10	9	9	3	4
Ruiz	0	2	2	2	0	0
X.Cedeno	1	1	1	1	1	1
D.Carpenter	2	1	1	1	0	3
Colorado						
Friedrich W,3-1	6	1	1	5	1	6
Ottavino	1	1	0	0	0	1
Rogers	1	2	0	0	0	1
Belisario	1	0	0	0	0	1

Harrell pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
R.Cruz pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Ottavino (Maxwell). WP—Harrell.
T—3:07. A—28,102 (50,398).

PHILLIES 10, METS 6

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	5	1	3	3
Pierre lf	5	2	3	0
Mdlees p	0	0	0	0
Papelbn p	0	0	0	0
Ruiz c	4	1	2	0
Pence rf	5	1	1	0
Wggntn 1b	4	2	2	2
Frndsn cf	4	1	1	2
Polanc 3b	5	0	0	0
Frnterr 2b	3	0	1	0
Blmqvs ph-2b	1	1	1	1
Schndr c	3	1	0	1
CLee p	2	0	0	0
Maybry ph	1	0	0	0
Bastrd p	0	0	0	0
Contrns p	0	0	0	0
Mayrry ph-lf	1	0	1	0
Totals	**39**	**10**	**14**	**10**

Philadelphia	010	000	216	— 10
New York	100	002	003	— 6

E—Dan.Murphy (7). DP—Philadelphia 2, New York 1. LOB—Philadelphia 6, New York 6. 2B—Pierre (4), Wggntn (5), Schneider (3). 3B—A.Torres (3), D.Wright (17), Hairston (7). HR—Rollins (2), Wigginton (5), Ruiz (8), Duda 2 (7). SB—Rollins (10). S—Schneider. SF—Victorino.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
CI.Lee	6	7	3	3	2	7
Bastardo W,2-1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Contreras	1	0	0	0	0	2
Valdes	2-3	3	3	3	0	0
Papelbon	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
New York						
Gee	6	2-3	6	2	2	1
Parnell	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Rauch L,3-4	1	2	1	1	0	1
Byrdak	1-3	3	3	3	0	0
R.Ramirez	1	0	0	0	0	0
Schwrdm	2	2	2	2	1	3

R.Ramirez pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.
T—3:13. A—30,064 (41,922).

CUBS 8, PADRES 6

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi
Venale cf-rf	5	1	0	0
ECarer ss	4	1	2	0
Alonso 1b	4	1	1	0
Headly 3b	3	1	1	0
Thayer p	0	0	0	0
Denorfi rf-lf	4	1	2	2
Hundly c	3	0	0	0
Amaral 2b-3b	4	0	1	0
Bass p	2	0	0	0
Mikolas p	0	0	0	0
Hinshw p	0	0	0	0
Grgrsn p	0	0	0	0
Thtchr p	0	0	0	0
Gyorkis ph	1	0	0	0
Cashnr p	0	0	0	0
Parnno 2b	0	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**6**	**9**	**2**

San Diego	022	020	000	— 6
Chicago	020	120	012	— 8

Two outs when winning run scored.
DP—Chicago 1. LOB—San Diego 8, Chicago 9. 2B—E.Cabrera (4), Quentin (3), Denorfia (8), Clevenger (6). HR—Quentin 2 (3), Denorfia (3), Barney (3). SB—Venable (6), E.Cabrera (4), Headley (5), S.Castro (15), Barney (3), Campana 2 (15).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Bass	4	2-3	6	5	5	4
Mikolas	0	1-3	0	0	0	0
Hinshaw	1	1-3	3	0	0	0
Gregerson	1	2-3	0	0	0	1
Thatcher	1	1-3	0	0	0	2
Cashner	1	2	1	1	1	0
Thayer L,0-1	1	2-3	2	2	0	1
Chicago						
Dempster	4	1-3	6	6	6	4
C.Coleman	1	2-3	1	0	0	2
Marmol	1	1	0	0	0	1
R.Wells

Jones accepts cap hit, will not trade Jenkins

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Jerry Jones says the Dallas Cowboys have no intention of trading cornerback Mike Jenkins or any interest in going to federal court to further fight the NFL about a $10 million salary cap reduction.

Jones made it clear Wednesday that he fully expects Jenkins to stay with the Cowboys, even as the cornerback was missing another week of voluntary workouts. Jenkins has remained home in Florida after shoulder surgery and there have been numerous reports he wants to be traded after Dallas added two prominent cornerbacks in recent weeks.

"I'm real excited about what we can do defensively with having his skills along with the other corners we have. ... We could really have a chance to do something exceptional in our secondary and I want to give us every chance to do that," Jones said. "I'm sure not interested in the future. I'm all about what we can do next season."

Jenkins, who is going into the final year of his contract, was the first topic presented to Jones during an impromptu 25-minute session with reporters on the field at Cowboys Stadium, where the team practiced instead of Valley Ranch because of some rain overnight and that morning.

Jones

Jones called last season "probably the most disappointing" in his tenure as the Cowboys owner. Dallas finished 8-8 after losing the season finale against the New York Giants, who claimed the NFC's last playoff spot with that victory and went on to win the Super Bowl.

The owner's session came a week after arbitrator Stephen Burbank upheld the NFL's salary cap reductions against the Cowboys and Washington Redskins. Burbank ruled in favor of the league and dismissed the grievances by both teams. Dallas lost $10 million in salary cap for overloading contracts during 2010, while the Redskins lost $36 million for this season and next.

"We were very emphatic that there was no deal among the owners about anything to do with a cap, and that was our position," Jones said. "We honor the arbitrator. The ruling was that the place to hear this was not in his jurisdiction, the place to hear it was over in federal court, which we're not interested in getting involved like that."

Asked why not, Jones responded, "I just don't want to" without elaborating.

Jones again talked about how feels the team's window to contend with players like quarterback Tony Romo, linebacker DeMarcus Ware and tight end Jason Whitten was getting shorter.

"There is an urgency. It's my perception that decides when the windows are and where they are," he said. "With that in mind, I'm saying that we need to get out here, get down to business, get in some playoffs and get knocking on the door."

Jones has owned the Cowboys since 1989, and they haven't been back to the Super Bowl since winning three titles in a four year span in the mid-1990s. Plus, the owner will turn 70 during the upcoming season, so he knows he's not getting any younger.

"I think about it in everything I do," Jones said. "I remember when I was younger I wanted to be older so people would pay more attention and I could talk to them better. So it seems like we're always referring to that, experience or age, but from my perspective right now, I don't have time to have a bad time."

Spurs

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set up our screens and we attack the basket, we have dribble penetration and we're looking for extra shooters. That's when we're at our best."

So far, the Spurs have been at their best more than the Thunder, cranking it up for 39 fourth-quarter points in a come-from-behind Game 1 victory and then shooting 63 percent from the field and 64 percent from 3-point range while building their biggest lead in Game 2.

That had Brooks in a rare position, questioning whether his team was playing its hardest and specifically noting that defense on 3-point attempts wasn't good enough.

"We have to play with maximum effort every possession and the entire possession. If you don't do that, you give them so many open looks because they're the best passing team in the game," Brooks said. "They don't hesitate. They make the plays for each other and they make them consistently and they make them quickly and on time. With that being said, you can have great defense and they still make some tough shots."

The Thunder held a team meeting to regroup and try to find a way to become the 15th team in NBA history to rally back from a 0-2 deficit in a seven-game series.

"We're not down on ourselves," said guard Derek Fisher, a veteran of the Los Angeles Lakers' 2004 comeback after losing the first two games to a Spurs team also riding a double-digit win streak.

"We're obviously disappointed. We don't like to lose," he said. "But we still feel good about our ability to follow our game plan, do some of the things we need to do, make some adjustments and give ourselves a chance to win Game 3."

COLLEGEBASEBALL

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NCAA Division I Baseball Regionals Glance

Double Elimination
At Davenport Field
Charlottesville, Va.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Virginia (38-17-1) vs. Army (41-13), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — Oklahoma (38-22) vs. Appalachian State (39-16), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, Noon
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, Noon
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m.

At Boshamer Stadium
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — East Carolina (35-22-1) vs. St. John's (37-21), Noon
Game 2 — North Carolina (44-14) vs. Cornell (31-15-1), 5 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, Noon
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, Noon
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m. Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m.

At Dail Park
Raleigh, N.C.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Vanderbilt (33-26) vs. UNC Wilmington (38-21), 1 p.m.
Game 2 — N.C. State (39-17) vs. Sacred Heart (25-30), 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, Noon
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1 p.m.

At Carolina Stadium
Columbia, S.C.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Clemson (33-26) vs. Coastal Carolina (41-17), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — South Carolina (40-17) vs. Manhattan (33-25), 3 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 11 a.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 11 a.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 3 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.

At Dick Howser Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Mississippi State (39-22) vs. Samford (39-21), 11 a.m.
Game 2 — Florida State (43-15) vs. UAB (32-28), 5 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 11 a.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 11 a.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m.

At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Georgia Tech (36-24) vs. College of Charleston (37-20), Noon
Game 2 — Florida (42-18) vs. Bethune-Cookman (34-25), 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, Noon
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 11 a.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 3 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.

At Mark Light Stadium
Coral Gables, Fla.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — UCF (43-15) vs. Missouri State (39-20), 1 p.m.
Game 2 — Miami (36-21) vs. Stony Brook (46-11), 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 1 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 1p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.

At US Steel Yard
Gary, Ind.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Kentucky (43-16) vs. Kent State (41-17), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — Purdue (44-12) vs. Valparaiso (35-23), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 8 p.m.

At Alex Box Stadium
Baton Rouge, La.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Oregon State (38-18) vs. Belmont (39-22), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — LSU (43-16) vs. Louisiana-Monroe (31-28), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6:30 p.m.

At Reckling Park
Houston
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Arkansas (39-19) vs. Sam Houston State (38-20), 1 p.m.
Game 2 — Rice (40-17) vs. Prairie View (28-23), 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.

At Baylor Ballpark
Waco
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Dallas Baptist (39-17) vs. Texas-Arlington (36-23), 1 p.m.
Game 2 — Baylor (44-14) vs. Oral Roberts (37-23), 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 1 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6:30 p.m.

At Olsen Field
College Station
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — TCU (36-19) vs. Mississippi (35-24), 12:35 p.m.
Game 2 — Texas A&M (42-16) vs. Dayton (31-28), 6:35 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 12:35 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6:35 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 12:35 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6:35 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:35 p.m.

At PK Park
Eugene, Ore.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Cal State Fullerton (35-19) vs. Indiana State (41-17), 4 p.m.
Game 2 — Oregon (42-17) vs. Austin Peay (38-22), 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 4 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 8 p.m.

At Sunken Diamond
Stanford, Calif.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Pepperdine (34-21) vs. Michigan State (37-21), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — Stanford (38-16) vs. Fresno State (30-26), 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 4 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 8 p.m.

At Jackie Robinson Stadium
Los Angeles
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — San Diego (40-15) vs. New Mexico (36-22), 5 p.m.
Game 2 — UCLA (42-14) vs. Creighton (26-28), 9 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 5 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 5 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.

At Hi Corbett Field
Tucson, Ariz.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — New Mexico State (35-22) vs. Louisville (39-20), 6 p.m.
Game 2 — Arizona (38-17) vs. Missouri (32-26), 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 10 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 6 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 10 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 10 p.m.

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with Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease that can cause fatigue and joint pain.

Still, the meek way Williams departed was striking, considering that she has been ranked No. 1, has appeared in 14 major finals to Radwanska's zero, and from 2008-10 won 10 of the 11 sets the two played against each other.

"I don't know if I ever asked myself, 'Why me?' I mean, obviously it's frustrating at times. I don't know if there's anything mental more I can do at this point, but there's a lot of stages to go through with this kind of thing," said Williams, whose fastest-in-the-game serve was broken five times Wednesday. "There's a lot of people who have it a lot worse than I do. I'm still playing a professional sport, so I have to be very positive. And I'm going to have ups and downs. I haven't gotten to the 'Why me?' yet, I hope I never get to the 'Why me?' I'm not allowed to feel sorry for myself."

While never advancing past the quarterfinals at a Grand Slam tournament, Radwanska has shown signs of being ready for a major breakthrough, with three lesser titles and a tour-high 38 victories in 2012. Of her seven losses, six were against No. 1-ranked Victoria Azarenka.

French Open Results & Glance

Wednesday at a Glance

PARIS — A look at the French Open on Wednesday:

Weather: Cloudy, with rain in the early evening, suspending play. High of 79 degrees (26 C).

Attendance: 35,409.

Men's Seeded Winners: No. 1 Novak Djokovic, No. 3 Roger Federer, No. 7 Tomas Berdych, No. 9 Juan Martin del Potro, No. 11 Gilles Simon, No. 14 Fernando Verdasco, No. 18 Stanislas Wawrinka, No. 21 Marin Cilic, No. 22 Antonio Seppi, No. 31 Kei Nishikori.

Men's Seeded Losers: None.

Women's Seeded Winners: No. 1 Victoria Azarenka, No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska, No. 6 Sam Stosur, No. 13 Ana Ivanovic, No. 15 Dominika Cibulkova, No. 18 Flavia Pennetta, No. 21 Sara Errani, No. 25 Svetlana Kuznetsova, No. 27 Nadia Petrova, No. 29 Anabel Medina-Garrigues.

Women's Seeded Losers: No. 8 Marion Bartoli, No. 20 Lucie Safarova, No. 24 Petra Cetkovska, No. 31 Zheng Jie.

Stat of the Day: 0 — Times before the 2012 French Open that neither Venus nor Serena Williams reached at least the third round in 43 Grand Slam tournaments both entered. Venus lost Wednesday to Radwanska 6-2, 6-3 in the second round, a day after Serena lost in the first round.

Quote of the Day: "I have a problem, because my wife is a fan of Roger." — Nicolas Mahut, discussing his next opponent, Federer.

On Court today: No. 2 Rafael Nadal vs. Denis Istomin; No. 4 Andy Murray vs. Nikolay Davydenko; No. 5 David Ferrer vs. Benoit Paire; No. 2 Maria Sharapova vs. Ayumi Morita; No. 4 Petra Kvitova vs. Urszula Radwanska; No. 7 Li Na vs. Stephanie Foretz Gacon.

Thursday's Forecast: Cloudy. High of 73 (23 C).

Results

Wednesday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: $20,417 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay/Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-0, 6-4, 6-1.
Juan Martin del Potro (9), Argentina, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (8), 6-4, 6-4.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Adrian Ungur, Romania, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-3.
Nicolas Devilder, France, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-2.
Andreas Seppi (31), Italy, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.
Fabrice Santoro (27), France, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Marin Cilic (21), Croatia, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-4.
Mardy Fish (17), United States, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
Gilles Simon (11), France, def. Ryan Sweeting, United States, 6-4, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-4.
Fernando Verdasco (14), Spain, def. Jesse Levine, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Marcel Granollers (30), Spain, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Pablo Andujar, Spain, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-1.
Lukasz Kubot (32), Poland, def. Michael Llodra, France, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (4).
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

Summary
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Dinah Pfizenmaier, Germany, 6-1, 6-1.
Daniela Hantuchova (15), Slovakia, def. Misaki Doi, United States, 6-0, 6-2.
Alexandra Cadantu, Canada, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Alberta Brianti, Italy, def. Zheng Jie (31), China, 6-3, 6-4.
Jelena Jankovic (21), Serbia, def. Mathilde Johansson, France, 6-2, 6-3.
Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-4, 7-5.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Petra Cetkovska (26), Czech Republic, 7-5 (1), 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (23), Germany, def. Ksenia Pervak, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, def. Sandra Zaniewska (WC), Poland, 6-1, 6-2.
Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-4, 6-2.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (28), Russia, def. Chan Yung-Jan, Taiwan, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-1, 6-1.
Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Urszula Radwanska, Poland, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Flavia Pennetta (18), Italy, def. Alexa Glatch, United States, 6-3, 6-1.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Venus Williams, United States, 6-2, 6-3.

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WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP

Race: FedEx 400 Benefiting Autism Speaks
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 400 laps/miles.
When: Sunday, June 3.
Last year's winner: Matt Kenseth, Ford.
Qualifying record: Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 161.522 mph, June 4, 2004.
Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 132.719 mph, Sept. 21, 1997.
Last week: Kasey Kahne drove his Chevy to the front in the late stages of the Coca-Cola 600, winning the sport's longest race for the third time. His first victory at Hendrick Motorsports was the team's 201st. Denny Hamlin placed second in a Toyota.

NATIONWIDE

Race: 5-HOUR Energy 200
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/miles.
When: Saturday, June 2.
Last year's winner: Carl Edwards, Ford.
Qualifying record: Kyle Busch, Toyota, 158.228 mph, May 15, 2010.
Race record: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevy, 130.152 mph, May 30, 1998.
Last week: Brad Keselowski put a Dodge in victory lane for the fourth time in series events at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and it was Keselowski's first victory of the season. Two of the Dodge victories were by Keselowski, joining Ryan Newman and Kasey Kahne.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Lucas Oil 200
Where: Dover (Del.) International Speedway (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/miles.
When: Friday, June 1.
Last year's winner: Kyle Busch, Toyota.
Qualifying record: David Starr, Chevy, 157.577 mph, June 2, 2005.
Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 120.200 mph, June 2, 2006.
Last race: Justin Lofton, in a Chevy, collected his first career victory at Charlotte Motor Speedway. He also took the points lead by one over Timothy Peters. Brad Keselowski took second in a Ram. Peters finished ninth.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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Three weeks in a row, Rick Hendrick, at right with Kasey Kahne, and his cars have celebrated with victories. Could the team be out of its slump?

Back In Gear

Big 600 win for Kasey Kahne may have Hendrick out of Spring Cup season slump

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

CONCORD, N.C. — Could it be that Kasey Kahne has finally turned the corner?

Kahne, 32, won his third Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, meaning that four of his 13 career victories at the Sprint Cup level have occurred at the 1.5-mile track, where he also won the Sprint All-Star Race in 2008.

But Kahne, who is from Enumclaw, Wash., has never finished better than eighth (2006) in the points standings. This year, Kahne's first at Hendrick Motorsports, began slowly, but now he has reeled off consecutive finishes of seventh, eighth, fifth, fourth, eighth and first, advancing from 31st to 15th in the standings. The latest CMS victory was important in terms of one of two wild-card slots in the Chase for the Sprint Cup, but, with 14 races remaining in the regular season, Kahne is only 42 points behind 10th place Carl Edwards. The top 10 automatically advance into the Chase.

"The win's really important for us to make the Chase and keep moving up in the points," Kahne said. "You've got to win to make the Chase.

"We just need to stay after it and keep doing the things we've been doing."

Kahne and teammate Jimmie Johnson are the hottest drivers in the sport. Although Roush Fenway drivers Greg Biffle and Matt Kenseth are atop the points standings, it would be premature at this point to suggest Hendrick isn't still NASCAR's best team.

"Our team is solid," Kahne said. "Our car is solid. Mr. Hendrick gives us everything we need to win races and run up front. Finally we were able to put it all together.

"But next week (Dover) will be a new show. We have to figure it out again next week in practice. It's just tough. The competition is stout. It's hard to just move through the field and pass cars because everybody is so fast. The cars are so competitive right now, it makes it difficult."

Kasey Kahne dominated the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte. He picked up his 63rd 600 victory and fourth at the track. Hendrick Motorsports has won the last three races (two official and the All-Star race).

FEUD OF THE WEEK

BRAD KESELOWSKI VS. TONY STEWART

The Coca-Cola 600's only dust-up was on pit road. Keselowski's Dodge leaving, Stewart's Chevy entering. Keselowski left the pit and turned Stewart's car around backwards, escaping to finish fifth. Stewart gunned his car, spun it around and returned to his pit pointed in the right direction. He wound up 25th, three laps down.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "It's hard to chalk it up to anything but bad timing. Nothing else went well for Stewart, either."

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

I like Mike, er, Mikey

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. Questions can also be sent by email, Facebook and Twitter (see directions at the top of this page).

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I read the letter from James Wardropper from Dravosburg, Pa., and couldn't disagree more. I would say I enjoy listening to Mikey Waltrip and find him humorous, informative, and because of his race experience, knowledgeable. I DVR all the races but always stop and listen to the commercials with Mikey. James' wife might be a lost fan, but fear not. Because of Mikey, my wife, who was an occasional fan, is now a pretty consistent fan. You go, Mikey!

Gary Krupp
New Lothrop, Mich.

Michael Waltrip has many fans, or else, he wouldn't be on television so much. Different strokes for different folks.

John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Owner Michael Waltrip, seen at left with Dale Earnhardt Jr., has competed in one race this season, but has manned the TV booth for most of the race season.

LEGENDS AND LORE

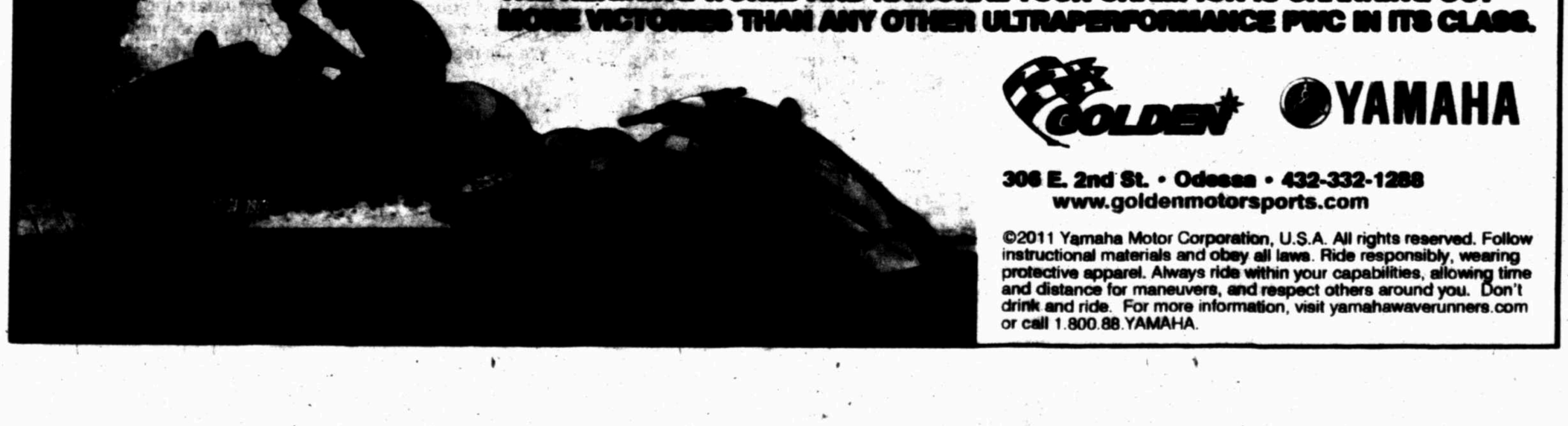
Donlavey's Breakthrough

On May 17, 1981, Jody Ridley gave longtime owner Junie Donlavey his first and only victory at NASCAR's highest level by winning the Mason-Dixon 500 at what was then known as Dover Downs. Bobby Allison was the only other driver who finished on the lead lap. Dale Earnhardt finished third and, in another upset, D.K. Ulrich placed fourth.

FAN TIPS

A Bright Idea At CMS

Charlotte Motor Speedway president Marcus Smith and Jeff Gordon announced that all the track's extra food will be donated to the AARP's Drive to End Hunger, geared to older American adults. According to Gordon, the track's unsold and unused food will help feed "thousands" of senior citizens in the Carolinas alone.



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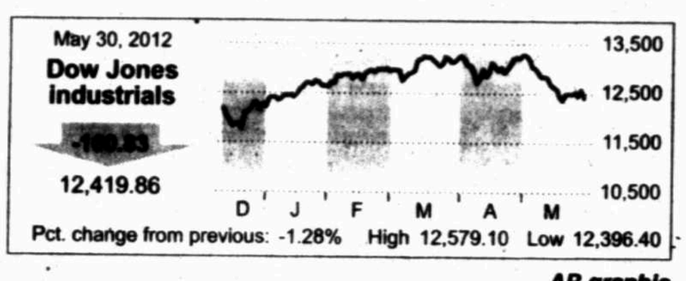
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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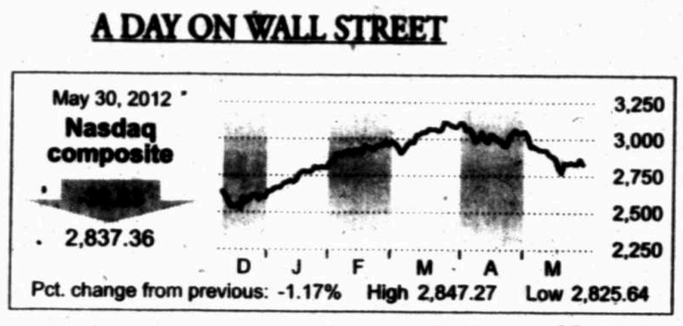

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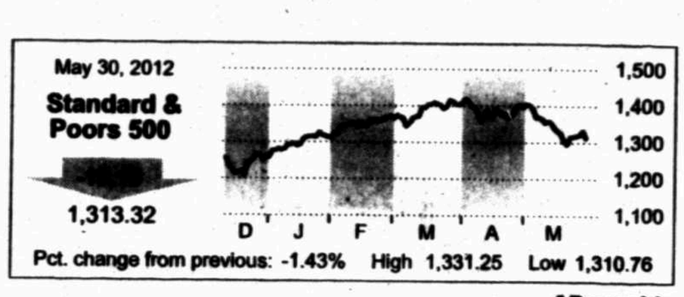

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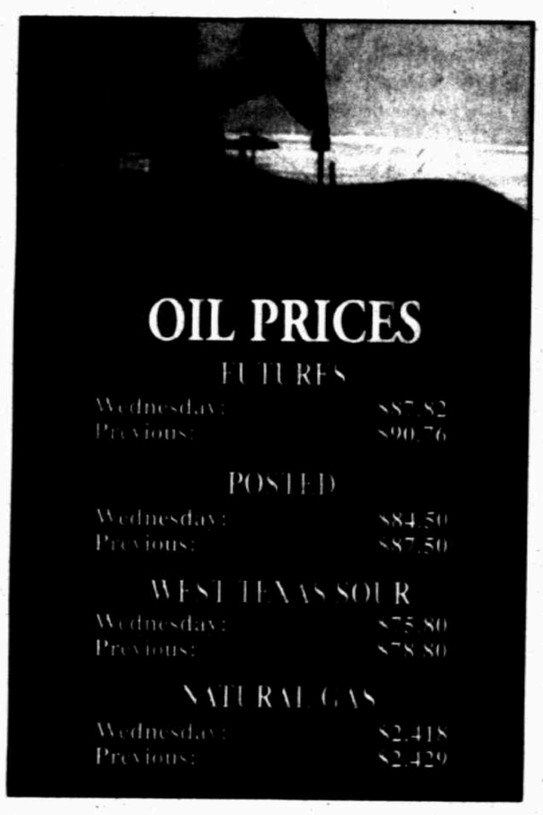

Oil headed for biggest monthly drop since 2008, closes under $90

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The price of oil is headed for its biggest monthly decline since December 2008.

Oil has dropped more than 16 percent so far in May, erasing all of its gains for the year. That's helped lower gas prices and provided a little financial relief to cautious consumers.

Prices are falling on expectations that the world won't use as much oil this year as previously thought.

Europe's financial crisis is the most immediate concern, but there have been plenty of signs of weaker demand.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell $2.94, or 3.2 percent, on Wednesday to finish at $87.82. It's now down 11 percent from Jan. 1.

"Oil prices are always a concern to an independent oil operator," said Mark Merritt, assistant general manager, oil and gas at Fasken Oil and Ranch in Midland. "Most current drilling projects are economical at $90. However, because most active operators are reinvesting near 100 percent of their cash flow back into drilling new wells, each dollar drop translates into a dollar not available to reinvest in drilling projects. Therefore, a drop from $105 to $90 for a prolonged period of time could translate to approximately a 20 percent reduction in capital spending."

Nick Taylor, president of Midland's Mexco Energy, noted that there was a lot of oil off the market primarily because of unrest in Libya, Nigeria and the Sudan. Plus, he said Iran has halted exports to European countries in advance of a July 1 European Union embargo on imports from Iran that will take 600,000 barrels of oil a day off the market. There is also, he noted, slowing economies in Europe and China "so one offsets the other."

Oil rose near $110 per barrel in February because of the potential for conflict between Iran and the West. Those tensions have eased somewhat, and the market's focus has turned to weak spots in the global economy.

The month started with so-so U.S. jobs numbers. Other U.S. economic data have been mixed and gasoline consumption has dropped for 62 straight weeks. Meanwhile, China's manufacturing sector is slowing down. The U.S. and China are the biggest oil consumers in the world.

Earlier this year, energy economists mostly agreed that world oil demand would hit a new record in 2012, probably around 89 million barrels per day. But with demand not growing in China and declining in the U.S., those expectations are starting to change.

"I wouldn't be surprised if demand was lower this year," said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research.

That could be the case in Europe. Experts worry the 17 nations that use the euro will fall into recession. Europe consumes about 16 percent of the world's oil.

Fears about Europe's financial stability sent ripples through world markets Wednesday. Major stock indexes slipped 1 percent to 2 percent. The European Commission fanned those concerns by reporting that economic confidence has plummeted this month to the lowest level in two and a half years.

The euro fell near a two-year low against the dollar, helping to push oil prices even lower. Oil, which is priced in dollars, tends to fall as the dollar rises and makes crude barrels more expensive for investors holding foreign money.

Brent crude, which is used to price oil varieties that are imported into the U.S., fell by $3.21 to end at $103.47 per barrel in London.

Traders have seen this show before. This is the third consecutive May where oil has plunged, in part because of similar concerns about European debts. Oil fell 9.9 percent in May of last year and 14.1 percent in May 2010. Jim Ritterbusch, an independent oil trader and analyst, said it's a coincidence that the month has become known for tumbling oil prices.

A number of one-time factors moved oil prices over the past few years, he said, including last year's Libyan rebellion, the 2011 release of emergency oil supplies by the U.S. and other industrialized countries, fighting in Nigeria and fears over Iran's nuclear program. In the past two years, oil recovered from its swoon in May and ended the year higher than it started.

"Who knows, maybe that will happen again this year," Ritterbusch said.

Drivers hope not. A gallon of regular unleaded has dropped by 31 cents since peaking in the first week of April. U.S. retail gasoline prices fell by a penny Wednesday to $3.626 per gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Experts see gas falling to at least $3.50 by July 4.

Drivers aren't rushing to use more of the cheaper gasoline, however.

MasterCard SpendingPulse said that motorists bought less gasoline last week, even though it cost about 13 cents per gallon less than in the same week last year. People are driving fewer miles and getting around in more fuel-efficient cars. And gas is still 90 cents more expensive than at this time in 2010.

Other futures prices also declined Wednesday.

Natural gas fell by 6.7 cents, or 2.7 percent, to end at $2.418 per 1,000 cubic feet. Natural gas has dropped by 32 cents in the past four trading days. Analysts said prices are falling after investors cashed in on futures contracts that jumped 44 percent since April 19.

Heating oil lost 6.9 cents to end at $2.7398 per gallon while wholesale gasoline lost 4.83 cents to finish at $2.8582 per gallon.

Oil Editor Mella McEwen contributed to this report.

FirstCapital ranks high

NL Financial has named FirstCapital Bank of Texas, headquartered in Midland, as one of the top 100 best performing community banks in the nation in their annual ranking. Texas boasted the largest number of ranked banks for the year.

Community banks are defined as institutions with less than $5 billion in assets, 60 or fewer offices, with at least one-third of their balance sheet composed of loans. Based on the criteria chosen by SNL, 5,039 companies were eligible for the rankings. This group was divided into two lists, those with $500 million to $5 billion and those with less than $500 million in assets.

As of April, 2012 FirstCapital had $624, 000,000 in total assets and a strong equity capital base of $59.3 million. FirstCapital Bank operates in Amarillo, Lubbock and Midland and currently employs 147 people across the three markets. This number includes employees at First Mortgage locations, a division of FirstCapital Bank.

SNL Financial provides financial information on more than 4,000 public companies and 50,000 private companies in business sectors critical to the global economy: Banking, financial services, insurance, real estate, energy and media and communications.

Euro plunges

The euro plunged below $1.24 for the first time in nearly two years Wednesday as traders fretted over Spain's economy.

The yield on Spain's 10-year bonds jumped above 6.7 percent Wednesday, matching the level it hit at the height of the eurozone crisis late last year. That's a sign that investors are concerned about the country's ability to pay down its debt.

The euro sunk to $1.2382 late Wednesday from $1.2487 late Tuesday. The euro fell as low as $1.2376 earlier, its lowest point against the dollar since July 1, 2010. The euro has fallen over 6 percent against dollar this month.

In other trading Wednesday, the British pound fell to $1.5490 from $1.5634.

Gold for June delivery rose $14.70 to end at $1,563.40 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $11.65 Down 0.84

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $56.51 Down 3.49

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $88.05 Down 5.53

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $23.47 Down 1.48

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $25.03 Down 1.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.41 Down 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.74 Down 0.67

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2005227	7.20	-.23
S&P500ETF	1372333	131.76	-1.94
SPDR Fncl	828655	13.89	-.33
iShEMkts	785044	37.54	-.66
Bar iPVix	493944	20.55	+1.33

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSGlobWm	6.87	+1.17	+20.5
PrUVxST rs	19.57	+2.32	+13.4
BoozAllenH	16.86	+1.98	+13.3
DrDNGBear	26.10	+2.75	+11.8
CSVlnvCrd	68.23	+6.85	+11.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iP SXR1K	20.53	-6.04	-22.7
PepBoy	8.89	-2.20	-19.8
Teavana n	13.78	-3.03	-18.0
MI Homes	14.50	-2.09	-12.6
DnDNGBull	21.17	-2.91	-12.1

DIARY

Advanced	411
Declined	2,634
Unchanged	86
Total issues	3,131
New Highs	25
New Lows	69
Volume	3,415,332,611

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
IsoRay	70830	1.09	-.06
NovaGld g	39141	5.92	+.16
CheniereEn	39052	14.38	-1.26
GoldStr g	38765	1.04	-.03
NwGold g	26056	8.87	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SL Ind	13.25	+1.81	+15.8
Servotr	8.37	+.57	+7.3
Nevsun g	3.60	+.24	+7.1
NovaCpp n	2.62	+.16	+6.5
Vicon	3.00	+.17	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgenics	6.25	-.72	-10.3
SynergyRs	2.60	-.26	-9.1
CheniereEn	14.38	-1.26	-8.1
PionDrill	7.51	-.64	-7.9
USAntimny	3.45	-.29	-7.8

DIARY

Advanced	139
Declined	308
Unchanged	39
Total issues	486
New Highs	4
New Lows	19
Volume	81,978,509

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook n	548011	28.19	-.65
PwShs QQQ	512178	62.33	-.53
SiriusXM	420643	1.89	-.04
Microsoft	407498	29.34	-.22
RschMotn	394223	10.35	-.88

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NorSys	3.90	+.88	+29.1
NCI Inc	4.36	+.96	+28.2
Neonode	6.12	+1.34	+28.0
ThomasPrp	4.78	+.73	+18.0
Mannkn rs	5.19	+.69	+15.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Synergetc	3.94	-1.54	-28.1
Trovagne s	3.52	-1.34	-27.6
Magal	3.80	-.75	-16.5
SevernBc	2.19	-.40	-15.4
GeneticT h	4.62	-.73	-13.6

DIARY

Advanced	533
Declined	1,993
Unchanged	104
Total issues	2,630
New Highs	25
New Lows	70
Volume	1,621,744,154

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.76	49	33.84	-.10	+11.9
Abraxas	...	14	2.79	-.06	-15.5
AdamsEx	.65e	...	10.33	-.07	+7.2
AMD	...	...	6.15	-.31	+13.9
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.62	-.09	+3.8
Alcoa	.12	16	8.58	-.31	-.8
AlonUSA	.16	...	8.50	-.34	-2.4
AmintlGrp	...	3	28.89	-.89	+24.5
Amgen	1.44	16	69.59	+.31	+8.4
Anadarko	.36	...	62.24	-2.21	-18.5
Apache	.60	8	81.54	-2.50	-10.0
Apple Inc	10.60	14	579.17	+6.90	+43.0
ApldMatl	.36f	10	10.46	-.25	-2.3
ArchCoal	.12m	16	6.91	-.40	-52.4
ArenaPhm	...	...	6.50	+.30	+247.6
ATMOS	1.38	16	32.52	-.38	-2.5
AutoData	1.58	19	52.51	-.38	-2.8
BP PLC	1.92	5	37.02	-1.09	-13.4
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.25	-.15	-15.2
BakrHu	.60	11	42.57	-.76	-12.5
BcoBrad pf	.81r	...	14.46	-.04	-13.3
BkofAm	.04	...	7.20	-.23	+29.5
Bar iPVix	...	...	20.55	+1.33	-42.2
BasicEnSv	...	6	11.85	-.84	-40.9
BerkHa A	...	20119250	00-883.00		+3.9
BerryPet	.32	...	38.19	-2.53	-9.1
BlkHillsCp	1.48	30	31.76	-.16	-5.4
BrMySq	1.36	15	33.46	+.14	-5.0
BrownFA	1.40	21	85.45	-.55	+7.8
BrownFB	1.40	22	87.46	-.57	+8.7
CVS Care	.65	17	45.33	-.31	+11.2
Cameron	...	20	46.45	-2.08	-5.6
Caterpillar	1.84	11	90.18	-2.34	-.5
Celestic g	...	6	7.16	-.58	-2.6
CntryLink	2.90	32	39.25	-.09	+5.5
ChesEng	.35	6	16.44	+.09	-26.2
Chevron	3.60f	7	97.63	-2.61	-8.2
Chicos	.21	17	14.95	-.45	-34.2
Cimarex	.48	9	53.16	-2.03	-14.1
Cisco	.32f	12	16.39	-.20	-9.0
Citigroup	.04	7	26.00	-1.02	-1.2
ClayEng	...	6	58.51	-6.49	-25.5
CocaCola	2.04	20	75.06	-.40	+7.3
ColgPal	2.48f	20	98.83	-.83	+7.0

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ConAgra	.96	14	25.13	-.13	-4.8
ConchoRes	...	18	88.05	-5.53	-6.1
ConocPhil	s2.64	6	52.04	-1.23	-6.3
CrackerB	1.60f	16	60.41	-.48	+19.8
CSVS2xVxS	...	...	8.80	+.80	-72.5
CSVelIVSt	s ...	...	9.05	-.72	+39.0
CrosTim	2.92e	12	36.70	-1.50	-24.9
DCP Mid	2.64f	23	39.99	-1.28	-15.8
DTE	2.35	14	56.25	-.59	+3.3
Dataram h	...	...	.95	-.02	+17.3
Dawson	...	15	23.47	-1.48	-40.6
Dell Inc	...	7	12.56	-.10	-14.1
DeltaAir	...	8	11.75	-.05	+45.2
DevonE	.80	5	59.75	-1.40	-3.6
DirSCBear	...	...	21.77	+1.16	-17.8
DirFnBear	...	...	27.45	+1.62	-26.5
Disney	.60f	16	45.20	-.28	+20.5
DowChm	1.20f	17	31.22	-.76	+8.6
eBay	...	16	39.59	-1.90	+30.5
EMC Cp	...	21	24.03	-.19	+11.6
EOG Res	.68	21	100.99	-3.87	+2.5
EmpDist	1.00	16	20.10	-.22	-4.7
Energen	.56	11	43.56	-1.35	-12.9
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	43.74	-1.00	-4.6
EnPro	...	17	38.70	-.34	+17.3
EntPrPt	2.51f	20	48.87	-1.25	+5.4
Ericsson	.35e	...	8.62	-.31	-14.9
ExterranH	...	...	11.76	-.66	+29.5
ExxonMbl	2.28f	10	79.79	-2.14	-5.9
Facebook n	...	...	28.19	-.65	-26.3
FordM	.20	7	10.66	-.18	-.9
ForestOil s	...	9	8.38	-.42	-38.2
FrozenFd	...	...	1.19	-.08	-7.8
GATX	1.20	15	38.54	-.44	-11.7
GabelliMT	.80	...	6.66	-.09	+6.7
GAInv	.56e	...	26.75	-.26	+7.4
GenElec	.68	16	19.04	-.31	+6.3
Gollsmith	...	...	6.04	-.02	+68.8
Goodrich	1.16	20	125.76	-.01	+1.7
GtPlainEn	.85	17	19.71	-.34	-9.5
HalconR rs	...	...	9.19	-.34	-2.1
Hallibrtn	.36	9	30.36	-1.65	-12.0
Heinz	2.00f	16	53.20	-.30	-1.6
HewlettP	.53f	8	22.74	-.06	-11.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Hitachi	...	...	63.70	...	+22.2
iShBraz	1.50e	...	51.54	-1.12	-10.2
iShEMkts	.81e	...	37.54	-.66	-1.1
iShB20 T	3.65e	...	126.14	+3.12	+4.0
iS Eafe	1.71e	...	47.56	-1.15	-4.0
iShR2K	1.10e	...	76.21	-1.49	+3.3
IntegrysE	2.72	21	53.47	-.80	-1.3
Intel	.90f	11	26.13	+.04	+7.8
InterDig	.40	15	24.75	-.54	-43.2
ItauUnibH	.85e	...	13.86	-.42	-25.3
JPMorgCh	1.20	7	32.96	-.67	-.9
JohnsJn	2.44f	17	62.21	-.38	-5.1
KimbClk	2.96	18	79.26	-.50	+7.7
KindME	4.80f	...	79.36	-.58	-8.6
KindMM	4.80f	...	71.71	-1.45	-8.7
LegacyRes	2.22f	8	25.03	-1.05	-11.4
Lowes	.56	18	26.99	-.50	+6.3
Lubys	...	23	5.10	-.22	+13.1
MktVGold	.15e	...	44.24	+.15	-14.0
McDnlds	2.80	17	90.11	-.79	-10.2
Merck	1.68	17	37.40	-.19	-.8
MeritMed	...	24	12.97	-.24	-3.1
MexcoEn	...	43	6.03	-.42	-13.8
MicronT	...	...	5.99	-.13	-4.8
Microsoft	.80	11	29.34	-.22	+13.0
MorgStan	.20	23	13.09	-.55	-13.5
Nabors	...	10	13.76	-.56	-20.6
NatGrid	3.11e	...	50.55	-.92	+4.3
NOilVarco	.48	13	67.19	-2.79	-1.2
NewsCpA	.17m	13	19.40	-.29	+8.7
NokiaCp	.26e	...	2.74	-.21	-43.2
NvMtAd	.95e	...	15.10	-.01	+2.9
NvPMII	.94	...	15.05	-.01	+1.6
NuvPI	.92	...	14.74	+.01	+1.9
NSTFI3	.88e	...	14.59	+.10	+4.8
NTXGl	.82	...	16.89	+.09	+1.5
OcciPet	2.16	10	88.39	-2.80	-14.0
Oracle	.24	14	28.17	-.29	+8.0
PdrTech	...	12	8.16	+.08	+28.5
ParkDrl	...	...	8.62	-.30	-30.0
PatMVI	.30	7	16.48	-.69	-22.5
PennaRE	.84f	...	12.70	-.30	+82.5
Pmian	1.40e	13	18.09	-.55	-11.2
Pfizer	.88	14	22.84	-.14	+1.8
PioNat	.08	17	89.35	-4.36	+8.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrainsAA	4.18f	16	80.20	-.22	+9.2
PwShs QQQ	.49e	...	62.33	-.53	+11.6
Praxair	2.20	19	106.26	-3.13	-.8
PrmEgy	...	8	22.16	-.16	+1.9
PrUShS&P	...	...	17.05	+.48	-11.6
ProUShL20	...	...	15.81	-.83	-12.5
ProctGam	2.25f	16	62.32	-.83	-6.6
RangeRs	.16	93	58.68	-2.17	-5.3
RegionsFn	.04	23	6.20	-.25	+44.2
RschMotn	...	3	10.35	-.88	-28.6
Rowan	...	29	30.55	-2.01	+.7
RoyDShllA	3.44f	12	61.80	-1.18	-15.4
SpdrDJIA	3.56e	...	123.99	-1.61	+1.8
SpdrGold	...	...	151.91	+.89	-.1
S&P500ETF	2.64e	...	131.76	-1.94	+5.0
SabnR	4.03e	12	49.42	-1.04	-21.6
SanderFm	.60	...	53.46	+.80	+6.6
SandRidge	...	24	6.36	-.49	-22.1
Seplent	.35e	22	10.97	-.34	-12.9
Schlmbrg	1.10	16	64.18	-2.78	-6.0
SeagateT	1.00	64	24.32	-.71	+48.3
SigmaAld	.80	19	70.47	-1.58	+12.8
SiriusXM	...	14	1.89	-.04	+3.8
Smucker	1.92	20	77.33	-.84	-1.1
SprintNex	...	...	2.58	-.09	+10.3
SP Engy	1.10e	...	84.19	-2.03	-7.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	13.89	-.33	+6.8
SP Inds	.75e	...	34.80	-.59	+3.1
SunocoL s	1.71f	10	33.88	-.60	-14.0
TelefEsp	1.75e	...	11.95	-.43	-36.7
Tesoro	...	7	23.21	-.70	-.6
3M Co	2.36	14	84.45	-1.26	-3.3
Trchmrk s	.80f	10	46.16	-.43	+6.4
TriContl	.43e	...	14.93	-.14	+4.9
TylerTech	...	44	37.12	-.35	+23.3
UDR	.88f	...	25.85	-.76	+3.0
USBWV	1.24	16	25.53	-.36	-9.7
Vale SA	1.74e	...	18.43	-.35	-14.1
ValeroE	.60	6	21.81	-.56	+3.6
VangEmg	.91e	...	37.90	-.71	-.8
Vishayint	...	9	10.71	+.33	+19.1
VulcanM	.04	...	35.02	-1.07	-11.0
Walgrn	.90	11	30.58	-.67	-5.4
WellsFargo	.88	11	31.70	-.55	+15.0
WstnRefin	.16	12	19.72	-.54	+48.4
WhitngPet	...	8	43.99	-1.93	-5.8
WmsCos	1.20f	17	30.68	-.71	+13.8
XcelEngy	1.08f	16	27.80	-.27	-.1
Xerox	.17	8	7.24	-.07	-9.0
Yahoo	...	17	15.25	-.22	-5.5
Zynga n	...	...	5.87	-.22	-37.6

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52 wk % Chg
13,338.06	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,419.86	-160.83	-1.28	+1.86	+1.08
5,687.85	3,850.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,029.84	-108.97	-2.12	+.20	-4.81
474.10	391.99	Dow Jones Utilities	465.84	-3.61	-.77	+.25	+7.95
8,485.42	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,471.40	-143.84	-1.89	-.08	-9.76
2,488.89	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,195.81	-41.29	-1.84	-3.42	-9.26
3,134.17	2,286.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,837.35	-33.83	-1.17	+8.91	+2.46
1,462.30	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,313.32	-19.10	-1.43	+4.43	-.99
14,951.57	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	13,772.30	-216.32	-1.55	+4.42	-1.29
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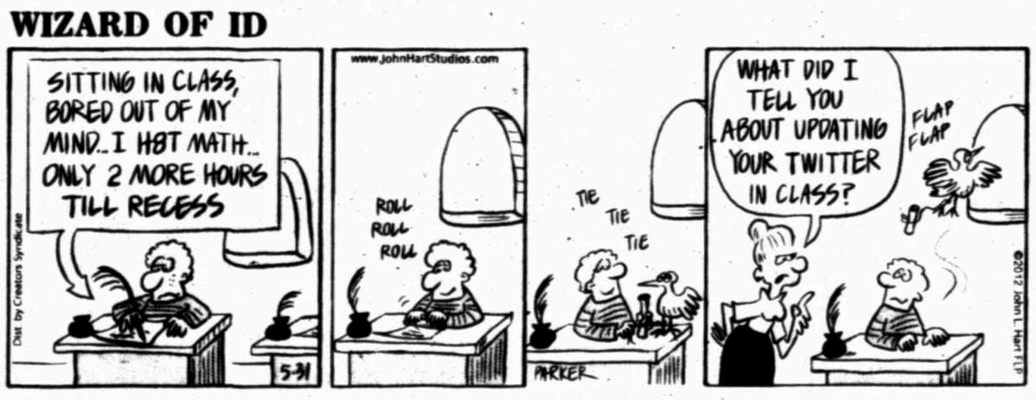

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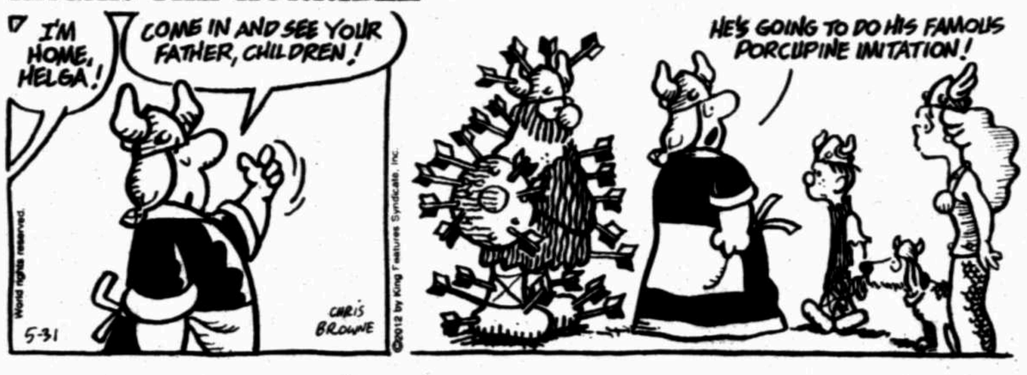

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CLOSE TO HOME

"I always thought the line about 'Should any among you object to this marriage...' was just an archaic expression!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"My Dad? He took a sick day. He's got an appointment with his doctor on the golf course."

LOCKHORNS

"I WANTED TO GO SOMEWHERE MORE ROMANTIC FOR OUR SECOND HONEYMOON."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I don't know what I said. I never listen to me."

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GUY FIERI'S Cooking with kids

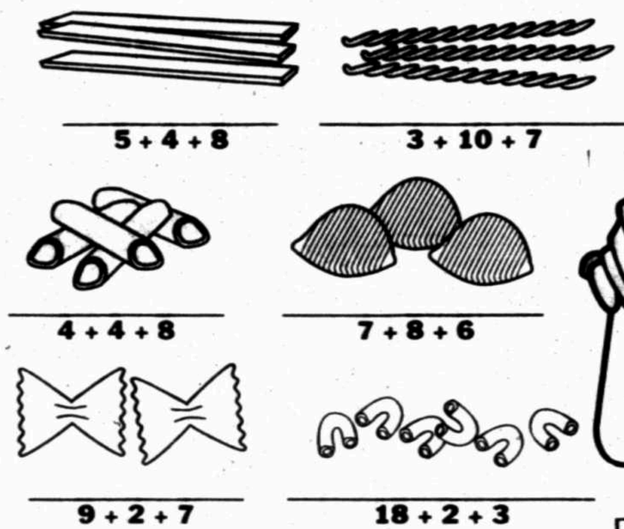
Pastabilities!

Just about everybody loves pasta. With tons of different shapes, it even looks fun! And pasta dishes are a great opportunity for the whole family to work **together** to create a knock-it-out-of-the-park meal!

LET'S DO THIS! Work on this page with a parent. Cooking together builds creativity and confidence!

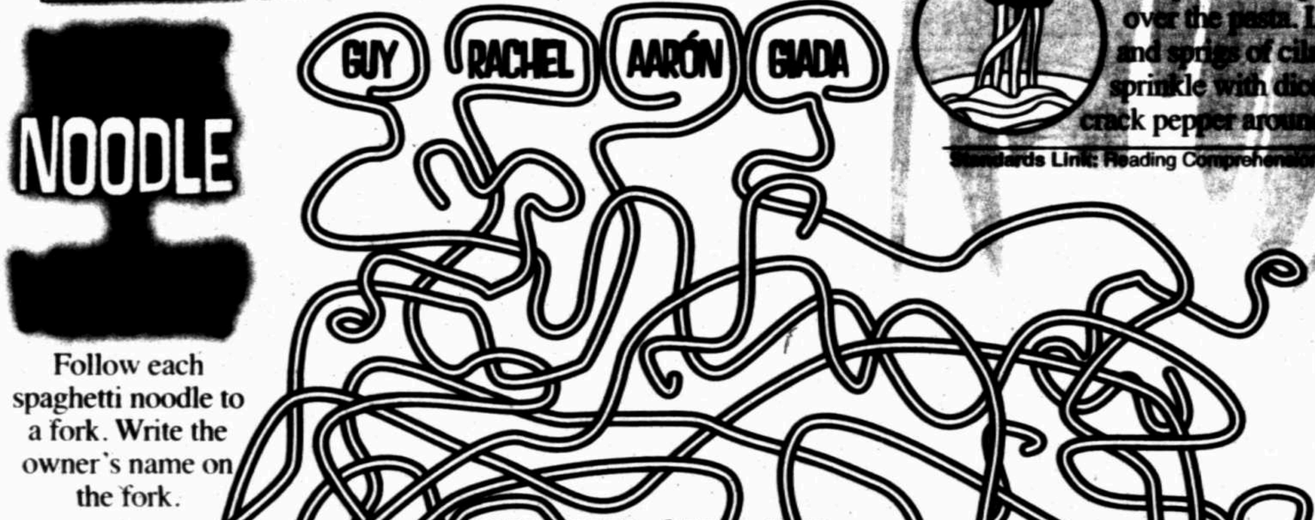
KNOW YOUR NOODLES!

Pasta noodles come in a wild variety of crazy shapes. How many of these do you recognize? Do the math to test your noodle knowledge!



20 = FUSILLI (fu - zee - lee)
21 = CONCHIGLIE (kon - chee - glee)
18 = FARFALLE (far - FAL - ay)
16 = PENNE (pen - nay)
23 = MACARONI (ma - ca - row - nee)
17 = FETTUCCINI (feh - TWO - chee - nee)

Follow each spaghetti noodle to a fork. Write the owner's name on the fork.



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Hand-eye coordination.

GUY'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1/4 red onion, cut into wedges
- 1/2 tbsp minced jalapeno
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
- 5 oz turkey breast, cooked, sliced
- 4 tbsp sour cream
- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tbsp chopped cilantro leaves
- 8 oz linguine pasta, cooked
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan
- For garnish:
- 2 limes
- 2 tbsp cilantro leaves
- 8 cherry tomatoes
- 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper

Heat a sauté pan on high with olive oil, onion, jalapeno and sauté until it is translucent. Add garlic and continue to sauté for two minutes. Add turkey, lightly mix the ingredients, taking care not to break the turkey up too much.

Add cream, lemon juice and cilantro to pan. Toss together, then add pasta, and toss ingredients while adding Parmesan cheese.

Nest pasta on a plate. Pour the sauce over the pasta. Lay the lime wedges and sprigs of cilantro on top and sprinkle with diced tomatoes and crack pepper around the rim of the plate.

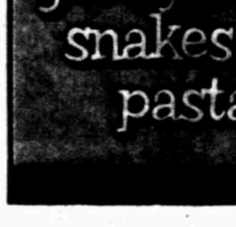
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Extra! Extra!

Food for Thought

Look through the newspaper for articles about food. List them in these categories: *Grains, Meats, Veggies, Fruits and Dairy*. Which category made the news the most? Do this again tomorrow and compare.

Standards Link: Thinking/Reasoning: Find similarities and differences in text.



Kids: Send us a picture, video or story about cooking pasta with your family for possible publication on Guy Fieri's Cooking With Kids site (cwkfoundation.org) Send to: kidscook@kidscoop.com

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

JALAPENO
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

What do you get by mixing snakes and pasta?

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16	5	24	33	22	2		8	15	26	21	30	19		8		2	26	15	11					

For more ideas about cooking with kids, visit www.cwkfoundation.org

Weekly Writing Corner

Best Book of Summer

I think kids should read "Smile" written by Raina Telgemeiea. This book tells you how to be careful and how to stick up for yourself. Being unsafe is one thing, but being careful is another. Being safe is just a couple of steps closer to being totally safe. Always stick up for yourself too. Stick up for yourself and show the world who you really are. I like this because it tells you how to not care what people care about you on the outside, but what to think of yourself on the inside.

Lauren Jones, 4th grade, St. Ann's

Oh no! You have to drive sixteen hours this summer to go to Colorado? I know what you can do! Read "Heaven Is For Real!" This book is a true story about a three year old boy who dies during surgery, and visits a wonderful place called Heaven! This book inspired me and helped me to know more about Heaven! This book is truly amazing and I encourage you to read it!

Gracie Farquhar, 6th grade, Hillander

If I was to pick a book kids should read this summer, it would be the "Chocolate Touch" by Patrick Catling. In the beginning, a kid named John Midas loves candy, but his favorite is chocolate. So, he wishes everything tastes like chocolate. Then, one day he sees a coin with his initials so he uses it for chocolate. So when he buys a box of chocolates, he only finds one. He was sad but he eats it anyway. Then everything changes. Soon, everything tastes like chocolate and he's getting very bored of it all. You'll have to find out what will happen next to John Midas and find out the very important lesson he learns. I think it's a good book because it teaches you to be careful what you wish for.

Sixto P. Olivas, 4th grade, St. Ann's

Instead of a book, I recommend a whole series to read. Percy Jackson is the best, most thrilling series of books I've ever read and probably will be the best in the future. It's about a Greek Mythology and the author is Rick Riordan.

Neil Patel, 6th grade, Hillander

The book I think you should read for the summer is "Wait Till Helen Comes." I would choose this book again because it is a long, good, and scary book. This book is written by Mary Downing Hahn and is about a little girl who is left out. She then finds a ghost that wants to die to be with her. This is a great book for kids of all ages. I can't wait to read Wait Till Helen Comes again for the summer.

Isabella Nieto, 4th grade, St. Ann's

I think you should read "Theodore Boone; Kid Lawyer." With a murder trial happening, can Theo Boone use his lawyer skills and connections to solve this case? I'll tell you this much, the butler didn't do it! I think boys would like this book if they like adventure, suspense, mystery, and law.

Tripp Hankins, 6th grade, Hillander

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 027651
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 25, 2012 Status/Permit No.740779
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 29, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement of the Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 23, Blk.37 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-247, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 16.8 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	MAYS	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	5	
Lease/Unit Acres :	320.9	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	345.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1640.0	
Lease Lines :	2506.0 F SOUTH L,	345.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	2506.0 F SOUTH L, ,	345.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, JEAN TILLERY, at (972) 9693963.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37/38 Case No. 0276512
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 25, 2012 Status/Permit No.740782
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 29, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	MAYS	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	9	
Lease/Unit Acres :	320.9	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	250.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1787.0	
Lease Lines :	1005.0 F NORTH L,	250.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	1005.0 F NORTH L,	250.0 F WEST L

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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0276138
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 14, 2012 Status/Permit No.739065
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 25, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	WOOLEY '7'	
Lease/Unit Well No.	11	
Lease/Unit Acres :	121.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1516.0	
Lease Lines :	658.0 F NORTH L,	467.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	1980.0 F SOUTH L,	467.0 F EAST L

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LOST, FEMALE 1 year old Calico cat in Museum District. Reward, 889-4309.

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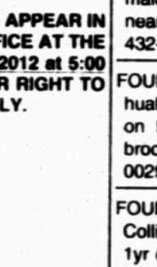

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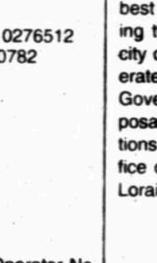


CADILLAC 2007 DTS Luxury II, North star, radiant bronze, 61k miles, - beige leather, heated/cooled power seats, buried walnut trim, loaded, sunroof, BOSE stereo, Sirus XM, AM/FM, 6 CD changer, GPS, very fine condition. $19,250. Call 432-687-4499 or nights 432-684-4544

CHEVROLET 2007 Corvette C06, less than 10K miles, LZ2 package with Bose audio and navigation, black with black leather. $46,500. Call 432-631-9492.

FORD 1983 LTD Crown Victoria, CLASSIC 4 door sedan. 83,170 original miles. Good body, first $1500 cash, takes it! Call 432-269-9119.

FORD 2007 Fusion SEL, V6, auto, 36k mi. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

HONDA 2000 Prelude. 114k miles, very good mechanicle condition, $4,775 OBO. 432-682-1706

HONDA 2003 Acura CL Type S, white, 2 door, sunroof. 88,000 miles, great condition. $9500 obo. Call 432-889-9697.

HONDA 2005 Accord, 2 door, Auto, We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

HONDA 2005 Accord EXL Silver, 80k miles, sunroof, leather, 6 disc CD player, excelent condition, $14,000. 813-7197.

HUYNDAI 2009 Accent 4 door, 27k miles, excellent condition, $12,000 432-230-1272

HYUNDAI 2001 TRIBUNE, Red, automatic, 114k miles, runs great, real sporty, $4500 firm. 254-8109.

LINCOLN TOWN CAR 2008 Signature Limited, fully loaded, 35k mi. White with blue fabric half top, chrome package, excellent condition, $23,000. 432-263-1101 or 432-816-6494.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 38 Case No. 08-0276513
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 25, 2012 Status/Permit No.740784
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 29, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 4, Blk.38, T2N, T&P RR CO/TOM, M Survey, A-912, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 16.8 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION,AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below.

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	ORSON '48'	
Lease/Unit Well No.	4	
Lease/Unit Acres :	141.4	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1007.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1154.0	
Lease Lines :	1007.0 F NORTH L,	1429.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	2335.0 F NORTH L,	1429.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) LOWE (ATOKA), (2) RK (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

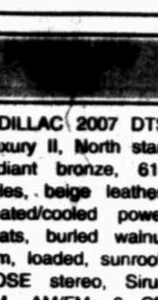
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres

LOWE (ATOKA): Special Rules 467/0, 320.0 acres
Optional Rules 467/0, 40 acres

RK (STRAWN): OIL Special Rules 467/1200, 80.0 acres
OIL Optional Rules 467.1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, JEAN TILLERY, at (972) 9693963.



2009 BMW 535I Space Gray/Gray, Prem Pkg,Heated Front Seats,Nav.,Comfort Access, Sat., 88k Miles

2011 FORD EXPEDITION LTD. Blk/Blk, 4x4,Pwr Tailgate, 3rd Row, Heated & Cooled Seats,Chrome Wheels, CPO, 33k Miles

2008 MERCEDES BENZ ML350 Pewter/Blk, Nav, 4-matic, Heated Seats,15k Miles

2011 FORD F250 XLT Gray/Gray, Power Stroke, 4x4 Towing Pkg., Pwr Locks, Pwr Seats, 5K Miles

2011 MERCEDES BENZ S550 Blk/Blk, Premium 2 Pkg., 17k Miles

2008 BMW 328I PWR FOLD HARDTOP Convertible, White/Tan, Premium Pkg., Heated Front Seats, Sat., CPO Expires 3/22/14, 39k Miles

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MERCURY 2005 Grand Marquis, gray, leather seats, 53,200 miles, $8,500. Call 432-682-7950.

NISSAN 2006 350Z, SHARP CAR, We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

VOLVO 2009 S60 SE Black, tan leather, low miles, excellent condition. Warranty and maintenance until 09/14. $18,500. Call 432-687-0202.

VW 2008 BUG - Red with tan leather, 2.5 liter, automatic, sunroof, new stereo and tires 63,000 miles, great condition $13,000. Call 432-697-1289.

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CHEVROLET 2007 Corvette C06, less than 10K miles, LZ2 package with Bose audio and navigation, black with black leather. $46,500. Call 432-631-9492.

CHEVY 2007 Corvette c-6 coupe, automatic, 2 tops, 30k, excellent condition. $28,000. Call 432-813-1992

JAGUAR 1999 XK8 Coupe. British green with tan heated leather, 63K very nice and unique. $9,500. 682-3214 or 559-8001

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CHEVROLET 2002 1500 HD Very clean, tan, automatic, 4 door, seats 6, all terrain tires, 6.0 liter, all electric, cold a/c, dual exhaust, 178,436 miles, $8000. 325-763-8474.

CHEVROLET 2005 Silverado 1500 LS Z71, extended cab, 4X4 black and silver two tone, 102K miles, very clean and was NOT used as a work truck. $14,000. Call or text 432-413-6007

DODGE 2007 RAM 1500 Quad Cad, 4 wheel drive pickup, 34k miles, $18,500 413-5075.

FORD 1979 F-150 Ranger, 1/2 ton, good condition, $4,000. Call 432-934-9407.

FORD 2004 F-150 Good Solid Clean Truck! 140K Highway Miles V-8, All Electric, Runs/Drives Great! $7000 obo 432-967-2145.

FORD 2004 F-150 Heritage Supercab XLT White 89,000 miles Good condition Asking $8,500 but willing to negotiate Call 432-853-9597 if interested

FORD 2005 F-350 dulley, crew cab, automatic, 103,300 miles, maintained, great condition, $14,000. Call 432-559-2495.

Ford 2005 F350 white v10 gas, extended cab 4x4 long bed, 180K miles, runs excellent, great body, $9,500 or best offer 528-8994.

FORD 2006 F-250 Lariat 4x4. Very clean, 2 tone, 100k miles, $19,500

FORD 2007 F350, Super Duty Super Cab with 50k miles $30,000. 413-8114.

FORD 2009 F150, super crew, Fx4, leather. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

FORD 2010 F250 Lariat FX4, 38k miles, $45,900. Call 432-413-5040.

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Palladium Art Studio
The Palladium Arts internship program allows high school and college students to work in an innovative, progressive, fast paced and professional environment. Students are exposed to all levels of our professional Art and Design Studio. Qualifications for an internship position: You must be available to work a minimum of two full days per week (no weekends). Typically business hours are 9:30am-5:30pm. These individuals are are willing to give 100% effort to any task assigned to them. Internship spots are highly competitive; we are seeking only driven, self-motivated individuals. Please note that this is a low pay internship, however, you will be getting invaluable hands-on experience and the opportunity to list Palladium Arts Studio as previous work history on your resume. Please contact 432-230-0197.

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Alpine Market President
Responsible for overall growth of TransPecos Banks in western Texas through the development of relationships with new and existing customers, community-oriented involvement, and people strategies that develop a highly engaged workforce.

Wage Type: Salaried Exempt (DOE).

Key Deliverables: Development of significant new deposit and loan relation ships; Development of market strategies for region; Year over year growth in loan & deposit portfolio and fee income.

Qualifications: 5+ years experience in business development, deposit/loan portfolio management, and credit underwriting; Broad-based understanding of banking fundamentals.

Desired Knowledge/Skills: MBA, 5+ years in banking operations; 5+ years experience in Agricultural Lending.

Please submit all resumes to ken.raymie@transpecosbanks.com

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT: Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., a publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas is seeking an accounting assistant for the tax department. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate and reliable. Position also requires someone with good work ethic, self-motivation, and must work well in a team environment. This position will include spreadsheet preparation, data entry, tax return processing, clerical and administrative duties. Excel and Word proficiency a must. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment. E-mail resume and salary requirements to: kjones@claytonwilliams.com. **No agencies or phone calls please.**

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This position is responsible for all aspects of the office.

Requirements:

- 3 years Administrative experience
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- Self starter

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Office
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Payroll Clerk
Confidential FT
Wanted payroll clerk needed immediately. Experience a plus, but willing to train. Accuracy top priority. Start immediately. Salary DOE. Paid health/dental insurance. M-34 Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

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Natural Foods Market FT
Pricing/Data Entry position available. Must be detailed oriented. Computer and 10 key skills required. Apply in person Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm at the Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley

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Confidential FT
Office receptionist needed. Must be Bilingual. Work Monday - Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm. Apply in person at 1307 North Big Spring, Midland TX. 79701.

Secretary Showroom Sales/Warehouse
Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79701
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CONSTRUCTION & SKILLED TRADES

Construction Superintendent
RMR FT
Construction Superintendent – Must have hotel construction experience in multi story wood frame construction. This individual must also be willing to travel. Project locations are in Odessa, TX area. Send resume to: RMRCjobs@yahoo.com

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- Resolving routine production database issues
- Verifying oil and gas sales
- Timely submission of Production filings for Company operated wells in West Texas Southeast New Mexico
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The qualified candidate will have 1-3 years experience in the oil and gas industry. 1-2 years Production experience preferred. A broad knowledge of operations and Production accounting functions in Texas, New Mexico, and Federal Lands. Strong computer skills, written communication skills, verbal skills, and organizational skills is a must.

We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan with a complete benefits package.

For immediate consideration, please go to: www.energen.com and select Job Opportunities under "Careers" to complete an online application.

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Seaboard Oil Co. FT
Independent oil and gas operator looking for 3 man roustabout crew. Crew can be located in Midland or Odessa. Pay commensurate with experience. Health Insurance and uniforms provided. Must have a driver's license with no restrictions. Send resume to Seaboard Operating Company, Attention: Gary Gilliam, P.O. Box 50180, Midland, Texas 79710 or email to ggilliam@seaboardoil.net.

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Midland, TX 79706
Perform maintenance repair in construction on a variety of oilfield equipment. Verify equipment for proper operation, safety and/or needed maintenance. Assist in oil field service and sales operations. Preferred qualification: HS diploma, GED or equivalent required. Ability to effectively communicate in English both verbally and written. Ability to interact with others in a team environment. Knowledge and understanding of oilfield equipment. Must display mechanical aptitude. Valid driver license with good driving record. Salary commensurate with experience. Commission opportunities are available. Call 432-218-4700 or email inquiry to tstewart@airdrillingsolutions.com

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Nurses Unlimited, INC FT
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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

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SECURITY OFFICERS NEEDED ASAP in the Midland/Odessa area. Contact Rebecca Barnett at ALLIEDBARTON SECURITY SERVICES for consideration. (423) 685-3235 EOE M/D/F/V

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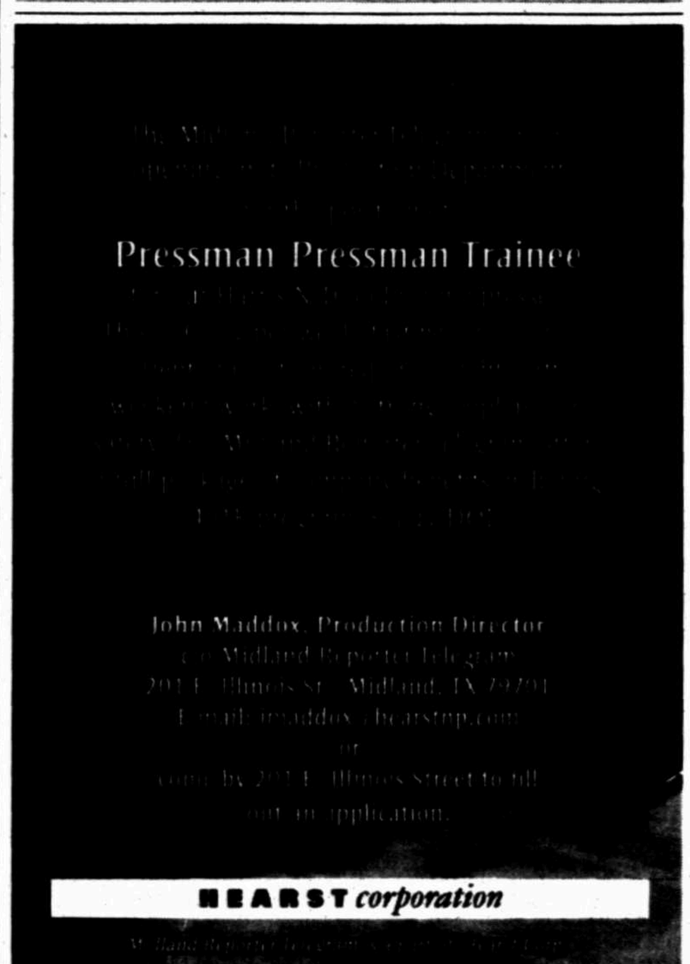

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General

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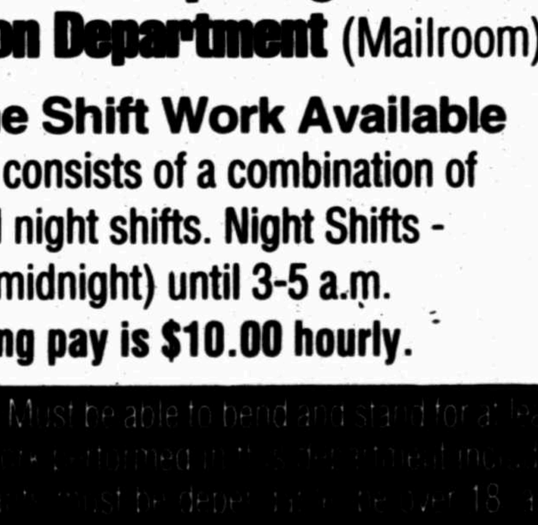

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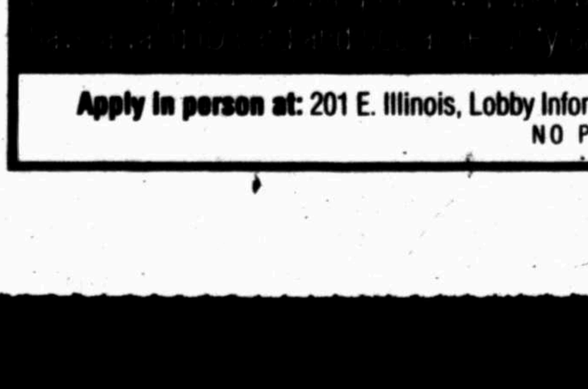

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Santa Fe Apartments FT
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La Bodega Midland is now hiring Cashiers and Hostess.

Concession Help
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Concession Help, Full-time and Part-time. Open 7 nights a week. Please call for more information 432-661-8917.

Day time Cook
Great Western Dining at Midland College FT
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Lori's Cafe is looking for dishwasher $8.00 hr. Also hiring all positions including Line Cooks, breakfast experience from $10-$15. Insurance benefits, attendance bonuses, etc. 432-570-1701, hours 6 - 2.

NOW HIRING
Buffalo Wings FT
Now Hiring All Positions. Buffalo Wild Wings 5107 W Wadley Ave, Midland TX. Apply in Person.

Outside Cleanup Crew
Big Sky Theatre FT
Outside cleaning person needed/trash pick-up at Big Sky Drive-In Theatre, $400 per week, 7 days. Call 432-617-4041 and leave message.

RETAIL JOBS

All Positions
The Warfield Travel Center FT
Looking for a change? The Warfield Truck Stop is currently hiring! $10/hr starting pay - full/part-time, all shifts available! Benefits include Quarterly Retention & Referral Bonuses + much more! Apply at 10400 I-20 @ FM 1788 today!

Counter Sales Assistant
Mason Drywall Supply FT
Mason Drywall Supply is seeking counter sales assistant. Family business Mon-Fri. No nights or weekends, paid holidays and vacation. Computer skills required, applicants must be able to pass pre-employment drug and alcohol test. Please apply in person 2011 Trade Dr.

Driver
Confidential FT
Driver with CDL A/X Endorsement needed for fuel deliveries to area Truck Stops & C-Stores. $70,000 / yr Guarantee plus $2,500 Sign On Bonus with great benefit package! Must have clean MVR and 3+ yrs exp hauling gas & diesel. Fax resume to 800-690-6499 today!

Sam's Club is Now Hiring for Part Time & Full Time
Flexible schedules required. Apply at the store kiosk in person at 1500 N. Tradewinds, Midland, TX 79706 or online at www.samsclub.com/careers.

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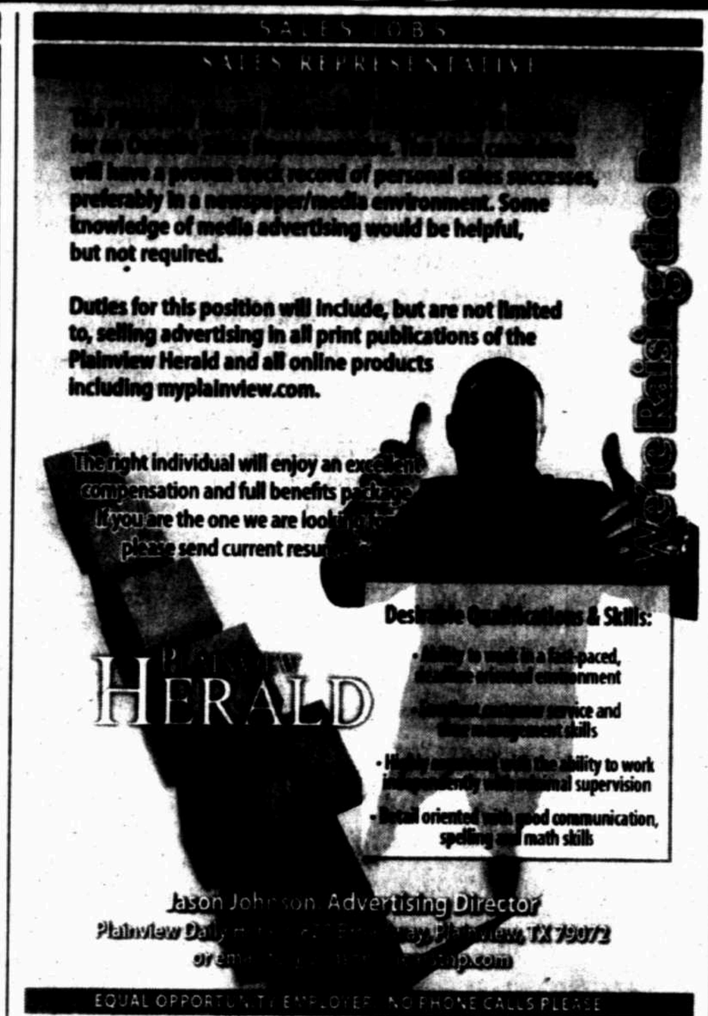
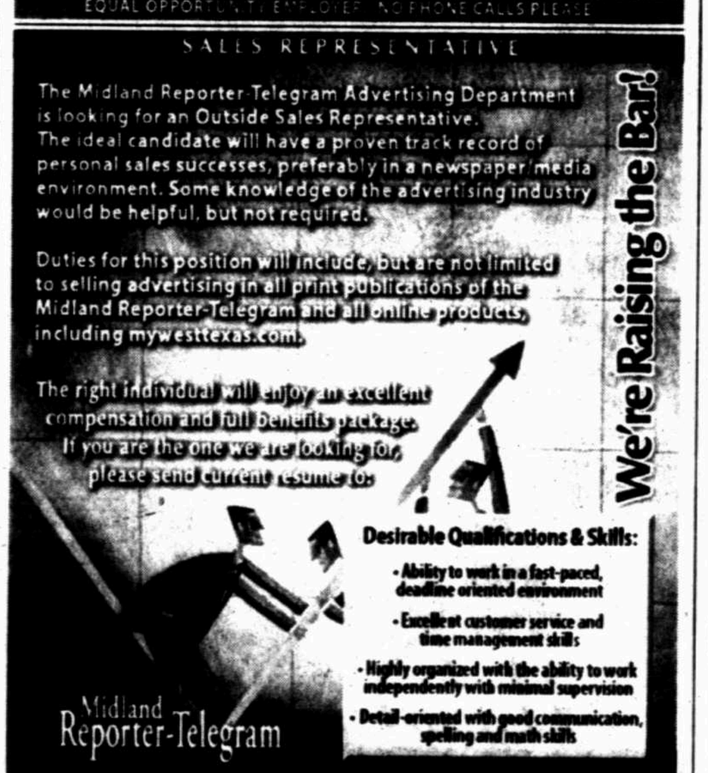
SALES JOBS





RETAIL JOBS

Store Managers & Assistant Managers
TJ Maxx FT
TJ MAXX is coming to Midland.
We are one of the country's biggest success stories and we are offering you a chance to be part of it.
Store Managers & Assistant Managers
We want proven leaders with retail experience preferably in big box retail management, soft-lines apparel (preferred), fashion merchandising and home decor. Knowledge of retail operations, human resources and shrink reduction plans. Strong supervisory and communication skills a must.
Get your resume directly to our Midland Hiring Manager at tjmaxxmidland@gmail.com

SALES JOBS

Salesman
Sandia Drilling of Texas FT
Sandia Drilling of Texas is now hiring for a company salesman. Job will require contracting work for our drilling rigs and trucking department. Experience and knowledge of the oil field industry is a must! Great pay and health and dental benefits. Call 432-561-8933 to schedule an interview.

Sales Rep
Hebbronville Lone Star Rentals FT
Seeking sales representative with proven track record for growing equipment rental company. 3 years in oil and gas industry preferred. Flexible hours, salary plus commission. Company vehicle provided. Benefits package includes 100% employer-paid health insurance for employee; dental, vision, and life insurance, plus 401(K) with 5% match. Please email resume to hr@lonestarrentals.net, or fax with cover sheet and salary requirements to HR 432-897-4122 EOE

SKILLED LABOR

Field Tech / Electrician
Tanklogix FT
Competitive Compensation. Education Requirements: HS Diploma or higher. Journeyman Electrician a plus. Work Experience: Min. 2 yrs Oilfield electrical experience. Must have a valid driver's license. PLC programming experience a plus. Apply by email to: gwilson@tanklogix.com

Full Time Maintenance
Villa Chateau Apartments FT
Full time maintenance person needed, must have own tools, Drug Screen/ Background Check done. Apply in person at Villa Chateau Apts. 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. No phone calls please.

Lead Maintenance/Make Ready
Summerhill Apartments FT
Now hiring **Lead Maintenance** and Make Ready. Apply in person only at: **3001 North Midland Dr. Midland, TX 79707**.

Licensed Commercial Plumber
Till Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay (up to $26 per hour for the right individuals), paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. Please call 432-686-0002 for interview.

Mechanic and POJ Cleaner
Hebbronville Lone Star Rentals FT
Seeking experienced mechanic for maintenance and upkeep of company vehicles and equipment. Welding experienced a plus. Must be able to show previous mechanic experience. **POJ Cleaner** - good work history and driving record necessary, plus ability to work overtime on a regular basis. Benefits package includes 100% employer-paid health insurance for employee; dental, vision, and life insurance; 401(K) with 5% match; annual loyalty bonus plus much more. Please email resume to hr@lonestarrentals.net, or fax with cover sheet to HR 432-897-4122. EOE

MIXER DRIVERS
Ingram Concrete is seeking full-time Mixer Drivers. CDL license required. **We offer competitive pay with excellent benefits. Paid weekly. No waiting period on medical insurance. Other employee benefits available. Please apply at 2600 N. FM 1788 in Midland, Texas 79707 or call 432-561-8822 for additional information. EEO Employer**

SUPERVISORS AND TECHNICIANS
Allied International Emergency, LLC - a full service Hazmat, Fire, and Safety Services Company is **seeking Supervisors and Technicians** for its Midland office. **Please direct all employment** inquiries to our website at **www.AllEmergency.com or visit our Midland office at 1902 W. Florida St.**

SKILLED LABOR

Now Hiring
Allied Oil & Gas FT
OIL & GAS HIRING EVENT Allied Oil & Gas is a leader in the oilfield services industry. We offer a comprehensive benefits package and a competitive salary range. We have been servicing the oil & gas industry for more than 45 years and are seeking experienced Cementing Supervisors, Equipment Operators, Diesel Mechanics and Class "A" CDL Drivers. Please join us for the hiring event on May 31, 2012 from 1pm to 5pm at the Midland Workforce Solutions 3510 North A street building A Midland, TX 79705. Please call Melinda Garcia for more information 303-407-1282. We will also be available for interviews on May 31, 2012 from 5pm to 7pm at the Quality Inn & Suites 3001 East Business Loop 20, Odessa, TX 79761-ask for Melinda Garcia.

Now Hiring
Mattlock Drilling FT
Are you needing a change? Want to work close to home?
Have at least 6 months expenience working as a actual hand on a drilling rig and have never worked for us. Then Mattlock Drilling is the place for you. We offer insurance after 90 days and vacation after a year.The schedule is 12 days on and 4 off. NO CAMP JOBS.
Hiring for
- Drillers
- Derrickhands
- Motorhands
- Leadtonghands

Top Wages. If interested come in and apply at 12505 WCR 124, Odessa Texas, 79765. Off of business 20 and the coors road. NO PHONE CALLS. Drug and Alcohol Testing. EOE

Plumber Helpers
Apply in person at **1101 W. Florida**. Salary DOE. We offer benefits, paid holidays, paid vacation & 401k.

Production Manager
Confidential FT
Needed Production Mgr (must have paint and sandblast experience) and Maintenance person. Please apply in person to 9504 W Cnty Rd 127, Midland, TX 79706 432-563-1224.

Route Service
Business Hygiene
Route Service for Business Hygiene. Local territory using company vehicle. Monday-Friday. Drug test, good driving record and valid Texas driver's license required. Call 432-684-8782 or fax: 432-684-8791.

SAFETY AND TRAINING COORDINATOR
Milford Pipe & Supply, a rapidly growing pipe installation service company in West Texas and South Eastern New Mexico, is currently seeking a Safety and Training Coordinator in Midland, Tx. The right candidate will be responsible for creating and implementing safety and training practices creating and monitoring safety policy, conducting safety training and injury/accident investigations. Bilingual, Spanish and English, a plus but not required. Must have excellent computer skills and be proficient in office applications, along with good communication skills. Salary is negotiable and D.O.E. will full benefits package including 401K. Send resume to felix@milfordpipesupply.com

Sand Blasters, Painters & Helpers
Accurate, Inc. FT
Hiring sand blasters, painters, helpers. Please call Accurate, Inc. at 432-563-1224 or 512-352-5278 or apply at 9504W CR 127, Midland.

SERVICE TECH
Culligan Water Systems now hiring. Please apply in person 10018 W. Business I-20, Midland. Benefits, 401K, and insurance provided.

TECHNOLOGY

IT Assistance
West Texas Gas, Inc. FT
IT ASSISTANCE NEEDED — for local independent. Knowledge of hardware/software installation, network operations, and technical support will be required. Send resume to I.T. Manager at 211 N. Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

3 Class A CDL Drivers
Beaver Express seeking 3 Class A CDL Drivers with Hazmat & Tanker. 50/hours/ week, $17.00/ hour. Excellent salary & benefits, 401K, Profit Sharing & Insurance. Apply in person 6404 W. Hwy. 80, Midland, TX.

CDL Drivers
Looking for Class A CDL Drivers preferably with rig moving experience & winch. Will train. Health insurance available. Apply in person at: 4500 West Illinois Ave, Bldg 3, Ste. 303. Call 432-520-1536 or 432-889-1237.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Silverline Transportation 432-563-1894
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call for interview or online @ **www.silverlinetx.com**

SilverLine

Drivers Needed Immediately
Regional Ice Manufacturer FT
Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL required. Pre-employment drug screen and Clean driving record a must. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full benefits package available. Please call 1-800-321-5558.

GOLD SPUR TRUCKING
DRIVERS
Needed for Midland, TX

GOLD SPUR TRUCKING is now hiring full-time TRUCK DRIVERS with Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements, DOT Card and Long Form to load, transport and unload crude oil from customer locations to unload stations. Drivers will be reporting to Midland, Texas and worksite is located in Permian Basin area. Company runs 11 to 12-hour shifts starting at 6:00am and 6:00pm.

QUALIFICATIONS: Current Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsement, 6 months experience hauling liquid bulk or pneumatic tanker, 1 year of driving experience. Understand and follow directions in English. Customer service oriented. Abilitly to obtain a TWIC card immediately. Provide a copy of your current MVR, CDL, and valid Card and Long form. Ability to fill out paperwork and calculate measurments accurately.

STARTING WAGES: Hourly pay will average over $26 per hour through combination of mileage, load, and unload pay. Working 50-70 hours per week.

COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION PACKAGE includes health insurance, individual retirement savings account with employer match and great opportunity advancement within the company.

Hot Shot Truck Driver
G & W Trucking FT
Hot Shot truck drivers wanted in the Midland area. Class A CDL, and drug screen required. Call 800-572-6338 or apply at Texas Work Force Commission for more information.

Truck Drivers
Lucky Rental Tool, LLC FT
Lucky Rental Tool is now hiring two winch truck drivers and an operations manager/sales person in our Midland, Texas yard. For winch truck driver, you must have a valid CDL. Fpr operations manager/sales person you must have 3 to 5 year experience with sales, and administrative duties, as well as down-hole knowledge.

We'll pay you top wages, a monthly safety bonus, and mid-year and year-end bonuses. You'll also receive a retirement plan and 100% paid health insurance. Call Ralph at (575) 433-7777 or Zach at (432) 563-9777, or apply in person at 10210 Highway 191 in Midland. Lucky Rental Tool is an equal opportunity employer.

Vacuum Truck Driver
Midkiff Transports, Inc. Class A CDL Req.
6801 FM 715, Midland Apply in Person
Must have good driving record and be able to pass drug test. Experienced applicants only. 432-682-2405

You Can Email your Classified Ad to: mrtclassified@mrt.com

FORD 2011 F-150 XLT 2 WD, 4 Door Super Crew Cab. 17,000 miles. Like New! $26,000. Call 432-238-0084.

FORD 2011 F-250 King Ranch Edition 4X4 pick up. 90,800 miles. Fully loaded. 8 and W hitch; grill guard. Excellent condition. $40,000. Call 432-212-3771.

GMC 1994 1500 Z71 185K; newly rebuilt engine, 6" lift, new tires and wheels, plus much more. 8k invested this year, sacrifice for $4995. Call 432-638-9149.

GMC 1998 Sonoma 4 cylinder, 105k, white, new tires, tool box, $2,900. 432-682-7950.

GMC 2008 Sierra 1500, crew cab, SLT 4x4, extra clean. B&B Auto Sales 683-6222.

SILVERADO 2003 SS, Red 66k miles,$18,000. Call 664-6121.

Cars & SUV

BMW 2007 X3, super sharp, V6, Auto. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

FORD 1999 EXPLORER, cold A/C, loaded, nice SUV, runs & drives great, $2,000. 432-664-4690.

FORD 2002 Explorer 4.0L V6. 2WD, 115K, cold AC, new brakes. $3595. 432-638-9149.

FORD 2008 Escape XLT, 78,000 miles. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

GMC 2011 Yukon Denali, excellent condition, one owner, 47k, $51,000. Call 432-889-6556.

GMC 2011 Yukon Denali. Fully equiped with handicapped features. Bruno front passenger chair lift and Bruno lift for a Invacare, Lynx L-3X motorized scooter (included). Only 1400 miles, $65,000. Call 432-638-5690.

HYUNDAI 2008 TUSCON. One owner, regular maintenance 4-cylinder automatic or shift, A/C, power windows & door locks, CD player, cruise control 77,200 miles, This car is in great shape! Call 432-488-7118.

LINCOLN 2006 Navigator. Very Nice. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

MAZDA 2008 CX7, 51k miles, very nice, with warranty. $14,999. B&B Auto 683-6222.

Specialty Vehicles

MILITARY H1 Humvee 1979, 28 miles, red, good condition, street legal, licensed, inspected and titled, new Corbeau seats, new fuel injectors and pumps. $15,000 Call 432-563-1894

Recreational Vehicles

Motorcycles

2008 HARLEY Davidson Ultra Classic, only 5000 miles, lots of extras, Vance and Hines pipes, never ridden in the rain, garage kept, with ABS brakes Call 432-296-3875 $17,900

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2006 Ultra Classic Sunglow blue, 19k miles, 1 year factory warranty remaining. This is a cool MC. Quick release tour-pack changes it from a dresser to a cruiser. Lots of bling. Must see to fully appreciate. $14,500 obo. 432-352-0845.

HONDA 2009 CBR 600RR. Bike has been garage kept, very clean. 5300 miles. Has a pair of "Michelin Pilot Power 2CT's" with only 500 miles on them, and a slip on exhaust. $7500 OBO. Call 505-850-5429.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2007 Ultra Classic 27,250 miles, always garaged, Black Beauty Pearl, XM/FM, 103 C.I. Big Bore upgrade with Screaming Eagle parts, oil cooler, True Duel headers, Basani pipes, LCD lights, Braided steel cables. For sale to a good home. $16,000. Call Bobby 432-638-7601.

NEW TODAY!

HONDA 2010 Fury, 800 miles, garage kept, helmet and trickle charger included. $10,000. 806-290-3262.

KAWASAKI 650 BRUTE FORCE - 4 wheeler, 109 hours 374 miles. Excellent condition. $4500. Call 432-230-4454.

SUZUKI 2008 GSXR - 750, 2700 mi. extras, perfect $7500. Call 432-559-6166

NEW TODAY!

YAMAHA 2007 R6, Blue, 2090 miles, GYTR exhaust, sliders, excellent condition-must see! Asking $6000. Call 432-268-3885.

'07 HITCHHIKER Champagne 35' BK $64570 PRICE $52500 806/789-5977 806/773-4643 also '07 Chev 1ton Duramax Deisel Both $75000 Excellent Cond Firm

NEW TODAY!

1991 SOUTHWIND, 30' Chevy 454 fuel injected, 86k miles, self contained, hydraulic leveling. $12,000. Call 432-296-3539

1995 SOUTHWIND Motorhome 38ft, gas, fully renovated, leather furniture. 131,000 miles. In great shape. Corporate owned. $16,000. Call 717-918-8247 or email she ila@fdaweb.com.

1999 MONACO Windsor, 38' diesel pusher, 18' slide, 29k miles, washer/dryer, garaged, 800 miles on the tires, 1 owner, new A/C in the cab, 432-694-2215.

2000 28FT JAYCO Eagle 5th wheel, model 263RKS, sleeps 6, real clean, 5 cubic foot freezer, new 10 ply tires, $8,750. Call for pictures 325-739-2007. Will deliver.

NEW TODAY!

2002 BIG Sky Montana 5th wheel model 3575RL with extras $27,500 OBO. 432-570-1211 or 214-280-5949

NEW TODAY!

2002 TRAVEL Trailer 29' long, big slide, Mountaineer by Montana 32-352-6775 $12,000 OBO.

2004 PROWLER REGAL 30ft self contained, two bedroom sleeps 7, central heat/a/c awning, fiberglass, super slideout, perfect condition. $15,500 Must see! 727-858-3018.

2005 Raptor. Fifth wheel, 2 slide, 2 rv 5.5 onan gen, 6 new tires, 2 tv's, ceiling fan & lots of extras. In good condition. Selling $27,000. Call 432-425-3874 or 432-425-2701 or email @ amhv35@aol.com.

2005 STARCRAFT ANTIGUA 30' travel trailer. This RV is in pristine condition. Open and airy floorplan sleeps 5 to 7 with ease Price reduced to $15,500 obo. Please call 432-553-8674.

2006 27' Mobile Scout, 5th Wheel, aluminum exterior/ beautiful interior, cabinets, no slide outs, queen size bed/sofa makes a bed. 10,500 OBO. 325-223-9672.

EVEREST 2003 5th Wheel, 36FT, triple slide, dual air, excellent condition. $20500 Call 806-891-7452.

Cars & SUV

Auto Sure Sell

30 days

30 days

$40

2007 STARCRAFT 22ft., bumper pull,camper, has all the amenities, like new condition, $9300, 432-416-0251.

2010 HEARTLAND Cyclone 3914 5th Wheel Toyhauler, 41' length. 14 ft. cargo w/options. Asking $48,000. Call 432-268-3885.

32FT 1999 Alpha Ideal 5th wheel, great condition, 2 slide outs, has always been stores indoors. If you are in West Texas working and need somewhere to call home, this is it. Completely stocked and ready to go. Also; 1999 Ford F-350, Diesel Double Cab Pick-up, rigged up to pull 5th wheel camper. $25,000 for both or will sell separately. Call 432-553-4468.

35' motor home, 1999 Holiday Rambler Admiral, 23,729 miles, 5500 watt generator, 1 long slide out, laminate floors, 2 flat screen TV's and much more. Great condition. $25,000. Call 432-230-4743.

CASITA 2008 Camper 17', like new. $15,000. Call 432-770-4912

FLEETWOOD 2007 Excursion 39V. 2 slides, 350 diesel, 21k miles, $119,000. Call 432-686-7949.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Forest River 2007 Surveyor M-280, 30ft, single slide, extra spare tire, separate shower & bathrm, front bedrm, used only 6 times $19,800 432-687-7004

FOREST RIVER 2011 Wildwood 36' 5th wheel with 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, fully loaded, $36,000. Call 432-631-6197.

KOUNTRY AIRE 1988 41 foot 5th wheel travel trailer, full bathroom, washer, with one slide pull out. $10,000. Also available *1999 F250 V10 5th wheel hitch $7000. Call 806-893-2143.

KZ 2006 7Montego Bay 37' 3 slides, 2 a/c, all season, washer/dryer, 4 dogr fridge, loaded, clean, $26,500. Call 432-694-0757.

ROYALS INTERNATIONAL 1997 travel trailer. Top of the line 8ft x 39ft. Triple axle, 2 slideouts, 1 in living area and 1 in bedroom area. Corian countertops, new washer and dryer, new leather sleeper sofa, 2 roof top AC units, ceiling fan in living area, built in desk and microwave oven. Very nice and well cared for. Priced to sell at $19,000. Call 432-559-8068.

In A Hurry? E-Mail Your Ad Today! It's Quick & Easy

WINNEBAGO 1998 Class C 31'. Minnie Winnie. Slide out, hydraulic leveling jacks, electric awning, 4,000 watt generator, back up camera, Ford chassis Triton V10 gas. New shocks and tires, 48k miles, $19,000. Paul 432-557-2121.

1997 TIDECRAFT, bass and ski combo. Great shape, custom wrap. Must see. $4500 obo. 432-889-7267

1998 Viper Cobra, 20ft, bass boat, dual consule, Johnson 225, 36 volt trolling motor, 4 bank charger, Lowrance electronics, $12,500. Call 432-638-3378 Mike.

1968 CESSNA 172 Superhawk. For sale: half interest on this plane. Currently hangared at Airpark but could move to Skywest. Call 432-634-6623, or email for pics: unlessyourepent 2007@yahoo.com

CESSNA SKYHAWK 1961 172B, fresh anual on 04/8/12, new interior, tech 3147.10, for pictures email dg_vickers@yahoo.com or call 432-935-9189. $30, 000 or OBO.

7X16 ENCLOSED Cargo Trailer, rear ramp open, side door, lights, good condition, no damage. $4,500. Call 432-934-9407.

GARAGE SALES

CALL 682 6222 TODAY!

Estates

★★ MOVING ESTATE SALE ★★
★★ by PATRICIA & TEAM ★★
2801 DENGAR (off Ward)
Friday, June 1st, 8:30am - 4:00pm
Saturday, June 2nd, 8:30am - 12:00pm
to view this sale, please go to:
http://www.estatesales.net/
estate-sales/TX/Midland.sspx

This home has wonderful items. Beautiful vintage jewelry: Emmons, Trifari, Hattie Carragie, Swarovski crystal necklaces, European lace, baskets, stereo cabinet, lamps, records, book shelves. 8 dining chairs, coffee tables, bar stools, sofa table, porcelain items, brass, vintage maps, art work, desk, books, clothing, quilts, sofa, linens, twin bed, rocker, full size bed, dresser, end tables, lawn furniture, yard tools, lots of kitchen, Delta Band Saw, hand tools, Christmas, Military items, Craftsman shop Vac, H. Schmidt 22 revolver, Smith & Wesson model 10 38 special, Winchester Model 1897 12 gauge, Colt Buntline Scout 22. Winchester Ranger 12 gauge new in box, RCBC O-ring Press, Fausti Traditions 12 gauge new in box, reloading dies, and much more. No one under 18 admitted to this sale due to fire arms. Cash, Visa & MC accepted. No checks please.

3227 CIMMARON: FRIDAY 9AM-3PM and SATURDAY 9am-1pm (50% off, except for some labeled items)
Appliances: Maytag washer and dryer, upright freezer , TV's
Furniture: Sharp mid-century dinette w/4 chairs, sofa & Club chair, cocktail table, recliner, regular size bed complete, student & office desk, crendeza, cube tables, occasional chairs.
Misc: Tools, ladder, old file cabinets, lawn furniture, greenery, kitchen, and much more!
Glassware & Silver: Lalique, Fenton, America Fostoria, Wallace Sterling Royal Satin flatware, salt & pepper shakers, bud vase, & lots of Silver Plate.
Vintage: Jewelry & Art: Lot of costume & Sterling Silver, assortment of pictures

BY: LINDA L. BIDEN

Estate Sale
By
Joseph and Team
3331 Shandon
(Midland)
Friday 9:00 am - 3:00pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
There is a lot to see in this nice home, including…Fostoria coin glass, crystal, decanters, Sharon crystal, costume jewelry, watches, china, pottery, kitchen items, collectible miniatures, perfume bottles, collectible Barbies, Effanbee dolls, cookbooks, copper items, oriental items. 2 dining room tables/chairs, china hutch, game table, 2 beds/dressers/chests, sofas, student desk, office desk, lamp tables, fridge, washer/dryer, yard tools, tools, and the usual household misc.
For pictures please go to…
http://www.estatesales.net/estate-sales/294582.sspx

Estate Sale
5106 Teakwood Trace
9-2 Thurs & Fri
9-12 Sat

Antique server, fire safe file cabinet, Baldwin Fun Machine, game table and 4 chairs (2 leaves), love seat, china cabinet, coffee tables, lamps, chairs, sewing machine, crafts, art supplies, florals, fabric & notions, vanity, mirrors, chest of drawers, ladies clothing, shoes, hats & purses, framed art, freezer, fridge, washer, dryer, compressor, house and garage full.

Services by Wall St. Antiques
photos at estatesales.net

Yard & Garage Sales

1205 ALPINE, Odessa, TX. Sat & Sun 9am-5pm. Estate Sale 2 Days Only! 60+ years of household items. Sunday everything is 1/2 price. Go to 1-Are.com/events.html for pictures.

3703 THOMASON Dr. Fri & Sat 8am-6pm. Estate Sale! Appliances, furniture, household items, misc items & house. All must go!

Yard & Garage Sales

79701

2404 STOREY Ave. Saturday 8am-whenever. Moving Sale! No early birds please. Lots of men and women's clothes, bedding, decorations, electronics, furniture & too much to mention!

600 S TYLER FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8AM-? HUGE MOVING SALE! EVERY ITEM MUST GO. BEDROOMS SUITES, DINETTES, SOFAS, ANTIQUE, FURNITURE, BEDDING, LINENS. TO MUCH TO MENTION.

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

3013 MOSS, Thur-Sat. 8am-? No Early Birds. State O' Mind Sale! TV, movies, books, pool/pump/cover, bike & helmet, blinds, drapes, clothes, shoes -acc. home/yard & more, bed, bath, kitchen, toy, school & office.

4303 MILLER Ct. Friday from 8:30-3pm. Saturday form 8-noon. Children clothing and XL clothing, kitchen items, some furniture, books, linens, house hold items and lot of miscellaneous.

79706

GOING OUT-OF-BUSINESS SALE! 1010 Dayton Road Saturday, June 2nd 8am-5pm. Office furniture, Shop equipment: air compressor, parts cleaner, Miller Welder, Heavy Metal work benches & misc.

79707

4304 LEHIGH, Friday 8am-6pm. Furniture only.

4707 CRISTA Ln.. Thursday-Saturday 8am-3pm. Big men's western shirt, furniture, exercise bike, boys clothes & miscellaneous.

4763 W. Dengar Ave, Midland Saturday, 8am-? MOVING SALE.. The first of many... Furniture, housewares, tools, toys, and clothing for everyone. Too much to mention.

5908 YORKSHIRE Dr. Friday 5pm-8pm & Saturday 8am-12pm. King size bed, full size bed, entertainment center, baby clothes & misc.

79707- 3111 PRESTON DR. (off Wadley, left on Mark Lane, right on Aspen, left on Preston.) Friday & Saturday 8am- 3pm. Some furniture, baby items, adult/ children's/ teen summer clothes, decorator items, knick knacks, toys. Goodrich tires Long Trail T/A p265/70r18.

79765

1603 NEELY Ave. Friday & Sat 6:30-1:30. Multi-family moving sale! Furniture, antique rockers, chairs, sofas, armoire, more. Coke and old collectible, baby/adult items hold items, misc items & house. All must go!

2822 METZ Dr. Friday and Saturday 8am-2pm. Huge Garage Sale! 8'x76' Jointer, Mortising machine, 12"x36" wood lathe, power and hand tools, dining room set, bunk beds, baby bed, small appliances, electronics, DVD's, video games and lots more! Please park in front.

2823 MAXWELL Saturday Only 8:30A-2:30P. **RUBBER STAMPS & SCRAPBOOKING SUPPLIES.** Kitchen table with 4 chairs, glass top coffee table with 2 matching end tables, other misc.

LOOK 2010 Element enclosed utility trailer w/ side & rear entry, 7'x16', tie downs, great condition, $4000. 432-894-8253

USED CONSTRUCTION 30 scaffolding, make 15 pairs, $2500. Call 432-934-9407.

Auto Services and Parts

BUYING/Hauling Off Junk Or Unwanted Vehicles. Dependable Junk Removal. 432-352-5031

DIESEL ENGINES Ford 7.3 and 6.0, GM 6.6 and Cummins 5.9, remanufacture with warranty. Will deliver. Call 713-918-5811.

Real Estate Sales & Sales

SEEKING ROOMATE to share 3 bedroom home, split bills. Call Mike 557-6500.

SE RENTA un cuarto (room mate) $350 al mes, con biles pagados, para informacion llama 432-222-0046.

Rentals

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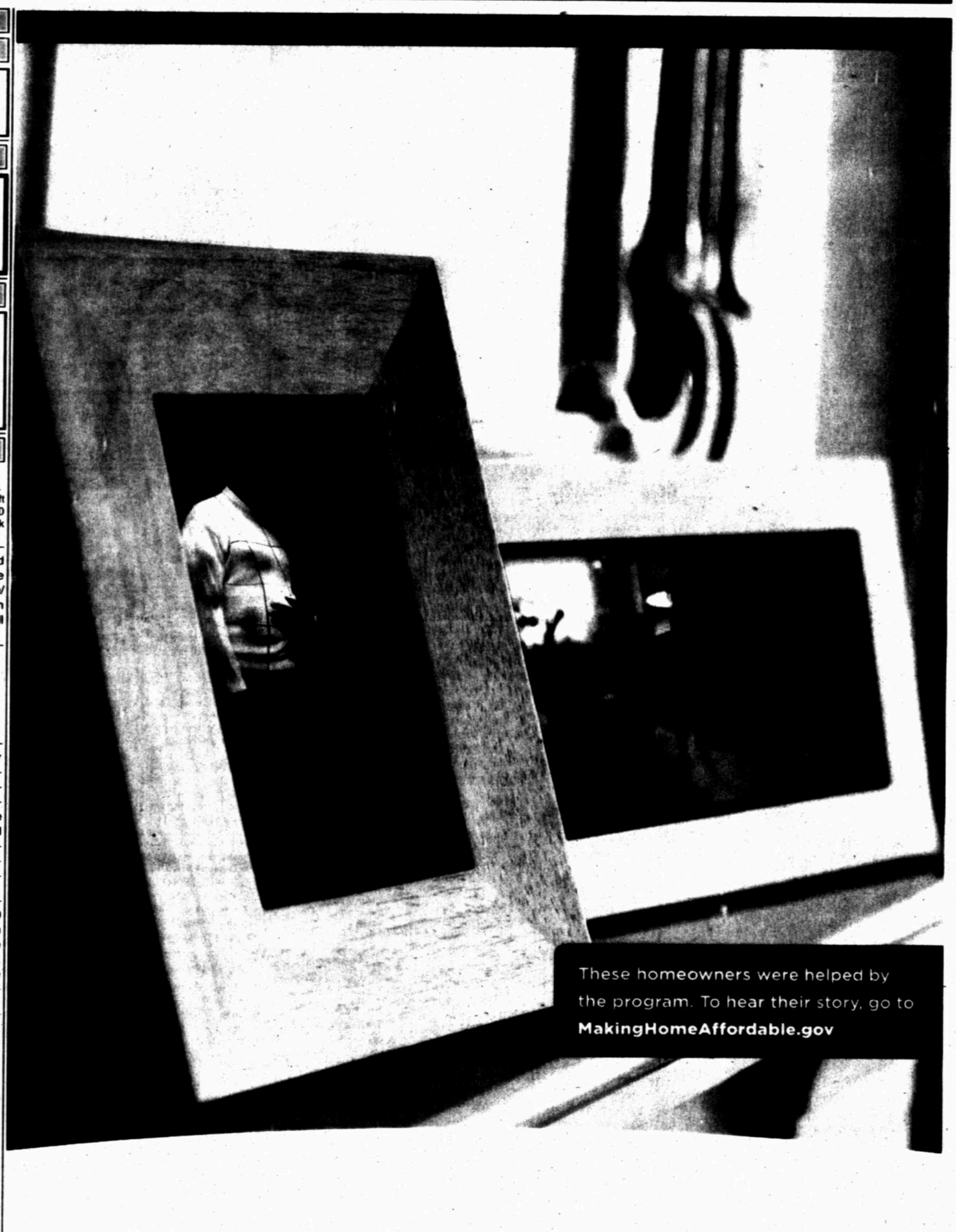

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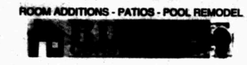

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■ Find out what's coming to a movie theater near you this summer.

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■ In Odessa, Kenny Loggins today at Ector County Coliseum, and the Hot Summer Nights and Cool Music series opens Friday.
■ Doug Montgomery performs at New Mexico's Spencer Theater.

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■ Artist Catherine Lee speaks Friday at the Museum of the Southwest.

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Friday

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When: 8-10 p.m.
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After his golden retriever, Ginger, has turned into a beautiful woman, Larry comes home from work hoping she is a dog again in David Hill's "Larry's Best Friend." The winner of the 2011 McLaren Comedy Writing Competition, the show is closing Sunday in Mabee Theatre II at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. The comedy is on stage at 7:30 p.m. today, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for those who are not Midland Community Theatre members are $18 for adults and $12 for ages 18 and younger. For reservations call 570-4111.

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CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
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MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
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Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
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CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's
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Superheroes to fill summer screens

LOS ANGELES —

As superhero summers go, this one is truly super.

Amid one of the most-promising box-office seasons Hollywood ever has served up, three movies stand above the rest.

"The Avengers," the ensemble adventure teaming Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron Man with such fellow Marvel Comics heroes as Thor, Captain America and the Incredible Hulk, kicked off the super hero summer trifecta and smashed the box office record for the biggest opening with $207.4 million.

"The Amazing Spider-Man" follows over the Fourth of July as Marvel's web-slinger gets a fresh origin story, with Andrew Garfield taking over as teen-turned-superhero Peter Parker. Garfield practically has Peter Parker in his DNA, he has been a huge Spider-Man fan since age 4.

"I know the character really well. It's part of me already. It's like I've been preparing for the role for 24 years," said Garfield, who hints that destiny is at work in this version as orphan boy Peter's search for his parents puts him on a path with the mutant spider that endows him with superpowers.

Directed by Marc Webb and co-starring Emma Stone as romantic interest Gwen Stacy and Rhys Ifans as the villainous Lizard, "Amazing Spider-Man" aims to walk the line between gravity and exuberance, Garfield said.

"Marc Webb has approached this with a real eye for authenticity, emotional authenticity, a kind of groundedness and grittiness. It feels a bit darker to me," Garfield said. "Also, it's really important that Spidey has fun and is witty. The mask's a very powerful thing for anyone who wears it. It gives you leave to do anything you want, and I think in the hands of a teenager, he'll just run riot. I hope we've managed to have some of that."

Finally, in late July, there's "The Dark Knight Rises," with Christian Bale returning as DC Comics' masked vigilante in the finale of director Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy.

Unlike "Avengers" and "Amazing Spider-Man," "Dark Knight Rises" will not be playing in 3-D. Director Nolan just isn't a fan. Nolan does like shooting for the huge-screen IMAX format, so fans can count on a visual spectacle in those theaters.

"On 3-D, I don't know if that was ever even a debate," said Gary Oldman, who returns as Batman's police commissioner ally, Jim Gordon. "It's IMAX. That's as big and bold as it gets, so there's plenty of that."

Anne Hathaway signs on as Catwoman, while Nolan's "Inception" co-stars Marion Cotillard, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Tom Hardy join returning Batman cast members Morgan Freeman and Michael Caine.

Nolan and his cast have kept details secret, but the film could spell a dark end for Bale's Dark Knight: Hardy plays the villain Bane, the brawny brute who broke Batman's back in the comic books.

Hardy has a tough act to follow. The late Heath Ledger won an Academy Award as Batman's last foe, the Joker, in "The Dark Knight."

"I find it interesting that he picked Bane as a villain, and he was not tempted to use the Riddler or the Penguin, the more obvious choices," Oldman said. "It suits the story better. It's a great read, it's a great piece. And there we are. There's the end of it."

Even with summer's superhero meter is off the charts, there's plenty to fill in the gaps between superhero sagas.

Other action tales include "Men in Black 3," with Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones; Kristen Stewart and Charlize Theron's fairy-tale makeover "Snow White and the Huntsman"; Ridley Scott's return to sci-fi with "Prometheus"; "Avengers" co-star Jeremy Renner's "The Bourne Legacy"; Colin Farrel's remake "Total Recall"; and the board game adaptation "Battleship."

Cartoon makers offer up the Scottish adventure "Brave," the latest from the animation virtuosos at Pixar, while talking-animal franchises return with "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" and "ce Age: Continental Drift."

The comedy and music front brings Adam Sandler's fatherhood story "That's My Boy"; the all-star song fest "Rock of Ages"; Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn and Jonah Hill's suburban romp "The Watch"; Sacha Baron Cohen's tyrant tale "The Dictator"; and Whitney Houston's final film, "Sparkle."

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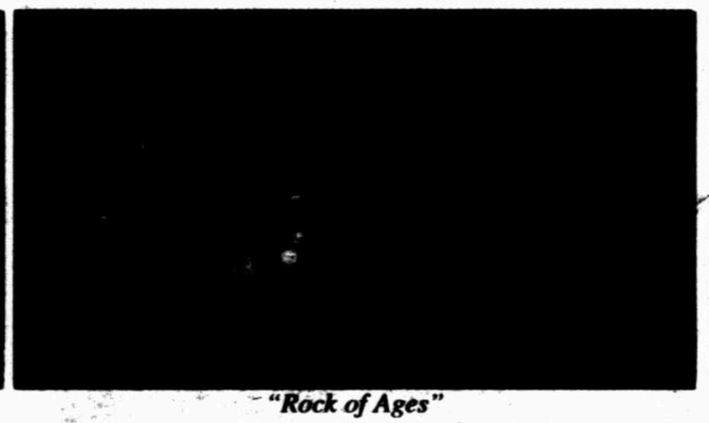

"Rock of Ages"

"Madagascar 3"

SUMMER MOVIE HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE

"Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter": Can't wait for Steven Spielberg's upcoming biopic "Lincoln"? Then catch the 16th president (Benjamin Walker) as he emancipates the land from blood-suckers.

"Brave": A Scottish lass (voiced by Kelly Macdonald) must undo the chaos her defiance has unleashed on her kingdom in the latest from the animation maestros at Pixar.

"G.I. Joe: Retaliation": The toy soldiers inspire another live-action firefight featuring Channing Tatum, Bruce Willis and Dwayne Johnson.

"Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted": The zoo animals are still on tour as voice stars Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith return.

"Magic Mike": Channing Tatum takes it off again in a story inspired by his early work as a male stripper. Steven Soderbergh directs.

"People Like Us": "Star Trek's" Chris Pine comes down to Earth as a salesman tidying up his late father's estate in a comic drama co-starring Elizabeth Banks and Michelle Pfeiffer.

"Piranha 3DD": It's another Friday night fish fry in reverse as prehistoric piranha chow down on tourists at a water park.

"Prometheus": Ridley Scott. Science fiction. Any questions? The "Alien" creator returns to the genre with a cousin to his space horror tale starring Charlize Theron, Noomi Rapace and Michael Fassbender.

"Rock of Ages": Journey and REO Speedwagon ride again in a musical romance featuring old rock tunes and a cast that includes Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin, Mary J. Blige, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Julianne Hough.

"Snow White and the Huntsman": Kristen Stewart's the fiercest in the land as she teams with a tough guy (Chris Hemsworth) to battle an evil queen (Charlize Theron).

"That's My Boy": Adam Sandler tries to grow up as a bad dad hoping to make things right with his estranged grown son (Andy Samberg).

"To Rome with Love": Woody Allen woos Italy and appears on-screen for the first time in years with an ensemble romance co-starring Penelope Cruz, Alec Baldwin, Roberto Benigni and Ellen Page.

"Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection": Filmmaker Perry reprises his role as saucy grandma Madea, who takes in the family of a CFO (Eugene Levy) in witness protection.

JULY

"Ice Age: Continental Drift": For extinct species, these cartoon critters sure are survivors. Ray Romano and his voice co-stars are back with another prehistoric comedy.

"Katy Perry: Part of Me": The pop superstar gets the 3-D treatment in a music documentary featuring performances and behind-the-scenes access.

"The Watch": Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn and Jonah Hill learn their town is teaming with space invaders disguised as average suburban dwellers.

"Ruby Sparks": A character created by a novelist (Paul Dano) comes to life as a real woman (Zoe Kazan) in the latest from the directors of "Little Miss Sunshine."

"Savages": California pot growers fight a Mexican drug ring in Oliver Stone's thriller featuring Salma Hayek, John Travolta, Taylor Kitsch and Uma Thurman.

"Step Up: Revolution": The next round in the dance franchise has a crew of Miami hoofers fighting a neighborhood developer.

"Ted": A teddy bear come to life is every boy's dream — until the thing sticks around into the kid's adult years. Mark Wahlberg stars in the comedy from Seth MacFarlane ("Family Guy").

AUGUST

"The Apparition": Ashley Greene stars in a spooky tale of a couple haunted by a presence conjured up in a college experiment.

"The Bourne Legacy": The spirit of lethal operative Jason Bourne lives on, minus Matt Damon, with Jeremy Renner at the center of fallout from the first three action hits.

"The Campaign": Dirty politics in this age of bipartisanship? Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis sling mud as congressional opponents in Jay Roach's comedy.

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days": The hapless hero (Zachary Gordon) of the best-selling books stumbles through trouble over summer vacation.

"The Expendables 2": Action heroes crowd the screen again as Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li and friends seek vengeance after a mission goes wrong.

"Hope Springs": Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones are a long-married couple trying to renew the spark with a counselor (Steve Carell) at a marital retreat.

"The Odd Life of Timothy Green": A couple (Jennifer Garner and Joel Edgerton) eager to start a family gets a dose of the unexpected when a mysterious boy turns up at their door.

"ParaNorman":The animated comedy centers on a boy who can speak with the dead and becomes the last hope of his hometown after it's overrun by zombies.

"Premium Rush": A Manhattan bike messenger (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is steered into a deadly chase when bad guys come looking for the delivery he's carrying.

"Sparkle": Whitney Houston's final movie role features the late singer as mom to a girl group (including "American Idol" winner Jordin Sparks) struggling with the pressures of fame.

"Total Recall": Colin Farrell steps into Arnold Schwarzenegger's sci-fi role as an average guy on the run who uncovers a secret identity even he didn't know about.

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DVDIVA'S
pick of the week

Studio Ghibli's retelling of classic tale looms large over this week's releases

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Pick of the week

"THE SECRET WORLD OF ARIETTY" (G) From the master of modern animation — Hayao Miyazaki and his Studio Ghibli — comes this fantastic story of a family of "Borrowers," 4-inch-tall people who live under the floorboards of a house inhabited by normal-size folks. Although Miyazaki didn't direct this time, he penned the screenplay from Mary Norton's beloved novel that has spawned several films and TV series over the years. None of the previous attempts holds a candle to this version.

The animation is breathtaking and flawless, the story enchanted and the U.S. voiceovers are impeccable, save for Amy Poehler's slightly whiney Homily. The real genius move in casting was hiring Carol Burnett to voice Hara, the neurotic maid. The folks at Disney may not be able to produce consistently superior animation these days, but thank goodness they had the foresight to add Pixar and Studio Ghibli to the roster. A-

"BEYOND" (PG-13) Jon Voight plays a detective who unwillingly works with a psychic when a young girl is kidnapped from her bedroom. What hurts this film the most are the cheesy "Dead Zone" effects the psychic has whenever he has visions of what happened to the child. The jerky camera movements are annoying and occur way too often. It's kind of sad to see Oscar winner Voight reduced to this predictable waste of celluloid.

Dermot Mulroney should know better, too. C

"CONTRABAND" (R) Mark Wahlberg plays a former super smuggler who is forced into one last job to help his brother after he loses a large quantity of cocaine in his own smuggling attempt. Normally, I'm a sucker for these kinds of films, with 1981's "Thief" and 1974's "Gone in 60 Seconds" or its 2000 remake coming to mind. "Contraband" suffers in their wake. Some of the exposition in this film is reprehensible. For example, a scene in which Wahlberg's character visits his dad in prison exemplifies this best, or worst, as it may be, when the dad rattles off his son's accomplishments as if the son wasn't aware of his own life.

Cool effects help offset the sloppy writing, but this was a huge disappointment. C+

"THE KANE FILES" (R) A former hit man — nicely played by "Army Wives" star Drew Fuller — is forced back into business when a hospital wants the money up front for a life-saving operation for his 10-year-old son.

Interesting premise has low-budget written all over it but is carried off above expectations. In fact, it exceeds them quite handily while niftily avoiding the cliches so many of these type of films resort to. B

"PARIAH" (R) A Brooklyn teen struggles to hide her homosexuality from her family while her friends urge her to reveal her feelings. Gritty, raw, honest and sometimes shocking, this indie effort is as thoughtful as it is thought-provoking. Adepero Oduye's starmaking performance is captivating while Kim Wayans is unforgettable as the God-fearing mother who refuses to accept her daughter's sexuality. B+

"PERFECT SENSE" (R) Ewan McGregor plays a chef in this film in which a weird infection starts to rob people of their senses, starting with smell, then taste, hearing, etc. Thought-provoking drama spends too much time focusing on the relationship between McGregor's character and Eva Green's scientist, who is studying the epidemic. That normally wouldn't be a flaw in a film like this were it not for the way the couple is portrayed, which in itself isn't nearly as interesting as what's going on outside of their abodes. B-

"THIS MEANS WAR" (PG-13) Reese Witherspoon stars as a woman dating two men who are partners in their work for the CIA. For the most part, this film was thoroughly thumped by critics and their point of view is certainly understandable. The ideas are spectacularly unbelievable, not to mention illegal. Agents with the CIA using all their spy gadgets to stalk an American? Don't think so. Yet, there's an unmistakable chemistry between the trio of actors — Chris Pine and Tom Hardy round out the group — and a playful nature between them that's irresistible.

Not a great film, but hardly the clunker many would have you believe. B

"THE WOMAN IN BLACK" (PG-13) If you like your horror movies to have a lot of gore — and I usually do, thank you — then avoid this little gem, which uses genuine suspense to build the fright. Granted, about 75 percent of this film seems to be nothing more than watching Daniel Radcliffe — and his eyebrows — walk slowly through a creepy house.

And, though it also uses every trick in the book, it uses them effectively, unlike about 75 percent of the suspense and horror films nowadays. Writer-director James Watkins, who also wrote and directed 2008's "Eden Lake," which I recommended (B+) and is more gore-infested, is on track to a solid future in the genre. B+

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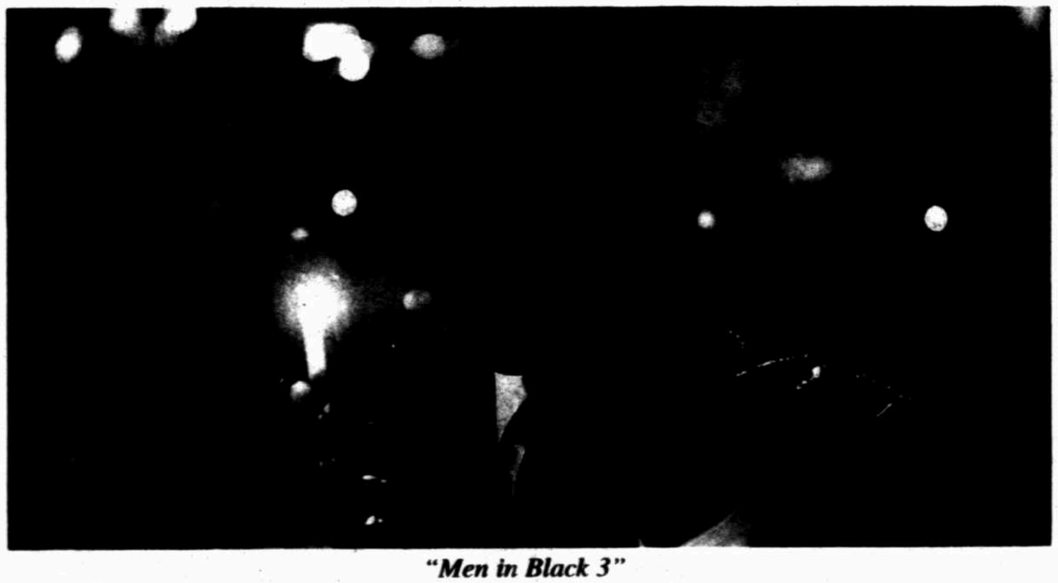

"Men in Black 3"

"Battleship"

"MEN IN BLACK 3" — There's a moment early on when Will Smith's Agent J sits down next to his longtime partner, Tommy Lee Jones' Agent K, and bemoans the fact that he's too old for this sort of thing — for running around New York in matching dark suits, chasing down aliens and zapping them with their shiny metal weapony doohickeys. We're paraphrasing a bit. But unfortunately, that's an excellent observation. We're all too old for this sort of thing — the shtick itself has gotten old, and it has not aged well. Fifteen years since the zippy original and a decade since the sub-par sequel, we now have a third "Men in Black" movie that no one seems to have been clamoring for except maybe Barry Sonnenfeld, the director of all three. Long-gestating and written by a bunch more people than actually get credited, the latest film shows the glossy style and vague, sporadic glimmers of the kind of energy that made this franchise such an enormous international hit. But more often it feels hacky, choppy and — worst of all — just not that funny. And of course, it's in 3-D for no discernible artistic or narrative reason. Smith and Jones don't seem to be enjoying themselves, either, in returning to their roles as bickering secret government agents. The plot requires J to go back in time to prevent an old alien nemesis of K's (Jemaine Clement) from killing him during the summer of '69. This prompts all kinds of obvious jokes about the era but also introduces the best part of the whole movie: Josh Brolin as Young Agent K, channeling Jones in eerily dead-on fashion. Enjoyable as Brolin's performance is, though, the novelty wears off pretty quickly. PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and brief suggestive content. 105 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"BATTLESHIP" — This is big, dumb fun that knows it's big, dumb fun and enthusiastically embraces its big, dumb, fun nature. Director Peter Berg has crafted an almost fetishistic homage to Michael Bay — like the "Transformers" series, this is yet another action extravaganza inspired by a Hasbro product — with its epic set pieces, swaggering bravado, panoramic skies and cheesy romance. It doesn't lean all the way into parody, but rather feels more like an affectionate and knowing approximation of a very specific, muscular genre: one of those the-world-is-ending-we're-all-gonna-die movies. And because it's a little cheeky and doesn't seem to take itself totally seriously, it's more enjoyable than one might expect from a movie based on a board game created in the 1960s. Yes, it can be deafeningly noisy between the crunch and shriek of giant metal objects fighting each other and the blaring rock anthems meant to pump up the crowd even further. No, it's not subtle between the annihilation caused by alien invaders and the rousing sense of patriotism that's the real weapon in this battle. But then again, would you really expect (or want) subtlety from this type of big-budget summer escape? Speaking of blockbusters, Taylor Kitsch gets more to work with here than he did earlier this year in "John Carter" as Alex Hopper. A slacker and troublemaker at the film's start, he joins the Navy at the insistence of his older brother, Stone (Alexander Skarsgard). A certain gorgeous blonde named Sam (Brooklyn Decker) also provides some inspiration. Flash-forward and Alex is a lieutenant on one Naval destroyer while Stone is the commanding officer of another. Both answer to Adm. Shane (a withering, well-cast Liam Neeson), who happens to be Sam's father. They're all taking part in some international war games off the Hawaiian coast when — oops! — a satellite signal sent to a newly discovered planet that looks a lot like ours in a neighboring galaxy provokes some angry extraterrestrials. PG-13 for intense sequences of violenc e, action and destruction, and for language. 131 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING" — If only the entire movie had focused on the dad's group and didn't just drop in on them a handful of times, we might have been onto something here. Chris Rock, Thomas Lennon and Rob Huebel are among the dudes who meet regularly to push their kids in tricked-out strollers, tote them in high-end carriers and talk guy stuff in a confidential setting away from the wives. Their no-nonsense banter, and their unabashed worship of the buff, shirtless jogger who frequents their neighborhood park, livens up what is a rather predictable and cliched depiction of pregnancy. A likable, good-looking cast of popular actors can only do so much with material that's superficial and sitcommy. This is "inspired by" the advice book of the same name, one that every single pregnant woman on the planet surely has read since its initial publication in 1985. But similar to 2009's "He's Just Not That Into You," director Kirk Jones' film merely uses the title of a familiar non-fiction book as a leaping-off point to explore various relationships, ostensibly for hilarious comic effect. There are some laughs here and there and a few recognizable moments of honesty. More often, we get the kind of contrived, unbelievable wackiness that breaks out when all the pregnant women whose stories we've been following just happen to give birth at the same hospital on the same night. Being crowd-pleasing was obviously more important than being truthful. Starring Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Elizabeth Banks and Anna Kendrick. PG-13 for crude and sexual content, thematic elements and language. 110 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of other feature films

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RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

"DARK SHADOWS" — In 1772, after breaking a witch's heart, an inveterate playboy is turned into a vampire and buried alive for 200 years, at which point he is inadvertently freed and emerges into a very different world. With Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Helena Bonham Carter and Eva Green. Written by Seth Grahame-Smith. Directed by Tim Burton. 1 hr. 56 PG-13 (comic horror violence, sexual content, some drug use, language and smoking) 1 1/2 stars

"MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS" — Captain America, the Hulk, Iron Man and Thor team up with Black Widow and Hawkeye to do battle with a demonic, demented Norse god (Thor's bad-seed brother) in Joss Whedon's effects-driven Marvel superheroes smash-up. With Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johannson, Mark Ruffalo, and Samuel L. Jackson as their boss, SHIELD agent Nick Fury. 2 hrs. 23 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) 2 stars.

"THINK LIKE A MAN" — Four men have their love lives shaken up when the women they are pursuing read a relationship-advice book and take its lessons to heart. With Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara, Meagan Good and Regina Hall. Written by Keith Merryman and David A. Newman. Directed by Tim Story. 1 hr. 59 PG-13. 2 1/2 stars

Also

"CHERNOBYL DIARIES" — Six young tourists in search of adventure abroad hire an extreme tour guide, who takes them to a ghost town thought to have been deserted in the wake of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. With Devin Kelley, Jonathan Sadowski and Ingrid Bolso Berdal. Written by Oren Peli, Carey Van Dyke and Shane Van Dyke. Directed by Brad Parker. (1:30) R.

"THE DICTATOR" — A political strongman will stop at nothing to keep democracy out of his oppressed nation. With Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Faris and John C. Reilly. Written by Baron Cohen, Alec Berg, David Mandel and Jeff Schaffer. Directed by Larry Charles. 1 hr. 23 R.

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Kenny Loggins to perform at Ector County Coliseum

Kenny Loggins has been a guitarist with a psychedelic rock band, a songwriter with a publishing deal, half of a country-rock duo, a solo artist, a sonic pioneer in the smooth jazz genre and a soundtrack star.

In the 1970s, he was known for soft rock music and was part of a duo with former Buffalo Springfield producer and Poco member Jim Messina. As a duo, they sold 16 million records. By 1976 the two were pursuing solo careers.

During 1979, Loggins and Michael McDonald wrote "This Is It" for Loggins' ailing father. The song earned Loggins the Grammy Award for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance. NBC used the song as theme music for its coverage of the NCAA men's basketball tournament in 1980 and 1981.

Loggins also wrote the song "What a Fool Believes" with McDonald. Each recorded his own version of the song, with McDonald recording his version as a member of The Doobie Brothers. Loggins' version was released first, but the Doobie Brothers' version achieved greater success, scoring No. 1 on the popular music charts.

In 1980, Loggins and McDonald received a Grammy for Song of the Year for "What a Fool Believes."

During the 1980s, Loggins recorded so many successful songs for film soundtracks that he was referred to as "King of the Movie Soundtrack."

He began with "I'm Alright" (No. 7 in the U.S.), "Mr. Night" and "Lead the Way" from "Caddyshack." Hits followed with "Footloose" and "I'm Free (Heaven Helps the Man)" from "Footloose"; "Meet Me Halfway" from "Over the Top"; and "Danger Zone" and "Playing With the Boys" from "Top Gun. "Loggins also performed "Nobody's Fool" from the film "Caddyshack II."

He performed as a member of USA for Africa on the famine-relief fundraising single "We Are the World."

His performance at Ector County Coliseum is the Education Foundation of Odessa's annual benefit concert.

Source: Education Foundation and www.kennyloggins.com

Loggins

Hot Summer Nights with Cool Music Friday at Noel Plaza

The Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities and Main Street Odessa's annual Hot Summer Nights with Cool Music opens Friday with David Corman of Odessa College performing a "Salute to Broadway."

The free series features a variety of music from Texas Swing to Big Band to Zydeco. Those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. The crowd spreads out across a lighted downtown park at Noel Plaza, 5th and Lincoln Street.

Show time is 8 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 432-335-4682, or 432-337-1492, or visit www.mainstreetodessa.com

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June 1 - David Corman – "Salute to Broadway"
June 8 - Triple L – bluegrass/gospel
June 15 - Jazz Café – jazz
June 22 - Texas Gypsies – Texas Swing
June 29 - Trinity River Whalers – Celtic
July 13 - Billy Poullard & The Zydeco Combo – Zydeco Cajun
July 20 - Frank Gomez – R & B/funk
July 27 - Geezers – classic rock

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Doug Montgomery to play the Spencer Theater in Alto

A showman with an elegant style and winning manner, pianist Doug Montgomery has been called "the Michael Feinstein of Santa Fe" by the Hollywood Reporter and "a gifted musician who is equally at home performing Chopin or singing show tunes" by Feinstein.

"Doug's technical mastery and incredible charisma make him an 'entertainment destination,'" said former Midlander mezzo soprano Susan Graham, a Grammy Award winning artist.

Montgomery's expertise in the piano bar at Vanessie of Santa Fe Restaurant in New Mexico is well known by visitors to Santa Fe. The El Paso Times described his performances there as "Romance from the first note of 'The Shadow of Your Smile' to the last vibration of 'Misty.' ... It's what piano bars are like in dreams."

A pre-show lasagna buffet will be in the Crystal Lobby at 6 p.m. Buffet tickets are $20. The night's concert is sponsored in part by Fran Redinger. Tickets to his performance are $46 and $49. Call the Spencer Box Office at 575-336-4800 or go online to www.spencertheater.com for tickets and information.

Trained at Juilliard, Montgomery performs piano classics and standards from Rachmaninoff to Gershwin, Billy Joel and the Beatles with infectious spirit and personality.

"Doug Montgomery, New Mexico's finest 'Piano Man,' is my absolute favorite artist," said Jackie Spencer, founder of the Spencer Theater. "He is immensely gifted, classically trained with a magnetic personality. He is a true showman and entertainer."

Source: Interviews with the Reporter-Telegram and the Spencer Theater

LIVEWIRE

Midland/Odessa/Big Spring/Alpine

Thursday, May 31
Kenny Loggins @ Ector County Coliseum
Rob Baird @ Rockin Rodeo
Toxic Holocaust, Midnight, Theories, Priapism @ Fast Freddy's
Friday, June 1
Andy Ellis @ Cigar Frog's
Creed Fisher @ New Blue Max
Dave Corman — A Salute to Broadway @ Noel Heritage Plaza (Hot Summer Nights series)
Leigh Cates @ Riley's
Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2
Darren Welch Group @ The Bar
GloveBox @ Hot Shots
Saturday, June 2
Cleto Cordero @ Cigar Frog's
Samira (Tina Turner tribute artist) @ Ector Theatre
Tiffany and the Lump @ New Blue Max Tracy Lawrence @ Dos Amigos
Wednesday, June 6
Sam From Amsterdam @ The Shack in the Back

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Wednesday, June 6
Glass Cloud @ Jake's

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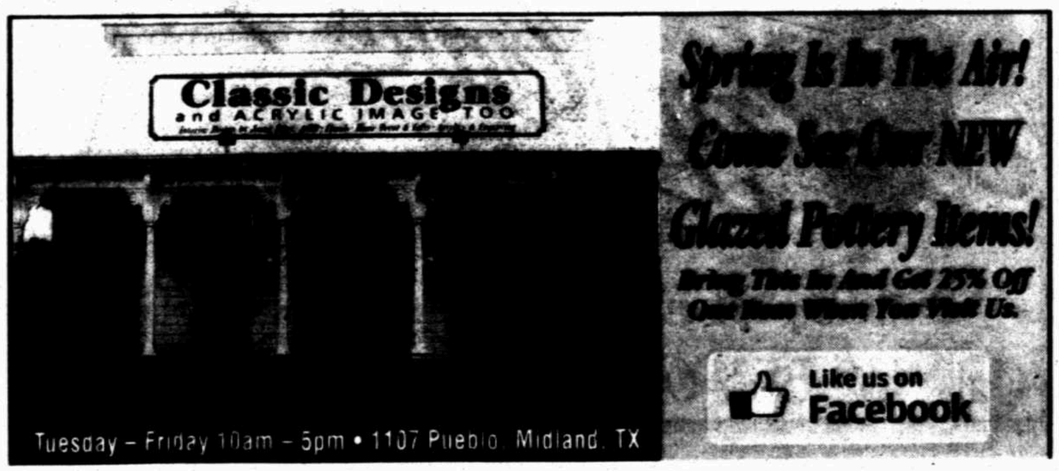

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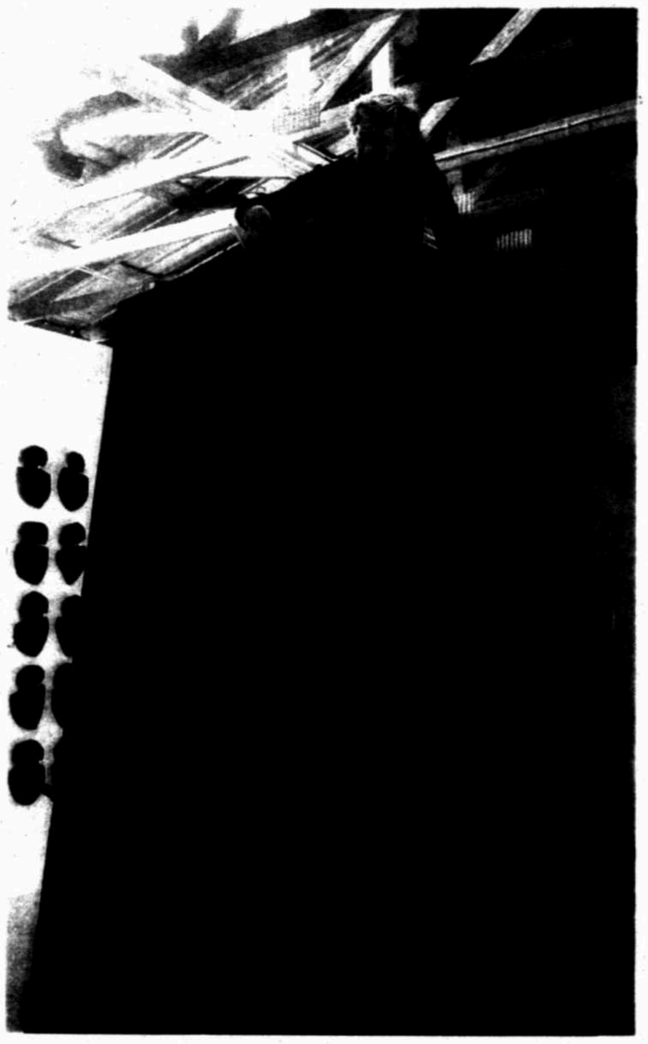

Catherine Lee

OPENING

WORKS BY ARTIST CATHERINE LEE @ THE ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM AND THE MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST TODAY THROUGH AUG. 12

Catherine Lee will be in town for the opening of an exhibition of her work. A joint members opening is planned today at the Odessa museum and a public lecture by Lee is planned at 10 a.m. Friday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. The exhibition is made possible through the alliance known as the West Texas Triangle. The schedule for the Lee exhibition at the other museums in the WTT is Grace Museum in Abilene, June 1-Aug. 16; The Old Jail Art Center in Albany, June 2-Sept. 9; and San Angelo Museum of Arts, July 6-Sept. 2. Museum hours here and in Odessa are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2- 5 p.m.
Admission: free.
Web: www.noelartmuseum.org.
Opening today: West Texas Triangle: Catherine Lee.
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Deli/Sandwich

Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere, Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened (or grilled) chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of their famous curly fries. Also offer tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $4-$7, evening $4-$10.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley Ave,, Suite 8
218-8331
www.harvestcaffe.com

Popular meeting place of many Midlanders either for breakfast or lunch. Breakfast burritos, soups, salads and sandwiches. Specialty coffee drinks served all day. Wide selection of gourmet desserts such as cheesecake, lemon bars, brownies, pies and cake. Several TVs on softly and a fireplace in the back. Meeting room available as well as seating outside on their porch. Payment types accepted: Visa, Mastercard, no checks.
Average meal price $7.
Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jason's Deli (OAC)
4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B
682-2200

Inviting salad bar with fresh fruit, various salads and the large selection of healthy sandwiches. All of the foods are free of artificial trans fats. Vegetarian and heart healthy items are noted with a "V" or a "heart" beside the entrée. Soups and salads. When it comes to sandwiches, you name it, they have it. Kid's menu and free soft serve ice cream with meal. Catering, call in, or order online. Delivery available. Trays of food available for events. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $5-7
Hours: Daily 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

McAlister's Deli (OAC)
2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100
687-0880
and 4415 W. Wadley Ave.
694-1800
www.mcalistersdeli.com

Winner of the Midland Reporter-Telegram Top 100 category for best sweet tea in Midland. Soups, salads, Texas sized-spuds with all the toppings, signature sandwiches such as a grilled chicken breast club, sweetberry chicken or a muffuletta. Large selection of traditional deli sandwiches. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entrée price range: $4.50-$6.50
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Swensen's (OAC)
900 W. Loop 250 N. (Loop 250 and "A" Street)
570-7271

One entire menu for food and one for ice cream creations, an immaculate dining room, fast, friendly service and great value. Appetizers and huge selection of sandwiches — grilled, cold, warm, pita, and burgers. Various salads are available such as a crispy chicken, chicken Caesar, chef, Cobb, chicken or beef fiesta, and a chicken or tuna salad platter. Visit the ice cream counter or order from your table. Catering available. Payment accepted: credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $4.25-6.95.
Hours: Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef (OAC)
1100 E. Illinois Ave., corner of East Illinois Avenue and Lamesa Highway.
682-3200

Chicago-inspired sandwiches such as corned beef, Italian beef, Italian sausage, Reuben, Polish sausage, gyros and Chicago style hot dogs. Meats are tender and sliced thin, breads are grilled for some of the best sandwiches around town. Homestyle fries and chips. Drive through window. Payment accepted: cash, credit cards.
Entrée price range: $3.49-$5.99.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tony's Bakery
1108 N. Big Spring St.
570-4166

Tony's is a family-owned bakery where everything is made from scratch. Breakfast items include pull-apart bread, assorted Kolaches and meat empanadas. Pastries available all day. Several varieties of delicious large sandwiches to feed a group must be ordered a day ahead. They are worth the wait. Cookies, cakes in all shapes and sizes made to order for occasions. Run by when you need a quick dessert and purchase items out of the bakery cases.
Payment accepted: cash, checks.
Hours: 7 a.m.-3 p.m Tuesday-Wednesday; 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

Smiling Moose Deli
3322 North Loop 250 West
www.smilingmoosedeli.com
697-3354

Open early to serve breakfast including bagel sandwiches, breakfast burritos and a wide selection of coffee drinks. Lunch sandwiches, delicious wraps, salads, soups and homemade breads can be selected from the menu or made to order. Gluten-free menu and gluten-free hoagie rolls available. Extensive catering menu including continental-style breakfast, box breakfast, sides, coffee, juice and just about anything from regular menu is available. Check website for coupon deals.
Payment accepted: all major credit cards, local checks, cash.
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Breakfast served all day.

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. Payment accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, cash.
Price range: $4 - $14.39
Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday - Saturday

Italian Village Ristorante (SD)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
684-6595

Authentic Italian food with excellent service and food prepared to perfection. Pasta selections include items such as fettuccini di flavia (sautéed gulf shrimp proscuitto, broccoli, artichoke hearts in a creamy vodka sauce), cannelloni, spaghetti bolognese, and beef lasagna. Chicken, veal, steaks and seafood also on the menu. A little piece of Italy that happens to be in Midland.
Entrée price range: Lunch: $7.95-$15; Dinner $9.95-$24.95.

SUMMER CAMP
Call 288-1357
China Town Martial Arts
3305 Andrews Hwy., Suite A

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Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4:45-9:45 p.m.; Saturday 4:45-9:45 p.m.

◗ Pizzeria Venti (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd. #135
(San Miguel Square)
689-7220
www.pizzeriaventi.com

Advertised as "America's Only Authentic Sliceria," Pizzeria Venti serves up 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). Pizzeria Venti makes their crust 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: Pizza by the slice or whole pan; other entrees $6-$7.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

◗ 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," the "Meateater," "Buffalo Chicken," "The Works," "BBQ Chicken," and "Classic Veggie." 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, Philly cheesesteak stromboli, cheese sticks, garlic spinach stromboli, and dessert pastries. Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Lunch buffet available 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday-Friday. Dinner buffet available 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday. Entree price range: $4.99-$15.99. Buffet: $8.50 adults, $4.32 kids. Payment accepted: cash, Visa, American Express, Discover, MasterCard.

◗ Luigi's Italian Restaurant (SD)
111 N. Big Spring St.
683-6363

Celebrating 51 years of serving Midlanders their Italian dishes, there is more than pizza at this restaurant. 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. Payment accepted: major credit cards, no checks.
Entrée price range: $2.50-$11.95.
Hours are Monday-Friday 11 a.m. -2:30 p.m. (lunch), Monday-Saturday 5-10 p.m. (dinner).

◗ MD Pizza Factory (SD)
4706 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 13
(Albertson's parking lot)
432-682-4440

Written up in the February 2009 edition of Texas Monthly as a recommended restaurant to visit in Midland. Piping hot, cheesy and full of meat resting on a delicious homemade crust describes the pizza at MD Pizza Factory. Casual atmosphere for dining in or take your pizza home to enjoy. MD's puts a lot of culture in their pizza offering 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. Daily, MD's offers 10 percent off for anyone ordering two large or extra large pizzas before 11 a.m. Hours: Monday – Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 p.m. -9:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 4 p.m-9:30 p.m. Credit cards and cash accepted.

◗ 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. Appetizers include garlic bread with dipping sauces, mozzarella sticks and more. It offers a kids menu and rooms for private parties. BYOB.
Entree price range: $6.95-$16.95.
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

◗ 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. Payment Types Accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, No checks.
Entrée price range: $3.99-13.99.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

◗ 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 all served up and beautifully arranged on the plates. Dining here is an occasion, not just a meal. Extensive wine list. Kid's menu available. Winner of the Reader's Choice Top 100 gold medal in the full-service restaurant category. Catering available. Payment accepted: major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: lunch $8-$12, dinner $8-$33.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Carino's (SD)
4711 W. Loop 250 N.
520-7600

Carino's offers an extensive menu for lunch and dinner as well as take-out and catering. The restaurant also has an enclosed patio available for parties. Lunch specials include unlimited soup, salad and bread for $5.99 or soup, salad and an entree

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for $6.99. 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, spicy shrimp and chicken, angel hair with artichokes and more.
Price range: $3.99-$14.99
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

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 make you want to sit, relax and enjoy your meal. Enticing selection of appetizers and wide variety of pasta dishes. Tenderloin, ribeye, baby rack of lamb as well as quail are some of their grilled specialties. Entrees such as Venezia Chicken, Chicken Tuscany and Chicken Parmigiana are just a few of the many offerings. If you enjoy veal, there is a wide selection with items such as Veal Marsala, Veal Piccata and Green Peppercorn Veal.
Entrée price range:
Hours: Lunch, $7.95-14.95; dinner, $8.25-31.95. Lunch, Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.; Dinner, Monday-Friday 5 p.m.-10:15 p.m.; Dinner, Saturday: 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Closed Sunday. Reservations recommended during the holidays. Gift certificates available.

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante (SD)
1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa
550-7443

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante in Odessa offers a unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Appetizers include baked havarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce, escargot and number of salads. 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. The restaurant offers diners live music two nights a week and during the weekends. Smoking is allowed on the patio.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards
Entree price range: $14-$25
Hours: Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner: 5:15 - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5:15 - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Torino's
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. Toppings include meats, veggies and cheeses. 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 such as a house, Cobb and chef with ham, bacon, chicken, egg, tomato, cucumber and cheese.
Payment accepted: cash, credit cards.
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily

Steak

Wall Street Bar & Grill (SD)
115 East Wall St.
684-8686

Located at the heart of Midland and open since 1983. Offers some of the finest dining in town. Appetizers, steaks including N.Y. strip, filet mignon, ribeye, beef kebab and chicken fried steak. Tempting seafood dishes including char-broiled shrimp, pecan crusted Trout, seafood relleno, and catfish to name a few. Chicken dishes and a delicious house salad and fresh bread. Kid's menu available. Brunch on Sunday morning. Reservations for groups over six taken. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $9.45-$29.95 (for Filet Mignon Oscar).
Hours: Monday -Friday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5:30-10 p.m.; Saturday 5:30-10 p.m.; Sunday 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for brunch, and 5:30-9 p.m.

Cattle Baron (SD)
418 Wadley Ave.
683-2334

Quiet, relaxing, Western décor themed steak house featuring prime rib, filet mignon, rib eye, peppered steak, beef kabob, garlic trout, fresh catfish, orange bourbon salmon as well as lobster tails and Alaskan king crab legs, combination plates and several hamburger choices. Salads and salad bar also available. Full service bar. Catering. Lunch specials are offered Monday-Saturday from 11-4. Payment accepted: major credit cards, cash, and no checks
Entrée price range: $5.95-$23.95.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Steak Express (carry-out, delivery)
3316 W. Illinois Ave.
694-4040

Steak Express serves steaks, burgers and more for carry-out or delivery only. Order online at www.steakexpress.com or call 694-4040. Menu includes Nolan Ryan beef steaks in a variety of cuts, grilled chicken, salmon, shrimp, ribs and combinations served with baked potato, salad and roll. Burgers, sandwiches and salads also are available. The restaurant offers lunch specials daily until 3 p.m. A fee of $1.50 is added to delivery orders.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards.
Entree price range: $6.29-$20.99.
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday -Thursday; 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Way Out West (buffet style)
515 Andrews Highway
697-4196

Large buffet serving lunch and dinner. Offering specials at both meal times in addition to senior discounts. Order off the menu or go through the buffet. Steaks, seafood, soups, salads, brisket, casseroles. Wide variety of choices. Kid's menu.
Payment accepted: cash, checks, major credit cards.
Entrée price range: $5.49-$15.99.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Texas Roadhouse (SD)
4512 W. Loop 250 N.
689-7427

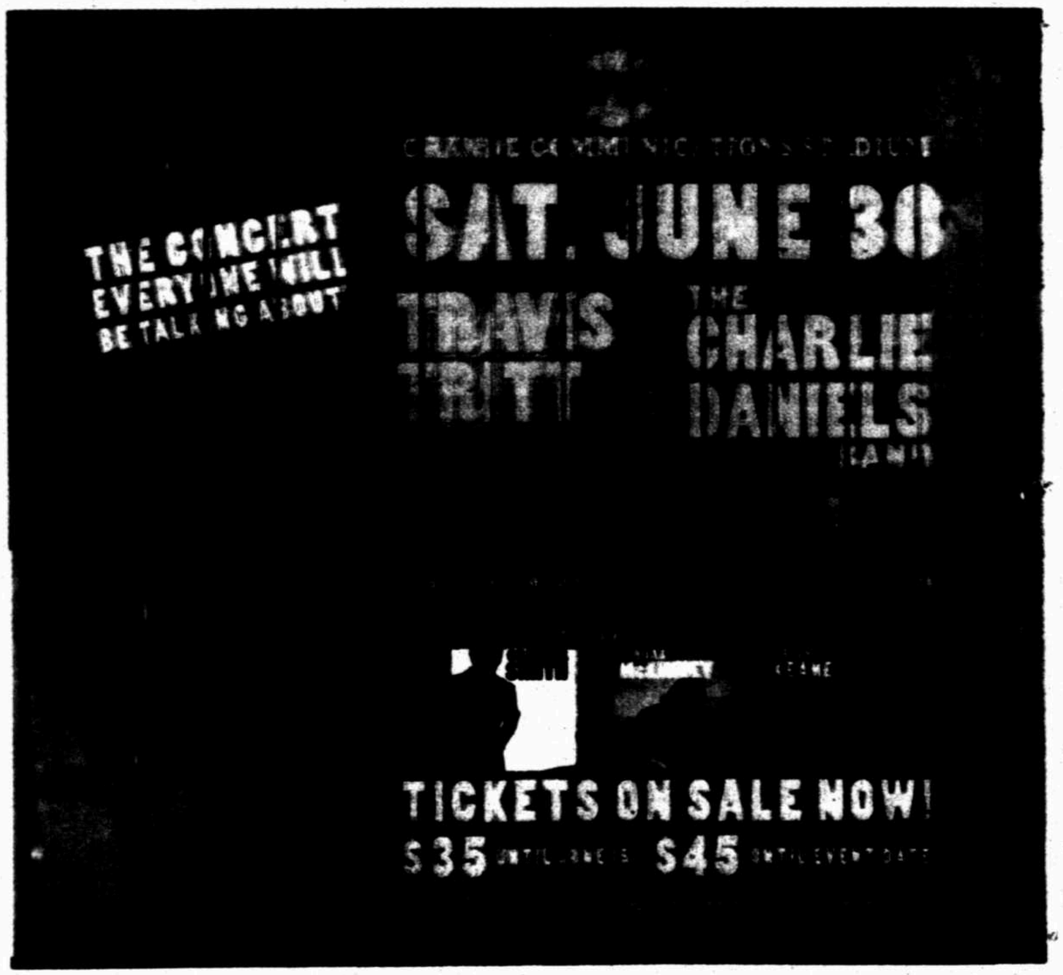
Call ahead seating is available for this restaurant. Follow the hostess to your table and enjoy the fresh rolls she brings to your table. Wide selection of appetizers from rattlesnake bites (diced jalapenos and jack cheese, hand battered and lightly fried), Texas red chili, and buffalo wings. Grilled chicken salad, chicken critter salad, and Caesar salads, hand cut steaks such as rib-eye, sirloin, and prime rib in addition to "road kill" (chopped steak with onions mushrooms and jack cheese). Feature "fall off the bone ribs" and have a kid's menu.
Hours: Monday-Thursday 4-10 p.m.; Friday 4-11 p.m.; Saturday 11 A.M.-11 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Wings

Wing Stop (OAC)
3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105
(Corner of Midland Drive and Wadley Avenue)
694-WING (9464)
www.wingstop.com

Aviation-themed restaurant where the sole focus is on chicken wings. Wingstop features nine wing flavors, including Original Hot, Cajun, Atomic, Mild, Teriyaki, Lemon Pepper, Hawaiian, Garlic Parmesan, and Hickory Smoked BBQ. Wings are cooked-to-order (usually ready in seven minutes) and customers can also choose from homemade side dishes including fresh-cut seasoned fries, bourbon baked beans, potato salad, creamy cole slaw, vegetable sticks, rolls and assorted dipping sauces. Boneless and regular wings available. Catering for any event. Take out or dine in. Payment types accepted: Discover, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, cash, no checks
Entrée price range: $5.99-$7.99 for combo meals.
Hours: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-midnight.

Wings (SD)
Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar
5107 W. Wadley Ave.



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694-9400

This sports bar and restaurant has nine big screens and 35 smaller televisions mounted to the walls, giving customers a view of the game from any seat on the floor or in the bar. Traditional or boneless chicken wings may be ordered with 14 sauces from which to choose. Other menu items include burgers, sandwiches, wraps, flatbreads, appetizers and more. Smoking is allowed.
Price range: $4.99 - $13.99
Hours: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily

Barbecue

◗ Dickey's Barbecue Pit (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
689-4500, catering 212-3351
www.dickeys.com

The menu says, "Cooked slow, served fast." Quick, friendly service offering traditional barbecue selections of brisket, chicken, pulled pork, all the sides. Also stuffed baked potatoes, chicken Caesar salad, sandwiches and platters. Kid's menu and family packs. Don't forget your yellow drink cup with your favorite drink. Catering. Payment accepted: all major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $4.29-$8.59.
Hours: Daily 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

◗ Johnny's Bar B-Q & Diner
316 N. Big Spring
683-4581

Bar B-Q and all the fixings! Look for the neon pig sign and come on in! Sandwich specials include sandwich side and a drink for $6.49. Barbecue offerings include brisket, ribs, sausage, jalapeno sausage, turkey, ham and chopped barbecue. Plate meals with one, two or three meats and two sides and Texas toast. Half portion children's plates are available or try one of the value packs to feed the whole family. They offer take out and catering as well as reservations if needed. Park on the side of the building and come in and enjoy lunch or dinner. Entrée price range $6.49-$9.99. Payment accepted: major credit cards, checks and cash.
Hours: Monday –Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

◗ Michael's Charcoal Grill (OAC)
723 W. Wadley Ave. 686-9030
and 4317 W. Illinois Ave. 689-9702

Barbecue specialties including ribs, brisket, sausage and chicken. Other entrees include items such as rib eye steaks, pork chops, country fried steak, chopped sirloin steak as well as several seafood dishes including fried catfish and fried cod. These meals also come with a choice of two side dishes; baked potato, salad bar, potato salad, beans, slaw, fries or tater tots. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, low cal plates as well as junior pilot and senior menu. Beer and wine served. Airplane memorabilia decorates this large dining room for an interesting as well as delicious meal. Catering available. Payment accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.25-$28.95.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

◗ Brooks Bar B-Q (SD)
501 E. Texas Ave.
685-5079

Opened in 1979 and closed in 2009 after an arsonist destroyed the building, Brooks Bar B-Q re-opened in 2010. Known for its "fat burgers" and barbecue plates, the restaurant also serves entrees such as chicken fried steak, fried shrimp, hamburger steaks and more. Sandwiches include grilled or fried chicken or fish, patty melt, BLT, chopped beef and sliced beef. Appetizers such as homemade onion rings, stuffed jalapenos, cheese sticks and hot wings also are available. Save room for a slice of homemade pie or another dessert.
Payment accepted: cash, checks, major credit cards
Entree price range: $3.50-$11
Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday

◗ Tank's Bar-B-Que and Catering (Carry out)
401 East Scharbauer Drive
684-0006

Owner "Tank" (Gerald Connally) operates this carry out restaurant (call in your order before you arrive or walk up to their window) offering delicious barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage and turkey by the pound or plate. Friday, try the fried catfish. Traditional side dishes, beans, potato salad, onion rings and fries are also served. Claims to have one of the best burgers in town. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment accepted: Visa, MasterCard, cash.
Entrée price range: $2.75 for a hamburger to $9 for a 3-meat combo.
Hours: Tuesday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

◗ KD's Bar-B-Q (OAC)
3113 Garden City Highway
683-4013

Voted the Gold Medal winner for barbecue in the Reporter-Telegram's Top 100 Contest, KD's Bar-B-Q serves a variety of barbecued meats and sides. Customers choose their meat from the grill. Choices include turkey, brisket, ham, chopped beef, several types of sausage, pork chops, chicken, pork tenderloin and ribs. Sides include potato salad, coleslaw, corn and roasted jalapenos.
Entree price range: meat priced per pound; sandwiches $5-$6.50
Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Dessert

◗ Your Way Yogurt (OAC/Buffet)
2300 W. Wadley Ave. Suite D
897-4393

Located at Garfield Road and Wadley Avenue, Your Way Yogurt offers customers a chance to create their own dessert. Customers may choose from a variety of flavors in soft-serve frozen yogurt along with more than 50 toppings. Yogurt flavors include vanilla, chocolate, white chocolate mousse, Dreamsickle, citrus cooler and many more. Toppings include strawberry, caramel, marshmellow, pineapple and chocolate syrups, crumbled cookies, candies, fruits and more.
Price range: pay by weight or choose $1 frozen treats
Hours: noon-10 p.m. Monday - Saturday, 1-9 p.m. Sunday

◗ Sugar Mama's (OAC)
1028 Andrews Highway, Suite G
(In Albertson's parking lot, next door to Karate for Kids)
618-0976

Sugar Mama's is decorated with a 1950s atmosphere. Bakers wear bandanas wrapped around their heads and tied in a knot in the front. Menu includes oversized cookies, frosted bars, cupcakes and special orders for pies and cakes. Everything is homemade, even the peanut butter that goes into the cookies. Sugar Mama's uses only the finest ingredients — real butter, heavy cream, premium chocolate, and fresh organic fruits and vegetables. Bakery offers unique flavors of cupcakes. Try the Elvis — bananas on the bottom with peanut butter cream on top — or a truffle on a stick. Payment accepted: major credit cards, cash, checks.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

◗ Martinez Bakery
206 E. Florida Ave.
683-3100; 683-2278

Martinez Bakery is an establishment where you can smell, taste and see all that they have to offer. Bright and airy dining room and a very enjoyable place to sit and talk with tables spread out making it easy to carry on a conversation. A neon sign claims, "Super Tortas, Best in Midland." Chicken, brisket or ham tortas (Mexican sandwiches made on a large bun or bolillo roll). Breakfast burritos as well as barbecue, chicken or brisket tacos and Buffalo wings. Walls are lined with bakery cases filled with trays of cookies of all kinds. It is all self-serve. Colorful cookies, raisin, gingerbread shapes and sugar cookies, are all waiting for you to grab your own tray and make your selections. Lunch specials. Payment accepted: local checks, cash, credit cards.
Days: Tuesday-Sunday

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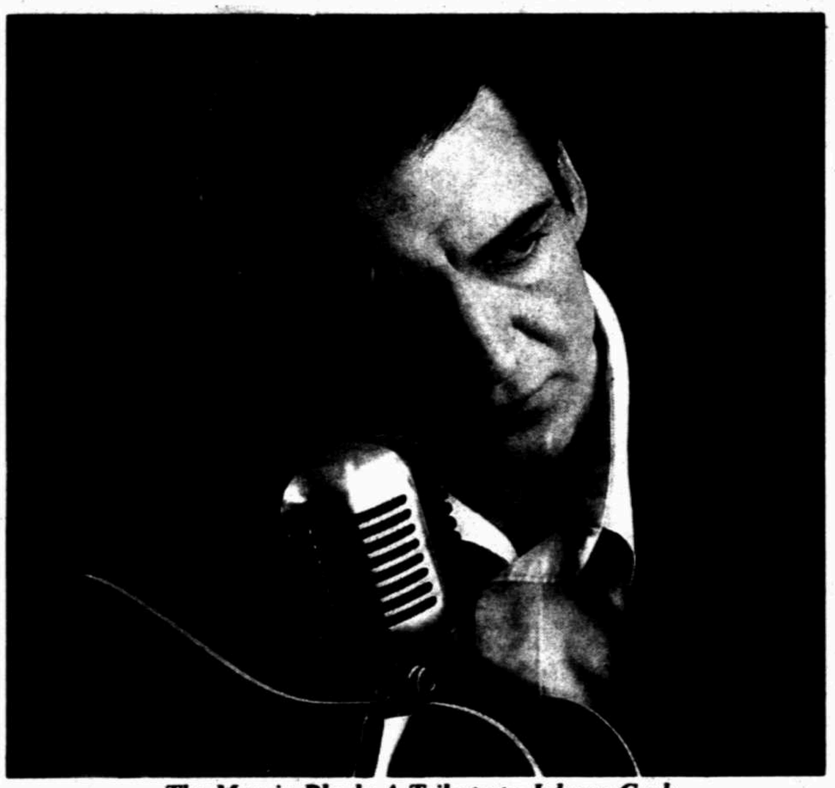
SUMMER MUMMERS
When: Friday and Saturday June 8-Sept. 1
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Tickets: Call Midland Community Theatre's box office, 570-4111

THE MAN IN BLACK: A TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH
When: June 9
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Info: Shawn Barker performs more than 30 hit songs that span Cash's career.

CARS & FAMILY FUN
When: 2-5 p.m. June 9
Where: The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West, Exit 136
Call: 432-683-4403
Info: Jim Hall, designer of the Chaparral Racecars, will be signing autographs from 3:30-4:30 p.m. All inclusive bracelets or tickets will be available for purchase to enjoy all outdoor games and activities.Day includes discounted admission to the museum; Permian Basin Corvette Club & West Texas Cruisers Show & Shine; inflatables, science activities and face painting for kids; Texas Sized Slip N' Slide; Kona Ice, popcorn, and cotton candy; photo booth opportunity; and "Super Car" rides for $25.

BILL COSBY
When: June 10. Doors open 1 p.m. Show 2 p.m.
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $43.50 - $75.50

THE SIBLEY NATURE CENTER:



The Man in Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash

BUG CAMP
When: June 11 -14, July 9-12, and 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.

THE PETROLEUM MUSEUM: 2012 SUMMER DAY CLASSES
When: Tuesdays June 15 - Aug. 10
Cost: Museum members: $15 per class; non-members: $20.
Call: 683-4403 or view online at www.petroleummuseum.org. Registration: underway for children entering third through eighth grade.

CARVER JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
When: June 14-17
Where: Midland Center June 14-16
Info: luncheon at Carver Magnet School June 16. Banquet that evening at Midland Center. Services June 17 at Carver Magnet School.

BENSON AND ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL
When: June 16
Where: Ector Theatre, Odessa

GEORGE LOPEZ
When: June 16
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $39.50 and $59.50. Purclase at the box office, online at Wagnernoel.com or by calling 1-800-514-3849.

BIG SPRING RODEO DANCES
When: 9:30 p.m. June 22 and 23
Where: Fair barn next to the rodeo arena, Big Spring
Info: June 22: Noel Olivas Band, $5 per person; June 23: five-member band Lenorah opening for Aaron Watson, $20.

PERMIAN BASIN GUN SHOWS
When: June 22-24
Where: Ector County Coliseum

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"
When: June 22-July 8
Where: Permian Playhouse, Odessa

TRAVIS TRITT AND THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND
When: June 30
Where: Grande Communications Stadium
Tickets: Call 570-4111 or go by Cole theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., or go to www.mctmidland.org
Info: Also features Granger Smith, Mark McKinney and Brian Keane. A fundraiser for Midland Community Theatre's endowment and operation funds.

TALL CITY BLUES FEST
When: July 26-29
Where: Centennial Plaza
Info: Features award-winning blues music accompanied by emerging talent. Headliners are James "Boogaloo" Bolden Blues Band of Houston on Friday night, Tommy Castro of San Rafael, Calif., Saturday followed by a finale performance by JT Coldfire of Austin. Go to www.tallcitybluesfest.com.

RICK SMITH'S "WHENEVER IT RAINS"
When: July 27-Aug. 11
Where: The Globe Theatre, Odessa
Call: 580-3177. Buy tickets online at www.globesw.org

Road Trip

Mescalero, N.M.

ALISON KRAUSS AND UNION STATION FEATURING JERRY DOUGLAS
Where: Inn of the Mountain Gods
When: June 19
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www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com

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