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Conaway says still time for debt compromise

Congressman sees amendment to balance budget as solution

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Congressman Mike Conaway said he views the debt ceiling debate as a chance for changing the course of history.

With elected officials on both sides having created a culture of borrowing to fund programs, Conaway said now is the time to pass a balanced budget amendment. Such an addition to the Constitution — while difficult to get through — would require elected officials to approve only the spending they can fund with taxes and revenue.

"It would mean a paradigm change here in that it would mean Congress would have to make hard choices between good programs," he said. "Ten years from now this three-week period may look to be pretty historic."

Only if that issue and near-term spending cuts are addressed could Conaway support raising the debt ceiling, he said.

The two requirements were part of an act that passed Tuesday in the House and was supported by Conaway. Being called the "Cut, Cap and Balance" Act, the legislation calls for the balanced budget amendment, spending cuts and a cap on future spending of 19.9 percent of GDP by 2019. If those were approved, then the representatives agreed they would support raising the debt ceiling by $2.4 trillion.

And while the legislation was supported by 234 members of the House, it's expected such a measure won't make it through the Senate or past President Barack Obama.

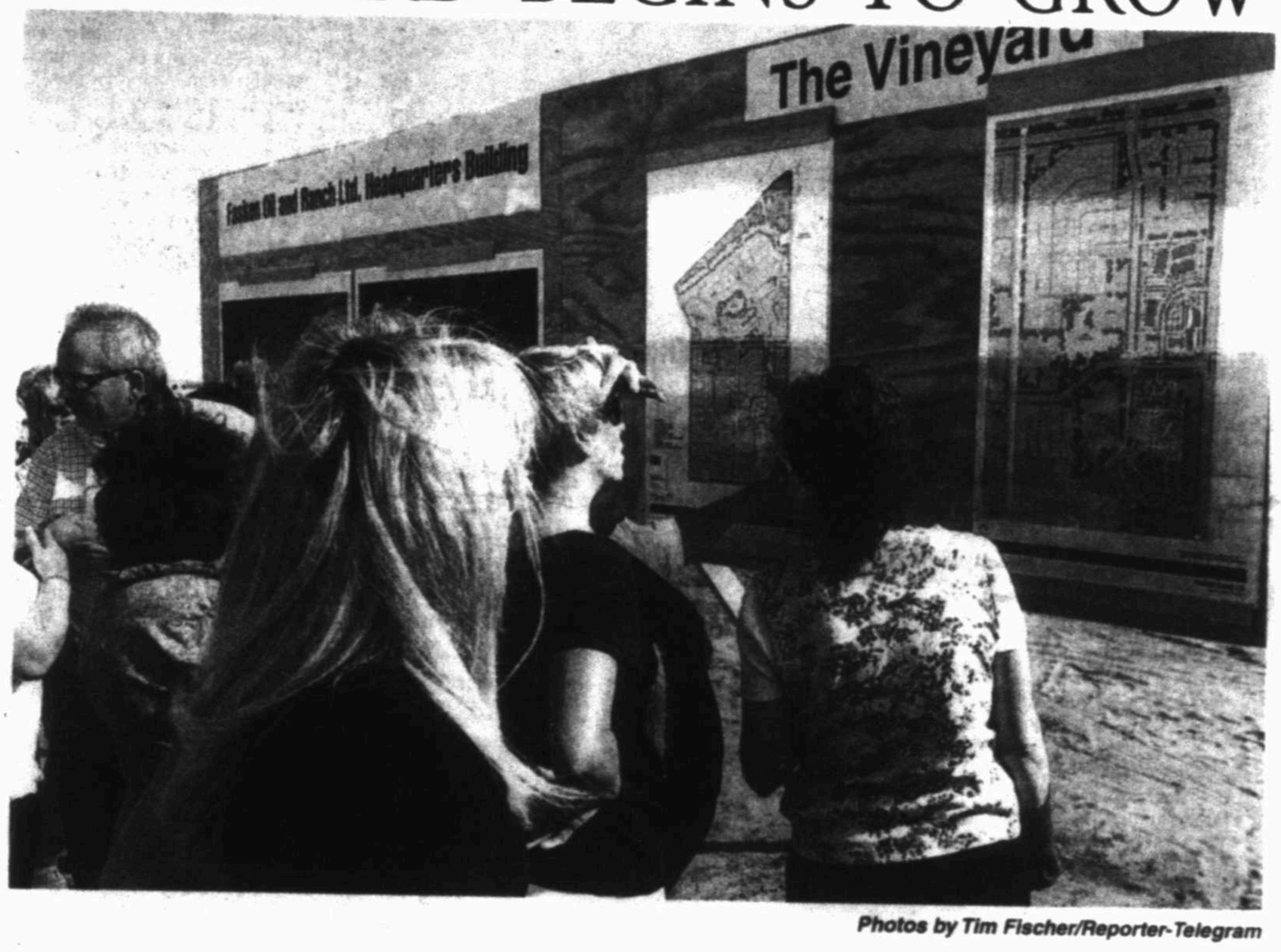
The Congressional Budget Office also released a statement of opposition to the House legislation saying reform can be met without passing "arbitrary spending" level caps and constitutional amendments.

Conaway said there is room for discussion between the two sides. But, he said the Senate and the "gang of six," or the group of Republican and Democratic senators who are presenting a plan that includes spending cuts and new revenue, still has to pass a bill.

"The Senate's going to have to pass something before you'll see any of us deciding what we would compromise on," he said, adding the House is where something already has been passed. "The gang of 234 ought to be

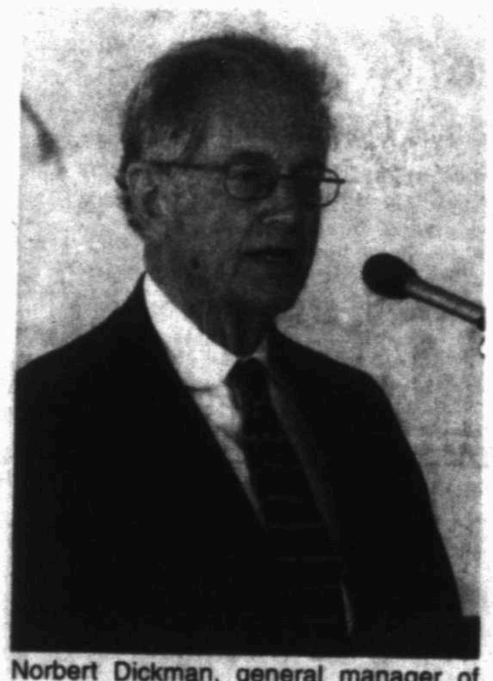
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VINEYARD BEGINS TO GROW



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Fasken employees and visitors look at the proposed community that has been planned around the new Fasken Oil and Ranch corporate headquarters being built off Holiday Hill Road.



Norbert Dickman, general manager of Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd, welcomes employees and visitors to the event.

Fasken Oil breaks ground on new corporate headquarters

■ Office building first phase in planned community designed to combine oil and gas, real estate development.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

After 18 months of planning, executives of Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd. were joined Wednesday by city officials to launch construction of its new corporate headquarters.

The groundbreaking ceremony marked the beginning of construction on Fasken's new 60,000 square-foot corporate headquarters to be built on the C Ranch at Holiday Hill Road and Sherwood Drive.

Norbert Dickman, Fasken's general manager, told the gathering that the company has grown to occupy four floors of the Bank of America building in downtown Midland and is quickly running out of space for its 150 employees. Knowing the company needed new quarters, he said "We struggled with the decision of whether or not to build downtown or out here," just west of Green Tree Country Club. Ultimately, it was decided to build on land within the company's C Ranch. "We think building here is in the best interest of Fasken and of Midland."

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Alleged emu killer's charges upgraded to felonies

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Police have upgraded the charges against the teen suspected of killing three emus to felony counts of third-degree charges of cruelty to livestock animals.



Massey

Brandon Glen Massey, 17, was being held Wednesday on a $30,000 bond for three third-degree felony charges. Massey was originally charged with misdemeanor charges of cruelty to non-livestock animals, but authorities eventually upgraded the charges. Because he was only charged with a misdemeanor at the time, the Reporter-Telegram did not release the teenager's name.

Three emus, valued at $20,000 each, were killed at a central Midland home this past spring, according to authorities. On April 21, police were dispatched to a home in the 3700 block of Northfield Drive in reference to a cruelty to an animal call.

The homeowner told officers one of his emus had been shot to death in the head sometime overnight. On April 25 and 28, police again were called to the home, where investigators found that someone had bludgeoned a second emu to death with a tree limb and a third also was bludgeoned and stabbed to death.

Crime Stoppers tips led police to Massey. According to an affidavit for probable cause, Massey voluntarily gave a statement to police and said he had heard about the killings from one of the suspects, but he was not involved. He then described in detail how the bird was killed and how those involved attempted to wrap a bungee cord around the legs of the animal and take it to the ground.

The teen then said that once the bird was captured, it began to make a lot of noise and the suspects then beat it to death. Massey told police he gave a pole used to beat the bird to those involved in the killings.

During a second interview with authorities, the teen said he was present for two of the three killings and watched them happen but made no attempt to stop them.

Three witnesses, according to police, said Massey had bragged to them he was responsible for killing the birds.

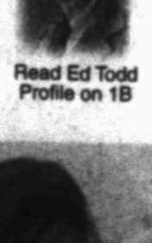
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It's happening ... this week

Today

■ Barney Live in Concert - Birthday Bash!, 3 and 6:30 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. Tickets: $15 & $20. For information online, visit www.barneylivetour.com.

■ Community and Senior Services "Burger Bash," 6 p.m., Midland Center. For more information, call 689-6693.

■ Midland County Public Library is presenting Harlan the Magician at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 688-4323.

Saturday

■ Midland Downtown Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W. Texas Ave., under the green.

■ Steve Carson is to sign copies of his book, "Fighting for Your Family," 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Sunday

■ Sunday Summer Lawn Concerts, 7:45-8:45 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Info: Free.

Meetings Schedule

City Council
9 a.m. today
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Midland Crime Prevention Commission
7 p.m. today
Third floor classroom, Police Department
601 N. Loraine St.

Midland Development Corp.
8:30 a.m. Friday
City Hall basement
300 N. Loraine St.

Note: MDC typically meets the final Friday of the month.

Free reading event at Bush Childhood Home

The George W. Bush Childhood Home is planning a free reading event for kindergartners through sixth-graders 4:30-5:30 p.m. today.

Children will be read a selection of books including "Summer Switch" and will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will also be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland utility crews begin to dig out the broken water pipe in the Town and Country Shopping Center parking lot along Midkiff Road on Tuesday.

City: Water main break uncommon during summer

After two water main breaks this week, the city staff members are asking residents to alert them if they see excess water in the roadway.

Without a call from residents, Public Information Officer Tasa Watts said the city doesn't always know when a pipe breaks. Once staff is aware, they can make repairs and stop water from being wasted.

"We do take it very seriously because water is very precious right now," Watts said.

A water main broke on Andrews Highway and on Michigan Avenue and "A" Street on Tuesday. Watts said there has been one other break this month and one last month.

Typically, such incidents occur in the winter as a result of the drastic decline in temperatures. It's unusual for multiple water main breaks to happen in one week, let alone on one day, in the summer, she said.

The breaks this week were the result of "fatigued" pipes, Watts said.

"The sooner we can be reported to that it has happened, the sooner we can get it fixed," she said.

To report an issue, call the city's Citizen Action Center at 685-7474.

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MMH earns spot on 'most connected hospital' list

Midland Memorial Hospital on Wednesday announced it made U.S. News and World Report's "most connected hospitals."

MMH, according to the release, was one of 18 hospitals listed to have met two challenging standards that put them in the vanguard of centers leading medicine into the era of electronic medical records.

Each hospital is a leader in moving to electronic medical records, according to HIMSS Analytics, a division of the nonprofit Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society that analyzes use of health information technology.

Trees and the drought info session

Keep Midland Beautiful invites anyone with an interest in saving their investment — the trees in their yard — to attend the TreeKeepers Trees and Drought session at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, off Wadley by Hogan Park.

A question-and-answer session will follow. For more information, call Keep Midland Beautiful at 687-7400.

MPD searches for candidates

The Midland Police Department is looking to fill vacancies for the position of police officer. Beginning 9 a.m. Saturday potential candidates will be tested with a physical and written examination for the upcoming January academy.

All eligible applicants should report to the Midland Police Department Training Facility located at 4214 Farm-to-Market Road 307.

For more information, including physical requirements, go to www.midlandtexas.gov before contacting the Recruiting Division at 685-7141.

Source: City of Midland

Community Calendar

■ Spanish Grief Support Group is to meet 10:30-11:30 a.m. on today and July 28 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

For more information, call 682-2855.

■ Grief 101 will meet noon today at HospiceMidland Inspiration Centre, 4629 Andrews Highway.

For more information, call 699-5492.

Correction

A story in Wednesday's edition incorrectly stated the end date of MISD superintendent Ryder Warren's contract. On Tuesday night, the MISD Board of Trustees voted to extend his existing three-year contract by a year. His contract will now end June 30, 2014. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

MRT on the radio

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

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 21, the 202nd day of 2011. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 21, 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

On this date:

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

One year ago: A triumphant President Barack Obama signed into law the most sweeping overhaul of U.S. lending and high finance rules since the 1930s.

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CHICAGO

Heat 'dome' makes much of US feel like steam bath

If the extreme heat and humidity lingering over much of the nation feels like a steam bath, it's because the same principles are at work in the atmosphere.

Vast amounts of warmth and moisture have become trapped under a huge "heat dome," bringing record-breaking temperatures and thick, topical air to scores of cities from the Plains to the Ohio Valley. Now the system is moving east to spread the misery to some of the country's most densely populated areas through the weekend.

The heat dome forms when a high pressure system develops in the upper atmosphere, causing the air below it to sink and compress because there's more weight on top. That raises temperatures in the lower atmosphere, said Eli Jacks, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Silver Spring, Md.

MINNESOTA

End of shutdown brings relief, frustration

ST. PAUL — Minnesota's state government shutdown ended Wednesday after 20 days, millions in lost revenue and frustration on the part of residents and politicians.

The stoppage made the state a national example of political dysfunction, a small-scale mirror of the dispute in Washington over whether to raise the debt ceiling. But while federal lawmakers appeared close to a deal to slash spending, no such progress was made in Minnesota, where the budget was widely panned for just putting the problems off until later.

Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton pushed for months to raise taxes on the state's richest residents to provide more money for social services, while Republicans adopted a "live within our means" motto. In the end, the state will spend more by delaying aid to schools and borrowing against future payments from a legal settlement with tobacco companies.

CALIFORNIA

Authorities: 3 swept over waterfall presumed dead

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK — Young tourists above one of Yosemite National Park's beautiful and perilous waterfalls were trying to pose for a picture. Instead they burned a horrifying image into the memories of everyone who saw.

A man and a woman crossed a metal barricade above the 317-foot Vernal Fall on Tuesday.

The woman slipped. The man reached for her and fell in. Another man in their group of about 10 tried to help but fell into the water as well. Other hikers, including several children in their group, could only watch as the rushing water swept all three over the edge.

Signs in several languages warn people not to cross the barricade, and Bibee said other hikers had shouted that it wasn't safe to go into the rushing river.

The three hikers are presumed dead; rescuers continued searching for their bodies Wednesday.

House conservatives won't budge on debt

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans are unmistakably clear on what they won't do to raise the debt limit and avert a threatened default, and equally emphatic about what they would do if they only had the power.

Analysis

Soon, they'll have to decide what they'll settle for, a defining test of their willingness to compromise in a divided government where they share authority with President Barack Obama and Senate Democrats.

The Republican speaker of the House said this week, "I do think it's responsible for us to look at what 'Plan B' would look like." But some in John Boehner's rank and file appear not yet willing to consider such a fallback alternative.

Boehner didn't talk specifics, but he has been involved in compromise talks with Obama and White House officials for weeks, including Wednesday.

Politically, the more House Republicans are willing to give ground by trimming their demand for spending cuts or easing their opposition to higher government revenue, the more they may risk alienating the tea party activists and others who propelled them to power.

"I'm actually being accused of selling out back home," said Rep. Mick Mulvaney, a first-term South Carolinian and one of 234 Republicans who voted Tuesday for a debt limit increase tied to $6 trillion in spending cuts and progress toward a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

"Some folks don't want to raise it under any circumstances," Mulvaney said of the federal debt ceiling that could be breached Aug. 2. "I tried to explain to them that this is the one chance to actually change Washington, so most folks will come around after we have that discussion."

Indeed, some Republicans argue privately that willingness to compromise would also pressure Democrats to agree to cuts in Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security as part of a bargain to reduce deficits by $4 trillion over a decade.

Among the items Obama has entertained at White House negotiating sessions are gradually raising the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67 and slowing the annual increases in Social Security checks.

Democrats have assailed Republicans in past election campaigns for proposing far less.

"Eight-five percent is not a defeat," said Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., who was involved in numerous legislative struggles as a member of the House Republican leadership before his election to the Senate last fall.

"That would have been the Ronald Reagan view of this moment," he said. "You take everything you can get, call it a victory and wake up the next morning and start working for the rest."

The hope among House Republican leaders is the rank and file will be open to compromise talks in a few days, after the legislation they passed Tuesday night has been rejected by the Senate.

But for now, the focus of many conservatives, particularly in the House where they hold power, remains an agenda designed for a one-party government.

"Let me be clear. This is the compromise. This is the best plan out there," Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, said late Tuesday night after the House had passed the bill that would trade an increase in the debt limit for $6 trillion in cuts and submission of a balanced budget amendment to the states for ratification.

In fact, it's nothing of the sort, based on the swift demise that awaits the bill in the Senate, a veto threat from Obama and the emergence of a bipartisan deficit reduction plan from six senators who called for at least $1 trillion in "increased revenues."

Instead, the measure that cleared the House is one of two bookends that Republicans have slid into place in the unfolding debate.

In late May, the leadership put legislation to a vote to raise the debt limit without any spending cuts. None of the rank and file supported it, and that was the point.

"I consider defeating an unconditional increase to be a success, because it sends a clear and critical message that Congress has finally recognized we must immediately begin to rein in America's affection for deficit spending," Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said at the time.

Fast forward to the vote Tuesday night.

This time, all but 10 of the House's 240 Republicans voted for the measure, showing they are not unalterably opposed to granting an increase in government borrowing.

All but three of the rambunctious, 87-member freshman class supported the bill.

Almost simultaneously, across the Capitol a surprising number of Senate Republicans were speaking favorably about a bipartisan deficit reduction plan by the so-called Gang of Six.

None of them said it contained any tax increases — Republicans haven't openly supported any of those for more than 20 years, ever since President George H. W. Bush broke his "no new taxes" pledge to secure a deficit reduction deal with Democrats.

But a summary of the plan says unambiguously that "tax reform must be estimated to provide $1 trillion in additional revenue" for the overall plan to meet its deficit reduction targets.

Massive border crossing construction set to start

Associated Press

TORNILLO — Authorities plan to kick off construction of a 117-acre border crossing facility in West Texas that will help handle millions of vehicles that cross the border every year in the El Paso area.

Construction is set to begin Wednesday at the new facility in Tornillo, located about 40 miles southeast of El Paso.

The new port of entry will join three other facilities in the El Paso area that process more than 10 million cars and 700,000 commercial trucks each year.

The six-lane crossing will replace a wooden 1920s bridge that is currently used only for cars and pedestrians. The three-phase project will be managed by the U.S. General Services Administration for U.S. Customs and Border Protection at a cost of around $100 million.

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Future of spaceflight? NASA is outsourcing job

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

HOUSTON — How America gets people and stuff into orbit is about to be outsourced in an out-of-this-world way.

With the space shuttle's retirement today, no longer will flying people and cargo up to the International Space Station be a government program where costs balloon. NASA is turning to private industry with fixed prices, contracts and profit margins. The space agency will be the customer, not the boss.

At least when it comes to the routine part of going to and from the space station, NASA hopes to rely on companies that will be the space version of FedEx and Yellow Cab.

The company that has been leading the commercial space race is hoping to launch its privately built rocket and capsule to the space station late this year. It won't carry astronauts, but if all goes well the unmanned ship will dock with the station and deliver food, water and clothing. And its major private cargo competitor may only be a month or two on its heels.

Getting people to orbit on a new American ship is a different story. Some ambitious companies hope to launch astronauts that way in three years, maybe four. Until then, the Russians will fly astronauts on a pay-for-play basis. Some space veterans like John Glenn, the first American in orbit, think five to 10 years is more realistic.

But two of the major players have surprised people before — the tech tycoons who founded PayPal and Amazon.

NASA has hired two companies — Space Exploration Technologies Corp. of Hawthorne, Calif., and Orbital Sciences of Dulles, Va. — to deliver 40 tons of supplies to the space station in 20 flights. The cost is $3.5 billion, about the same price per pound as it was during the space shuttle's 30-year history.

"It's time. Once NASA blazes the trail, creates the technology and it's available for private companies to take advantage of, this is the time" for the private firms to take over, said NASA commercial cargo chief Alan Lindenmoyer.

NASA met Wednesday with companies wanting to taxi astronauts to the station. The agency hopes the money it saves by not flying the shuttle can be spent on new deep-space missions that will send astronauts to an asteroid and on to Mars.

Six private companies are working with NASA to send ships to the space station — either unmanned cargo ships or eventually astronauts in crew capsules.

For well more than a decade, boosters of commercial space have said they are ready to take over the job of going into low-Earth orbit on their own nongovernment ships, but hadn't done it.

Now one has: Space Exploration Technologies, which often goes by the name SpaceX and is run by risk-embracing PayPal founder Elon Musk, launched his unmanned Dragon capsule into orbit last December. Now his company is lining up for the first private visit to the space station. The lower and upper stages of the rocket are at Cape Canaveral, Fla. The capsule is almost finished.

"What we want to do is get back into space as quickly as possible and as sustainably as possible," said former astronaut Garrett Reisman, who now runs SpaceX's "Dragon Rider" program.

And maybe a month or two later, Orbital hopes to have its first test flight to the station. First, it has to finish building its launch site at Wallops Island, Va., which should be done in just a few weeks. Then later this year it will have a test launch of its new rocket, the Taurus II, and finally it will use that new rocket to launch its capsule, Cygnus, to the space station, said company spokesman Barron Beneski.

"Just like a person hires FedEx to deliver a package across the country and you pay him 50 bucks, we're delivering a 2,000-kilogram package to space, a few hundred miles above Earth, for a fixed price," Beneski said.

Four companies are building spaceships to take astronauts to the space station on a pay-per-seat basis. They are all constructing ships that would be launched on top of private rockets.

SpaceX appears to be leading the pack. Right behind it is Boeing, a giant in aerospace, which hopes to launch astronauts using its capsule as early as 2014. A third company, Sierra Nevada Corp., is taking a different route, proposing a shuttle-like spaceplane instead of a capsule. It is hoping to launch around 2015. And Amazon's Jeff Bezos is heading a fourth company, Blue Origin, that is much more circumspect about its plans for a gum-drop-shaped ship.



An architectual drawing of the new Fasken Oil and Ranch corporate headquarters, the Vineyard, is shown.

FASKEN

From 1A

Construction of the new office building, Midland's first major office project since the 1980s, also marks Phase I of Fasken's master planned community, the Vineyard. Built around the office building, the Vineyard is designed to include residential and multi-family development, office and retail space, parks, trails, resident amenities and even an elementary school.

Dickman said the company has drilled and operates producing oil wells on the property and plans to develop the land surrounding the wells, which are on 40-acre spacing.

"In a sense, Midland is landlocked by oil and gas development along the outskirts," he said. "If Midland is going to grow, it will have to expand in conjunction with oil and gas development. This won't be just an office building but a development where we see the two industries can grow together."

Owning both surface and mineral rights on the land, Fasken will draw not only on its oil and gas development expertise but also its real estate development expertise, he said. The company has built warehouses, subdivisions and apartments on its holdings in Laredo, with plans to do more. Encouraged by its success in Laredo, he said the company acquired land in San Antonio and has built apartments and subdivisions.

State Rep. Tom Craddick told the gathering that Fasken's plans are "a sign of growth and jobs here and in Texas. Oil and gas development and real estate development living together will be important here and elsewhere in the state. With the rise of drilling in new areas like the Barnett Shale and Eagle Ford in South Texas, there are more state representatives now interested in learning about the oil and gas industry."

City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Trost said "to marry oil and gas and real estate is truly a big step. I'm sure the rest of the state will look to Midland and what Fasken is doing here."

City Councilman Jeff Sparks told the audience he grew up hearing about the Fasken family and said the plans for the office building and planned community are symbolic of oil and gas operators.

"Oil and gas people are, by nature, dreamers and this is a dream, having residences and producing wells mixed together," he said. "Oil and gas people are off their rockers, too, because they spend an awful lot of money to drill a hole in the ground hoping to find oil to pull out of the ground. They pull that oil out of the ground and stick it in a tank battery and then, in the middle of the night some trucker comes along and takes that oil away. Oil and gas people are very trusting, too, because no one's out there when that trucker comes, they don't know when that oil is sold or what the price was; they're told a month later what the price was. It doesn't surprise me that the Faskens are pioneering a new development that will show how oil and gas and real estate development can work together."

The new office building, designed by RVK Architects of San Antonio, will be a two-story building with two wings and will evoke the company's ranching history. That history began in 1913 when an attorney from Toronto acquired the 222,600-acre C Ranch from the estate of Nelson Morris, a Chicago meat packing operator who had bought the acreage — covering land in Andrews, Ector, Martin and Midland counties — from the Texas Land Office in 1883. The Fasken family retains the acreage, minus 57,600 acres sold to J.E. Mabee in the early 1930s.

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EMUS

From 1A

Warrants were issued July 13 for class A misdemeanor charges of cruelty to non-livestock animals.

MPD Sgt. David Garcia told the Reporter-Telegram in a previous interview he believed Massey did not act alone.

"This is one of the most brutal ones I've ever seen in this fashion," he said. "They're pretty much docile, flightless birds. They don't bother anybody. The sheer brutality and way they were killed is disturbing."

Police are still investigating the case to determine if Massey had accomplices. No further warrants have been issued as of Wednesday evening and police have not disclosed the names of possible suspects.

If Massey is convicted of the felonies, he could face up to 10 years in prison for each count.

But this isn't Massey's first run in with the law. He and several friends were arrested in June on counts of engaging in organized criminal activity for their part in breaking and entering a convenience store. The teens were suspected of stealing beer, cigarettes and candy. He was being held on a $50,000 bond for those charges. It was not known, as of press time Wednesday, if the new felony charges will affect this teen's other pending charges.

Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman was not immediately available for comment late Wednesday.

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On the Net:
Read the arrest affidavit at www.mywesttexas.com

CONAWAY

From 1A

getting a whole lot more credibility than the gang of six."

For his part, Conaway said he will not support any short-term extensions that would raise the debt ceiling while giving more time to negotiate on spending issues. He said cuts and spending limits need more discussion before August, and he's hopeful a solution will transpire.

"We know enough about the problems we face that putting it off will not gain us any additional insight into the problem," Conaway said. "We know the problem, it's not rocket science; it's spending."

If an amendment to the Constitution requiring the federal government to pass a balanced budget could have been approved when the issue came up 15 years ago, Conaway said we'd likely be living in a completely different world.

"We would not be talking about this $14 trillion debt that we've got," he said.

By passing it now, he said they could finally prevent spending from being passed on to future generations.

Conaway said while he won't support tax increases, he does favor tax reform, which could include the elimination of credits or deductions in certain areas.

Medicaid and Social Security also need to be reworked before spending can truly be addressed, he said.

"We have to renegotiate those particular programs," he said.

Whether that would include redefining benefits with those who are under 54 or going some other route, Conaway said the issue needs to be discussed without anyone employing scare tactics that make seniors think Social Security is going away. What they can't do is ignore the programs that aren't sustainable, he said.

"That's a pretty short-sighted approach to simply do nothing," he said. "That's an irresponsible and unworthy approach."

Conaway said there still is plenty of time for a deal to be reached. If a compromise is not agreed to, he said he would anticipate interest rates increasing and the stock market falling.

The federal government writes about 80 million checks a month, he said, and in the face of not being able to pay its bills would have to refinance amid what likely would be high interest rates.

"There's time to work it out," he said. "We're not interested in kicking the can down the road. We're interested in doing something now."

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Republican candidates for president join Twitter debate

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — You think presidential debates are challenging? Try limiting your answers to 140 characters.

Six Republican presidential hopefuls traded tweets in the first presidential debate conducted through Twitter on Wednesday, outlining their agendas across the popular social media service.

In brief responses that buzzed across cyberspace, the GOP field challenged President Barack Obama's approaches to the ongoing debate over the debt ceiling, job creation and the U.S. involvement in Libya. Republican candidates criticized Obama's handling of the economy and efforts to reform health care, while using the medium to share links to introductory videos and websites.

"Obama failed. With ur help we can return the people's voice to the WH, restore fiscal sanity & make Obama a 1 term president," said Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, reflecting the clipped jargon commonly found on Twitter.

Obama held a town hall forum through Twitter earlier this month, answering questions from followers and promoting his agenda. Politicians and campaigns have taken to the social media service because it has become increasingly popular with voters and gives lawmakers the chance to connect directly with their constituents.

While televised debates can lead to longwinded answers, the Twitter forum places a premium on being terse. Asked whether a president can create jobs without expanding the role of the federal government, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum tweeted: "The federal govt kills jobs!"

Addressing the economy, Georgia businessman Herman Cain told followers: "Government doesn't create jobs. Businesses create jobs. Government needs to get out the way."

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman and Texas Rep. Ron Paul declined to participate.

NYC fire truck lowered into 9/11 display

By Cristian Salazar
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A fire truck that rushed to the aid of victims on 9/11 returned to the World Trade Center site Wednesday as it was lowered like a huge flag-draped coffin into exhibition space for the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

The truck was from the city Fire Department's Ladder Company 3, which helped civilians escape from the trade center's north tower on Sept. 11, 2001. The vehicle had sped to the twin towers from its firehouse in Manhattan's East Village neighborhood with 11 firefighters aboard — all of whom died when the towers collapsed and their rig was mangled by debris.

Battalion Chief John Moran, who was assigned to the company's firehouse, also was killed.

A crane lowered the 60,000-pound battered remains of the truck, shrouded in a white protective covering and decorated with the flags of the Fire Department of New York and the United States, 70 feet into the site as family members of firefighters who died on 9/11 wept, dozens of firefighters saluted and bagpipers played the national anthem.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore J. Cassano and about 100 members of the FDNY, including all of the members of the current Ladder Company 3, stood solemnly during the ceremony.

The company's current fire truck, parked nearby on the site, raised its ladder in salute as the crane moved the shrouded truck to an opening in the roof of the museum, which is in the depths of the site where the foundations of the twin towers once stood.

The under-construction One World Trade Center skyscraper towered over the ceremony, its mirror-like skin shimmering under the hot sun. All around were signs of rebirth and reconstruction: Cranes hovered over the site and construction workers in safety helmets milled around as dust choked the air.

To some, the ceremony was like a second funeral for the Ladder Company 3 firefighters who died nearly 10 years ago.

"It's almost like saying goodbye again," said Carolyn Brown, 47, of Westbury, N.Y., whose brother Patrick "Paddy" Brown led the firefighters of Ladder Company 3 on 9/11. "It's also more closure."

She dabbed her teary eyes with a tissue during the ceremony, and afterward said she hoped museum visitors who see the truck will be reminded of the sacrifice her brother and his fellow first responders made.

"They gave their lives for everybody else here," she said, adding that simply seeing the damage to the fire truck likely would elicit a physical reaction. "When they see that, it's going to mean more. They will see it and feel it."

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AROUND THE GLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LONDON

British PM drags opponents into hacking scandal

Prime Minister David Cameron dragged his political foes into Britain's phone-hacking scandal at a raucous session of Parliament on Wednesday, distancing himself from a former aide at the heart of the allegations and denying his staff tried to thwart police investigations.

SERBIA

Police arrest last war crimes fugitive

BELGRADE — He was on the run for seven years, the last Serbian fugitive sought by the U.N.'s Balkan war crimes tribunal.

Goran Hadzic, the former leader of Croatia's ethnic Serbs, was arrested Wednesday by black-masked Serbian secret police in a hilly forest.

KENYA

Somalis dying in worst famine in 20 years

NAIROBI — Tens of thousands of Somalis are feared dead in the world's worst famine in a generation, the U.N. said. The crisis is the worst since 1991-92, when thousands starved to death.

Mexico cartel issues booklets for proper conduct

By Eduardo Castillo and Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

MORELIA, Mexico — An organized crime group calling itself the Knights Templar is distributing booklets saying it is fighting a war against poverty, tyranny and injustice, publicly appealing to hearts and minds in a part of Mexico where the government claims it has largely taken down the major drug traffickers.

Federal police said they seized copies of the cartel's "code of conduct" booklet during an arrest of cartel members in the western state of Michoacan last week but refused to release its contents Tuesday, saying they didn't want fan the flames of the quasi-religious movement.

But a copy of the 22-page "The Code of the Knights Templar of Michoacan," illustrated with knights on horseback bearing lances and crosses, was obtained by the Associated Press this week. It says the group "will begin a challenging ideological battle to defend the values of a society based on ethics."

The Knights Templar have been blamed for murders, extortion, drug trafficking and attacks on police. Analysts say the propaganda is part of an effort to transform a drug cartel into a social movement, along the lines of what right-wing paramilitary groups did in Colombia in the 1990s against leftist rebels — a fight in which both sides used the drug trade to finance their causes.

"I think the main intent is to create a social base in Michoacan ... and that way they are different from other criminal organizations," said Jorge Chabat, a veteran analyst of the drug trade in Mexico. "They say they are defending the people against attacks. In the case of Colombia it was the guerrillas; here it is against who knows what."

The Knights Templar was founded in March, according to the booklet, whose illustrations were lifted from an artist, a website of a company that sells swords and another promoting the 2007 Swedish film "Arn: The Knight Templar," according to an AP image search.

Named for a medieval Roman Catholic order of religious warriors who fought Muslim armies for control of Jerusalem, Knights Templar is a splinter group of La Familia, another cult-like cartel whose leader, Nazario Moreno Gonzalez, published a motivational pamphlet called "The Sayings of the Craziest One."

While La Familia claimed strict codes of conduct among its members, including prohibiting using or selling drugs within Mexican territory, it didn't distribute its booklets publicly. The contents of its "bible," reportedly based on the teachings of U.S. evangelist John Eldredge, have never been revealed by authorities. The cartel became one of Mexico's major sources of methamphetamine.

The Mexican government claims to have all but dismantled La Familia since Moreno was killed in a shootout with federal police last December and another founder, Jose de Jesus Mendez Vargas, was arrested last month.

But the mayhem and killing has continued in Michoacan as Knights Templar gunmen battle both the Zetas cartel and remnants of La Familia seeking to control President Felipe Calderon's home state more than 4 1/2 years after Calderon launched his crackdown on organized crime here in 2006.

More than 35,000 people have died in drug violence across Mexico since then, according to government figures, and some groups put the number at more than 40,000.

Calderon has said he took on the cartels to prevent organized crime from spreading to the roots of Mexican society.

Like La Familia, Knights Templar claims to be highly religious, but unlike La Familia, the new cartel has sought to distribute its teachings to the general public with kitschy but florid posters, banners, emblems and even medieval robes.

"God is the truth and there is no truth without God," reads one passage in the booklet.

The person who gave the AP the professionally printed, pocket-size booklet said it was distributed earlier this month by two men in regular clothing aboard a bus traveling in rural Michoacan. He said the men handing out the material then sat down among the other passengers and, without saying a word, got off at the next stop. He asked that his name not be used for fear of retaliation.

The booklet says cartel members "must fight against materialism" and respect women and children. It prohibits them from killing for money and says, "for all members of the order, the use of any drugs or any hallucinogen is strictly prohibited." It mandates drug testing for members.

The Knights Templar have criticized federal police for failing to protect Michoacan against incursions by the ultra-violent Zetas.

The group may have helped organize a demonstration last week in the Michoacan city of Apatzingan, where people chanted "Federal police, get out!" Some young men scrawled slogans like "100 percent Knights Templar" on their T-shirts.

Government security spokesman Alejandro Poire did not respond to a reporter's question about whether the cartel had organized last Wednesday's demonstration but said it had been known to do so in the past.

"It would not be the first time that various criminal organizations seek to use propaganda or publicity tools, but I stress that there is no criminal propaganda that can weaken the efforts of federal forces," Poire said Tuesday.

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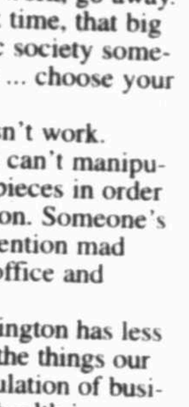
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Debt ceiling situation enough to drive people to drink

■ Government is big and bad and threatens the way of life of those who follow the generations of Washington big spenders.



WILLIAM MURCHISON
Creators Syndicate

To quote the New York Times: There is across the land "both pessimism and cynicism about the state of federal debt ceiling negotiations in Washington; resignation about the partisan jousting, and more confusion than conniption about what exactly will happen" if there's no deal by Aug. 2.

Take, for instance, Stephanie Perone of San Francisco, "who was drinking wine with a friend during Friday's happy hour 'I have no interest in it ... it's just the same thing over and over.'"

Well, maybe not. Ms. Perone, but it's easy enough to see why the crowd in the stadium is less than smitten with the efficiency of the players down on the field. That would be because the crowd is so vast and mixed and contradictory in its impulses as to make the players wonder how much they can get by with actually doing.

The politicians are committed formally to doing their best for us, but they can't figure out as a body what we want, inasmuch as we appear to want everything: tax, spend, cut, raise, go to work, go away.

We learn, not for the first time, that big government in a democratic society sometimes doesn't work worth a ... choose your own term of opprobrium.

The main thing is, it doesn't work. There's too much of it. You can't manipulate the constantly moving pieces in order to achieve general satisfaction. Someone's always displeased, not to mention mad enough to fling you out of office and replace you.

The present mess in Washington has less to do with money than with the things our money has been buying: regulation of business, subsidized mortgages, health insurance for all, subsidies for the elderly, subsidies to farmers, student loans, consumer protection, the advancement and affirmation of social outsiders (long after they've ceased to be outsiders), bread and circus games for anyone left out of all the fun. Liberal politicians are largely responsible for the vast superstructure of federal benevolence, but conservatives have gotten in their own licks, e.g., ethanol subsidies for independent or Republican Iowa farmers.

Once you've got all this stuff, how do you take any of it away: never mind the dimensions of the national debt? You talk about reform, but reform rarely gets past the talking stage.

At the start of our national conversation, the genius of Jefferson was to understand that government, on becoming a dispenser of favors, would constantly seek out new favors with which to win friends and oblige voters. Hamilton, with the highest of motives, centered on prosperity and national strength and pushed specific policies (e.g., a national bank) that would encourage commerce. A century later, statesmen decided it was time to do things for labor, too. Then it got to be time for bulking up the middle class with retirement protection and cheap mortgages. That brings us up to 2011 with the debt wars about which we read daily: sometimes in stupefaction, generally with annoyance. Can't these people get anything straight?

The current prescription for straightening things out — a la Paul Ryan and Eric Cantor — seems to many of us exactly what's needed to control the debt and put the work force back to work: stabilized or lower taxes, reform of Medicare, or strenuous work to reduce a current deficit of $14 trillion before it drags us down. Maybe something like this will happen after 2012, because the current headbutting in Washington virtually assures short-run perpetuation of the splits and divisions that got us where we are.

One thing we can count on: Unless miraculously we get on the small government track that Mr. Jefferson pointed out to our forebears, the demands of running Monster Government in behalf of an ever-larger population, with larger self-perceived needs than ever before, will overwhelm our heirs and descendants, whether conservative or liberal. Back we'll be eventually to where we are now: fighting over the spoils. The Stephanie Perone formula for coping doesn't sound so bad actually: a glass of wine to go with the angst.

OUR VIEW

MISD teacher raises a pleasant surprise

To be quite frank, we were shocked to learn that Midland Independent School District teachers might receive a $600 pay increase for the 2011-12 school year.

That will be the case if the proposed budget passes on Aug. 23. We do realize that this raise is minimum at best, but Midland teachers should be thankful for the way things have gone during this time of grave budget restraint.

After all, the school district is facing $11.3 million in cuts, and MISD officials said they want to present a balanced budget without requiring a tax rate increase. Funding cuts from the state over the next two year period at least has presented a severe challenge to school districts all over the state.

To see any kind of pay increase under these circumstances is remarkable. We have to tip our hat to Superintendent Ryder Warren and the school board for weathering this storm without making massive cuts in the teacher ranks.

Many districts right here in West Texas were not as fortunate as the funding ax cut hundreds of teacher jobs across the region, as well as across the state. We have seen numbers of up to 100,000 teachers losing their jobs in Texas.

Good airport news is great for Midland

Anytime we hear good news coming out of Midland International Airport, we pay attention. After all, the airport remains as a jewel in the region's crown and keeps our isolated area connected with the world.

We would like to see that continue to be the case forever. We need the airport. West Texas needs the airport. It would be hard to think of a bright future for our region without it.

News came this week that parking revenue at the airport hit an all-time high at nearly $185,000, netting $1.48 million since Oct. 1. This double-digit growth means one thing: Airport usage is up. And that's a good thing.

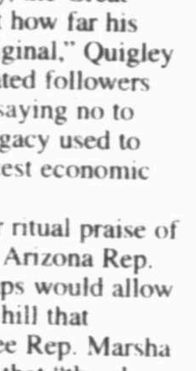
They tell us the number of passengers taking flights from Midland isn't as high as it was in the 2007-08 time frame, but it is up 11.1 percent for this fiscal year. That means people are flying again despite the increased cost of flying.

We must be mindful of the needs of the airport as we go forward. We must always strive to land more flights and maintain updated facilities. That's an ongoing goal that works for all of us. But the bottom line always remains in airport usage. The world is at our doorstep as long as we have the airport.



Democrats appear to be returning to Reagan

■ While tea party members don't want to hear it, the former president had no problems raising taxes, raising the debt ceiling and expanding government.



DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

After he switched to the Republican Party in 1962, Ronald Reagan famously quipped: "I didn't leave the Democratic Party. The party left me."

Now, the Republican Party is doing the same thing to him — and Democrats are happy to take Reagan back.

At Tuesday morning's meeting of the House Democrats, Caucus Chairman John Larson rallied his colleagues for the day's debt-limit debate by playing an audio recording of the 40th president.

"Congress consistently brings the government to the edge of default before facing its responsibility," Reagan says in the clip. "This brinkmanship threatens the holders of government bonds and those who rely on Social Security and veterans benefits. Interest rates would skyrocket, instability would occur in financial markets, and the federal deficit would soar. The United States has a special responsibility to itself and the world to meet its obligations."

"Kind of sums things up," Larson said, playing the same clip again at a news conference.

Nobody knows what Reagan, who died in 2004, would make of the current fight over the debt limit. But 100 years after Reagan's birth, it's clear that the tea party Republicans have little regard for the policies of the president they claim to venerate.

Tea party Republicans call a vote to raise the debt ceiling a threat to their very existence; Reagan presided over 18 increases in the debt ceiling during his presidency.

Tea party Republicans say they would sooner default on the national debt than raise taxes; Reagan agreed to raise taxes 11 times.

Tea party Republicans, in "cut, cap and balance" legislation on the House floor Tuesday, voted to cut government spending permanently to 18 percent of gross domestic product; under Reagan, spending was as high as 23.5 percent and never below 21.3 percent of GDP.

That same legislation would take federal spending down to a level last seen in 1966, before Medicare was fully up and running; Reagan in 1988 signed a major expansion of Medicare.

Under the tea party Republicans' spending cap, Reagan's military buildup, often credited with winning the Cold War, would have been impossible.

No wonder Democrats on Tuesday were claiming the Republican icon as one of their own. After the caucus meeting with the Reagan clip, Rep. Mike Quigley, D-Ill., began the day's debate by reading from a 1983 Reagan letter to Congress warning that "the full consequences of a default — or even the serious prospect of default — by the United States are impossible to predict and awesome to contemplate."

"In the year of his 100th birthday, the Great Communicator might be amazed at how far his own image has shifted from the original," Quigley charged. "He'd see his most dedicated followers using his name as justification for saying no to honoring our debts. He'd see his legacy used to play chicken with the world's greatest economic engine."

Republicans have continued their ritual praise of Reagan during the debt-limit fight. Arizona Rep. Trent Franks claimed the budget caps would allow America to be "the great city on a hill that Ronald Reagan spoke of." Tennessee Rep. Marsha Blackburn invoked Reagan's belief that "the closest thing to eternal life on Earth is a federal government program." Texas Rep. Kevin Brady cited Reagan's line that "the nine most terrifying words in the English language are 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'" Both Steve King of Iowa and Bobby Schilling of Illinois informed the body that they had granddaughters named Reagan.

But while Reagan nostalgia endures, a number of Republicans have begun to admit the obvious: The Gipper no longer would be welcome on the GOP team. Most recently, California Rep. Duncan Hunter Jr. called Reagan a "moderate former liberal ... who would never be elected today in my opinion."

During the debt-limit debate, a procession of Democrats — Vermont's Peter Welch, Maryland's Chris Van Hollen, New York's Paul Tonko, Texas' Sheila Jackson Lee and Gene Green — claimed Reagan's support for their position. Reagan is "revered by many Democrats," said Welch, who praised Reagan for fighting "the absurd notion that America had an option when it came to paying our bills."

Half a century after he left the party, the Gipper is winning one for the Democrats.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
weekdays

Columnist wrong about Latino representation

On July 10, the Reporter Telegram published a column written by Victor Landa, wherein he complains and whines about the Latino population not being properly represented. If Latino means illegal immigrants, then they have no rights of representation. If Latino means legal immigrants, then they are immigrants who have come here to be Americans. If they are not here to be Americans, the door is open for them to return to their Latino country, wherever it may be.

In addition, Landa does not like voter ID, which he says infringes on the rights of minorities, young people and the elderly. That is totally wrong because if any citizen really wants to vote — whether minority, young person or whoever — he or she can easily obtain the required identification.

Frank Qualia

Why support US-Mexico trade agreements?

The Mexico-U.S. border crossing truck agreement runs counter to my simple good sense. Not only just me, it is the hot subject of serious disagreement in Texas and the U.S., generally.

I am perplexed, confused and seriously alarmed while labor unions argue, not without reason, that U.S. jobs are in jeopardy; citizens argue personal safety issues, corporations argue costs, politicians, as usual, speak in platitudes and the White House is AWOL on the drugs and border security issues.

Will someone in authority please answer my question: what and where are the fact-based logical reasons for supporting the cross border truck agreement?

John P. Stroup

Letters to the editor run Sundays on 11A and Wednesdays and Thursdays on 6A in the Reporter-Telegram. Submit letters via e-mail to letters@mrt.com or via fax to 570-7650. Letters must include name, phone number and address and are limited to 350 words.

DOONESBURY — **By Garry Trudeau**



Midland ISD working toward balanced budget for 2011-12

■ Board and administration remain committed to providing a pay increase for district's teachers.

RYDER WARREN
Midland ISD Superintendent



I hope everyone is having a great, albeit dry and hot, summer. In the school district, we've been working hard ending the 2010-11 school year and eagerly planning for a fantastic 2011-12 year. Along with all of the cleanup duties that are conducted on our campuses, in which our custodial and maintenance crew do an absolutely phenomenal job, the two departments that definitely work overtime during the summer are our human resources department and our finance department. Staffing our schools and our departments effectively and efficiently is a challenge every spring and summer. Also, closing the old budget and preparing the budget that will sustain us for the new year are daunting tasks.

In light of this, I am putting the focus of my article this month on our budget. Now that the Legislature has adjourned, we know the full implications of the funding decisions the state has approved. As reported to our school board members during our normal July meeting, below are the preliminary figures we are looking at for the 2011-12 MISD budget. Much has been said and written about the challenges our legislators faced in this session. Now that they are home, the challenge is ours to produce a budget that will put together the very best educational programs that the children of Midland absolutely deserve.

To begin the district's budget discussions with our board and with the community as a whole, we have laid out four major goals that we want to achieve with our new budget. These goals are the following: 1. submit to the MISD board of trustees a balanced budget for the 2011-12 school year; 2. base the new budget proposal on the current tax rate and do not ask our community for a tax hike; 3. continue to emphasize academic excellence on all campuses and as a district; 4. make a statement to all MISD employees with the budget that shows our commitment to them, even in light of the sacrifices that will be made.

With those four initiatives in mind, we have submitted the following budget proposal to our board of trustees (the revenue figures include the estimates for the 2011-12 budget and the comparisons to the 2010-11 budget). I first will give the raw figures and then provide a narrative to explain the proposals.

I. Estimated revenue (2010-11) = $152,163,238
Estimated revenue (2011-12) = $143,235,152
Deficit = $ -8,928,086

II. Appropriation requests to date for 2011-12 = $151,148,065

III. Appropriation decision based on revenue estimates = $143,307,666

Revenue explanation: Using the same revenue figure that was provided to us from the state in 2010-11, the district was going to see a little more than $152 million in funds. Because of the reduction of state aid for the new budget, it looks like Midland ISD will be reduced by almost $9 million — the revenue estimate for our new budget comes out to $143,235,152.

Appropriation requests explanation: During our normal budget cycle that usually starts early in the spring semester, every campus and district department/program submits appropriation requests to our finance office. They do this with no real knowledge of what the revenue estimates will be — they request what they feel will fully fund the programs at the campus and department levels. Because our budget, over the last couple of years, has been in the range of around $150 million that supports our 22,000 students and 30-plus campuses, it came as no real surprise that the initial appropriations requested were at $151.1 million. This was definitely in line with what we had to work with in the past.

Appropriation decision explanation: Here is where the rubber meets the road. Because of the reduction in state and federal funding, we had to make very challenging decisions to reduce our appropriations' requests. As I've pointed out in previous articles, we began working on these cost-savings initiatives very early in the spring to get ready for the Legislature's final decision. The following are examples of some of the more extensive cuts we have made in the district in order to balance our 2011-12 budget proposal:

■ $4 million — Staff reductions through attrition
■ $1.4 million — Internal general fund program cuts
■ $970,000 — Pre-kindergarten realignment savings
■ $655,000 — Transportation savings (Buses and G/T program)
■ $300,000 — Central office reorganization

These are just a few examples of the decisions we have proposed to balance our budget. Looking at Roman numeral III above, we now have whittled our appropriations requests down from $151.1 million to $143.3 million.

Comparing this figure to our revenue estimate for the new budget ($143,235,152), we are now within about $75,000 of balancing the budget, and that $75,000 will be cut as well before the final version of the budget is presented to the board for adoption in August.

As we continue to analyze our initial budget proposal, the board and the administration will remain focused on the four goals.

1. It is the administration's intention to present a totally balanced budget to the board for adoption during our regular August board meeting. This will mean difficult decisions on our part, but the MISD board of trustees and this community deserve a school district budget that reflects good, solid fiduciary responsibility.

2. We will not seek to balance the budget by a rise in the M&O tax rate ($1.04) that currently is in place. We will make the necessary cuts within our appropriation requests to come into line with our revenue estimates without a request for more funds from Midland taxpayers.

3. We will keep (and refocus) all of our energy on academic excellence. We will not allow this cut in state and federal revenue to become an excuse for lack of academic gains. In my opinion, this community witnessed phenomenal efforts by all school stakeholders this year. Our students deserve and will get the best programs for their educational journey through our school system.

4. Included in this budget is a 1.5 percent salary increase proposal for MISD employees. From the federal jobs bill that was finally negotiated between Austin and Washington, Midland ISD will realize around $3.3 million. We are going to infuse those funds directly into our employee payroll. I understand this is a minimal amount of actual increases to monthly paychecks, but we do feel our staff needs to understand that not only did we want to balance our budget without any staff layoffs, we also want to do everything we can to support their efforts with our children. The 3,000 employees of MISD have such a huge responsibility in our community, and we want them to know how much we appreciate their commitment to and their efforts with our children. So, even in this time of budget cuts, we are going to make our commitment to them with this pay increase.

I want to close by thanking our community for the support MISD receives. Though we only have been Midlanders for one year now, my wife and I believe this move was the best we've made during our careers. Our school district and our community as a whole have huge challenges ahead. Some of these challenges are reactions to the decisions being made by our state and federal leaders, but many of these challenges are homemade. No matter the origins of these tests, I feel we are going to meet every single one of them.

If anyone has questions about the information in the article, or about anything else, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support of our schools and, most importantly, of our children.

Notice to Patients

Dr. Benjamin Cunningham is leaving Premier Physicians effective August 15, 2011

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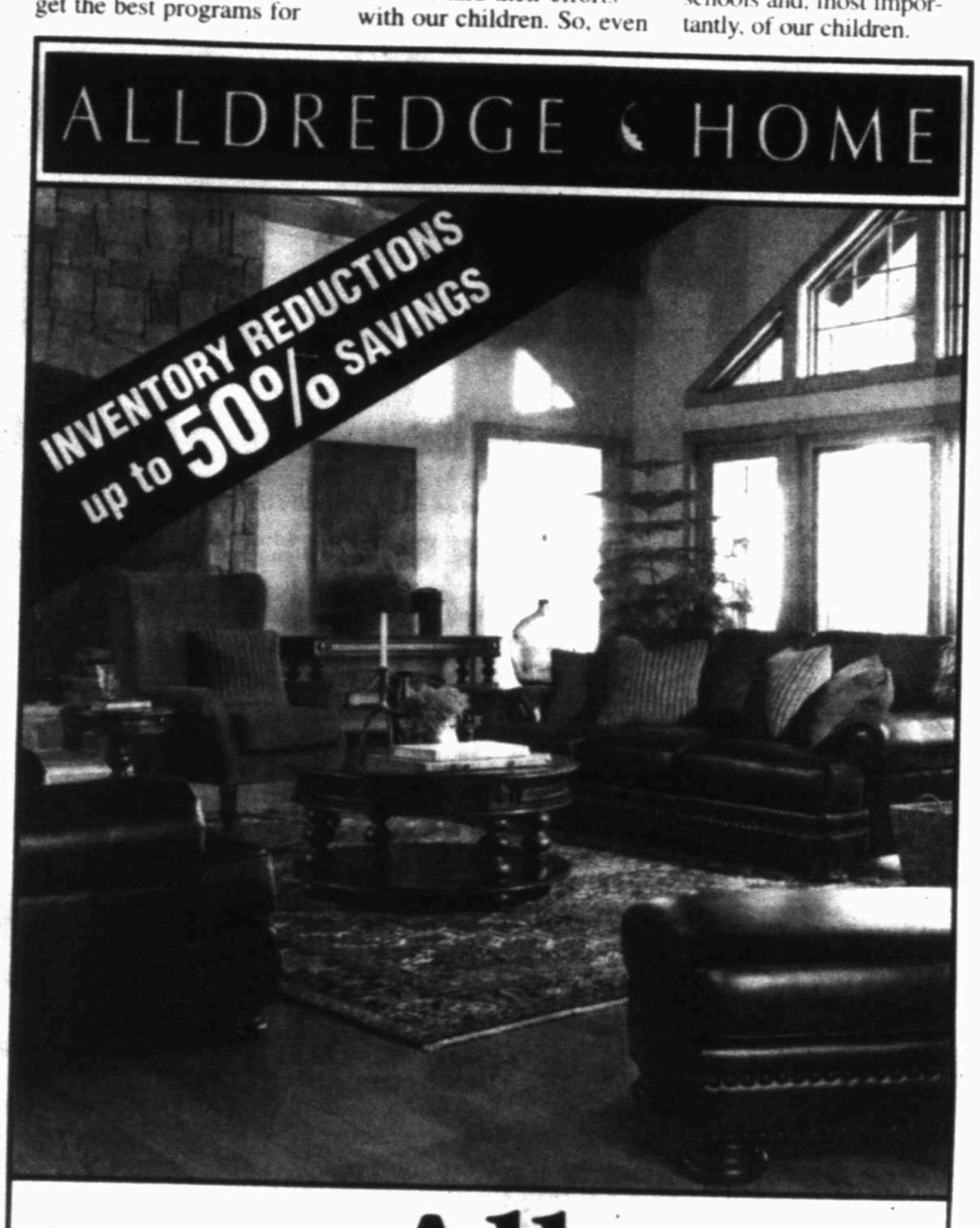
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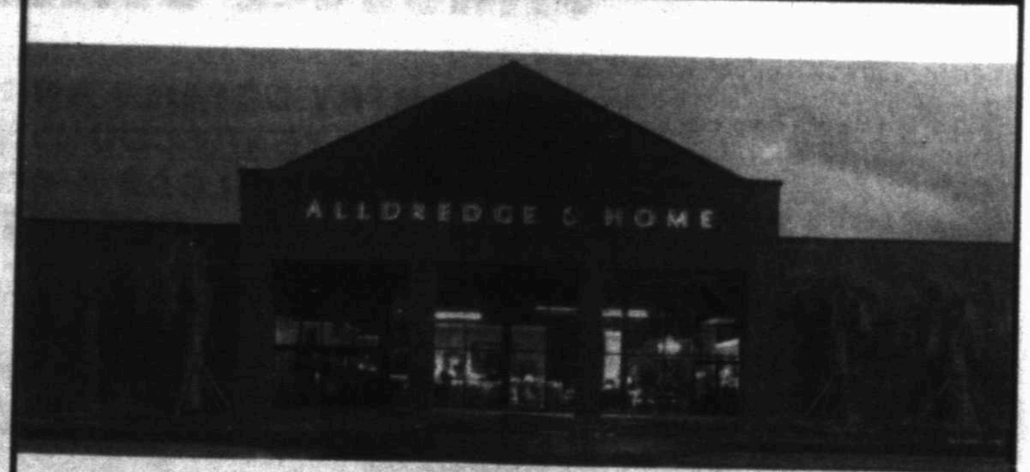
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Local & State

Plans for multimodal bus facility roll on

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Members of the Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board are moving forward with the addition of a multimodal facility.

The group heard a presentation during its Wednesday meeting on the design of the facility, which is being led by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc. When constructed, the planned parking and administration and maintenance buildings will sit off Farm-to-Market Road 1788 near the post office on Loop 40.

"This project was master planned to anticipate growth over future years," said David Vincent, with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

Vincent said with direction from the board to continue, the firm now will work on construction documents and could put bids out for contractors by early October. After the bidding phase is complete, it's estimated construction will take 12 to 14 months, placing completion of phase one of the project around December 2012.

> "The build out will be double the space in the end."
>
> — CHRIS MANDRELL
> Outgoing general manager for EZ Rider

Completion of the whole multimodal facility, which will include more space on the maintenance facility and allow the site to become a regional hub, is estimated for 2015, said John Wilson, of McDonald Transit, EZ Rider's parent company.

Funding for the roughly $4 million phase one construction is coming through federal transportation funding, Wilson said. It's being matched by the Texas Department of Transportation through transportation development credits, he said.

Typically, when a new federally funded facility is built, it requires a 20 percent match from the cities, Wilson said. The transportation development credits take the place of the matching funds, he said.

"My recommendation would be to continue on this same path," Wilson said, speaking to the board about the facility designs. "We think what they have come up with meets our needs."

Pointing to 3D mock-ups of the exterior of the building

Please see BUS/3B

DANGEROUS RACING



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Steve Prewit says his faith in God and his second chance at life is what he credits for giving him courage to get behind the wheel of his 1985 Canyon Marine Hydro dragster that he races down the eighth and quarter-mile tracks in memory of family and friends. Prewitt is currently the No. 2 Top Eliminator Liquid Quarter Mile Dragster and recipient of the 2010 Sportsman Driver of the Year.

Land surveyor becomes champion drag-boat racer



Courtsey Photo

Prewit is pictured racing his 1985 Canyon Marine Hydro dragster at Firebird Raceway.

ED TODD *profile*

Far from the daredevilry "bad boy" of his youth in Pecos, Midland's Steve Prewit, 52, takes the "smart risk" in what he calls the world's most dangerous sport: drag-boat racing.

The Midland land surveyor, who fancies his daring nickname "El Vato Loco" — "the Crazy Dude" in English — is the 2009 International Hot Boat Association (IHBA) Division II Top Eliminator World Champion and the 2010 Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series (LODBRS) Elapsed Time (ET) Racer of the Year.

His watchword is one of faith: "Be right with the man."

"Liquid drag-racing is a crap-shoot every time you go out," Prewit said at his spacious Midland complex where he stores and maintains his aerodynamic fiberglass boats with high-performance engines and catchy names, such as "Hold My Beer and Watch This!" and "Texas Red."

Where Prewit keeps the drag-boat racers, he also secures his half-million-dollar upscale tractor-trailer rig that bears the Christian ichthys (Greek for fish) emblem and the Team RFC acronym, Racers for Christ. The tractor and trailer are a travelling shop, a powerhouse and a bunkhouse for the crews. The two-tier trailer has an elevator to accommodate the sleek boats. Each drag-boat racer is built with a $20,000 hull and an alcohol-fueled engine priced from $25,000 to $35,000.

"It is an ironically dangerous sport (and) healthy competition, but we know what we are doing out there every time," the 5-foot-11 Prewit said of competitive racing.

"That is why it is so important to have the chaplain there to pray with us, so we are covered running down the track," he continued. "If we are not right with the man, we don't need to be out there. We love each other because we know what can happen in a split second. The ministry holds everything together."

His drag-boat racing courses are lakes and reservoirs in Texas, including San Angelo's Lake Nasworthy. Other lakes where he competes are in Waco, Marble Falls and Fort Worth, as well as Oklahoma.

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Women's group offers scholarships to students

■ Midland Business and Professional Women's Club giving four $500 grants to non-traditional students.

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

To promote post-secondary education among women, the Midland Business and Professional Women's Club is offering four scholarships to non-traditional students.

"Education is power," said President Glenda Knox. "There are still people who think women should be barefoot and pregnant."

Each semester, the club awards four $500 scholarships to women age 25 or older who study at an accredited Texas school.

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■ To apply: Scholarship applications can be downloaded on the Business and Professional Women's Club website at www.midlandbpw.com.

The scholarship targets women of non-traditional age who go back to school to start a new career, said Mona Bethany, scholarship committee chairwoman.

"There are a lot of scholarships available for high school graduates, but not as many people for people who are going back to school," Bethany said.

Single moms and divorcees have been among the past recipients.

"Sometimes women don't go back to school because they can't pay and that shouldn't be the situation," Knox said.

The organization prefers the money be used for books and tuition but also allows recipients to use the scholarship for related costs like child care or transportation, Bethany said.

To qualify, applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and enroll in six credit hours.

Once an applicant has qualified, they can reapply for additional scholarships for up to four years as long as they maintain a 2.5 GPA, Bethany said.

Scholarships are funded through profits from the club's spring style show and silent auction.

The organization focuses on women's equality in the workplace and provides bimonthly networking opportunities for members.

Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.

Fort Hood suspect: Lawyers to lead case

By Angela K. Brown and Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

FORT HOOD — The Army psychiatrist charged in the Fort Hood shooting rampage unexpectedly severed ties with his lead attorney Wednesday, eight months before the military trial at which he faces the death penalty.

Maj. Nidal Hasan confirmed during his arraignment that he dropped his civilian attorney, a retired Army colonel who had represented him since the 2009 attack on the Texas Army post.

Hasan, who is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder, said he wanted to be represented by three military attorneys. Two already were on his defense team.

Asked whether his parting with his attorney was voluntary, Hasan told the judge, "Yes, it was."

John Galligan, the civilian attorney, was not in court. He told the Associated Press just before the hearing that he decided to step down temporarily but stood ready to "resume an active role." Galligan declined to give a reason for his decision.

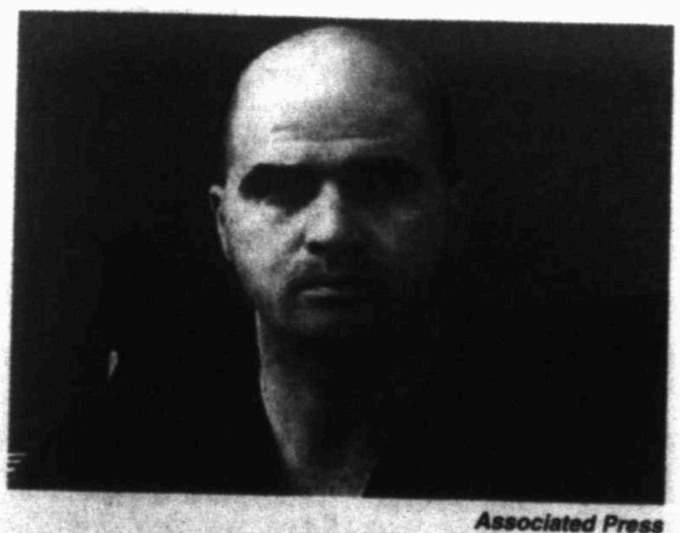
Hasan did not enter a plea during the 15-minute arraignment, and it's unclear when he will. According to military law, he cannot plead guilty because it is a death penalty case.

Col. Gregory Gross, Fort Hood's chief circuit judge, set the military trial date for March, which the defense team had requested. Jurors will be brought in from Fort Sill, Okla., according to documents filed in the case.

During the hearing, Gross told Hasan that death-penalty cases in the military require at least 12 jury members, more than in other cases. And unlike other trials, their verdict must be unanimous in finding guilt or assessing a sentence. If Hasan is convicted, jurors would decide between life in a military prison without parole and the death penalty.

Fort Hood's commander, Lt. Gen Donald Campbell, announced two weeks ago that Hasan would be tried in a military court and would face the death penalty. That decision echoed recommendations from two Army colonels who also reviewed the case.

Please see SHOOTING/3B



Associated Press

This April 2010 photo, released by the Bell County Sheriff's Department, shows U.S. Maj. Nidal Hasan at the Bell County Jail in Belton. On Wednesday, Hasan made his first courtroom appearance since it was announced that he faces the death penalty. Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 Fort Hood shooting.

Obituaries



Brad Hulslander

Brad Hulslander, 29, of Midland, died on Saturday, July 16, 2011, in Gaines County. Private memorial services were held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, with Terry Easley, officiating.

He was born on January 25, 1982 in Pearsall, Texas and grew up in Baytown. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown. Brad later moved to Midland, where he attended Midland College, and met his wife Melinda. He worked as a directional driller and made many friends through his work.

Brad enjoyed fishing and camping and was a great bowler. He also enjoyed working with cars, rebuilding his jeep, and working with computers. Brad was a very loving and caring person, who was always ready to help his family and friends.

He is survived by his parents, Mark and Anna Hulslander; his sister, Erin Hulslander; his wife, Melinda Hulslander; his two step-children, Brooklyn and Jessie, all of Midland; and many loving family members and good friends.

The family suggests memorials to be made to Big Brothers & Big Sisters, 1007 West Texas Avenue, Midland, TX 79701-6169.

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

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

Jack Martin Cox

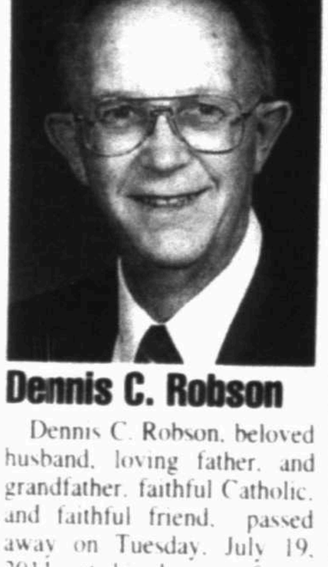
Jack Martin Cox, 81, of Miles passed away Monday, July 18, 2011, at his residence.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 21, 2011, in Miles Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Cox was born June 10, 1930, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a field Supervisor in the oil field for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Xandra of Miles; three sons, Mark Cox of Midland, John Cox of Austin, Nicholas Cox of Miles; one daughter, Jan Gifford of Miles; his mother, Viola Cox of Midland; a sister, Joan Cox of San Angelo; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.



Dennis C. Robson

Dennis C. Robson, beloved husband, loving father, and grandfather, faithful Catholic, and faithful friend, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at his home, after a lengthy battle from cancer.

Dennis was born on August 13, 1946, in San Francisco, California, to Jean E. Domnisse and Robert S. Robson. He enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, where he later received the National Defense Service Medal. After his enlistment in the Army, he graduated from the University of Alaska, with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Dennis worked in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the State of New Mexico Department of Human Services, as the Social Worker Supervisor, the City of Midland Parole and Probation Office, and St. Stephen's Catholic Church as Pastoral Associate.

Dennis was a professed Secular Franciscan for the St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity and served the fraternity in all capacities. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Dennis dedicated his life to teaching others about God. He was truly a servant for Christ.

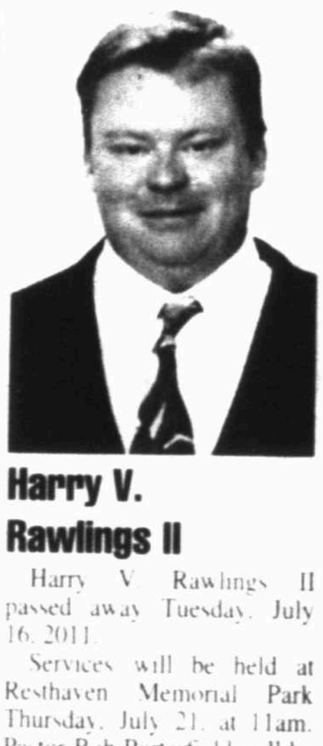
Dennis is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Robson; one brother, Stan Robson of Three Sisters, Oregon; and one sister, Kathleen Hemann of Salem, Oregon; one son, Daniel Robson and his wife, Andrea of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two step-daughters, Louise Ramirez of Dallas, Texas, and Karen Igo and her husband, Mike of Midland, Texas; and five grandchildren, Brandon Igo, Brianna Igo, Doralynn Robson, Aidan Pelowitz, and Jonus Robson.

The family would like to thank St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Hospice, his caregiver, and everyone who helped and prayed for Dennis.

In lieu of flowers, we suggest contributions to Helping Hands and Hospice of Midland, Texas.

A rosary will be held on Friday, July 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. The memorial service will be held Saturday, July 23, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.



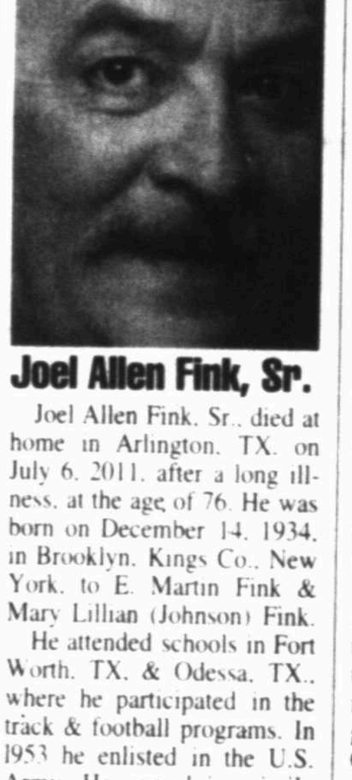
Harry V. Rawlings II

Harry V. Rawlings II passed away Tuesday, July 16, 2011.

Services will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park Thursday, July 21, at 11am. Pastor Bob Porterfield will be officiating.

Harry was a 1984 graduate of Lee High School and was a mudlogger in the Permian Basin area for many years.

Harry is survived by his mother, Patsy Rawlings and sisters, Judy Beach and Donna Brownlee.



Joel Allen Fink, Sr.

Joel Allen Fink, Sr., died at home in Arlington, TX, on July 6, 2011, after a long illness, at the age of 76. He was born on December 14, 1934, in Brooklyn, Kings Co., New York, to E. Martin Fink & Mary Lillian (Johnson) Fink.

He attended schools in Fort Worth, TX, & Odessa, TX., where he participated in the track & football programs. In 1953 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in missile defense and was honorably discharged in July, 1956. He returned to Odessa and enrolled in Odessa College. He was employed as a draftsman for Kenneth Esmond & Associates, and was later self-employed in Odessa & Arlington TX. He worked as a service representative for Comet Cleaners for several years before his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Glen Matthew Fink; his sister, Sopha Ann; and his wife, Mary Ellen (Godfrey) Fink.

He is survived by a son, Joel A. Fink, Jr., and wife, Laura, of Midland, TX.; grandchildren, Ryan Fink and wife, Katie, Kelsey and Reagan Fink of Midland, TX.; brothers, Leon and Jack Fink; his stepchildren, Matthew Siver, Melissa Siver, BJ Siver, and Mary Siver; his daughter, Kaylee; and very special friends Bobby and Debbie Butcher, who saw him through his final days.

Graveside services to be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa, TX on Thursday July 21st, at 1:00 p.m. Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Loretta Forrester

Loretta Forrester, 56, of Midland, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 17, 2011.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, July 22, 2011, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Roy Smith, pastor of True Lite Christian Fellowship, officiating.

She was born and raised in Athens, TX and moved to Midland in the early 80's. Loretta worked for Southwestern Bell for over twenty-five years. She loved clipping coupons and shopping for deals. She was fond of dress hats and known for her elaborate collection. Loretta was very proud of her grandchildren and loved being with them; she especially loved shopping for them. She was an active member of the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her grandmother, Maurine Daniels of Athens, TX; mother and father, Eva and John Campbell of Midland; daughter, Lateeva Tennon and husband, Thomas of Midland; grandchildren, Tisland Tennon, Ahmaria Tennon, Nemah Tennon and Thomas Tennon, II of Midland; sisters, Gloria Wynds, Toya Pryor, Jacquelynn Jackson, and Annette Hayes.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Jeffie Daniels and her biological father, Robert Henderson.

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

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

Margaret Jeanne (Delano) Stuart

Margaret Jeanne (Delano) Stuart, 75, of Midland, passed away on Monday, July 18, 2011, at her residence.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, July 24, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., at Christ Church Midland.

Margaret was born on May 18, 1936, in Ravenna, Ohio, to Vincent James Delano and Josephine Mallozzi Delano.

Margaret graduated from Kent State in 1958 and obtained her master's in education at UTPB in 1998. She married Edwin Stuart on August 25, 1962, in Ravenna, Ohio.

She taught school for 26 years in six states. She was a former member of St Nicholas Episcopal Church in Midland, and founding member of Christ Church Midland, where she served as a home communion minister, choir member, and shepherd. She studied with Community Bible Study and Bible Study Fellowship. She spent many hours recording books for the recording library.

Margaret is survived by her husband, Edwin Stuart of Midland; daughters, Cathy Lynn and her husband, Stacy Meeks of Midland, Mary Elizabeth and her husband, Kyle Colvett of Jonesborough, TN., Sharon Lee and husband, Jerry Thompson of San Antonio; and son, Michael, who is teaching in Turkey; also survived by grandchildren, Hunter, Dakota, and Colton Meeks, Margaret, Jackson, Janie, Laurie, Samual, and Ellie Colvett, Kaleisha, Anthony, and Cydney Thompson; her sister, Angela Nagello; and brother, Vince Delano and his wife, Linda.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Vivian Swartout; and brother, Marian Mickey Delano.

Memorials should be directed to: Christ Church Midland, 5501 North Midland Dr., Midland, Texas 79705.

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Martha Ellen Franks

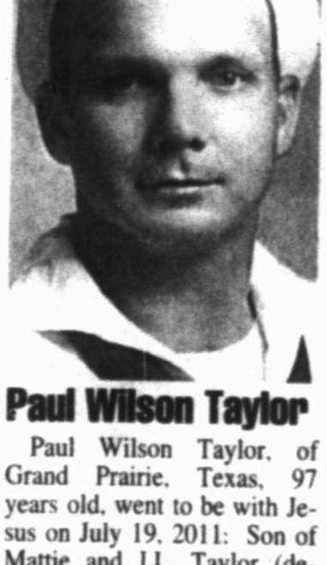
Martha Ellen Franks, 82, of Orange, Texas, formerly of Hobbs, joined our Lord in a celebration of life on Thursday, July 14, 2011. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 21 at Crosswinds Community Church (formerly Northside Baptist Church), with the Reverend Tom Stephenson officiating. Interment will follow in Prairie Haven Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Orange, Texas, at a later date.

Mrs. Franks was born on December 20, 1928, in Texarkana, to J. Sam and Martha Kidd Leonard. She married John William Franks on April 12, 1946, in Texarkana, Texas, and they celebrated over 50 wonderful years together, until his death on October 25, 1996. Martha and John raised their three daughters in Hobbs, where they lived for 41 years. They retired to Kilgore, Texas, but due to health reasons they moved to Midland, Texas. After John's passing, Martha moved to Orange, Texas, with her daughter and son-in-law, where she spent the last 9 years enjoying the many friends she made. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church, when she lived in Hobbs.

Survivors include her daughters, Carolyn Lemons of Orange, Texas, Diane Green of Midland, Texas, and JohnAnn Thompson of Waxahachie, Texas; grandchildren, Michael, Sean, Chad, Kris, Melissa, and Rebecca; and eight great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements directed by Griffin Funeral Home, Hobbs, New Mexico.



Paul Wilson Taylor

Paul Wilson Taylor, of Grand Prairie, Texas, 97 years old, went to be with Jesus on July 19, 2011: Son of Mattie and J.L. Taylor (deceased), of Venus, Texas; husband of Hazel Verna Parker Taylor (deceased) of Dallas; brother of James L. Taylor, Jr., Stephen Wayne Taylor, Joe Bob Taylor, and Ray Matthew Taylor (all deceased); beloved father of Paula Taylor King, Jan Taylor Starnes, James Garland Taylor, Ruth Taylor Armstrong, and Andrew McLeod Taylor; grandfather of thirteen wonderful grandchildren; great-grandfather of thirteen extraordinary great-grandchildren (and one on the way); World War II Navy Veteran of the Pacific Campaign and a proud SeaBee; faithful servant of God.

Paul Taylor lived a long and happy life, surrounded by a loving and appreciative family and many admiring friends. A proud Venus Bulldog varsity athlete, Paul was Valedictorian of the Venus High School class of 1931. Paul worked for more than forty years for Magnolia Petroleum / Mobil Oil Corporation, and left a long legacy of professional courtesy and friendships. After many years of moving around the oil patch, Paul and Hazel landed with their five children in Midland in 1960, where Paul was Employee Relations Manager for Mobil. He earned a Bachelor's of Liberal Studies degree from Oklahoma University in 1965. After early retirement in 1973, Mobil hired Paul to train gas plant operators in Indonesia for several years. Many happy years in retirement on Lake Leon near Eastland, Texas, and then several peaceful years near family in the DFW area, Paul is now happily reunited with Hazel in heaven.

Funeral services will be on Friday, July 22, at 4:00 p.m., at Midlothian Funeral Home, 200 E. Avenue E, Midlothian, TX 76065, (972) 723-9884. Viewing will be at 3:00 p.m., Friday, at the same location. The service will be followed immediately by interment at nearby Mountain Peak Cemetery, Hwy 875, Ellis County, the community cemetery on land donated by Paul's grandfather.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Lottie Moon Foreign Missions, c/o Hillcrest Baptist Church, 265 West Pleasant Run Road, Cedar Hill, TX 75104.



Ruth C. Robinson Jenkins

Ruth C. Robinson Jenkins joined her Savior, ending her earthly life on Friday, July 15th in Frisco, Texas, surrounded by her family. A resident of Midland since 1947, she was regarded as a devoted wife, nurturing mother, and grandmother. She was a cherished friend to many, and a Christian, whose life bore testimony to her faith.

Ruth was born December 4, 1923, in Cabot, Arkansas. She lived most of her early life with her family in Marfa, Texas. Her parents were Roy Bryan and Lula Blake Robinson. She was the precious sister to brothers, Herman, R.B., Carl, and sisters, Bernice and Marjie.

She attended school in Marfa, and immediately following graduation, enrolled in Southwestern Business College in Albuquerque, N.M. Returning to Marfa, she worked in the office of Ft. D.A. Russell Army Base, and helped at the family jewelry store "Robinson's". She was a volunteer with the USO, and was to meet her future husband, Raymond, at one of the USO dances.

She married Lt. Raymond Jenkins, a cadet pilot at Marfa Airbase, on October 2, 1943. Their marriage was blessed with four children, a daughter, Helen, and three sons, Scooter, David, and Tommy.

Her children hold fond and loving memories of her support in their lives, activities, and are grateful for her presence as they began their own marriages and careers. Ruth was always an inspiration, a comfort, and a great and caring Mother to her children. She was always available for any needs they might have.

Ruth spent what free time she had away from home, helping run the family business, "Jenkins Jewelry & Luggage". Whatever tasks required attention, large or small, she never hesitated to see it to its completion.

Ruth's Christian faith always sustained her through several tragic events in her life. She never ceased to encourage others. Her loss of her beloved husband, Raymond; her own struggle from a debilitating stroke, was a challenge she met head on, never complaining. She looked at the years of hard therapy as her chance to improve her quality of life. She was truly an inspiration to those who knew her. God would see her through it all, of this she had no doubt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Jenkins; parents, R.B. and Lula Blake Robinson; brother, Herman Robinson; sister, Bernice Watkins; and her daughter-in-law, Cindy Jenkins.

She is survived by her children, Raymond Carl "Scooter" Jenkins, Roy David Jenkins and his wife, Joan, Helen Ruth Chambers and her husband, David, Bryan Thomas Jenkins and his wife, Susan. She is also survived by her sister, Marjorie E. Carr; brothers, R.B. and his wife, Jean Robinson, Carl Price Robinson and his wife, Ellen; sister-in-law, Vi Jenkins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was "Mimi" to her grandchildren, Carly Courtney, Corey Jenkins, Kimberly Bost, Jennifer Litaker, J.D. Jenkins, Richard Jenkins, Bryann Jenkins, Pam Owens and great-grandchildren Taylor Owens, Caley Jenkins, Jacob Jenkins, Zachary Litaker, and Ava Litaker.

Visitation will be Thursday July 21st at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Funeral services for Ruth Jenkins will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday July 22nd at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 Golf Course Road in Midland, with Burke Bracke, officiating.

Pallbearers: Vance Jenkins, Bruce Jenkins, Bill Jenkins, Norman Jenkins, Price Robinson, Paul Harzke, and Rob Hill. Honorary Pallbearers: Charles Knorr, Sr., Don Daugherty, Joanne Daugherty, Bennie Rose, Carl Robinson, Roy Robinson, and Marjie Carr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Cindy B. Jenkins Scholarship Fund, Permian Basin Area Foundation, 200 N. Loraine, Suite 500, Midland, Texas 79701, Gifts of Hope, 2006 W. Tennessee Ave., Midland, Texas, 79701 or the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 N. Big Spring, Ste. C32, Midland, TX 79705.

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

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Shannon Marie Simpson

Shannon Marie Simpson, age 61, formally of Odessa, passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 19, 2011, in Dallas, from her battle with cancer.

Shannon was born November 6, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois, to Thomas O'Reilly and Rita Bloake O'Reilly. She received her diploma from Permian High School and attended Odessa College before getting her degree from Texas Tech University. She spent most of her days working for M.I. Drilling Fluids, before retiring from TXDOT in Odessa. She was also an avid member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for many years.

Shannon enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, especially attending her grandson Tripp's sporting events, and reading to her granddaughter, Haley.

Shannon's passions included her dogs, Diet Coke, cooking, and she was most definitely a connoisseur of reality T.V.

Shannon will be greatly missed by all the lives that she touched and her family feels comforted knowing that she is an angel watching over and protecting them.

Shannon was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, David O'Reilly.

Shannon is survived by her two sons, Justin Simpson of Euless, Texas, and Shane Simpson of Fort Worth, Texas; and daughter, Shelby Simpson of Mansfield, Texas; her grandchildren,

Obituaries

Tripp Simpson and Haley Smith; her brothers, Tom O'Reilly and wife, Michelle, and Timothy O'Reilly and wife, Missy; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 22, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 23, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel, with Larry Hood officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at: www.sunsetodessa.com.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Death Notices

David L. Robbins

On July 19, 2011, David L. Robbins passed away at his home.

David is survived by 3 sisters; Patricia Robbins, Diane Robbins and Elaine Zickert all of Midland. He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

A private family service is being held.

A gathering of family and friends is being held on Saturday, July 23 from 2-4pm, at 3205 Hill Ave., Midland, TX.

Services are under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Dorothy Hanson Cook

Dorothy Hanson Cook, 78, passed away July 15, 2011, in Dallas.

Graveside Services will be Friday, July 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

Dorothy is survived by one daughter, Stephanie; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; three brothers; and one sister.

Funeral Arrangements directed by Sandra Clark Funeral Home, Dallas, TX, 214/ 371-2600.

Ismael Baeza

Ismael Baeza, 61, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011, in Midland.

He is survived by his wife, Jesus Maria Baeza; two sons, Ismael Baeza, Jr. and Orlando Baeza; three daughters, Oralia Urias, Leandra Zamarripa, and Juana Pando. He is also survived by his brother; two sisters; and fourteen grandchildren.

Rosary will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A funeral mass will be held in Mexico.

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

Juanita Cole Holland

Juanita Cole Holland, 93, passed away, Monday July 18, 2011, in Midland.

She is survived by her three children, Dr. Tom Holland, Pat McPherson, and Judye Pumroy (Gary); five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 21, 2011, at Sunset Memorial Gardens, followed by a Memorial Service at Manor Park Chapel, Manor Park Retirement Facility of Midland, at 1:30 p.m.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Nancy Klingler

Nancy Klingler, 75, of Midland, passed away July 19, 2011, at a local hospital.

Funeral services are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

MPD: Crack cocaine found in teen's body cavity

By James Cannon
Staff Writer


Mcafee

A Midland teen remained in custody late Wednesday after being charged with a first-degree felony when detectives reported finding 10 grams of crack cocaine hidden in his buttocks.

Davorrin Dquan Mcafee, 17, is being held on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony of distribution of crack cocaine and a third-degree felony of possession of a controlled substance in a corrections facility.

Mcafee was arrested about 11:30 a.m. Tuesday when officers pulled him over in his 1993 Buick Roadmaster near the intersection of Powell Street and Illinois Avenue.

Officers originally pulled Mcafee over for a seat belt violation, but they said they grew suspicious during the interview because Mcafee and the other passengers were nervous and anxious. During the course of the investigation, officers discovered a small amount of marijuana in the possession of the back seat passenger, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

After gaining permission to search the vehicle from Mcafee, patrol officers said they discovered a crack cocaine rock in the middle console. It tested positive for cocaine when tested by the NIK field kit. Mcafee was then arrested and transported to the Midland County Central Detention Center, the report states.

When corrections officers asked if there was anything else in his possession that was prohibited in the jail, he told them no. Later, while being booked, he confessed to the jail staff that he had a bag of cocaine hidden. Jailers determined the bag was about 10 grams.

Mcafee then was charged with the first-degree felony of possession of a controlled substance, weighing between 4 and 200 grams.

If Mcafee is convicted of the first-degree felony, he could serve between five and 99 years in prison. He could also receive an additional 10 years if he is convicted of possession of a controlled substance in a corrections facility.

James Cannon can be reached at jcannon@mrt.com.

UTPB performing arts director to retire

From staff reports

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Take a virtual tour of the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Carol Roberts-Spence, executive director of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's new 108,500-square-foot Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, will retire Aug. 2.

Roberts-Spence, who has served as executive director since March 1, 2010, cited family reasons as her reason for retirement.

"Carol Roberts-Spence joined the university at a critical time. The Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center had just broken ground, and she worked diligently to assist us with this venture," said UTPB President W. David Watts in a news release. "We wish her well in her future endeavors."

The $81 million performing arts center is in the final construction phase and expected to open in September.

Roberts-Spence's retirement should not affect the center's construction or the Nov. 1 invitation-only Grand Gala concert with Rod Stewart, Watts said.

UTPB is looking to hire an experienced performing arts center administrator and already is receiving resumes, he said.

In the interim, Travis Woodward, director of special publications and projects, will fulfill the executive director's duties.

SHOOTING

From 1B

Galligan vigorously defended Hasan long before Fort Hood's commander decided that he'd go to trial.

"I have consistently argued that Major Hasan has not been treated fairly. I maintain that belief," Galligan said Wednesday.

Hasan, 40, was paralyzed from the waist down after being shot by police the day of the rampage. He remains in the Bell County Jail, which houses defendants for nearby Fort Hood.

At an evidentiary hearing last fall, witnesses said that a gunman wearing an Army combat uniform shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — which is Arabic for "God is great!" — and opened fire in a small but crowded medical building where deploying soldiers are vaccinated and undergo other tests. The gunman fired rapidly, pausing only to reload, even shooting some people as they hid under tables or fled the building, witnesses said.

Some witnesses identified the gunman as Hasan, an American-born Muslim who was scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan the following month. Before the attack, Hasan bought a laser-equipped semiautomatic handgun and repeatedly visited a firing range, where he honed his skills by shooting at the heads on silhouette targets, witnesses testified during the hearing.

Bus

From 1B

during Wednesday's meeting. Vincent said the maintenance facility was designed to provide more space and storage areas.

Board member Thomas Blackstone said the current maintenance facility is a barn that was found and occupied without many upgrades. Additional space will be necessary and is helpful for getting EZ Rider buses fixed, he said.

"It wasn't built for what we're doing at all," he said.

The first phase of the maintenance building will bring it to about 60 percent of the size that's planned for in the long-term, Vincent said.

Once fully completed, it hopefully will become a regional maintenance facility where regional carriers such as West Texas Opportunities can have work completed on their vehicles, said Chris Mandrell, outgoing general manager for EZ Rider.

By 2015, the facility also could serve as a stop for several carriers, such as EZ Rider and Greyhound, EZ Rider staff said.

"The build out will be double the space in the end," Mandrell said.

The administration building will be completed in full during the first phase. In addition to offices, it will include a conference room area and an area for drivers with lockers, showers and other amenities.

Parsons Brinckerhoff are serving as consultants on the project because of its expertise in transit and transportation facilities, while Parkhill, Smith & Cooper are working to make the exterior of the facility match other architecture in the airport region.

Land for the multimodal facility was purchased last May and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper contracted for design services in July 2010.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Robert E. Briscoe, 23, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of credit card abuse.

Joshua D. Cooks, 23, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of assault on a family member.

Malcom L. Hughes, 24, of Garden City, Kan., was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Brandon S. King, 19, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of retaliation.

Corina C. Lujan, 33, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of credit card abuse.

Brandon G. Massey, 17, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of cruelty to livestock animals.

Davorrin D. Mcafee, 17, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

Brandon J. Medlock, 29, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

Samuel Ortega-Silva Jr., 17, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of assault on a family member.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

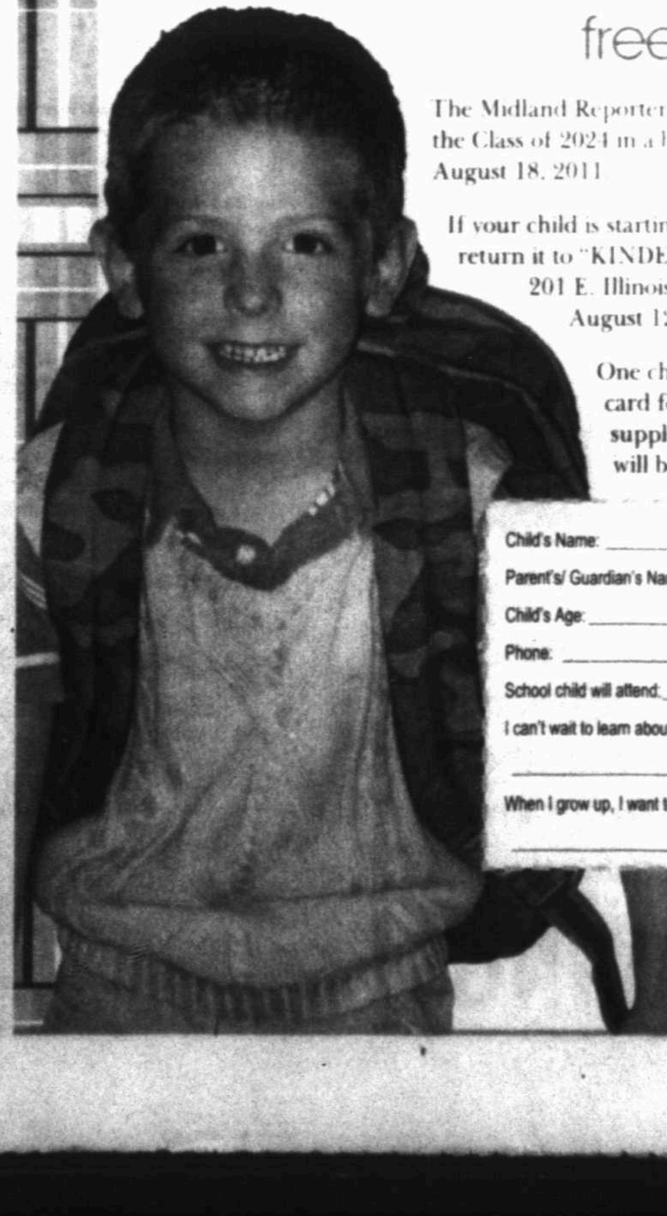
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The Midland Reporter-Telegram helps you celebrate the milestone with the Class of 2024 in a back-to-school souvenir supplement, publishing on August 18, 2011.

If your child is starting kindergarten this Fall, fill out the form below and return it to "KINDERGARTNER PICS" c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, no later than Friday August 12, 2011.

One child will be randomly selected to win a $50 Kohl's gift card for new school clothes and a backpack full of school supplies! The winner will be notified on August 17, 2011 & will be featured in the Sunday edition on August 21, 2011.

Child's Name: _____
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Please enclose a photo of your child (head & shoulders only) suitable for the souvenir edition. Print child's name on back of photo. Do not staple photo to form. Photos will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Photos can be picked up at the Midland Reporter-Telegram until Friday, September 2, 2011. Any unclaimed photos will be destroyed.

Texas Clean Energy Project to sell CO2 to Whiting

From staff reports

With purchase contracts for all three byproducts expected from its Texas Clean Energy Project being developed near Penwell, Summit Power Group moves closer to making the project a reality.

Summit Power and Blue Strategies, a developer of CO2 projects, announced Wednesday it has signed a long-term carbon dioxide sales agreement with Whiting Petroleum Corporation, providing Whiting with the CO2 captured by the Texas Clean Energy Project.

Laura Miller, Summit's director of projects for Texas, said the company is expected to break ground on the plant by the end of this year. The plant will be a first-of-its-kind integrated gasification combined cycle plant, a 400 megawatt power-poly-gen plant designed to capture 9 percent of the carbon dioxide, 99 percent of the sulfur, more than 95 percent of the mercury and more than 90 percent of the nitrogen oxides produced by the process. It is expected to generate 2.5 million tons per year of CO2 that will be marketed to Permian Basin producers for enhanced oil recovery projects.

> "We now have sales commitments in place for all three of TCEP's main commercial products — electric power, urea for fertilizer and CO2 for enhanced oil recovery — and that is obviously key to getting this project under way."
>
> — DONALD HODEL
> Chairman of Summit Power

"This is the first of several CO2 off-take agreements with TCEP, and we are pleased to have negotiated this historic first one with a company that has a long and successful history of doing enhanced oil recovery in the Permian," said Russell Martin, Blue Strategies executive vice president.

Under the new agreement, Whiting will purchase 80 million cubic feet of compressed CO2 per day from TCEP, representing about 60 percent of TCEP's total volume of captured CO2, during the first five years of TCEP's operation. It then will have gradually declining amounts and an option to extend the purchases after that. In the Permian Basin, about one additional barrel of oil can be recovered for each 6,000 cubic feet of compressed CO2 injected into the oil field. TCEP will begin delivering CO2 to Whiting when the plant commences operations in late 2014 or early 2015; construction is scheduled to begin at the end of this year.

"This is another important milestone for the Texas Clean Energy Project, coming on the heels of last month's power purchase announcement with CPS Energy in San Antonio," said Donald Hodel, chairman of Summit Power. "We now have sales commitments in place for all three of TCEP's main commercial products — electric power, urea for fertilizer and CO2 for enhanced oil recovery — and that is obviously key to getting this project under way."

The 15-year Whiting-TCEP contract is historic because CO2 for enhanced oil recovery operations in the Permian Basin and elsewhere have generally been carried out with CO2 that is geological in origin, meaning it formed naturally in underground reservoirs in New Mexico and Colorado and brought to the surface by wells such as those used to produce natural gas. More than 3,000 miles of a CO2-dedicated pipeline currently transports and distributes geologic CO2 throughout the Permian Basin.

Whiting will be the first in the basin to purchase CO2 from a power project that will be produced through the coal-gasification process. Gasification allows the carbon to be stripped from coal, then captured and compressed, for deep underground sequestration in mature oil fields. Unlike conventional coal plants, TCEP will not burn coal but instead will use coal as a chemical feedstock to produce low-carbon, high-hydrogen synthesis gas ("syngas") for power production and the manufacture of urea fertilizer.

TCEP received a $450 million award in 2010 from the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI), the department's effort to create a new generation of energy processes that sharply reduce emissions from coal-fired power plants and reduce America's dependence on imported energy resources.

In oil fields such as Whiting's, the injected CO2 mixes with the oil that is left behind in the primary oil-well production and the secondary water-injection stage. About 40 percent of the initially injected CO2 remains trapped underground. The remainder comes to the surface with the oil, but it is then recaptured, recompressed and re-injected. About 99 percent of the injected CO2 can be permanently stored deep underground many thousands of feet below the water table, with no leakage to the atmosphere.

"We are extremely pleased to be the first oil producer in West Texas to start using manmade CO2 from coal for enhanced oil recovery," said Whiting CEO James Volker. "This shift from geologic to manmade CO2 in the oil fields is a significant step forward for both the power industry and the oil industry. We are proud to be affiliated with this project."

TODD

From 1B

Missouri and Arizona.

Similar to a pilot, the IHBA drag-boat racer is fitted with a parachute.

Last year while racing his "Hold My Beer and Watch This" 7,945-horsepower drag-boat racer, Prewit was given the Don Ernshar Memorial Award for his "positive promotion of drag-boat racing without self-promotion."

Ernshar, a 60-year-old California lawyer, was killed from a 2009 drag boat racing accident.

In addition to the Ernshar laurel, Prewit won the LODBRS Elapsed Time (ET) Racer the Year Award and the LODBRS Runner-up World Championship in 2010.

In his 2009 rookie year, Prewit, who previously was competitive in water skiing, snow skiing and open-road racing, was the IHBA Division II Top Eliminator World Champion.

Prewit's crew chief is Midland resident Kerry "Bullit" Laminack.

Driving "Texas Red" Pro Eliminator is Jerry "Lil Gringo" Hardwick, who in 2009 won the IHBA Division II Pro Eliminator World Championship and Overall World Championship and the 2009 Driver (Racer) of the Year. Hardwick won seven titles, including two world titles, in four years of racing.

Long before drag-boat racing became his passion, Prewit spent time in the Pecos oilfields and dropped out of college because of his "party mode."

"Working out and fighting became second nature for a lot of us," he wrote in his memoirs. "When you fight a lot and are good at it, trouble will find you."

In a 1980 Pecos street fight, he almost lost his left arm, which still bears severe scars, when he took on three shots from an AR-15 rifle.

His survival, repentance and renewed life unfolded into a story of his "Guardian Angels," who include members of a survey crew and an "angel" who showed him God's grace and forgiveness.

Today, Prewit's passion is not just racing but racing for cause and honor.

In racing and in living, he seeks to honor his parents who lived in the Great Depression and survived World War II and to salute America's armed forces in past wars and in today's battlefields.

His late father, J.T. "Chief" Prewit, a black Dutchman also of German ancestry, was a World War II boatswain's mate aboard the USS Mellette (APA-156), an attack Marine transport in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1945. After the war, the elder Prewit returned to Pecos, where he was chief of the Pecos Volunteer Fire Department for almost 30 years.

His 90-year-old Cherokee Indian mother, Mary Elizabeth Prewit, was talented as an artist, ballet teacher and springboard driver.

Though some would say he is a post-World War II "Peco Boy," Prewit would disagree.

"Our dads are the real 'Pecos Boys,'" he said. "That's who we run (the races) for, you know. They all dropped everything and went to the war and never said a word about it. They didn't ask why. They just did it. They never talked about it. They are our heroes. We want to make sure that something good comes out of Pecos. We are a by-product of their good life."

Prewit said both of his boats are dedicated to all veterans.

"Without those guys over there, laying down their lives, getting in harm's way, we couldn't do the things we do," he said. "So, every time I run down the track, I am dragging a bunch of people with me."

Prewit said the memory of those heroes informs his life's philosophy.

"We are trying to keep the old-school morals alive and always believe in God and do the best we can with what we have," he said. "The people that I race with are some of the best people in the world."

Ed Todd is a writer for The Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Patterson running for lieutenant governor

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is running for lieutenant governor.

The Republican former state senator said he'll seek the spot in 2014.

Patterson's announcement Tuesday came the same day that GOP Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced he's running for the U.S. Senate.

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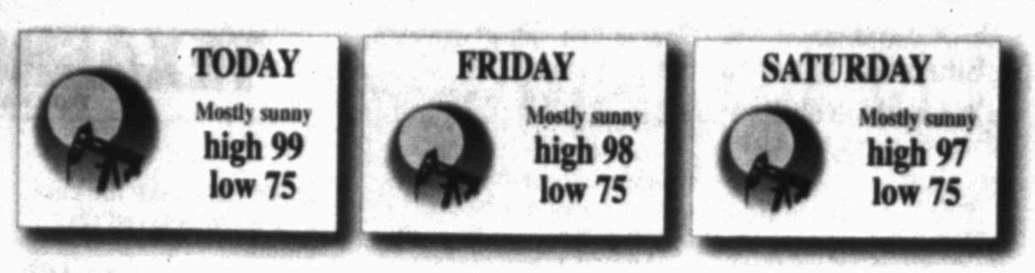
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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 99 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 75 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 98, a low around 75 and south winds around between 10 and 15 mph with a 20 percent of showers..

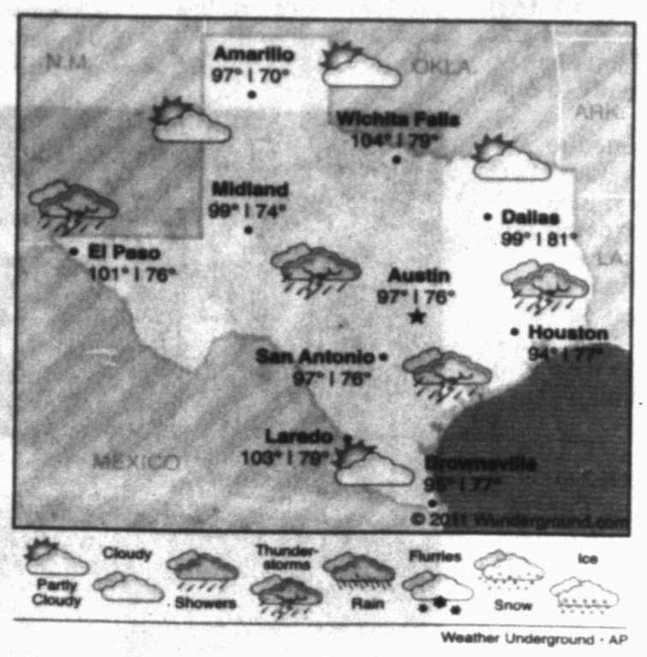
Saturday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 98 and a low around 75.

The high on Wednesday's reached 102 while the low dropped to 73. The record high for July 20 is 104 set in 1936. The record low is 62 set in 1988.

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The core of the heat and humidity will shift east Thursday, bringing 100-degree heat to some of the big cities along I-95. Temperatures will soar to the 100-degree mark from Washington to Philadelphia. From New York City to Boston, humidity combined with highs in the 90s will make it feel more like the 100s.

Sweltering temperatures will persist from the Ohio Valley to the southern Plains as well, with humidity making it feel as hot as 120 degrees in some areas.

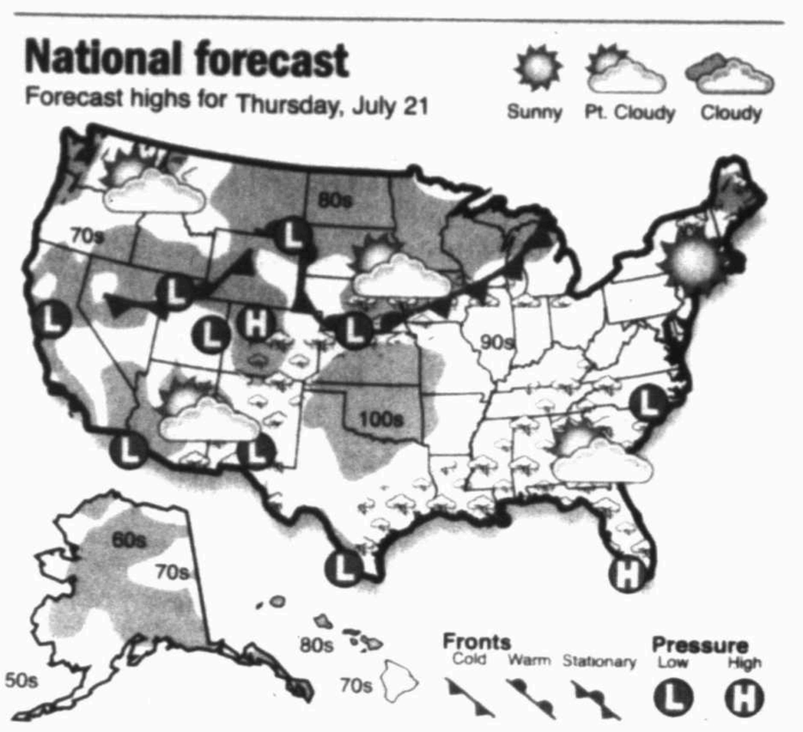


Precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.Trace
Total for year	.0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.6.99 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	102
Low	73
Normal high	95
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:57 a.m.
Sunset	8:53 p.m.



Dessert adds sour ending to dinners with girlfriends

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: When I go out to eat with my girlfriends, I usually enjoy myself until it comes time for dessert. Then I get grief if I don't order any and they do. They'll say, "Oh, you're so tiny. You can eat it." Conversely, if I do order something, they tell me, "Well, I'd love some but my metabolism isn't as high as yours."

I have never made comments to them about calorie counting, needing to work out or concern about my weight. I feel fitness is a private matter, and I'm not comfortable with mine being the topic of discussion. Is there any way to respectfully and tactfully respond to their comments or redirect the conversation? — TAKES THE CAKE IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.

DEAR TAKES THE CAKE: The way you said it in your letter is perfect: "I feel fitness is a private matter and I'm not comfortable with mine being the topic of discussion." Either state it when they comment on what you have ordered or say it privately to each of your friends when you're away from a restaurant. If they are friends, they'll respect your feelings.

DEAR ABBY: Is it weird to not want to sleep in the same bed with my husband? We have an amazing, caring, fun relationship — but when it comes to sleep, I need my space while he prefers to cuddle all night. I always end up trying to push him over to his side or telling him to please move. I know he gets offended because he's just trying to be close.

Abby, when I'm in bed with him, I hardly get any sleep! He's always on my side and I can't move. It bothers me so much I end up sleeping on the couch.

Is this a bad sign for our marriage? Should I just stick it out for his sake? Our marriage is pretty close to perfect except for this one thing. — NEEDS MY SPACE IN WEST VALLEY, UTAH

DEAR NEEDS YOUR SPACE: If you haven't already done it, you and your husband should have a calm discussion about this when you're both wide awake and rested. Sleep deprivation can cause any number of problems — slow reaction time behind the wheel of a car, inefficiency at work and serious health problems. If your marriage is amazing, caring, fun and sexually satisfying for both of you, then sleeping separately isn't a "bad sign." It's the solution.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 54-year-old woman who, after a long marriage and unavoidable divorce, is ready to date. I work out daily, am active in my church, take classes and socialize with women and married couples. I'm in excellent shape and am told I'm attractive and fun. There are few available men my age (or a little younger or older) and almost all of them seem to be looking for women in their 40s, 30s or even 20s.

Why are men my age so unwilling to date women their age? We're past the drama years, are secure in who we are and have a lot to offer. Am I destined to spend my life without romance? I'm an upbeat person but have lately started feeling angry at how I'm being marginalized. — MISSING OUT IN WYOMING

DEAR MISSING OUT: I can't speak for "all" older men, but many of them in our youth-obsessed culture look for women considerably younger because it helps them fool themselves into thinking they are younger than their years. You are physically, socially and intellectually active, so stop allowing yourself to be marginalized and consider dating men who are younger. It worked for Demi Moore.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

What is Spanish for Defense?

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 10 8
♡ Q J 6
◇ A 10
♣ K Q 6 4 3

WEST
♠ Q 6
♡ K 8 7 4 3 2
◇ 9 8 4 2
♣ 2

EAST
♠ 7 4 3 2
♡ 10 5
◇ Q J 3
♣ A 10 8 5

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

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Four of ♡

It is not often that you can fool a world champion into taking the wrong line when he is declaring a hand. The late Paul Soloway was the victim on this deal when Carlos Lucena of Argentina came up with a brilliant bit of deception.

The auction was routine. South's two-no-trump rebid described a minimum, so North had no interest beyond game. West led a low heart, ducked in dummy and declarer captured East's 10 with the ace. A low club to the king lost to the ace and a heart was returned. Routine defense would have been for West to win the king and either clear hearts or shift to another suit. It would then be safe for declarer to finesse West for the queen of spades, assuring the contract whether it won or lost — declarer would score at least three spade tricks and two in each of the other suits. West did neither — he allowed declarer to win the trick with the queen of hearts.

Soloway continued with a club to the jack, on which West discarded a diamond. On the next club West parted with another diamond. Convinced by the ducking play that West had started with five hearts, declarer now saw a way to make nine tricks regardless of which defender held the queen of spades. Assuming that West was down to three cards each in spades and hearts Soloway cashed the king and ace of diamonds and exited with the queen of hearts, expecting West to score three heart tricks and then return a spade. Unfortunately, West scored four hearts to beat a laydown game.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 21, 2011:

This year, you greet many new possibilities professionally. However, putting so much effort into work or community commitments will take away from your personal life. A family member could feel sad and neglected. Do your best to juggle your time and attention. You also might decide to set up a home office to help. Some of you will be investing in real estate as well. If you are single, you meet people easily, as you have a high profile. In such a changeable period, the person you choose today could be different from the one you would choose later. If you are attached, do your best to bring your sweetie into your outside activities. ARIES knows how to get you motivated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ If someone rains on your parade, it might not be intentional. Fatigue could mark your decisions early on. Go for a walk, have a cup of coffee or whatever you need to perk up. Tonight: On a roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Your instinct might be to cocoon. Actually, if you can afford to take some much-needed time off, by all means, do so. Look to reorganizing what needs to be done. Simplify, please. Tonight: Easy continues to work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Know where you want to go. Choose your companions with care, as there could be some fallout. Examine your goals during a meeting of associates. Are you able to do what you want? Expand your circle of friends. Tonight: Think "early weekend."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Take a stand and do whatever is needed. Fatigue surrounds a domestic issue. You simply might not want to hear about it anymore, or at least until you see a resolution ahead. Assume responsibility gracefully. Tonight: Could go late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might want to open up and explore other options. When you hit an obstacle, turn around and look for a different path. Creativity opens up many doors that you normally would not try to open. Try detaching to get a complete perspective. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might want to re-evaluate a situation more carefully involving a key partnership and/or funds. No matter how sure you are that you have looked at all the risks and outcomes, you haven't. Events will let you know otherwise. Tonight: Togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be inadvertently raining on someone's parade. It could be your attitude, and it will have long-term implications that you really don't want. Allow others with a better attitude to take the lead. Tonight: Say "yes" to a suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Understand what you are saying and what you mean. Someone you like to work with could be so enthusiastic that you cannot seem to get a suggestion in. Let this person go ahead. Go off and do something different. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ One person might say "yes" while another says "no." In a situation like this, you might want to look at the common thread between these two, or go off and do what you want. Tonight: Brainstorm with a loved one. Make weekend plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Realize you can say what you want, but know that ultimately your attitude could define a situation far more than you think. You might not be able to put off dealing with an emotional issue or a situation around your home much longer. Tonight: Head home. Get some rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Breeze through your morning, making sure to take that extra moment or two to check in and find out how others are. News from a distance might not be forthcoming. Keep trying to get more information, and refuse to jump to conclusions. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ A partner definitely nixes an idea, which might leave you in limbo. You have strong feelings about directions and choices. You might want to proceed anyway if you feel that strongly. Could there be a midpoint of agreement? Tonight: Buy a small gift for a loved one on the way home.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Don Knotts (1924), educator Marshall McLuhan (1911), actor Robin Williams (1951)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Grafton's "A"
6 Mill fill
11 Witchy woman
14 Aristotle forte
15 Major outlet
16 Chemical ending
17 Start of a quip
19 Lot
20 First name in hair products
21 Spanish possessive
23 Like the 4-Down in a 1960 chart-topper
25 Quip, part 2
26 Bear
27 Champagne designation
28 "them" author
29 Payoff
30 Acquire
31 Word in a current account?
32 Quip, part 3
35 Take willingly
38 Dreyer's partner in ice cream
39 River wriggler
42 Don't just want
43 Top-secret org.
44 PETCO Park player
46 Quip, part 4
48 Hawks' homes
49 Outclassed by a large margin, as competitors
50 You are, in Yucatán
51 Mid-seventh-century date
52 End of quip
56 Deborah's "The King and I" costar
57 Thumbs-up person, perhaps
58 "Amazing" magician
59 Ike's WWII domain
60 Alex's mom on "Family Ties"
61 Words of reassurance

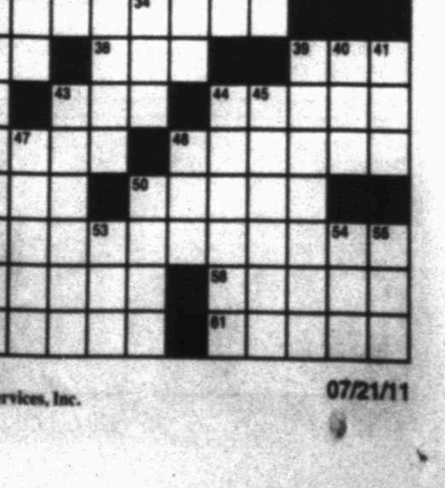
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1 Poetic pugilist
2 Online chuckle
3 "Tell me already"
4 See 23-Across
5 Stranded in winter, perhaps
6 Reading pen?
7 Fabled flier
8 Like many "Twilight Zone" episodes
9 Pub choice
10 Pay after taxes
11 Member of an ancient Asia Minor empire
12 Beautifier
13 Columbus, by birth
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22 Exchanges
23 "Conan" channel
24 Handel cantata "__ e Leandro"
25 Least and
27 Go out with
30 It's eight hours later than PST
31 Singer Grant
32 Cut
33 Forest safety concern
34 Actress Lupino
35 Wool-coloring agent
36 Close-cropped hair style
37 Italian horse
39 Inventing family
40 Prior to
41 French article
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44 "Great" czar
45 Former PLO leader
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54 Meter reading
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Education board to rekindle evolution debate

The Texas State Board of Education meets this week for the first time under its conservative new chairwoman appointed by Gov. Rick Perry and is expected to rekindle the debate over teaching evolution and the origin of life in public schools.

Perry, who is considering a run for president and has embraced social conservatives in Texas, named Barbara Cargill chairwoman earlier this month. Cargill, a biology teacher considered to be one of the more conservative board members, disputes the theory of evolution and voted to require that the theory's weaknesses be taught in classrooms.

An intense fight over evolution and intelligent design theory in science curriculum put a national spotlight on the 15-member elected board in 2009 when it adopted standards that encourage public schools to scrutinize "all sides" of scientific theory.

The board is now considering supplemental online instructional materials that fit under those standards and could be used as early as August when classes resume. The new materials are necessary because the state could not afford to buy new textbooks this year, leaving students to use some that are several years old.

SAN ANGELO

Judge won't delay polygamist sect leader's trial

A judge has ordered all of the attorneys retained recently by polygamist religious leader Warren Jeffs to be ready to represent him when his sexual assault trial begins Monday.

Jeffs was in court Wednesday with his latest new attorney, Deric Walpole, who asked Judge Barbara Walther permission to represent Jeffs, the San Angelo Standard Times reported.

But Walpole said he could only take the case if it were delayed six months.

Walther wouldn't delay the trial and ordered all past lawyers Jeffs has retained be ready to represent him.

Walope wanted to replace Jeffs' Fort Worth-based attorney, who asked to be excused July 7 at Jeffs' request.

Jeffs also fired an Austin attorney in January. Lawyers from Houston and Dallas have also represented him — but only briefly.

AMARILLO

2nd former Pantex worker pleads guilty to theft

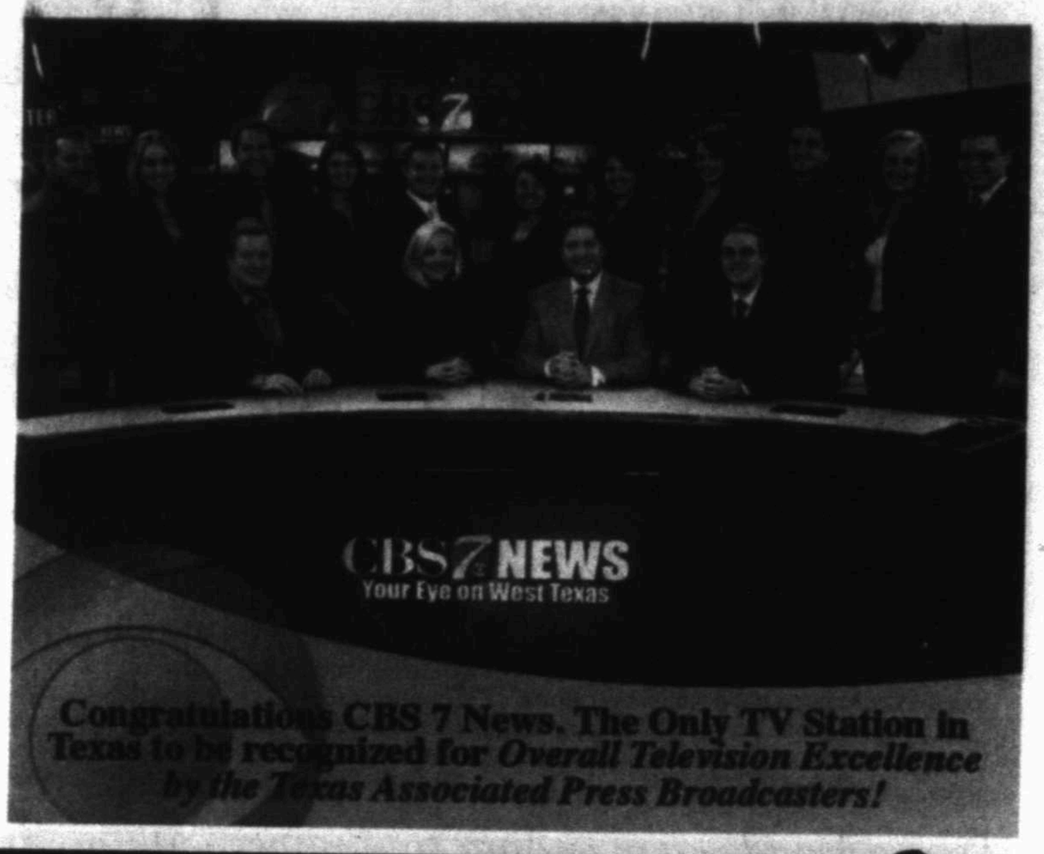
A former Pantex nuclear power plant employee has pleaded guilty to stealing copper wire from the facility in the Texas Panhandle.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports Juan Daniel Guillen will be sentenced Thursday on a theft count.

Federal records filed Tuesday show Guillen says he took more than 100 pounds of copper from a recycling bin at the plant, put the metal into his personal vehicle during work hours, then sold the copper to a recycling company.

Guillen was an electrician apprentice at the plant near Amarillo from October 2009 until January.

Guillen's former supervisor, Stephen Wayne Taylor, was sentenced Monday to six months in prison in the theft investigation. Taylor admitted stealing paint and power tools from Pantex. He worked at the plant from mid-2009 until last September.



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Albright, Curnutte to face off in tourney final

Women's City Golf Championship winner to be decided today



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Trina Albright follows her tee shot Wednesday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club as she plays against Brooke Schlemeyer in the Women's City Tournament.

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

It's no secret to Trina Albright that any of the young players she faces in the Midland Women's City Golf Championship will be able to outdrive her off the tee.

But on Wednesday during a semifinal match with recent Lee graduate Brooke Schelmeyer, Albright said it was her second shots that helped her overcome that distance and was key to her taking a 1-up victory at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

The two players played a back-and-forth match, but Albright said in the end her ability to put second shots in good positions to score made a difference.

Albright will take on defending champion Christian Curnutte in today's final at Midland Country Club after Curnutte beat two-time city champ Danica Weddle 3-and-2 in the other semifinal match.

"(Schlemeyer) hits it so far, and she hits it way past me," Albright said. "Your second shots have to be good and mine were."

For the second straight day, Albright played in a match that went the full 18 holes, and Albright never trailed Schlemeyer, but the pair were also tied for a number of holes as well.

Albright, though, was able to gain a one-hole advantage during the front nine and was able to keep making putts and good second shots to keep Schlemeyer from mounting a charge.

"You know, I don't think I was expected to win, and Brooke is a great young golfer," Albright said. "I just said, 'Try to play good and stay with her and hit the ball well.'"

Schlemeyer said she had trouble making the putts needed to put together a string of victories over some holes.

"I was there with little one-and-half footers and I missed them," Schlemeyer said. "(Albright) was making her putts and she made a lot of putts that saved her."

Meanwhile, it was putting that helped Curnutte build a five-hole lead over Weddle in her semifinal, and then on the back nine, hold off a late charge from Weddle to win.

"My game was pretty good, and it went really well," Curnutte said. "I didn't really have any trouble with anything, and I made a lot of putts that saved me."

Weddle was able to cut the five-hole lead to two on the back nine, but Curnutte kept making putts to keep winning and tying holes, and when Weddle had a chance to go through an open

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Sockers close season tonight at home against Heat

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Warren Cottle's first season leading the West Texas United Sockers hasn't panned out like he wanted or expected.

After a 3-2 start, the Sockers lost seven straight games and in the process lost out on a shot at earning a spot in the Premier Development League playoffs and are now 5-10-0.

But even as the disappointments piled up, Cottle said the team never lost focus or its will to improve, and it's left an impression on Cottle.

"That's the thing I've been most proud of them for," Cottle said. "It would've been easy for them to tank at anytime, but they haven't stopped playing. I'm proud of them."

The Sockers will conclude their third season at 7:30 p.m. today when they take on the playoff-bound Laredo Heat at Grande Communications Stadium.

West Texas United is coming off a road trip where they split a pair of games with New Orleans and Baton Rouge, and Cottle said his team is playing as well as they have all season.

The Sockers beat New Orleans last

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The Game

- **What:** Laredo Heat at West Texas Untied Sockers
- **When:** Today at 7:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Grande Communications Stadium
- **Records:** West Texas United 5-10-0 (15 points); Laredo 10-3-1 (31 points)

Midlander Ewing wins 1st round at barrel racing event

From staff reports

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Midlander Lindsay Ewing won the first round of barrel racing at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo on Tuesday.

Ewing, who won the Women's Professional Rodeo Association Rookie of the Year honor in 2010, bested a field of 119 competitors with a time of 17.50 seconds. The victory was one of Ewing's first at a major rodeo competition as she earned $4,963 for her efforts.

"Last year, a 17.6 won a round, and I knew that with a 17.5 I had a good shot at it," Ewing said. "There is a lot of good horses that run there."

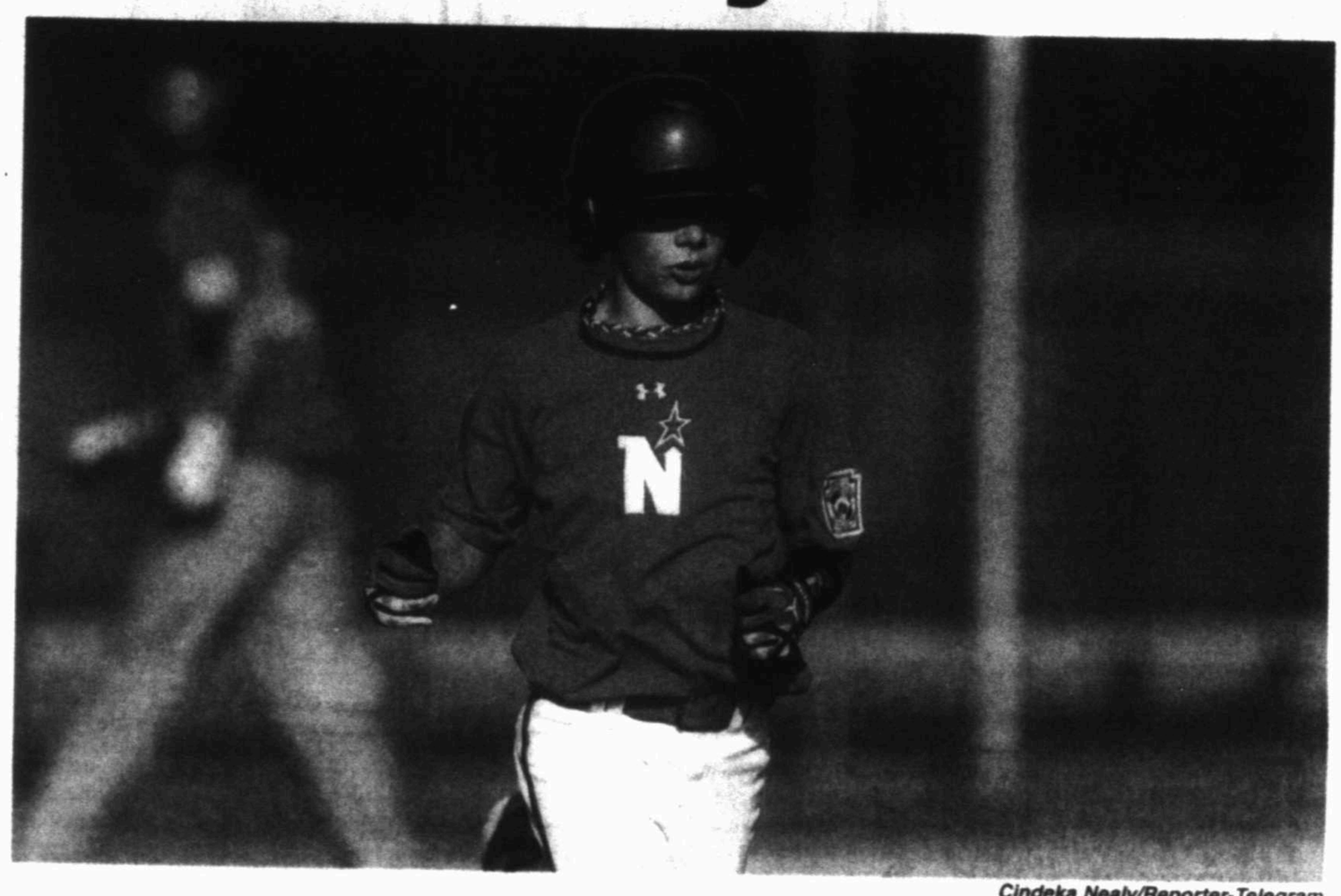
Ewing said this win came just a few weeks after she had to return home because her horse, Opie, was injured. Ewing said they were able to diagnose the injury in his back and get it fixed and that she said he is doing better now.

"This was one of the first ones back since I got him fixed," Ewing said. "It really boosted my confidence, and I'm glad that (Opie) is sound now. I think he'd been hurt for a while."

Ewing said she will compete in

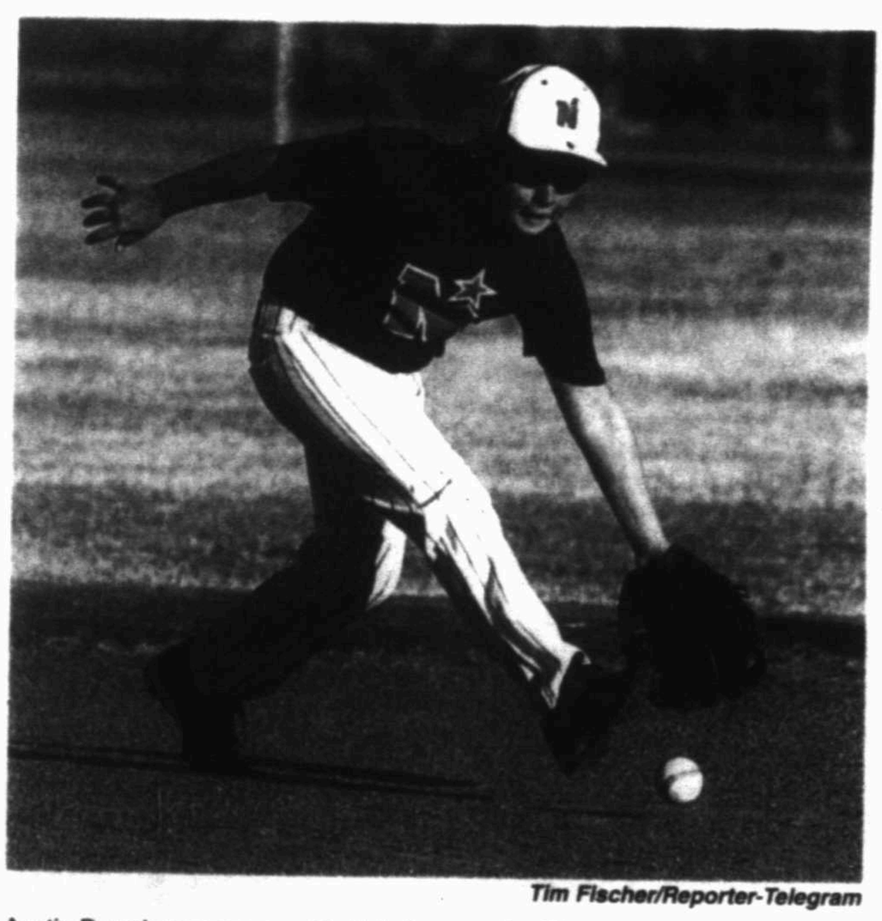
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Teams ready for state



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Northern All-Stars player John Wutchrich heads to first base Tuesday during practice at Bluebird Park. The 12-year-old Northern All-Stars will play in the Texas West State Tournament today in Forth Worth.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Austin Day chases a ground ball during practice Monday for the 9-10 year old all-star team.

9-10 All-Stars in familiar territory

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

When the Northern 9-10 year old All-Stars step onto Kelly Field in Fort Worth this morning, don't expect the enormity of the moment to get to them.

That's because this group of Midland youths has been on this stage before — and recently, for that matter.

The Northern All-Stars begin play in the Texas West State Little League Tournament at 10:30 a.m. today against Lorena. For all but three of the 9-10 year olds, this is the second time this year they've played for a state title after winning one as part of a select team earlier this year.

"We already won state on our select team, and it would be really cool to win state on this team as well," said 10-year-old Karter Keling, who pitches, plays first and in the middle infield. "It gives me confidence because if we won one before, then we can win another one."

That experience has been pivotal for Northern on their road to the state tournament. Northern had to win both its district and sectional tournaments for the right to play for

Please see ALL-STARS/2C

Northern brings motivation to tournament today

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

The 12-year-old Northern All-Stars were rolling after two games in the Little League sectional tournament, having flattened their first two opponents by a combined score of 34-5 while blasting 10 home runs and fanning 15 batters.

Yet, the best part of the tournament, head coach Shaun Standard said, came two days later against Lubbock Southwest, who waxed Northern 12-2 on a 10-run rule on July 11, sending the team into a win-or-go-home game against that same Southwest team two days later.

"That refocused us," Standard said, "and got us back to where we need to be."

Standard said his team returned to the basics in the two days between the loss and the rematch, and after two straight wins in as many days against Southwest, Northern punched its ticket for the Texas West State Tournament, where it will open with Waco Midway at 8 p.m. today in Fort Worth.

Yet, Standard and his players believe they might not be playing tonight were it not for the eye-opening loss to Southwest that put them in an unfamiliar position at a critical time in the tournament.

The players even admit that they were nervous for the first time in the tournament leading up to the first rematch.

But it wasn't because the players were scared — just cognizant of the opportunity at hand.

"We were hungry for more," said outfielder/pitcher Jaxon Hallmark.

Pitcher Eric Hillman added: "We wanted to come back and beat them really bad."

Standard said he never worried about the state of his team heading into the the first rematch, which Northern won 9-5 on July 13, or the second one, an elimination game a day later that Northern won 3-2 on July 14.

Standard said he knew his team was capable of rebounding immediately after the 12-2 loss.

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SOCKERS —

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Friday with a 2-1 victory, but then on Sunday, Baton Rouge had a barrage of goals to take a 6-2 win.

Even with that loss, though, Cottle said his squad just kept playing.

"I think we are playing pretty well," Cottle said. "We had a couple of stretches that we had some stuff happen," Cottle said. "We played real well on Sunday (in Baton Rouge), and we played just incredible against New Orleans. I'm excited to get them back on the field for the final match."

The Sockers have won two of their last three games, and are looking to end the season with a victory tonight at home.

"We will continue to play our game and play the way we've been playing," Cottle said. "As long as we do that we are going to be just fine."

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EWING

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Cheyenne again on July 29, and in between she will compete in rodeos in Ogden, Utah; Salt Lake City; Nanfa, Idaho; Spanish Fork, Utah' and two others.

But even with the busy schedule coming up, Ewing's accomplishment was not lost on her as the Cheyenne Frontier Days is considered one of the sport's top events.

"Winning rookie of the year was my biggest accmoplishment, but this is the biggest rodeo I've ever won at," Ewing said.

LOCAL SPORTS

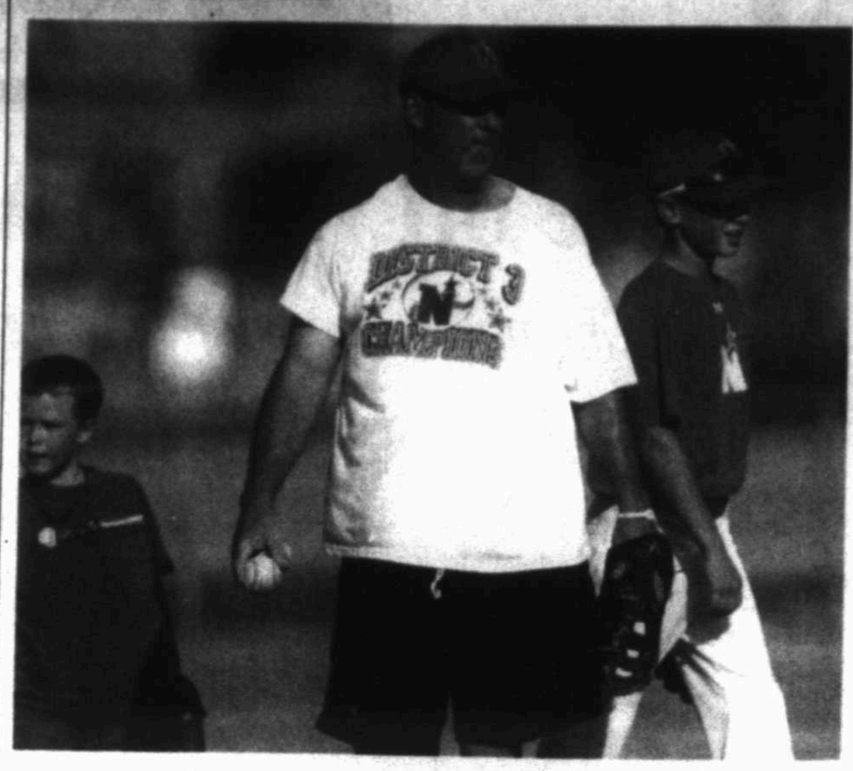
Hole-in-one

Jerry Tilley hit a hole-in-one using an 8-iron on the 17th hole at the Hogan Park road-runner course Tuesday. The hole-in-one was witnessed by Jim Miller

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1. Renee and Braxton Parker 78-71—149
2. Cesar and Lia Vasquez 78-73—151
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1. Diana and Ausder Vasquez 83-79—162
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NORTHERN



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Northern All-Stars coach Shaun Standard works with his players at Bluebird Park on Tuesday as they prepare for their Texas West State Tournament.

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"They weren't scared," Standard said, "They were just mad. They knew that they didn't get the product out there on the field that we're used to getting.

"I was glad to see that — that there wasn't any panic in them after the game. They were just upset at themselves for letting that happen."

Now Standard and his team feel prepared for anything, as all but two of them head to their first ever state tournament, including Standard.

Most coaches steadfastly insist their team can improve in every facet of the game, but not Standard.

"I don't know if we can," he said.

Northern has allowed an average of three runs in its wins while scoring an average of 11.5.

Hallmark launched five home runs in the sectional tournament while Hillman added four of his own, not to mention 5 2/3 innings and seven strikeouts in the clinching 3-2 win.

And that doesn't even include John Wuthrich, one of the two players who played on a state championship 9-10 year old team two years ago, who blasted two home runs in the final win against Southwest, including the game-winner in the sixth.

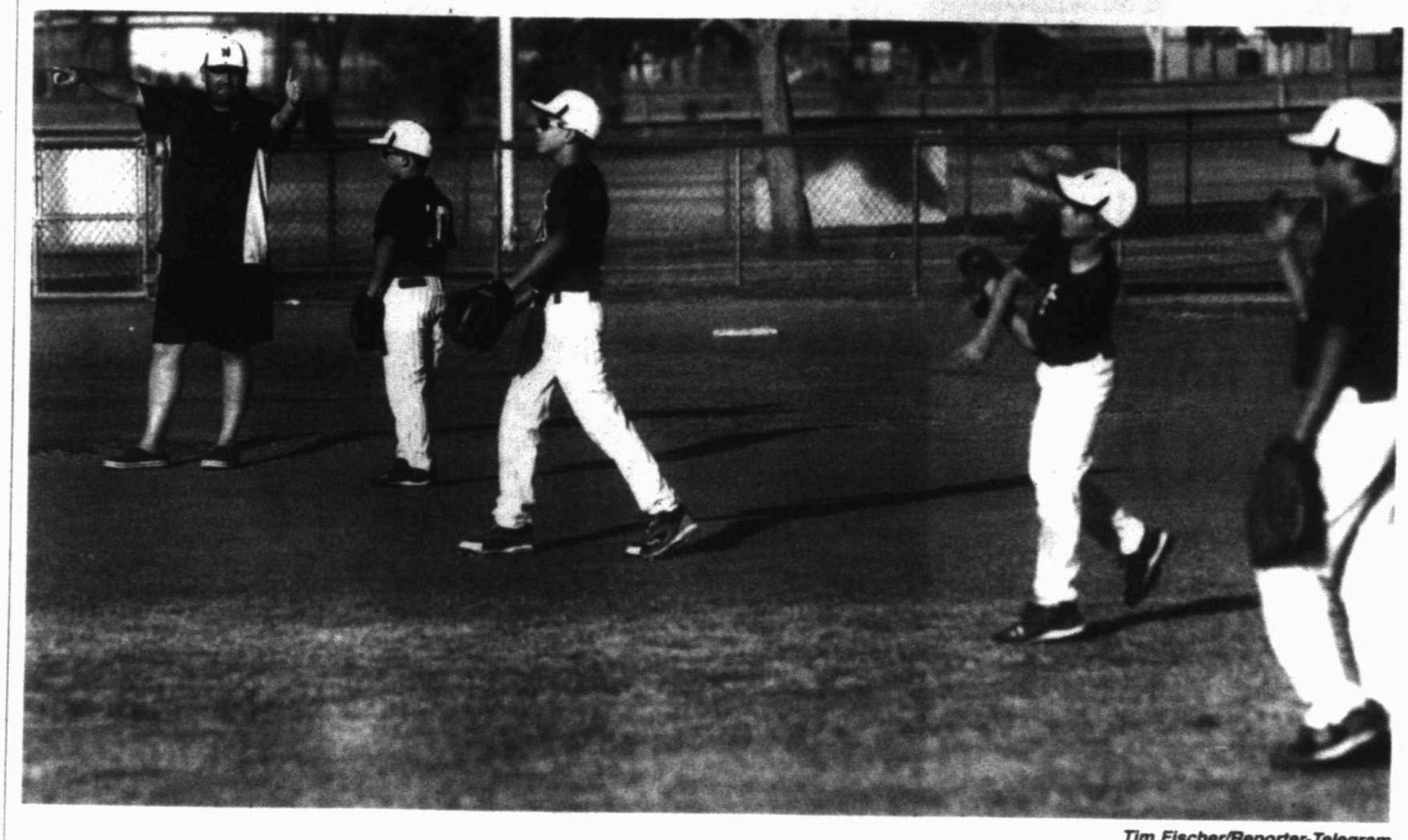
Payton Tranun teamed with Wuthrich on that championship team and has been sharing his experiences from the title-run with the team, and even Standard.

"(It was) exciting," Tranun said of the championship run. "It was kind of nerve-wracking, too."

Hallmark and Hillman said the week leading up to state has been nerve-wracking, as well, but, thanks to its roller coaster experience in the sectional tournament, the team is confident heading into its matchup with Midway.

"It put us in the fire," Standard said. "So, we've already been in the fire getting ready to go play teams just like that because once you get to state they're all good."

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Coach Andy Bayley gives instructions during practice Monday to his 9- and 10-year-old All-Star team.

ALL-STARS

From 1C

a state title. The 9-10 year olds have been fairly impressive during their postseason run, as well, considering they've yet to be defeated in tournament play.

The only team that even has challenged them was Lubbock Southwest, which has proven to be a perennial power in the region. Coach Andy Bayley said much of the team's success is due to chemistry and work ethic.

"These kids have been playing with or against each other for years," Bayley noted. "They all know each other and get along. It seems to really bring them together as a team. There's always someone out on these fields practicing, putting the sweat in."

And while there are several intangibles on the side of the Northern All-Stars, they also understand nothing is a given and the game still needs to be played.

"I told the boys that if they play like they know how to play, we'll win it all," Bayley said. "They definitely have the talent to do it. As long as we play our game the way we know how, we can win it."

At the same time, Bayley wants the players to understand the significance of the situation and take in what is truly a moment that none of them ever will forget.

"We've talked to them about how big this moment is exactly," Bayley said. "We talked about how many kids play little league in Texas and how there's only about 44 of them in their age group still playing. They're basically going to be treated like royalty while in Fort Worth. It's going to be a lot of fun."

But maybe 10-year-old Austin Day has the Northern All-Stars figured out best. And to hear Day, who pitches, plays third and in the outfield for Northern, talk about the team, a state title might simply be what's expected.

"We've done this before, so we have the experience to know what it's like," Day said. "I think we bring a lot of talent. We play together as a team, and I think that's something a lot of other teams don't always have."

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'Hounds fall 5-2 to Hooks

Staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — The Midland RockHounds saw a one-run deficit balloon to four runs thanks to two straight RBI doubles followed by an RBI single, all with two outs, in the decisive fourth inning of the Corpus Christi Hooks' 5-2 win Wednesday.

The loss was the RockHounds second straight as the team was only able to muster six hits on the evening just two nights after hanging 15 runs on their hosts.

Midland tied the game at one in the third when Jeremy Barfield crossed the plate on a Grant Green fielder's choice.

But the Hooks got the run back later in the inning when Kody Hinze scored on a Jimmy Ostrand fielder's choice that made it 2-1.

A 1-2-3 innning for Hooks starter Dallas Keuchel, who went seven innings and struck out seven, set the stage for the fourth inning, when Corpus Christi put the game away.

Midland starter A.J. Griffin appeared to be on his way to a scoreless inning as well with two men down and no one on base.

But then Griffin walked Jonathan Villar who scored from first on the next at-bat, an RBI double by Jimmy Paredes.

The next batter, J.D. Martinez, drove in Paredes on an RBI double of his own before Hinze returned the favor, driving in Martinez on an RBI single in the next at-bat to put the Hooks up 5-1.

Midland added a run in the sixth on a Michael Spina RBI single but never seriously threatened the Hooks' lead.

The RockHounds will look to force a series tie with a win in the series finale tonight at 7:05 at Whataburger Field before returning home for a four-game homestand against the San Antonio Missions.

TL Standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Arkansas	13	11	.542	—
Tulsa	12	12	.500	1
Northwest Arkansas	11	13	.458	2
Springfield	9	15	.375	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	16	9	.640	—
Frisco	14	11	.560	2
Corpus Christi	12	13	.480	4
Midland	11	14	.440	5

x-Clinched first half

Today's Games
Midland at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 7:07 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI 5, ROCKHOUNDS 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Timmons 2b	3	0	0	0
Green cf	4	1	1	1
Parker dh	4	0	1	0
Spina 1b	4	0	1	1
Heether 3b	4	0	0	0
Peterson lf	4	0	0	0
Barfield rf	4	1	1	0
Ortiz c	3	0	2	0
Ladendorf ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	6	2
Midland				
Corpus Christi				

CC	ab	r	h	bi
Villar ss	2	2	1	0
Paredes 3b	4	1	1	1
Martinez lf	4	1	1	2
Hinze 1b	3	1	2	1
Gottbert rf	4	0	2	0
V. Ostrand dh	4	0	0	0
Frosted c	4	0	1	0
Steele cf	4	0	0	0
Wikoff 2b	4	0	3	0
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Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Griffin L, 2-2	5.0	10	5	4	3	0
Lansford	3.0	1	0	0	0	0
Corpus Christi						
Keuchel W, 8-6	7.0	5	2	1	0	7
Hicks	1.0	1	0	0	1	0
Stoffel S,1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

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Michaels lifts Astros over Nationals in 11th

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros aren't going to make too much out of winning two straight games for the first time in more than a month.

But for this last place team, it sure feels good to end a series on a high note.

Pinch hitter Jason Michaels hit an RBI single in the 11th inning to lift the Astros to a 3-2 win over the Washington Nationals on Wednesday and give Houston consecutive victories and a series win for the first time since taking two of three from the Dodgers in June.

"It's good to see these guys rewarded for some good play," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "To have these back-to-back wins and win a series is big."

Humberto Quintero singled to right field before advancing to second on a sacrifice bunt. He took third on a single by Michael Bourn to set up Michaels' game-winner to center off Todd Coffey (3-1).

Neither team got a hit in a scoreless 10th inning before Jayson Werth doubled with one out in the 11th. Wilton Lopez (2-4) retired the next two Nationals to end the scoring threat.

Houston starter Brett Myers is hopeful that the series will help the Astros get something positive going in the second half of the season.

"We need some momentum going right now," he said. "Obviously we're not playing our best baseball, but that series right there we played pretty well. It was close games. We slugged with them yesterday and we pitched with them today and ultimately we were able to come out winning."

Astros	3
Nationals	2 (11)

MORE MLB

Find briefs on Wednesday's Major League Baseball action on page 4C.

It was the 15th extra-inning game for the Nationals this season and dropped their record in those games to 9-6.

Houston rookie Jose Altuve picked up his first major league hit with a single to right field off Tyler Clippard with two outs in the ninth. Clippard walked Hunter Pence before retiring Carlos Lee to send it to the 10th.

"Tyler was Houdini," Nationals manager Davey Johnson said. "He came in with two men on and nobody out and got out of it. He got into trouble the next inning and got out of it."

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Washington	3	11	.214	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	10	4	.714	—
San Antonio	9	4	.692	1/2
Phoenix	10	5	.667	1/2
Seattle	7	7	.500	3
Los Angeles	6	8	.429	4
Tulsa	4	9	.308	5 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
Atlanta 86, Washington 79
Minnesota 109, Phoenix 94

Today's Games
Chicago at Indiana, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	9	4	7	31	29	16
New York	6	5	11	29	35	28
Columbus	7	5	7	28	21	19
Houston	7	5	6	27	24	20
Sporting K.C.	5	6	8	23	24	25
D.C.	5	6	8	23	24	30
New England	4	9	7	19	27	29
Chicago	2	6	12	18	20	35
Toronto FC	3	10	9	18	17	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	10	2	9	39	27	16
FC Dallas	11	3	6	39	27	17
Seattle	10	4	8	38	32	23
Real Salt Lake	8	3	6	30	23	12
Colorado	7	6	9	30	29	29
Chivas USA	5	7	8	23	24	23
San Jose	5	6	8	23	22	21
Portland	5	9	5	20	22	31
Vancouver	2	10	8	14	19	28

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

Wednesday's Scores
New England 1, D.C. United 0
FC Dallas 1, Toronto FC 0
Colorado 4, New York 1
Columbus at Los Angeles, Late
Vancouver at San Jose, Late

Saturday's Games
FC Dallas at New York, 5 p.m.
Portland at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto FC at Sporting K.C., 7:30 p.m.
New England at Colorado, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Houston at Chivas USA, 9:30 p.m.

WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	8	2	3	27	26	13
Western New York	8	2	2	26	26	13
Boston	4	5	3	15	14	13
magicJack	5	5	1	15	17	22
Sky Blue FC	3	5	4	13	16	16
Atlanta	1	10	1	4	7	27

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

Wednesday's Score
Western New York 3, magicJack 1

Saturday's Games
magicJack at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sky Blue FC, 6 p.m.

Am. Association

North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Gary	37	26	.587	—
Wichita	34	30	.531	3 1/2
Lincoln	30	33	.476	7
Sioux City	30	33	.476	7
Kansas City	30	34	.469	7 1/2

North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Winnipeg	42	23	.646	—
St. Paul	38	26	.594	2 1/2
Fargo-Moorhead	29	34	.460	11
Sioux Falls	28	36	.438	12 1/2

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Grand Prairie	41	20	.672	—
Fort Worth	29	33	.468	12 1/2
Amarillo	29	35	.453	13 1/2
Shreveport-Bossier	29	35	.453	13 1/2
El Paso	18	44	.290	23 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
Sioux Falls 14, St. Paul 5
Winnipeg 7, Sioux City 5
Fargo-Moorhead 15, Lincoln 8
Kansas City 9, Amarillo 8
Shreveport-Bossier 3, Wichita 2
Gary at Fort Worth, Late
Grand Prairie at El Paso, Late

Today's Games
Lincoln at Fargo-Moorhead, 12:30 p.m.
Sioux City at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Grand Prairie at El Paso, 8:05 p.m.

AFL

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
z-Arizona	15	2	0	.882	1059	787
Spokane	9	8	0	.529	1002	952
Utah	9	9	0	.471	1006	1048
San Jose	5	10	0	.412	978	1023

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Chicago	14	3	0	.765	916	779
x-Dallas	11	6	0	.647	1012	952
Tulsa	7	10	0	.412	823	834
Kansas City	6	11	0	.353	799	903
Iowa	5	12	0	.294	857	1053

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
z-Jacksonville	13	4	0	.765	1083	853
Georgia	12	7	0	.588	984	872
Orlando	10	7	0	.588	939	889
Tampa Bay	6	11	0	.353	745	949
New Orleans	3	14	0	.176	782	955

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	10	7	0	.588	835	766
Pittsburgh	8	9	0	.471	809	924
Milwaukee	6	11	0	.353	818	926
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.353	866	908

x-clinched playoff spot
z-clinched conference

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Spokane at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Montreal	3	0	0	6	109	68
Winnipeg	2	1	0	4	66	53
Hamilton	1	2	0	2	59	55
Toronto	1	2	0	2	56	83

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Edmonton	3	0	0	6	103	56
Calgary	2	1	0	4	76	75
B.C.	0	3	0	0	75	97
Saskatchewan	0	3	0	0	56	124

Friday's Game
Hamilton at B.C., 9 p.m.

NFL

NFL Calendar
Aug. 6 — Pro Football Hall of Fame inductions, Canton, Ohio.
Aug. 7 — Hall of Fame game, Chicago vs. St. Louis at Canton.
Aug. 11-15 — First weekend of preseason
Sept. 2 — Preseason concludes
Sept. 8 — Opening game, New Orleans at Green Bay
Sept 11-12 — Opening weekend games
Jan. 1, 2012 — Regular season concludes.

Al Boxes

TWINS 7, INDIANS 5

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Carrer cf	4	1	2	0
ACarer ss	4	1	2	0
Hafner dh	3	2	1	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0
LaPort 1b	3	0	0	1
OCarer 2b	4	0	1	1
Chsnhll 3b	4	1	2	1
Kearns rf	2	0	0	0
Valuen lf	4	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	8	3

Cleveland	000	101	201	—	5
Minnesota	200	200	03x	—	7

E—Revere (4). DP—Cleveland 2. LOB—Cleveland 4, Minnesota 5. 2B—A.Cabrera (23), Hafner (10), A.Casilla 2 (18), Thome (5). HR—Chisenhall (2). CS—Carrera (2), Kearns (4). S—Kearns. SF—LaPorta.

Cleveland	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Tomlin	6	8	4	4	0	2
J.Smith	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sipp L,4-2	1-3	2	3	3	1	1
Pestano	2-3	2	3	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Blackburn	6	4	4	1	2	7
Al.Burnett	1-3	2	0	0	0	0
Mijares	1	0	0	0	0	0
Capps W,3-5	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Nathan S,8-9	1	1	1	1	0	0

PB—Butera.
T—2:51. A—39,167 (39,500).

RED SOX 4, ORIOLES 0

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	4	2	2	2	Hardy ss	4	0	0	0
Pedroia 2b	5	0	1	0	Markks rf	4	0	0	0
AdGnzl dh	5	1	4	0	AdJons cf	2	0	0	0
Youkils 1b	4	0	1	0	Wlsters dh	4	0	0	0
Reddck rf	3	1	2	0	DLee 1b	4	0	1	0
Crwfrd lf	3	0	2	1	MrRynr 3b	2	0	0	0
Scutaro ss	4	0	0	0	Reimld lf	3	0	0	0
Varitek c	4	0	0	1	Andino 2b	2	0	0	0
YNavrr 3b	4	0	0	0	Tatum c	3	0	1	0
Totals	36	4	12	4	Totals	28	0	2	0

Boston	001	100	110	—	4
Baltimore	000	000	000	—	0

DP—Boston 1, Baltimore 2. LOB—Boston 8, Baltimore 7. 2B—Youkilis (27), C.Crawford (12). HR—Ellsbury 2 (15). SB—Pedroia (18), C.Crawford (10).

Boston	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
A.Miller W,4-1	5	2	3	2	0	0
Albers	1	1	3	0	0	0
D.Bard	1	0	0	0	0	0
Papelbon	1	0	0	0	0	1
Baltimore						
Arrieta L,9-7	7	9	3	3	0	4
Hendrickson	0	2	1	1	2	0
Worrell	1	1	0	0	0	1
Berken	1	1	0	0	0	1

Hendrickson pitched to 4 batters in the 8th.
T—3:05. A—35,174 (45,438).

BLUE JAYS 11, MARINERS 6

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Suzuki rf	4	0	1	0	YEscor ss	3	0	0	1
Halmn rf	1	0	0	0	JMcDnl ss	1	0	0	0
Ryan ss	4	2	3	0	EThms rf	5	0	1	2
Ackley 2b	4	1	2	3	Bautist dh	3	1	1	0
Smoak 1b	5	0	0	0	Lind 1b	4	2	2	2
AAndu lf	5	2	2	1	McCoy 3b	3	0	0	0
Carp lf	4	0	1	0	Encrnc 3b	1	0	1	4
Gardnr lf	1	0	0	0	Snider lf	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	4	1	1	0	A Hill 2b	3	1	0	0
J.Bard c	3	0	1	2	RDavis cf	4	1	2	1
JMaicr c	1	0	0	0					
Totals	38	6	11	6	Totals	36	11	14	11

Seattle	000	200	112	—	6
Toronto	041	100	05x	—	11

LOB—Seattle 8, Toronto 10. 2B—Ryan (14), Ackley (5), J.Bard (4), E.Thames (11), Bautista (16), Encarnacion (22), Lind (21). HR—Ackley (4), A.Kennedy (7), Lind (18), Encarnacion (7), Snider (3). SB—Ryan (8), Encarnacion 2 (4). CS—Snider (3). SF—Encarnacion.

Seattle	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Vargas L,6-8	3	6	5	5	3	0
J.Wright	1	2	3	3	2	0
Laffey	3	6	3	3	0	2
Pry	1	0	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
Morrow W,7-4	1	2	3	3	1	0
Frasnscsc	1	1	0	0	0	1
Oster	2	1	2	2	1	2

HBP—by J.Wright (A.Hill). T—2:42. A—18,093 (49,260).

YANKEES 4, RAYS 0

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	4	1	1	0	Damon dh	4	0	2	0
Grndrs lf	3	1	1	2	Chrms c	4	0	0	0
Teixeir 1b	4	0	1	0	Kttchny 1b	4	0	0	0
Cano 2b	4	0	0	0	Longor 3b	4	0	0	0
Swisher dh	3	1	0	0	Joyce rf	4	0	0	0
Martin c	3	0	0	0	Bulton cf	4	0	0	0
Anuons rf	3	0	0	0	Fuld lf	4	0	1	0
Dickrsn rf	1	0	0	0	SRdrgz 2b	4	0	1	0
C.Nunez 3b	3	0	0	0	Brignc ss	4	0	0	0
Gardnr lf	3	0	0	0					
Totals	31	4	7	4	Totals	36	0	8	0

New York	200	000	002	—	4
Tampa Bay	000	000	000	—	0

E—E.Nunez (13). DP—Tampa Bay 3. LOB—New York 3, Tampa Bay 9. 2B—Teixeira (16), Kotchman (19), Fuld (16). HR—Granderson (26), Sb—Jeter (9), E.Nunez 2 (13), Gardner (30). CS—Granderson (8).

New York	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
F.Garcia W,8-7	6	2-3	8	0	0	1
Logan	1	0	0	0	0	1
Robertson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ma.Rivera	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay						
Price L,9-8	7	1-3	4	2	2	7
D.De La Rosa	1	2-3	3	2	1	1
C.Ramos	2	3	1	0	1	2

HBP—by Price (Granderson). WP—F.Garcia. T—2:44. A—21,505 (34,078).

ROYALS 2, WHITE SOX 1, 11 INNINGS.

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
Pierre lf	5	0	1	0	AGordn lf	5	2	2	0
AlRmrz dh	4	0	0	0	McCarr cf	3	0	0	0
Konerk 1b	4	0	0	0	Maier cf	1	0	0	0
Quentin rf	3	1	1	1	Butler dh	5	0	1	0
Przyns c	4	0	0	0	Francr rf	4	0	1	0
Rios cf	4	0	1	0	Hosmer 1b	3	0	2	0
Vazquez ss	4	0	1	0	B.Pena c	5	0	0	0
Bckhm 2b	3	0	0	0	Mostks 3b	5	0	0	0
Morel 3b	2	0	0	0	AEscor ss	5	0	1	0
Teahen ph-3b	1	0	0	0	Getz 2b	5	0	1	0
Totals	33	1	5	1	Totals	43	2	10	1

Chicago	000	010	000	00	—	1
Kansas City	000	000	010	01	—	2

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—Beckham (3). DP—Chicago 1, Kansas City 4. LOB—Chicago 4, Kansas City 13. 2B—Francoeur (23). HR—Quentin (19), SB—Rios (7), Francoeur (16). CS—Al.Ramirez (3). S—Beckham.

Chicago	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Danks	7	5	0	0	1	6
Thornton	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Crain	1-3	2	0	0	1	1
Sale L,2-1	3	3	2	2	0	1
S.Santos	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Shields	8	4	1	1	1	4
Soria	1	0	0	0	0	1
Crow W,3-2	2	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Sale (Francoeur). WP—Crain (Al.Ramirez, Quentin, Morel). WP—Sale. S.Santos.
T—2:47. A—13,831 (37,903).

ATHLETICS 7, TIGERS 5

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	1	1	0	AJcksn cf	5	1	1	0
Pnngtn ss	4	1	2	1	Boesch lf	4	0	0	0
Wnghn lf	4	0	0	1	Dirtorz rf	5	1	3	1
Matsuzk dh	4	1	3	3	MiCarr 1b	5	1	2	0
Cuddyr 3b-1b	4	0	1	1	VMrtnz dh	3	1	1	2
KSuzuk c	4	0	0	0	Guillen 3b	4	0	0	0
DeJess rf	4	1	1	0	Avila c	3	0	0	0
Powell 1b	3	2	1	0	Kelly 3b	3	1	1	1
SBrcwr 3b	0	0	0	0	RSantg ss	3	0	1	1

Boston	59	37	.615	—	—	8-2	W-1	28-17	31-20
New York	57	38	.600	1 1/2	—	6-4	W-1	30-19	27-19
Tampa Bay	51	45	.531	8	6 1/2	4-6	L-1	23-25	28-20
Toronto	49	49	.500	11	9 1/2	7-3	W-2	23-24	26-25
Baltimore	39	56	.411	19 1/2	18	3-7	L-1	25-26	14-30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	51	46	.526	—	—	4-6	L-2	27-18	24-28
Detroit	51	46	.526	—	7	4-6	L-1	29-22	22-24
Chicago	47	51	.480	4 1/2	11 1/2	4-6	L-2	21-25	26-26
Minnesota	46	51	.474	5	12	6-4	W-2	25-22	21-29
Kansas City	40	58	.408	11 1/2	18 1/2	4-6	W-2	26-28	14-30

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	56	41	.577	—	—	7-3	W-1	31-16	25-25
Los Angeles	51	46	.526	—	5	5-5	L-3	26-23	25-23
Seattle	43	54	.443	13	15	0-10	L-11	23-26	20-28
Oakland	43	55	.439	13 1/2	15 1/2	4-6	W-1	26-22	17-33

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	61	36	.629	—	—	6-4	W-2	34-15	27-21
Atlanta	57	41	.582	4 1/2	—	5-5	L-2	30-19	27-22
New York	49	48	.505	12	7 1/2	4-6	W-2	22-25	27-23
Washington	48	50	.490	13 1/2	9	3-7	L-2	28-18	20-32
Florida	47	51	.480	14 1/2	10	7-3	L-2	22-30	25-21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Pittsburgh	51	45	.531	—	—	6-4	L-1	25-23	26-22
Milwaukee	52	46	.531	—	—	6-4	W-1	33-14	19-32
St. Louis	50	47	.515	1 1/2	6 1/2	5-5	L-3	25-21	25-26
Cincinnati	48	50	.490	4	9	4-6	W-1	25-22	23-28
Chicago	39	60	.394	13 1/2	18 1/2	3-7	L-2	22-31	17-29
Houston	33	65	.337	19	24	3-7	W-2	17-36	16-29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	57	42	.576	—	—	7-3	W-1	30-17	27-25
Arizona	52	45	.536	4	4 1/2	5-5	L-1	26-21	26-24
Colorado	47	51	.480	9 1/2	10	6-4	W-2	26-25	21-26
Los Angeles	43	55	.439	13 1/2	14	6-4	W-1	23-27	20-28
San Diego	43	55	.439	13 1/2	14	3-7	W-2	20-30	23-25

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Scores
Boston 4, Baltimore 0
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 5
Oakland 7, Detroit 5
Toronto 11, Seattle 6
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 0
Kansas City 2, Chicago White Sox 1, 11 innings
Texas at L.A. Angels, Late

Today's Games
Seattle (Fister 3-11) at Toronto (R.Romero 7-9), 11:37 a.m.
Texas (C.Wilson 10-3) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 12-4), 2:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 0
Baltimore (Arrieta 3-4-4) at Tampa Bay (Shields 8-8), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 12-5) at Minnesota (Pavano 6-6), 7:10 p.m.

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Sogard 2b	3	1	0	1	JhPerlt ph-ss	1	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**Totals**	**36**	**5**	**11**	**5**
Oakland					002 001 400			—	7
Detroit					022 001 000			—	5

E—Guillen (1). DP—Oakland 1, Detroit 1. LOB—Oakland 5, Detroit 8. 2B—V.Martinez (24). SB—Kelly (2). HR—Matsui (7). SB—A.Jackson (16). CS—Pennington (8). SF—Wilingham, Kelly.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Oakland						
McCarthy	5	6	4	4	1	4
Fuentes W,1-1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ziegler	1-3	2	0	0	0	0
Breslow	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Balfour	2	0	0	0	0	2
A.Bailey S,10-12	1	0	0	0	0	1
Detroit						
Penny	5	3	1	1	2	2
Oliveros	1	0	0	0	0	2
Purcey L,1-2	0	3	3	3	0	0
Benoit	1	0	0	0	0	1
Furbush	1	0	1	0	0	0

Below pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Purcey pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. McCarthy pitched 2 batters in the 6th. HBP—Penny (Below).
T—3:16. A—31,975 (41,255).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 3, NATIONALS 2, 11 INNINGS

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Berndn lf-rf	4	0	0	0	Bourn cf	5	0	2	0
Espinos 2b	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	5	0	1	0
Zimmrm 1b	5	0	1	0	Wggntn rf	4	0	0	0
Morse lf	5	1	1	1	Michals pr	0	0	0	0
Werth rf	4	0	1	0	Pence rf	1	0	0	0
Ankiel cf	4	0	1	2	Ca.Lee 1b	4	0	0	0
Clippd 3b	4	0	0	0	Wallac 1b	1	0	0	0
Mattnly ph	1	0	0	0	Ca.Johnsn 3b	4	0	0	0
Pagnozzi ph	1	0	0	0	Barmes ss	4	1	1	0
Coffey p	0	0	0	0	Quntnlr p	0	0	0	0
Flores ss	4	0	0	0	Myers lf	4	0	0	0
Cora ss	1	0	0	0	Bogsvc pr	0	0	0	0
Hrndz p	0	0	0	0	DeRosa lf	1	0	0	0
Slaws ph	1	0	0	0	Mecnch c	4	0	0	0
Wlngtn p	0	0	0	0	ASnchz ph-c	1	0	1	0
Gardnr lf	1	0	0	0	Nix lf	0	0	0	0
Totals	**41**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**Totals**	**40**	**3**	**12**	**3**

Washington	000	002	000	00	0	—	2
Houston	110	000	000	00	1	—	3

One out when winning run scored.
DP—Washington 0, Houston 1. LOB—Washington 8, Houston 13. 2B—Werth 2 (16), Quntnlr (7), Barmes (16). HR—Werth (11). SB—Bernadina (16). S—Wallace, Ang.Sanchez.

Washington	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
L.Hernandez	6	5	2	2	2	4
H.Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Clippard	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mattheus	1	0	0	0	0	1
Coffey L,3-1	1-3	4	3	3	1	0
Houston						
Myers	6	4	2	2	2	4
De Rosario	1	1	0	0	0	1
Melancon	1	0	0	0	0	1
W.Lopez W,2-4	1	0	0	0	0	1
H.Rodriguez pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.						
WP—H.Rodriguez, Myers.						
T—3:24. A—29,625 (40,963).						

DODGERS 1, GIANTS 0

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi
Gwynn lf	4	0	1	0	AnTrng cf	4	0	0	0
Furcal ss	3	0	0	0	SCasill lf	3	0	0	0
Ethier cf	3	0	1	0	Fontent 3b	3	0	0	0
Kemp dh	4	0	0	0	Rowand rf-cf	3	0	0	0
JRiver 1b	4	0	0	0	Posey c	3	0	0	0
Loney 1b	0	0	0	0	PSndrs ph	1	0	0	0
DNavrr c	3	0	1	0	Ross rf-lf	3	0	2	0
Uribe 2b	3	0	0	0	Belt 1b	4	0	1	0
Carroll 2b	2	0	0	0	Burriss 2b-ss	3	0	0	0
Kershw p	2	0	0	0	CSnturi ss	3	0	0	0
Oeltjen ph	0	0	0	0	Kppngr ph-2b	1	0	0	0
Guerra p	0	0	0	0	Lincecm p	0	0	0	0
					JJcbsz p	0	0	0	0
					Romo p	0	0	0	0
					Schmdt ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**31**	**0**	**3**	**0**

Los Angeles	000	000	100	—	1
San Francisco	000	000	000	—	0

E—Carroll (6). DP—San Francisco 1. LOB—Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 5. 2B—Ethier (24), J.Rivera (1). HR—D.Navarro (3). SB—Gwynn Jr. (13), Fontenot (4). Burriss (10). S—Kershaw, Oeltjen.

Los Angeles	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Kershaw W,11-4	8	3	0	0	1	12
Guerra S,3-6	1	0	0	0	0	1
San Francisco						
Lincecum L,8-8	7	5	1	1	4	4
Ja.Lopez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Romo	1	0	0	0	0	2
Casilla	1	0	0	0	0	1

Lincecum pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. Ja.Lopez pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
WP—S.Casilla.
T—2:34. A—42,487 (41,915).

PHILLIES 9, CUBS 1

Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	5	4	3	3	Fukdm rf	4	0	0	0
Mrtnz 3b	5	2

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

BLUE JAYS 11, MARINERS 6: At Toronto, Travis Snider hit a three-run homer, Brandon Morrow won his fifth straight decision and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Mariners 11-6 on Wednesday night, extending Seattle's losing streak to 11 games.

Adam Lind and Edwin Encarnacion also homered for the Blue Jays, who have won seven of nine.

ATHLETICS 7, TIGERS 5: At Detroit, Hideki Matsui hit his 500th professional homer and drove in three runs to lead Oakland over the Tigers.

Matsui led off the sixth inning with his milestone homer — 168 in the majors and 332 for the Yomiuri Giants — to put Oakland up 3-2 and end Duane Below's night. Below, making his major-league debut, allowed three runs — one earned — in five-plus innings.

YANKEES 4, RAYS 0: At St. Petersburg, Curtis Granderson backed a solid pitching performance by Freddy Garcia with a two-run homer, leading the Yankees over Tampa Bay.

Garcia (8-7) scattered eight hits, struck out seven and walked none over 6 2-3 innings.

ROYALS 2, WHITE SOX 1, 11 INNINGS: At Kansas City, Sergio Santos threw a wild pitch in the 11th inning that allowed Alex Gordon to score, giving the Royals their 10th win in the final at-bat.

Chris Sale (2-1) retired the first two batters before walking Gordon, who went to third on Mitch Maier's single. Santos then replaced Sale.

RED SOX 4, ORIOLES 0: At Baltimore, Jacoby Ellsbury hit two solo homers, Andrew Miller and three relievers combined on a two-hitter, and Boston completed its sixth consecutive winning road trip.

Ellsbury's homers put the Red Sox up 1-0 in the third inning and 3-0 in the seventh. Both drives came off Jake Arrieta (9-7), who has yielded a team-high 19 long balls in 20 starts.

TWINS 7, INDIANS 5: At Minneapolis, Danny Valencia singled home the go-ahead run for the second straight day, this time in the eighth inning, and Minnesota beat Cleveland.

Matt Capps (3-5) earned the win in relief of Nick Blackburn, who gave up four runs — one earned — in six innings. Joe Nathan gave up a solo homer to Lonnie Chisenhall, but earned his sixth save.

National League

DODGERS 1, GIANTS 0: At San Francisco, Clayton Kershaw was one pitch better than Tim Lincecum in a matchup of All-Star aces, leading Los Angeles past San Francisco 1-0 on Wednesday.

Kershaw (11-4) allowed three hits in eight innings to help the Dodgers snap a four-game losing streak and six straight to the Giants. He struck out 12 to improve his major league lead to 167 this season.

METS 6, CARDINALS 5, 10 INNINGS: At New York, Angel Pagan homered with one out in the 10th inning and New York rallied from an early four-run deficit.

Carlos Beltran hit a two-run homer and Josh Thole had two RBIs for the Mets, including a tying single off Jason Motte with two outs in the eighth.

PADRES 14, MARLINS 3: At Miami, Ryan Ludwick and Jesus Guzman both drove in four runs for San Diego.

Will Venable homered, scored three runs, and reached base four times for the Padres, who set a season-high in runs while the 20 hits were their second-highest.

PHILLIES 9, CUBS 1: At Chicago, Vance Worley pitched eight dominant innings, Jimmy Rollins homered from both sides of the plate and the Phillies pounded Ryan Dempster at steamy Wrigley Field.

It was another standout performance by Worley (6-1), who won his fourth straight start and continues to give the Phillies all they could ask for with Roy Oswalt and Joe Blanton injured. The 23-year-old right-hander allowed one run and four hits.

REDS 3, PIRATES 1: At Pittsburgh, Johnny Cueto gave up one run over six innings, leading Cincinnati to the victory.

Chris Heisey and Jay Bruce had two hits apiece for the Reds, who won for just the second time in nine games this season against the Pirates.

ROCKIES 3, BRAVES 2: At Denver, Carlos Gonzalez singled home the winning run off Eric O'Flaherty with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to lift Colorado.

O'Flaherty (1-3) retired his first two batters before third baseman Martin Prado let Dexter Fowler's grounder go through his legs for a two-base error. Pinch-hitter Ty Wigginton drew an intentional walk, and Gonzalez slapped the first pitch into right field, scoring Fowler from second.

Late Tuesday

RANGERS 7, ANGELS 0: At Anaheim, Alexi Ogando extended an extraordinary run by Texas' pitching staff with eight innings of four-hit ball and the streaking Rangers beat the sputtering Los Angeles Angels 7-0 Tuesday night for their 12th straight victory.

By winning the opener of a three-game series, Texas increased its AL West lead to a season-best five games over the Angels.

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Texas talks network with Big 12 rivals

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas officials talked with Big 12 athletic directors and presidents this week about the upcoming launch of the Longhorn Network in hopes of calming fears that it gives the Longhorns an unfair advantage over their rivals.

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Longhorns officials are aware of the concerns among Texas rivals that the 20-year, $300 million network deal struck with ESPN gives them a recruiting advantage and too much power over the rest of the league.

Dodds said he considered the conversations constructive and suggested the network would not put more pressure on a league that nearly broke apart last summer.

"I think the conference is in great shape," Dodds said.

But the network has raised questions around the Big 12 over the idea of moving one of Texas conference games onto the subscription-based network and whether an idea to broadcast high school games will give the Longhorns an edge in college footballs intense recruiting battles.

Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe, who also was involved in the talks, was quoted in the Dallas Morning News as saying that telecasts of high school football games on the Longhorn Network are now on hold, pending decisions by the NCAA and the Big 12 about how to handle single-school and conference networks.

The Big 12 also delayed the possibility of a conference game on the Longhorn Network.

"Its not going to happen until and unless the conference can make it happen with benefit to all and detriment to none," Beebe said.

Texas A&M regents were expected to discuss the network in a closed-door meeting on Thursday.

The Longhorn Network is a pioneering project and the NCAA doesnt have rules covering how it would select and broadcast high school games that could include Texas recruits Dodds said.

Texas officials have asked the NCAA for guidelines, he said.

"Were in a bold new world," Dodds said. "And were walking through it."

Dave Brown, the ESPN vice president of programming who is overseeing the network, raised eyebrows last month in an interview with an Austin radio stations by suggesting the network would target games involving players recruited by Texas and other Big 12 schools.

If the network does broadcast high school games, Dodds said Texas will insist that it not be involved in selecting games and that all references the Longhorns and their famous logo be removed.



Associated Press

NBA star Yao Ming pauses as he delivers a speech of his retirement during the press conference in Shanghai, China, on Wednesday. Yao made it official Wednesday, telling a packed news conference in his hometown that a series of injuries have forced him to retire from basketball.

Retired but not forgotten: Yao Ming calls it a day

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — A large scroll behind the player who brought China to the NBA and the NBA to China summed up the occasion.

"Ming xie," it said in large Chinese characters that, loosely translated, mean "Yao Ming, thanks, the end."

Yao, with teary eyes at times and dressed in an equally somber black suit, closed the book Wednesday on his eight-year career with the Houston Rockets, conceding that injuries finally got the best of him.

"My past six months were an agonizing wait. I had been thinking (about my future) over and over," the 30-year-old Yao said in comments translated into English. "Today I am announcing a personal decision: ending my career as a basketball player and officially retire. But one door is closing and another one is opening."

Yao said he would return to work with his former Chinese team, the Shanghai Sharks, with the possibility of becoming general manager. He already owns the club and wants to contribute more.

"My playing career started with the club. I hope I can do something for it," Yao said.

Yao's wife Ye Li and their 14-month-old daughter, Yao Qinlei, and Yao's parents, Yao Zhiyuan and Fang Fengdi, were in the room. Qinlei was dressed in a red qipao, a traditional Chinese dress.

He later appeared with his family on the stage to the applause and cheers of the crowd.

"I will be always with you," he said.

Yao entered the Grand Shanghai Ballroom after the master of ceremonies led a countdown to his arrival, months after his last game. He thanked a host of people — his family, former coaches, even players like Shaquille O'Neal — "for making me a better player."

But the basketball world — from the sprawling NBA merchandise shops in Beijing and other Asian cities to the average American basketball fans who grew to love the 7-foot-6 center's pleasant demeanor and desire to use his popularity to help others — maybe owe him a word of thanks.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey was among those singing Yao's praises Wednesday. Morey made the long trip from Houston, needing permission from the NBA to attend the formal farewell because the lockout prohibits contact with players.

Morey said 20 hours on planes was tiring but "I would be sorry if I wasn't here."

"It's a big moment," Morey added. "Yao had a sense of humor, a great attitude and sense of working together. I hope we can continue his culture in the NBA."

Yao ranks second in Rockets history in blocks (920), sixth in total points (9,247) and sixth in total rebounds (4,494).

"This is a sad day for me as well as the entire Houston Rockets organization," Rockets owner Leslie Alexander said in a statement. "Yao Ming was a great basketball player, but he's distinguished himself as an even better person. From the moment he arrived in Houston with unprecedented expectations, he handled himself with poise, dignity, purpose and pride well beyond his years."

NBA commissioner David Stern sent a statement describing Yao as a "transformational player and a testament to the globalization of our game."

"His dominant play and endearing demeanor along with his extensive humanitarian efforts have made him an international fan favorite and provided an extraordinary bridge between basketball fans in the United States and China," Stern said.

Basketball gained a foothold in the world's most populous nation through TV broadcasts and media coverage of Yao, while attendance at Rockets games increased 55 percent after he joined the team. And he became the most recognizable face — usually smiling — of any athlete in Asia.

"In terms of opening up doors for Chinese basketball players to come to the NBA, or for the youth here in China to believe that it's possible to achieve the dream of being an NBA player, all that started from Yao," Kobe Bryant said on a recent promotional trip to China.

Yao played eight seasons in the NBA, but missed an estimated 250 regular-season games over the past six years. A third stress fracture in his left foot at the end of last year essentially took the decision out of his hands.

Yao was asked by a Dutch journalist whether he might consider coaching in the Netherlands, to which he politely declined, smiling. He said he had no immediate plans to start his own clothing or athletic equipment lines, either, but didn't rule it out in the future.

Yao's contract expired after last season, and the Rockets said they were interested in re-signing him if he came back healthy. Yao said in April in China that his professional future depended on his recovery from the stress fracture in his left ankle.

Selected to the NBA All-Star team eight times, Yao averaged 19 points and 9.2 rebounds.

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door she wasn't able to capitalize.

"She made some ungodly putts that I don't know how she made them," Weddle said. "I was comfortable and playing my own game and not playing against her and trying to catch up to her and waiting for her to screw up. It happened, but there were a couple of holes where she screwed up and I screwed up and we tied the holes. It's very disappointing, but there is always next year. I will be back next year."

Meahwhile, Curnutte will go for her second straight city title against Albright, who is taking the same attitude into today that she had Wednesday of "Just stay with her."

"She's a great little golfer, so maybe I'll not try to embarass myself," Albright said with a laugh. "I will just do my best."

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Wednesday's Scores

Championship Flight
Semifinals
Christian Curnutte def. Danica Weddle, 3 and 2
Brooke Schlemeyer vs. Trina Albright, 1-up
Consolation
Narissa Mahaklan def. Bev Wright, 6 and 4
Margaret Lange def. Susie McGowan, 1-up
First Flight
Semifinals
Judy Hilliard def. Madison Warpula, 4 and 3
Polly Martin def. Rona Valadez, 21 holes
Consolation
Tracy Rice def. LaCretia Debor, 4 and 3
Kathy Cowan def. Mary Robinson, 5 and 4
Second Flight
Semifinals
Tracy Marcum def. Lydia Thomson, 2 and 2
Sarah Lands vs. Feriss Murphy
Consolation
Mary Brown def. Betty Thompson, 19 holes
Janet Carlisle def. Judy Hunnicutt, 2 and 1
Third Flight
Semifinals
Mary Jane Belden def. Pebble Corbell, 4 and 3
Doris Braun def. Kathy Adkins, 4 and 2
Consolation
Phyllis Maxwell def. Shirley Pendleton, 5 and 4
Kathy Thompson def. Andrea Morren, 4 and 2

Today's Tee Times

Championship Flight
Final
8:50 a.m. Curnutte vs. Albright
Consolation
8:42 a.m. Mahaklan vs. Lange
First Flight
Final
8:35 a.m. Hilliard vs. Martin
Consolation
8:28 a.m. Rice vs. Cowan
Second Flight
Final
8:21 a.m. Marcum vs. Lands
Consolation
8:14 a.m. Brown vs. Carlisle
Third Flight
Final
8:07 a.m. Belden vs. Braun
Consolation
8 a.m. Maxwell vs. Thompson

MLS ROUNDUP

FC DALLAS 1, TORONTO FC 0: At Toronto, Brek Shea's goal in the 48th-minute lifted FC Dallas to a win over Toronto FC.

It was Shea's ninth goal of the season for Dallas (11-5-5). He almost got his 10th in the 61st minute, but goalie Stefan Frei managed to get a leg on the shot.

Toronto's Joao Plata almost tied it in the 53rd-minute, but his goal was nullified by an offside call.

Toronto (3-10-9) had chances to tie it late in the game. Substitute Maicon Santos sent his header high in the 87th minute and Ryan Johnson's raking cross almost bounced into the goal in injury time. The team has now been outscored 8-0 in its last three games.

REVOLUTION 1, D.C. UNITED: At Washington, Stephen McCarthy's header in the 73rd minute helped the New England Revolution snap a nine-game winless streak and earn their first road victory of the season with a 1-0 win over D.C. United on Wednesday night.

Chris Tierney set up the winner on a corner kick into the middle of the box for McCarthy, who then redirected the ball low down the right side to score his second goal of the season.

The Revolution (4-9-7) had been in the midst of a club-record winless stretch but won their fifth consecutive game against United (5-6-8). D.C. United lost for the first time in six games and haven't won at home since May 4.

United had a chance to strike first in the final moments of the first half when they drew a handball against Pat Phelan in the box. But Charlie Davies missed his first penalty kick in five tries, sending the ball over the middle of the crossbar.

RAPIDS 4, RED BULLS 1: Commerce City, Sanna Nyassi scored two of his three goals in the first half to lead the Rapids to a victory over the Red Bulls.

It was Nyassi's first three goals of the year and only the seventh time a Rapids player had scored three times in a game. Wells Thompson added a goal for Colorado (7-6-9).

The Rapids needed a scoring lift as leading scorer Conor Casey earlier in the day had surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon. Casey, the last Rapids to have a three-goal game, is expected to be sidelined for at least eight months.

Thierry Henry scored his 10th goal of the year for New York (6-5-11), who had been blanked in its previous two games.

The Red Bulls are winless, 0-2-7 in their last nine road games.

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Former Cowboys star keeps his complaints to a minimum

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Jay Novacek has a unique view regarding the portion of the NFL labor talks that will impact his life.

The former Dallas Cowboys Pro Bowl tight end is happy to hear the new collective bargaining agreement will reportedly include between $900 million and $1 billion in improvements to benefits for retirees, but he doesn't exhibit a deep sense of entitlement like some former players.

"Here's how I feel about that, and I'm probably different than a lot of people: When we played the game, we knew what we were getting into," Novacek said.

"Is it a great gesture for (NFL owners) to do that? Should there be more? Yeah, there probably should. But we'd all still play the game for the same amount, for the same type of (benefits)."

During a break Wednesday at a youth football camp bearing his name, Novacek said he's happiest for the players who came before him. According to ESPN.com, $620 million is expected to go into the Legacy Fund, which will benefit pre-1993 retirees.

A three-time Super Bowl champion with the Cowboys, Novacek was forced to retired after the 1997 season because of a lingering back injury. He bowed out with five Pro Bowl selections during an 11-year career that included six seasons in Dallas.

"Football being the No. 1 sport basically in the world - the Super Bowl kind of proves that — it would be nice to have a little 'thank you' for what players before me did," Novacek said. "They didn't have near the facilities for doctors, surgeries and all sorts of different stuff that we did. And even now it's even better (for players).

"(The increase to the Legacy Fund) is an awesome gesture, if that happens. I was part of the strike in 1987, and that was one of the things we were fighting for — to get a better pension and (health) plan after we were through playing.

"But like I said, ask anybody who played the game — they knew what they were getting into ... They still played."

Like most former players, Novacek, 48, has aches and pains left over from his career. But he was quick to point out it would be wrong for him to complain.

"Yeah, you have those injuries (playing). But we also stayed in shape," he said. "And those injuries, they got healed up a lot faster than normal people."

Novacek said heading youth football camps is a way of paying back all the help he received growing up in Nebraska.

"I grew up in a small town and my dad was a football coach, so I grew up with football," Novacek said. "I was always out there with the high school kids he was coaching, always out there on the field and in the way. It's neat to have this opportunity to help kids out."

Something else that's neat for Novacek this summer will be seeing another former Cowboys teammate, Deion Sanders, get inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith are the other Cowboys from the Super Bowl teams of the 1990s with busts in Canton.

"Deion obviously was an incredible athlete," Novacek said. "He did his job as well as anybody out on the field. I always gave him a hard time, telling him I was faster than he was. He's a good friend of mine. We call each other 'buddy.' It's so neat for me to have played with the players that I did, to see them go into the hall of fame. They're so deserving."

Speaking of honors, Novacek has credentials worthy of entrance into the Cowboys' Ring of Honor, but he said he's not sweating it.

"We had a (youth) camp at Cowboys Stadium this year and a bunch of the coaches said they were going to get some spray paint and spray my name up there, but that didn't happen or you probably would have heard about it," Novacek joked.

"You can't do anything about it. I never sit around and think about it. If it happens, once again, that will be great. But making sure my pasture gets irrigated is a lot more exciting to me right now than thinking about anything like that ... There are a lot of players that played before me that are deserving."


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	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Rules of Engage.	Big Brother		The Mentalist "Red Queen"		CBS 7 News	(:35) LateS Ford, Joe Wong	Harrison	(:35) LateL
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	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA		In the Arena		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360				Piers Morgan	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	D. Catch "The Island"		Deadliest Catch		Alaskan Monster		Sons of Guns		Alaskan Monster		Sons of Guns	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	★★★★ WALL-E Ben Burtt.		(:45) FishN		A.N.T.	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00)	SportsCenter	Softball World Cup (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		Tonight	NFL Live
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Football	NFLLive (N)	MLB Baseball Home Run Derby				MLB Softball		SportsNation		SportsNation	
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00)	★★★★ The Goonies	★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory						The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant Battle		Restaurant Battle		Chopped		Extreme Chef (N)		Iron Chef America		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Barfly	SportsDay OnAir	WPT Poker Seminole Hard Rock Showdown		Streetball Ball Up		Action Sports World Tour Championship		Golden Age	SW Outdoors	Barfly	SportsDay OnAir
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ The Proposal		2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	Wilfred	Louie (N)	Wilfred	Louie	Louie	Wilfred
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	L. House "Stone Soup"		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	Sell NY	Sell NY	Novograt	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Sell NY	Novograt
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		Ancient Aliens "Chariots, Gods and Beyond"				Swamp People	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	To Be Announced		To Be Announced				Hef's Runaway Bride		Old Christine	Old Christine
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Sponge	G. Lopez	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s	'70s
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Jail	Jail	Jail (N)	Jail (N)	Impact Wrestling (N)				Deadliest Warrior		MANswer	MANswer
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★ Captain America II ('79, Act) Reb Brown.		★★ Captain America ('90, Adv) Ronny Cox.						★★ Captain America ('79, Act) Reb Brown.			
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Burning"	★★ Journey to the Center of the Earth ('08, Adv) Josh Hucherson, Brendan Fraser.				Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan Lisa Kudrow, Link Neal		Lopez "Episode 2118" 3 Doors Down (N)	
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	MGM Par.	★ Drums of Africa ('63) Frankie Avalon.				★★ Harum Scarum Elvis Presley.				★ The Jewel of th...	
	TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Mi Corazon Insiste		Decision "Extremas"		La Casa de al Lado		Noticiero	Titulares	El Cartel	Decision
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	NY Ink "Out of the Box"		NY Ink "Think Again"		NY Ink "Roosters and Romance"		NY Ink "Last Man Standing"		NY Ink "Roosters and Romance"		NY Ink "Last Man Standing"	
	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Predator in the Pool"		Bones "The Rocker in the Rinse Cycle"		Bones		Bones "The Witch in the Wardrobe"		CSI: NY "Risk"		Franklin & Bash "The Bangover"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	Alf Family	All Family	All Family	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	3's Comp.	"The Gift"	3's Co.
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Bounce"		NCIS "South by Southwest"		Burn Notice "Square One" (N)		Suits "Bail Out" (N)		Covert Affairs "Half a World Away"		Burn Notice "Square One"	
	VERSUS	38	39				WEC WrekCage		Cycling Tour de France Stage 18 Pinerolo - Galibier - Serre Chevalier						WEC WrekCage		Cycling Tour de France	
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Old Christine	Old Christine	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	SouthPk "Damien"	South Park

Norwegian wins stage 17; Voeckler holds Tour lead

Associated Press

PINEROLO, Italy — Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway won the 17th stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday, the first of three days in the Alps, while Thomas Voeckler retained the yellow jersey but lost time after riding off course on the final descent.

Defending champion Alberto Contador made repeated attempts to get away from his rivals, but was caught on each occasion. He finished in the same time as Cadel Evans, the Schleck brothers and Samuel Sanchez.

Voeckler lost 27 seconds and is 1 minute, 18 seconds ahead of Evans. The 2010 Giro d'Italia champion Ivan Basso also lost time.

Boasson Hagen completed the 111 miles across the Alps from Gap to the Italian town of Pinerolo in 4 hours, 18 minutes. Bauke Mollema of the Netherlands was second, 40 seconds back, with Sandy Casar of France winning the sprint for third.

Voeckler went too fast on a hairpin turn, skidded onto the shoulder of the forested Alpine road, then raced back to try to catch Contador and Sanchez after they sped by.

"It's a pity, because I saw that Contador, Evans and the Schlecks finished together. If I'd taken fewer risks, I would have finished with them," he said.

The high-speed pursuit led to another mishap in which he jumped a curb, rolled into a small car park and almost crashed.

"It was a fraction of a second, but it seemed like an eternity. I closed my eyes and lifted the front wheel and when I opened my eyes, I was still on the bike," Voeckler said. "So I said, 'OK, here we go: U-turn and back to the race.'"

Contador was not downhearted by his failure to get away.

"I felt good, and you've got to try," he said. He didn't want to talk about the stages to come.

Boasson Hagen recorded his second stage win and the fourth overall for Norway in this year's race.

"It was very difficult yesterday, and today I was able to do better," Boasson Hagen said. "I felt I was capable of attacking on the last climb."

Mollema was second after Frenchman Jonathan Hivert crashed on the perilous final descent of the Pramartino. Hivert got back on his bike and came in ninth.

Boasson Hagen praised the large contingent of Norwegian fans that has been supporting him and Hushovd throughout the race.

"It's really great to see all the Norwegian flags and Norwegian people around the course. It gives some extra power."

Source: No player vote Wednesday on NFL deal

By Barry Wilner and Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NFL players didn't vote Wednesday on a full proposal to settle the league's labor dispute, citing several outstanding issues, a person familiar with the negotiations told the Associated Press.

The person said there was agreement among representatives of all 32 clubs on what items needed to be resolved before any offer would be accepted. A second person, also speaking on condition of anonymity because the talks are supposed to be secret, said those players gave what was termed "conditional approval" of the proposal — as it stood Wednesday.

"We still have a lot of work to do," said Pro Bowl offensive lineman Tyson Clabo, who played for the Atlanta Falcons last season.

The meeting at the NFL Players Association headquarters lasted nearly 10 hours and included the group's executive committee and the team reps.

In Atlanta, where the owners' labor committee met, general counsel Jeff Pash said the sides would talk through the night in hopes of having a final agreement ready to go today.

"It's obviously a complicated agreement, but I think both sides are at the point where they can close, they should close, and we should be in a position to take votes," Pash, the owners' lead negotiator, said following a five-hour session at a hotel near Atlanta's airport.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell joined the meeting of nine of the 10 members of the labor committee, which hoped to recommend a finalized proposal to all club owners, who are due there today.

Remaining issues are believed to include how to set aside three pending court cases: The players' antitrust lawsuit against the NFL in federal court in Minnesota; the TV networks case, in which players accused owners of setting up $4 billion in "lockout insurance," money that the league would receive even if there were no games played in 2011; and a collusion case, in which players said owners conspired to restrict salaries last offseason.

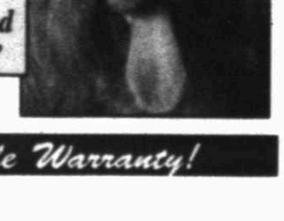
"I think that's the healthy outcome: to have a complete, comprehensive, global agreement that settles all the disputes and puts us on a path where we are going forward together as business partners, the way it should be, rather that going forward with one hand and fighting over something that should be in the past," Pash said.

Asked whether owners would consider approving an agreement today, Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson smiled and said: "I'm always ready for a vote."

New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who is on the labor committee, wasn't expected to participate because his wife, Myra, died Wednesday, at age 68, after a battle with cancer.

Earlier Wednesday, NFLPA president Kevin Mawae cautioned not to assume the lockout will be over by the weekend, saying that his group was "not tied" to a deadline for getting a deal done in the next 24 hours.

"We want to go back to work, but we will not agree to a deal unless it's the best deal for the players," Mawae said in the morning.

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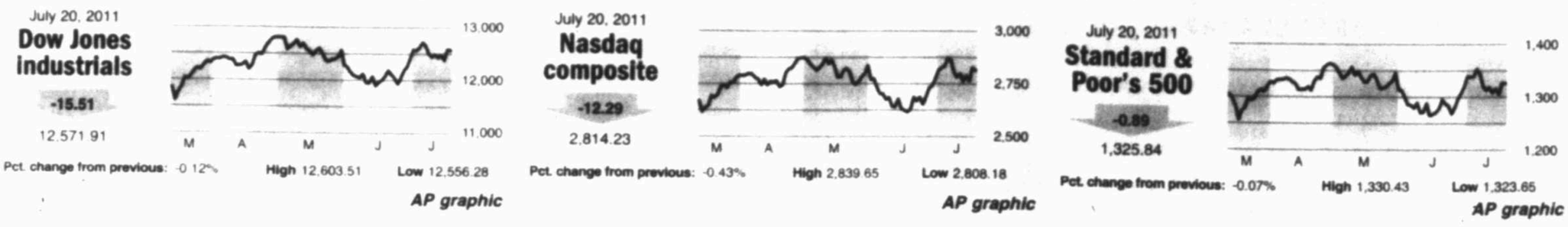
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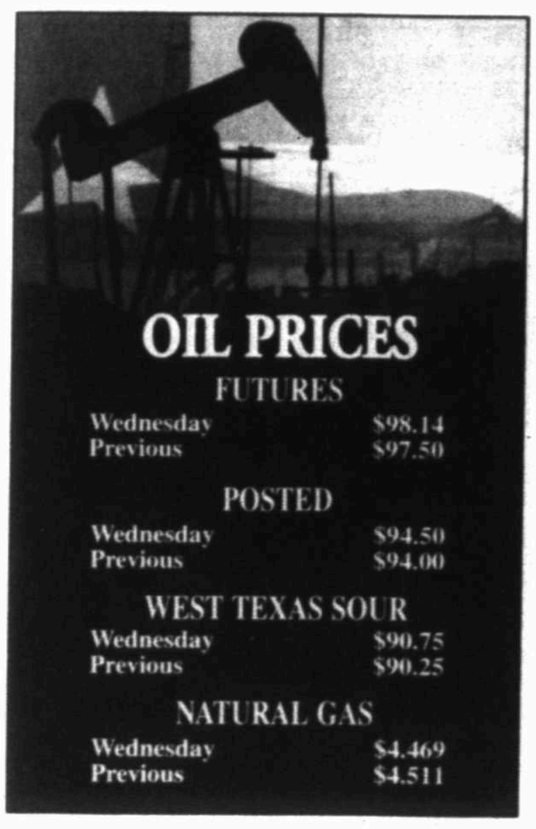
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A DAY ON WALL STREET





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Previous	$97.50

POSTED

Wednesday	$94.50
Previous	$94.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday	$90.75
Previous	$90.25

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday	$4.469
Previous	$4.511



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Boeing chief pilot Chuck Killberg, right, gives a tour of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner to American Airlines' pilots Scott Alderink, second from right, Jim Dees, center left, and John Conrad at Dallas-Fort Worth International airport in Grapevine on Wednesday. American Airlines is buying at least 460 new planes over the next five years in the biggest single passenger jet order in history that will include the Boeing 787.

American orders 460 new planes from Boeing, Airbus

By David Keonig
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — American Airlines is revamping its fleet with a record order for at least 460 new jets, a move it says will save fuel and give passengers a quieter, more comfortable ride.

The airline pulled off the deal by convincing rival aircraft makers Airbus and Boeing to provide generous financing. American said the new planes will make its fleet the youngest among major U.S. airlines within five years.

"This is almost American rebranding itself," said aviation consultant Darryl Jenkins. "Before, they were old and tired, and now they're going to be young and energetic."

The deal was a bold stroke from a management team that has been roundly criticized on Wall Street for lacking new ideas as it lost $4.8 billion and slid from world's biggest airline to No. 3 in the U.S. in just over three years.

Now the question for American is whether new planes that start showing up in two years will turn the tide — not only by cutting fuel use, but by attracting passengers who have become familiar with its older, rougher planes.

American announced Wednesday that it will order 260 planes from Airbus and 200 from rival Boeing Co., and take options to buy 465 more.

The twin deal is a major coup for Europe's Airbus, which will break Boeing's exclusive grip on American's fleet. Airbus hadn't won an order from American since the 1980s.

Boeing salvaged one of its biggest sales ever — a huge consolation considering that the Chicago-based company was in danger of losing the whole order to Airbus.

The jets carry a sticker price of more than $38 billion. Big airlines regularly get discounts, and analysts assumed American pitted Airbus and Boeing against each other to drive down prices.

The buzz around the order was so strong Wednesday that it nearly drowned out word that American's parent, AMR Corp., decided to spin off its American Eagle regional airline in a cost-cutting move.

And the hoopla obscured more bad news on the financial front for AMR and American. AMR reported that it lost $286 million in the second quarter, as rising fuel prices wiped out an increase in revenue. The loss was wider than analysts expected.

In the end, investors seemed dazed by all the big news. They pushed AMR shares higher early in the day, only to see the stock slip later and close down a penny at $4.92.

In recent weeks, the airline industry was riveted by the drama of Airbus and Boeing dueling for American's interest. In discussions that lasted long into Tuesday night at an airport hotel near Dallas, AMR's board approved the odd split order.

American considered buying fewer planes but was swayed by generous financing offers from Airbus and Boeing. The two aircraft makers provided $13 billion in financing through lease transactions that will greatly reduce American's need to spend cash up front on the planes.

The jets will replace about 200 McDonnell Douglas MD-80 aircraft that burn about 35 percent more fuel than Airbus' upcoming A320neo, which is expected to carry passengers by late 2015.

The new planes will have better lighting, more overhead space and better seats in both coach and first-class than the MD-80s, according to American.

Oil settles higher

Oil prices are sticking around the same level they've been at since the beginning of the month, as talks continue over debt issues in Europe and the U.S. that could affect future demand.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for September delivery rose 54 cents to settle at $98.40 a barrel Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The August contract, which expired Wednesday, rose 64 cents to settle at $98.14 a barrel. In London, Brent crude gained $1.09 to settle at $118.15 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Crude prices have been mired in a narrow range between about $95 a barrel and $99 a barrel this month as investors worry that the global economy will suffer if U.S. and European leaders fail to solve their debt problems. That, in turn, could weaken demand for oil.

In the U.S. there appeared to be growing support for a bipartisan plan to reduce the deficit ahead of an Aug. 2 deadline to raise the nation's debt ceiling. Although it's seen as unlikely, failure to raise the debt ceiling would mean the U.S. would default on its massive debt obligations.

Dollar weakens

The dollar fell against the euro and most other major currencies late Wednesday ahead of a meeting of European Union leaders.

Investors expect the meeting, taking place Thursday, will produce some sort of agreement to help stem the region's debt crisis. Talks will focus on a new aid package for Greece and ways to stop the crisis from spreading to larger countries such as Spain and Italy.

The euro rose to $1.4229 late Wednesday from $1.4134 late Tuesday.

The dollar was also weaker against currencies in Norway, South Korea, Hong Kong and Latin America.

Gold prices fell Wednesday on signs of progress toward resolving debt problems in the United States and Europe.

Gold for August delivery settled down $4.20 at $1,596.90 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $37.01 Up 0.02

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $72.99 Up 0.93

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $97.56 Up 2.25

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $35.60 Up 0.41

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $30.38 Up 0.55

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $9.45 Up 0.21

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $16.89 Down 0.08

NYSE

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HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

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Abraxas			5.08	+.11	+11.2
AdamsEx	.51e		11.19	+.05	+4.2
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Anadarko	.36		82.37	+.04	+8.2
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Apache	.60	14	125.67	+.08	+5.4
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ApldMatl	.32	11	12.69	+.03	-9.7
ATMOS	1.36	15	33.88	+.46	+8.6
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BP PLC	42e		45.76	+.80	+3.6
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BrdCrCm		20	5.89	.40	+11.3
BrownFA	1.28a	18	71.00	-.89	+2.3
BrownFB	1.28a	19	73.74	-.64	+5.9
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CVS Care	.50	15	36.95	-.04	+6.3
Cameron		23	50.90	-.43	+.3
Caterpillar	1.84f	20	110.31	+.67	+17.8
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CntryLink	2.90	12	37.76	-.18	-18.2
ChesEng	.35f	11	33.72	+.06	+30.1
Chevron	3.12f	10	107.10	-.38	+17.4
Chicos	.20	23	15.99	+.01	+32.9
Cimarex	.40	16	89.99	+.41	+1.6
Cisco	.24	12	15.82	+.16	-21.8
Citigrp rs	.04	12	38.62	+.60	-18.4
ClayEng	...	72	72.99	+.93	-13.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola	1.88	14	68.87	-.45	+4.7
ColgPal	2.32	19	88.56	+.04	+10.2
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ConAgra	.92	14	26.39	+.10	+16.9
ConchoRes			97.56	+2.25	+11.3
ConocPhil	2.64	11	75.11	-.32	+10.3
CrackerB	.88	12	47.31	-.89	-13.6
CrosTim	2.91e	17	47.47	+1.11	+19.0
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DTE	2.35	15	50.52	+.47	+11.5
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Dawson			35.60	+.41	+11.6
Dell Inc		10	17.52	+.10	+29.3
DevonE	.68	9	82.02	-.30	+4.5
DnkFnBul			24.12	+.62	-13.4
Disney	.40f	17	39.36	-.18	+4.9
DowChm	1.00f	18	35.12	+.36	+2.9
E-Trade			14.72	+1.77	-8.0
eBay		23	33.17	.59	+19.2
EMC Cp		30	27.37	.01	+19.5
EOG Res	.64		103.81	-.22	+13.6
Ecolab	.70	22	51.31	-4.08	+1.8
EmpDist		17	20.05	+.48	-9.7
Energen	.54	16	61.00	+.33	+26.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	41	47.41	+.20	-8.5
EnPro		14	49.51	-.23	+19.1
EntPrPt	2.42f	38	43.17	-.43	+3.7
EncsnTel	.37e		14.19	.07	+23.1
ExterranH			18.81	-.17	-21.5
ExxonMbl	1.88f	12	83.30	-.33	+13.9
FifthThird	.24	15	12.33	+.13	-16.0
FordM		6	13.08	-.01	-22.1
ForestOil		18	25.70	+.39	-32.3
Fortinet s		60	21.61	-5.17	+33.6
FrozenFd			4.09	+.14	-7.3
GATX	1.16	23	37.85	+.61	+7.3
GabGloM	.80		7.91		-3.7
GAInv	.43e		28.08	+.04	+4.7
GenElec	.50f	17	18.79	+.21	+2.7
Golfsmith			3.90	+.29	+61.2
Goodrich	1.16	22	93.11	-.58	+5.7
GtPlainEn	.83	14	20.87	+.09	+7.6
Hallibrtn	.36	21	55.27	-.11	+35.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Heinz	1.92f	18	53.66	-.20	+8.5
Hitachi	...	...	61.58	-.04	+15.4
HuntBnk	.04	20	6.31	+.05	-8.2
iShJapn	17e		10.77	+.11	-1.3
iShSilver			39.12	+1.11	+29.6
iShEMkts	.84e		46.93	+.14	-1.5
iShR2K	.94e		83.18	-.14	+6.3
IntegrysE	2.72	16	51.72	+.33	+6.6
Intel	.84f	11	22.99	-.07	+9.3
InterDig	.40	24	68.67	+15.41	+64.9
ItauUnibH	.67e		20.93	+.27	-12.4
JPMorgCh	1.00	9	40.96	+.57	-3.4
JohnJn	2.28	15	66.24	-.48	+7.1
Keycorp	.12f	8	8.27	+.21	-6.6
KimbCla	2.80	15	66.97	+.14	+6.2
KindME	4.56f	44	73.40	-.27	+4.5
KindMM	4.56f	64	64.59	-.31	-3.4
LegacyRes	2.12f		30.38	+.55	+5.8
Lubys			6.08	-.07	-3.0
MGM Rsts			15.42	-.03	+3.8
MassMCp s	1.20f		16.83	+.28	+10.1
McDnlds	2.44	18	86.27	+.06	+12.4
Merck	1.52	15	35.59	-.20	-1.2
MeritMed s		43	17.67	-.33	+39.5
MexcoEn			9.45	+.21	+23.5
MicronT		12	7.60	+.08	-5.2
Microsoft	.64	7	27.06	-.48	-3.0
MorgStan	.20	11	21.72	+.74	-20.2
Nabors		57	26.82	-.06	+14.3
NalcoHld	.14	24	35.87	+7.00	+12.3
NatGrid	2.92e		48.77	+.45	+9.9
NOilVarco	.44	20	78.94	-1.13	+17.4
NewsCpA	.15	14	15.93	+.14	+9.4
NokiaCp	.55e		5.79	+.23	-43.9
NvMAd	.99		14.00	+.13	+7.0
NvPMI	.92		13.44	+.02	+3.0
NuvPI	.92		13.27	+.09	+3.5
NSTPI3	.84		13.59	+.02	+3.7
NTXQI	.86		15.31	+.11	+2.6
Nvidia		34	14.04	-.18	-8.8
OcclPet	1.84	17	106.19	-.78	+8.2
Oracle	.24	19	32.08	-.57	+2.5
ParTech		18	3.75	+.04	-34.3
ParkDrl			6.90	+.06	+81.0
PattUTI	.20	28	33.59	-.13	+55.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PenRE	.60		15.96	+.18	+9.8
Prmian	1.41e	17	23.04	+.12	+1.7
Petrohawk			38.25	+.01	+109.6
Pfizer	.80	19	19.90	-.04	+13.6
PioNtrl	.06	16	97.02	-.39	+11.7
PlainsAA	3.93f	26	63.91	-.22	+1.8
PwShs QQQ	.42e		58.60	.25	+7.6
Praxair	2.00	26	106.25	-.48	+11.3
PrmEgy	...	...	24.82	-.18	+28.3
PrUShS&P			20.32		-14.5
ProUSSlv rs			13.36	-.86	-66.0
ProctGam	2.10	17	64.20	+.12	-.2
Qualcom	.86	25	57.30	+.32	+15.8
RAM Engy			1.25	+.03	-32.1
RangeRs	.16		62.95	-.57	+40.0
RschMotn		4	26.64	-.13	-54.2
Riverbed s			32.05	-9.35	-8.9
Rowan	...	19	38.44	+.86	+10.1
RoyDShltA	3.36	19	72.21	+.08	+8.1
SpdrDJIA	3.08e		125.46	-.17	+8.5
S&P500ETF	2.44e		132.65	-.08	+5.5
SabnR	3.90e	18	66.48	-.01	+11.6
SanderFm	.68	11	46.74	+.40	+19.4
SandRdge	...	...	11.24	-.15	+53.6
Sapient	...	42	14.96	+.05	+23.6
Schlmbrg	1.00	24	88.41	-.29	+5.9

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SigmaAld	.72	22	72.79	-1.00	+9.4
SiriusXM			2.18	-.03	+33.7
Smucker	1.76	19	78.49	-.07	+19.6
SprintNex			5.19	-.07	+22.7
SPDR Fncl	.18e		15.00	+.17	-6.0
SunocoLg	4.78f	9	84.03	-.31	+.5
TeleflEsp s	1.98e	...	22.60	+.47	-.9
Tesoro		14	23.71	-.09	+27.9
3M Co	2.20	16	94.25	-.02	+9.2
Trchmrk s	.44f	10	41.46	+.06	+4.1
TriContl	.29e	...	15.09	+.07	+9.7
TylerTech	...	36	26.55	-.45	+27.9
UBWV	1.20	15	24.44	+.76	-16.3
US Bancrp	.50	14	26.14	+1.11	-3.1
Vale SA	.90e		32.98	+.13	-4.6
ValeroE	.20	30	25.74	+.09	+11.3
VulcanM	1.00	...	35.40	+.03	-20.2
Walgrn	.90f	16	41.80	-.35	+7.3
WellsFargo	.48f	11	28.70	+.29	-7.4
WstnRefin	...	73	21.04	-.16	+98.9
WhitingPt s		36	61.50	+1.12	+5.0
WmsCos	.80f	23	30.56	-.08	+23.6
XcelEngy	1.04f	15	24.24	+.25	+2.9
Xerox	.17	21	10.06	-.13	-12.7
Yahoo		15	13.48	-1.11	-18.9

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
12,876.00	9,936.62	Dow Jones Industrials	12,571.91	-15.51	-.12	+8.59	+24.22
5,627.85	4,010.52	Dow Jones Transportation	5,342.95	-4.54	-.08	+4.63	+26.96
441.86	377.78	Dow Jones Utilities	434.61	+2.72	+.63	+7.31	+14.14
8,718.25	6,594.95	NYSE Composite	8,281.83	+27.45	+.33	+3.99	+23.04
2,490.51	1,830.65	Amex Index	2,401.47	+14.25	+.60	+8.74	+30.08
2,887.75	2,099.29	Nasdaq Composite	2,814.23	-12.29	-.43	+6.08	+28.66
1,370.58	1,039.70	S&P 500	1,325.84	-.89	-.07	+5.42	+23.98
14,562.01	10,877.63	Wilshire 5000	14,091.64	-14.24	-.10	+5.48	+25.85
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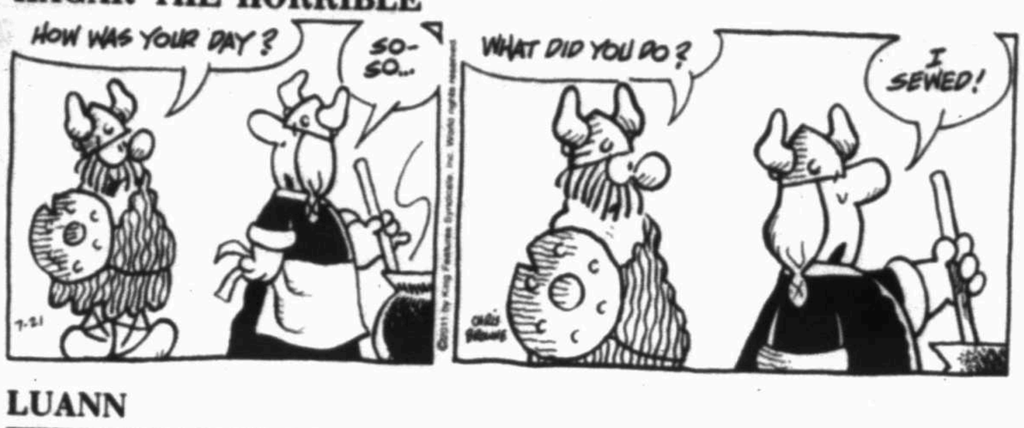
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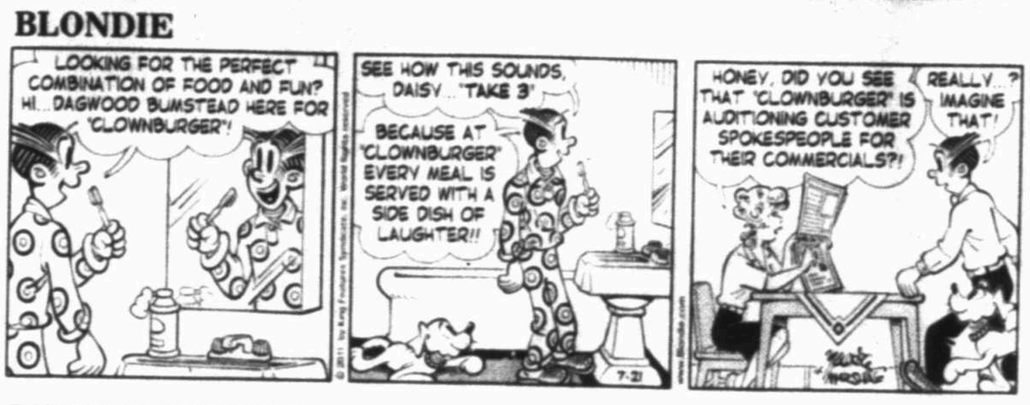
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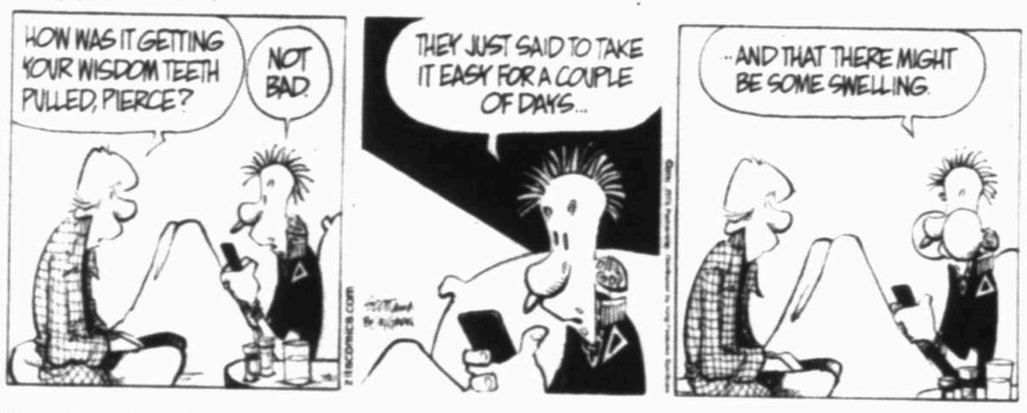
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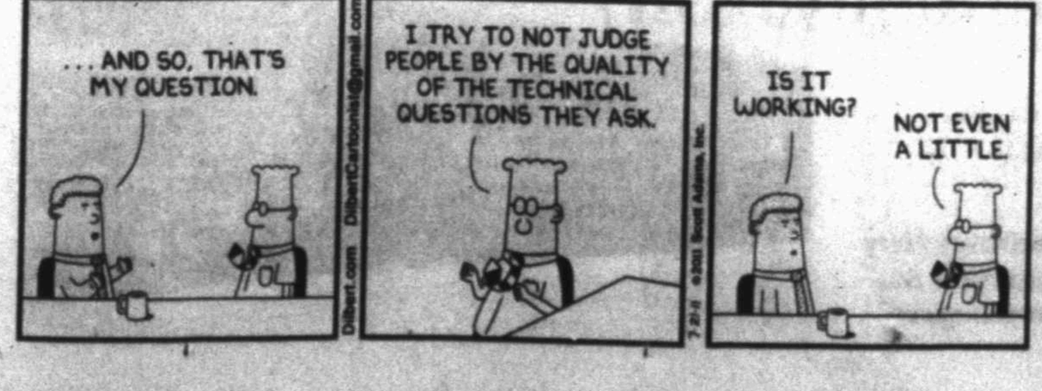
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"Stay on the red line, PJ! If you fall off you hafta go back to 'start.'"

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup
Brickyard 400,
1 p.m., July 31
ESPN

Nationwide Series
Federated Auto Parts 300,
7:30 p.m., Saturday
ESPN

Truck Series
Lucas Deep Clean 200,
8 p.m., Friday
SPEED

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BURNING ISSUES

▶ Kyle Busch, in the Loudon garage area after his Toyota hit the wall, scoffed at the notion that an on-track rivalry contributed to his demise. "Nice try at making up a story," he said to a television interviewer.


Kyle Busch

▶ Busch's Nationwide Series victory in New Hampshire was his 100th in NASCAR's "three major touring series" (Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck).

▶ As a means of comparison, in the aforementioned touring series, Dale Earnhardt won 97 races, as did Darrell Waltrip. Mark Martin has won 96.

▶ Busch also tied Martin's record career total of 49 Nationwide wins.

▶ The breakdown of Busch's totals: 22 Cup, 49 Nationwide and 29 Truck.

▶ Matt Crafton broke a long (79 races) dry spell in the Camping World Truck Series. Before winning in Iowa, his previous victory had been at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 16, 2008.

▶ Dale Earnhardt Jr. is now the only driver in the top 10 without a victory.

▶ Other winless, but prominent, drivers include Tony Stewart, Clint Bowyer, Kasey Kahne, Greg Biffle, Mark Martin, Juan Pablo Montoya and Jeff Burton. Not even a victory is likely to get Burton in the Chase.

▶ Five drivers are within 26 points of leader Carl Edwards with seven races remaining in the regular season.

▶ Popular Doug Fritz stepped down as president of Richmond International Raceway and was replaced by Dennis Bickmeier.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series		Pts.
1.	Carl Edwards	652
2.	Jimmie Johnson	- 7
3.	Kurt Busch	- 11
4.	Kevin Harvick	- 15
5.	Kyle Busch	- 20
6.	Matt Kenseth	- 26
7.	Jeff Gordon	- 65
8.	Ryan Newman	- 66
9.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 75
10.	Denny Hamlin	- 82
	Tony Stewart	- 82
12.	Clint Bowyer	- 110

Nationwide Series		
1.	Elliott Sadler	673
2.	Reed Sorenson	- 7
3.	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	- 18
4.	Justin Allgaier	- 41
5.	Aric Almirola	- 81
6.	Jason Leffler	- 91
7.	Kenny Wallace	- 102
8.	Steve Wallace	- 148
9.	Mike Annett	- 153
10.	Brian Scott	- 163

Camping World Truck Series		
1.	Johnny Sauter	388
2.	Austin Dillon	- 22
3.	Cole Whitt	- 26
4.	James Buescher	- 36
5.	Matt Crafton	- 44
6.	Timothy Peters	- 47
7.	Ron Hornaday Jr.	- 53
8.	Parker Kligerman	- 54
9.	Joey Coulter	- 57
10.	Brendan Gaughan	- 73

WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Race: Brickyard 400
Where: Indianapolis (Ind.) Motor Speedway (2.5 mi.), 160 laps/400 miles.
When: Sunday, July 31.
Last year's winner: Jamie McMurray, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Casey Mears, Dodge, 186.293 mph, Aug. 7, 2004.
Race record: Bobby Labonte, Pontiac, 155.912 mph, Aug. 5, 2000.
Last week: Stewart-Haas Racing teammates Ryan Newman and Tony Stewart both started and finished 1-2 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Newman's first victory of the season was the 15th of his career.

NATIONWIDE
Race: Federated Auto Parts 300
Where: Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn. (1.333 mi.), 225 laps/299.925 miles.
When: Saturday, July 23.
Last year's winner: Brad Keselowski, Dodge.
Qualifying record: David Stremme, Dodge, 166.561 mph, April 6, 2007.
Race record: Scott Wimmer, Chevy, 134.095 mph, March 22, 2008.
Last week: Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, equaled Mark Martin's record for career victories in the series with his 49th at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. It was also Busch's 100th victory in the three major NASCAR touring series.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
Race: Lucas Deep Clean 200
Where: Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn. (1.333 mi.), 150 laps/199.95 miles.
When: Friday, July 22.
Last year's winner: Todd Bodine, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Erik Darnell, Ford, 162.116 mph, Aug. 12, 2006.
Race record: Scott Riggs, Dodge, 132.466 mph, Aug. 10, 2001.
Last week: Matt Crafton, in a Chevy, captured the second victory of his career and first since 2008 by holding off Austin Dillon at Iowa Speedway. Chevy drivers finished in the first eight positions. Pole winner David Mayhew took third on the day.

INDIANAPOLIS DATA
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July 31

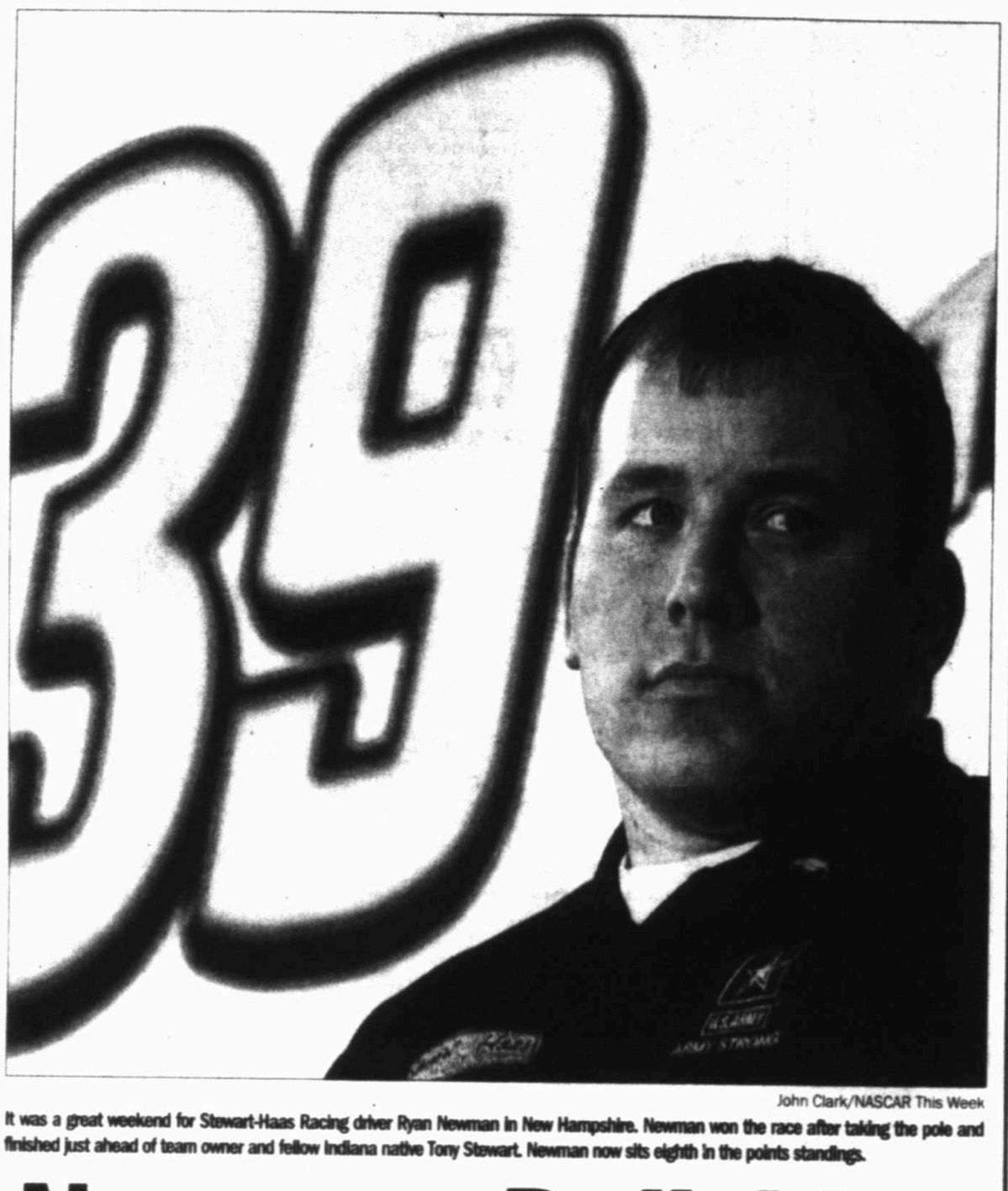


Banking in straights
Banking in turns 1-4

Distance:.....2.5-mile oval
Length of frontstretch:.....5/8 mi.
Length of backstretch:.....5/8 mi.
Miles/Laps:.....400 mi. = 160 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

RYAN NEWMAN SPRINT CUP SERIES No. 39 U.S. ARMY CHEVROLET



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

It was a great weekend for Stewart-Haas Racing driver Ryan Newman in New Hampshire. Newman won the race after taking the pole and finished just ahead of team owner and fellow Indiana native Tony Stewart. Newman now sits eighth in the points standings.

Newman Relishing Loudon Moment

Stewart-Haas teammates get 1-2 finish at New Hampshire

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

When Ryan Newman crossed the finish line at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, having won for the 15th time in his Sprint Cup career, he enjoyed a pleasing, but rare, overlap.

Newman also started on the pole in the Lenox Industrial Tools 301. It was the 47th pole of Newman's career. Only nine drivers have ever won more. But it was only the fourth time Newman won after starting out front.

"We backed up what everybody said we couldn't back up," he said. "That was our qualifying effort on Friday. I had won three-for-46, now four-for-47.

"We'll relish this moment and figure out what we did right so we can keep doing it.

Eight of Newman's 15 career victories occurred in 2003, when he drove for Roger Penske. He was selected as Cup's 2002 Rookie of the Year over Jimmie Johnson, who has since won five championships.

Newman's owner and teammate, Tony Stewart, finished second, marking the first time teammates both started and finished 1-2, in the same order, since 1957.

As the laps wound down, Newman had track position but was low on fuel. He managed to save enough fuel to maintain the lead and hold off Stewart's charge.

"One of the best cars here was the '14' (Stewart). There were a couple other cars at different times, but the '14' was mired back in traffic," said Newman. "He had to run the wheels off of it to get up to where he had some track position so he could try to run us down.

"Fortunately, it stayed green. I was more worried about a yellow coming out with five to go. 'Do we have enough fuel for a green-white-checkered (finish)?' Usually those things that come and squash us didn't happen today. Maybe a change of luck for us from that standpoint."

Newman, like Stewart, is a native of Indiana. The 33-year-old South Bend native graduated from Purdue University in 2001 with a degree in vehicle structure engineering.

Now eighth in the Sprint Cup points standings, Newman became the 13th driver to win in the season's first 19 races.

FEUD OF THE WEEK


Johnson

VERSUS


Montoya

JIMMIE JOHNSON VS. JUAN MONTOYA

Johnson expressed his frustration with Montoya, who has often tangled with other drivers during his five-year NASCAR career. "I don't think of the three times he's wrecked me (that) it's been intentional," said Johnson, "but he's (Montoya) out of mulligans and I've had enough of, 'Oh, I'm sorry,' and you're spun out. It's happened way too often to the No. 48."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Nothing new about this story. Montoya is a supremely talented driver who is also aggressive. He has his share of enemies, but in general, he neither gives quarter nor expects any."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Irate About TNT

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.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I have been a loyal fan of NASCAR for some time now, even with the ridicule of friends, family and strangers, so please take my criticism seriously if you want me to continue.

You have to do something about the TNT coverage. They are simply horrible. I currently have to watch by streaming via my laptop, and the last two races have been a joke. First the splitting of the screen with (four-way) view ... The commentary can only be heard and it is never synchronized with what's going on in any of the four or eight views.

Last week I became so frustrated I turned off the whole thing ...

... I don't know if I will attempt to watch this debacle again. I truly love auto racing, but I don't need the frustration.

Roger F. Ruiz
Fairbanks, Alaska

If it's any consolation, the rest of the races are on ESPN/ABC.

FAN TIPS

Showdown Wraps in Ga.

Sprint officials announced the Sprint Summer Showdown, a promotional program involving drivers, charities and fans. It all culminates at Atlanta Motor Speedway's AdvoCare 500, with the winners of the previous five races -- Indianapolis, Pocono, Watkins Glen, Michigan and Bristol -- racing for a $3 million payday, with $1 million each going to the driver, the driver's designated charities and a fan selected in an online/trackside contest. If any of the eligible drivers wins at the Hampton, Ga., track, the $3 million bonus will be paid. Fans can enter each week by picking which driver they believe will win each of the five races at sprint.com/speed or by visiting the Sprint Experience display at each Sprint Cup event.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Team Feats Of Strength

On April 7, 1957, Fireball Roberts drove a Ford to victory in the Wilkes County 160 at North Wilkesboro (N.C.) Speedway. A teammate in Ford's factory effort, led by Pete DePaolo, was Paul Goldsmith, who finished second. Roberts started and finished first; Goldsmith started and finished second. That particular distinction wasn't achieved again by teammates until Sunday, when Ryan Newman and Tony Stewart started and finished 1-2 in Loudon, N.H. Back in 1957, however, the top four finishers represented DePaolo's team. Ralph Moody was third and Marvin Panch fourth.

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FOUND BLACK Terrier mix, male puppy. Graceland/West Loop. Call 432-210-8758

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FOUND DOBERMAN mix puppy, near WCR 116 & SCR 1206. Call to identify 557-8732.

FOUND FEMALE Australian Shepherd & Female Bassett Hound. To identify 683-7387.

Legal & Public Notices

I Claude Wesley Smith do hear by declare as of Saturday July 23, 2011. I will no longer be leagally obligated to pay debt or any legal matters under the name of CLAUDE WESLEY SMITH. My God given name on my birth certificate is Claude Wesley Smith.

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY Sale Date is Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 10 a.m
Aztec Storage Center
500 S. Midland Dr.
Midland, TX 79703
#87 Mary Avila — Household Goods

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY Sale Date is Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 11 a.m
Aztec Storage Center
1131 E. 52nd St.
Odessa, TX 79762
#28 Jason Paschal*
#53 Rose Mary Rubio* *Household goods
#104 Alicia Morales - Urteaga*

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy Inc. will increase volumes and pressures and modify the injection intervals.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith, C. A. Et al Lease, well numbers: 785W and 801W. Well 785W is located approximately 2.5 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith and Well 801W is located approximately 3 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith. Both wells are in the Goldsmith (Clear Fork) Field in Ector County, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969 to 7867 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 29, 2011
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 10, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-7324
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0271226
Status/Permit No. 718285

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. 11, Blk. Y, GC&SF RR CO Survey, A-189, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 10.3 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	LANE "11"
Lease/Unit Well No. :	6
Lease/Unit Acres :	200.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1342.0

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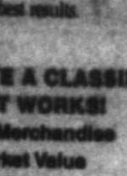
Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10900 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, PATRICIA CHI, at (972) 969-3725.

General Announcements



BIG 3 Tire is the place to go to make a donation for Colton James Ward, 6 month old baby of Celey & April Ward of Odessa and grandson of Ronnie (7-up) Ward of Iraan. He has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma cancer which originated in his kidneys. He had surgery to remove the kidney tumor but it has spread to his liver and bones. Big 3 Tire is taking donations for this precious baby. To make donations go by Big 3 Tire @ 2004 S. Fairgounds Rd. Midland, TX.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF SALE
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The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale.

Jeremy Sharp
Jennifer Edwards
Billie Brown
Joseph Brodnex
Location: Alamo Mini-Storage South
1301 South Connell, Midland, TX
Sale: August 11, 2011 @ 11:00 a.m.

Tanya Dunson
Location: Alamo Mini-Storage
906 N. Fairgrounds Road, Midland, TX
Sale: August 11, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M. August 10, 2011 to be opened at 2:00 P.M. in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 3795-11

For The City of Midland is taking sealed competitive bids for construction of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Nature Study Area (RFB 3795-11)

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from Rhotenberry Wellen Architects, 1102 W. Texas Ave. Midland, Texas. Please contact T.J. McClure at 432-682-1252

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City of Midland, Texas

Business Center

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(432) 332-3351

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SUV/Sheffield Blue/Sand pkg, sliding cargo floor

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BMW 328I CONVERTIBLE 2009
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Prem Pkg, Nav./Heated Seats, Sat Radio, Hi Fi Stereo,Comfort Access

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Silver/Blk, Diesel Engine SUV, All Wheel Drive

2008 MERCEDES-BENZ S550
Blk/Blk, AMG Sport Pkg., Nav., Sunroof

2007 MERCEDES-BENZ ML350 SUV
Champagne/Tan Leather, Nav., 3rd row, Double sunroof, CPO (certified Pre-owned)

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CHEVROLET 2002 Avalanche Tan, 4" lift, all new wheels & rims, perfect interior, 113k miles, asking $13,000 obo. For more info 432-288-3899 or joe_1121

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CHEVROLET 2003 S10 ZR2 extended cab, auto, 4WD, 6 cyl, under 4.3, 3 inch lift, 31 X 10.5 tires, 75k miles, excellent condition, great power, spray on bed, $10,400 obo. 408-839-0318

CHEVROLET 2004 Avalanche, maroon, 2WD, 102K miles, $14,500. 664-1094

CHEVROLET 2005 SSR Pick up, hard top convertible, yellow, 36K miles, new tires, excellent condition. Serious inquires only. 432-262-6933 or 325-277-1567

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CHEVY 2006 Silverado 1500, Ext Cab, LT, all power, WE finance, W.A.C. 683-6222

CHEVY 2007 2500HD LT, ranch hand bumpers, 110K mi, gas, $11,900. 638-3610

DODGE 2003 1/2 Ton, V-6, Auto Trans, $6,999. We finance, W.A.C. 683-6222

DODGE 2004 1500 Quad Cab, V8, 36k miles, $9,200. Call 432-699-6274

FORD 1989 F250, very clean, runs great, diesel, $3500. 684-7909, 530-7177

FORD 1998 F-150, 4x4, Ext. Cab, 166k miles, new motor, bed cover,

FORD 2005 F350 Lariat FX4 Crew Cab diesel, LWB, 58K, Nav, DVD, fully loaded, too many extras to list. Like new, $26,500. 432-301-0056.

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FORD 2008 F150 Super Cab XLT Flairside, 53,500 miles, dark shadow gray, black leather interior, keyless entry, many extras, excellent condition, $17,500. 432-664-6800.

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What's so great about this garage sale?
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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Entry Level Accountant

West Texas Gas FT

Oil & Gas energy firm in Midland, TX is looking to fill an ENTRY LEVEL ACCOUNTING position. Duties would include Alp, AIR, and GL responsibilities including monthly financial statements. Accounting degree required. Benefits include 401K and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Staff Accountant 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or e-mail to employment@westtexasgas.com.

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Lube Technician

Rapid Oil Change FT
1101 Andrews Highway
Midland, TX 79701

Rapid Oil Change is now hiring Automotive Lube Tech's. Great opportunity for people oriented, dependable and motivated person. Experience in retail sales and/or customer service is a plus. Consistent overtime, paid uniforms and other benefits. Must have a valid Texas Driver's License. Also this person will be required to meet the requirements to become a Texas Vehicle Inspector and be able to pass a drug test and background check.
Apply at 1101 Andrews Highway Midland, Tx

Service Advisor

Alderson European Motors FT

Alderson European Motors is growing and we've just moved into our new dealership. We are seeking to hire a motivated and enthusiastic Service Advisor. This person must have great communication skills, be detailed oriented, computer literate, and customer friendly. Experience preferred. Send resume to bpond@alderson.com or fax to 432.699.0755

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ENERGEN RESOURCES

Regulatory Analyst

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a **Regulatory Analyst** in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Regulatory compliance and Compliance Operations specialist in New Mexico and Texas
- Processing Permits to Drill for new drilling activity
- Timely submission of post drilling requirements for all wells
- Water flood operations and injection well permitting
- Ensuring filings are prepared by state and federal agencies
- Written and verbal communication with regulatory agencies, land, engineering and operations staffs

The successful applicant will have 3-5 years of office experience in the oil and gas industry with a minimum of regulatory experience preferred. A broad knowledge of regulatory functions in Texas, New Mexico and Federal lands. Strong written, communication, and verbal communication skills a must.

We offer competitive salary, which includes a bonus plan and company benefits.

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ENERGEN RESOURCES

— REGULATORY ASSISTANT —

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a **Regulatory Assistant** in its Midland, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Assist Regulatory Analysts in Routine Duties
- Copying, Typing, Data Entry and Filing
- Preparation of Regulatory Reports for Approval prior to Submittal
- Research Files for Regulatory Forms and Well bore data information

The qualified applicant will have 1-3 years of general office experience, preferably in the oil and gas industry. Candidate should also have knowledge/experience in computer applications including Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel and Access. We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan with a complete benefits package.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Position

Susie's South Forty Confections, Inc. FT

Must have strong computer, customer service and sales capabilities. Energetic & creative, great organizational skills and written and oral communication skills. Be able to work M-F 9 am- 5pm and work evenings and weekends during the holiday season. Will do some cross training with other departments. NO phone calls please. Apply in person at 1515 S. Fairgrounds Rd M-Th only.

IN-STORE FULL TIME REPRESENTATIVE

In-Store Full time. $600-$800 weekly. Must pass background.
Del Tex Marketing Group. Call Yeni 432-349-7207

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Instructor

Confidential FT

Instructor Real Estate Training. Real estate license required. Send resume to M. 4 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

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The Sylvan Learning Center PT

Sylvan is looking for dynamic part-time certified teachers to instruct students of all age groups in our individualized educational programs. We emphasize positive reinforcement and self-esteem and offer a caring learning environment for our students. EC-4 certification preferred but all considered. Primarily late afternoon and evening hours. Please call Sylvan Learning Center 432/520-9411

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Oilfield Services Staff

BOP Testers, Sales Representatives, Nipple Up/Nipple Down Operators and others. Email: tripleoil@yahoo.com or fax to 740-483-9031

Saftey Manager

Standard Energy Services FT

Safety Manager (Andrews) - Bergstein Enterprises. Must know OSHA regulations related to oilfield equipment, drug testing, and general safety issues. Experience required. Excellent computer skills and good driving record required. Competitive salary and benefits. Company vehicle. EEO. Send resumes to robbye@bergsteinenterprises.com

Spooler Trainee

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Seeking Spooler Trainee. Benefits and uniform after 90 days. Class B CDL preferred. Will train. Call 432-563-4443 or come by 12215 West County Road 129, Odessa, TX 79765 from 8am - 4pm.

HEALTHCARE

Bilingual Traveling CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. seeking bilingual traveling CNA's to work for clients. Pam @ 1-800-458-3257 EOE

CNA's & LVN's

Rockwood Manor

Accepting applications for CNA's and LVN's. Needed weekends. Bonus shift differential. Apply in person at Rockwood Manor 2000 N. Main St. EOE

Dental Assistant

Dr. Mike Connally FT
1801 Heritage Blvd.
Midland, TX 79707

Dental Assistant full time with experience. Bring resume by Dr. Mike Connally's office at 1801 Heritage Blvd in Midland.

HEALTHCARE

PHARMACY TECH/RN

Martin County Hospital FT

Must have a minimum of 2-years nursing experience, a current Registered Nursing License, a current Pharmacy Technician Certification or willing to obtain Pharmacy Technician Certification with a Texas Registration within. 6-months, and willing to alternate on-call schedules after hours and on weekends. 3pm-12am shift. Contact Terri Frame @ 607-3227 or tframe@martinch.org or apply in person at 610 N. St. Peter Street, Stanton, TX.

Martin County Hospital

Receptionist

Confidential FT

Needed Receptionist for busy Doctors office. Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm, Friday 8am-1pm. Includes benefits. Send resume to: M- 1 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

RN - Case Manager

Martin County Hospital FT

Martin County Hospital District in Stanton, Texas with a Home Health Agency is seeking a dedicated energetic, compassionate RN / Case Manager to work full time in a team-nursing enviroment. 8a-5p shift. Benefits included. Contact Terri Frame @ 607-3227 or tframe@martinch.org or apply in person at 610 N. St. Peter Street, Stanton, TX.

Martin County Hospital

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Front Desk and Housekeeping

Baymont Inn & Suites FT/PT
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Looking for dependable and reliable people to work flexible schedule. Must be able to work week days or weekends. Experience preferred. Call 432-561-8000 or fax to 432-561-5243.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Midland's Premier Country Club has openings for:

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We hire attitude and personality over experience. All positions available Full and Part time. Starting wage of $8.00 plus service charge. 100% employer paid health insurance and 401k with match. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

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We have an immediate opening for an experienced Graphic Artist. Experience necessary in Design. Position is full time. Salary based upon on experience. Apply or send resume and portfolio if available to clintgolden@yahoo.com. or apply in person at 306 E. 2nd St., Odessa, TX.

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BiDCO Corp
312 E. 2nd St.
Odessa, TX 79761

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Midland, TX 79707
Mechanical background required. Salary and medical benefits + bonus. Please come by to fill out application and set up time for interview.

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11215 WCR 127 **$9.00 per hour**
Odessa, TX **325-721-4137**

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Full time position for small assisted living facility. Care for elderly ladies. Please call 432-687-2503.

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Provide for all needs of the children including constant supervision throughout the duration of the work schedule and provide quality care to children who have been abused, neglected or temporarily separated from their family due to a crisis situation. Minimum requirements are: High school diploma or GED 25 or older, clear TB test, drug and driving check, good writing and communication skills, and the ability to work evenings and every other weekend or work as an awake night staff. Contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org for information on this great opportunity.



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Required: 5yrs experience in DOT compliance, accident investigation, travel. Full benefits package includes medical, dental, vision, life, AFLAC, 401 K, pd vacations, scheduled days off. Other duties will consist of: TCEQ, Safety Meetings, H2S Certification, and CPR Certification. Send resume to: P O Box 51005, Midland TX 79710

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Warehouse/Delivery Driver

Confidential FT

HVAC wholesale company is seeking a Warehouse/Delivery Driver for a full-time position. Must be willing to work in Midland or Odessa, be PC proficient and able to lift 100lbs. Must have valid driver's license with clean driving record, prospects must also have solid work ethics coupled with the ability to multi-task. Benefits include: profit sharing, yearly bonuses & health insurance, potential growth to inside sales position. Send resume to: M-2 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Excellent Career Opportunity

High Sky Children's Ranch is in search of individuals who desire a career in working with children who have trauma histories of abuse and neglect. The following positions are now open: Emergency Care Director, Full-time, Exempt. The Shelter Director is responsible for supervision, monitoring, and leadership of the Emergency Care Program. This director will ensure that all guidelines and standards are followed, and will work with other directors to meet the needs of children in the foster care system. Minimum requirements include: Bachelor's degree in a Human Service Field, 2 years experience working with children who have abuse histories, the ability to be on-call, and clear background checks. Other crucial aspects are the ability to communicate clearly both verbally and in writing, as well as strong leadership skills. Contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org for information on this great opportunity.

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Service Technicians

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Cooks, Dishwashers & Waitstaff

Murray's Deli FT

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Evening Cashiers & Servers

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant FT
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Midland, TX **Apply In Person**

Now hiring evening Cashiers & Servers.

RETAIL JOBS

Retail Sales Position

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Must have retail experience & ability to deal with the public. Must be able to work M-F 9:30am-5:30pm, and work some Saturdays. Apply in person at Plaza Oaks store 2101 W Wadley. NO phone calls please.

SALES JOBS

Parts Outside Sales Associate

Roberts Truck Center, LLC FT
4409 W. Wall St.
Midland, TX 79703 **Apply In Person**

Needing a Parts Outside Sales Associate. Experience in parts sales required. Roberts Truck Center, LLC is and Equal Opportunity Employer.

Sales Rep

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Responsible for sales activities and public relations in west TX. (From Vanhorn to Iraan and Kermit to Presidio). Must have valid drivers license with clean driving record. Requires 3-5 years sales experience. Please apply at www.gtech.com under sales rep in El Paso, TX.

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SALES JOBS

Sales Representatives
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L&M Radiator, Inc., a worldwide manufacturer of heat exchangers for mobile mining equipment, oil and gas industry seeks sales representative for in OK, AR,TX,LA (southwest USA).

Responsibilities: Maintain current customer base while generating substantial new business.

Requirements: 4 yr degree plus 4-6 yrs industrial sales experience, strong technical background plus, experience with oil/gas drilling operations required, non-compete agreement, 50% travel. Must live in assigned territory. Excellent benefit package.

Apply on line at www.MESABI.com under employment opportunities option to attach resume or send to L&M Radiator 1414 E. 37th Street Hibbing, MN 55746 or deborah@MESABI.com.

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Immediate Opening @ Deer Horn Aviation in Midland, Tx. For A&P Mechanic, two years experience preferred. **Candidate must hold a current A&P license.** Competitive wages with excellent package, including medical insurance for employee & family, **100% matching 401K up to 15% of salary,** sick leave, paid vacation. Candidates must be energetic & team player oriented. Call 432-560-2470 (Don or Paul), fax 432-561-5662, or email resume to LC@deerhornaviation.com. Deer Horn Aviation Ltd. is a drug free work place

Drilling Rig Electrician
Union Drilling, Inc. FT
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Field Mechanic & Shop Mechanics
Accelerated Pump Services FT
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Field Mechanic & Shop Mechanics
Successful candidates will be responsible for repairing all of our pump lines including National Oilwell, Gardner Denver, Summit Pump, all other multiplex and centrifugal lines. Mechanic must have tools and maintain heavy equipment and overseeing the use of company truck for cleanliness and safety. Candidate must have knowledge of positive displacement and centrifUgal pump applications with a minimum experience of 3 years. Mechanic must be customer service oriented, self-motivated, good writing skills, and excellent communication skills. Salary dependent upon experience between $15 and $30/hour
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Seeking dependable and responsible Journeyman Electrician. Must have state license. Must be able to pass background and drug testing. Excellent pay and benefits. Please call 432-697-6456

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Need experienced Mack Truck Diesel Mechanic. Must have own tools. Paid health insurance, uniforms and vacations. Retirement, family medical, dental, vision coverage available. Excellent pay and sign-on bonus. Apply to 4601 Rankin Highway, call 432-682-0434, or fax resume to 432-683-7407

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Maintenance Technician, plumbing or electrical experience a plus. Salary DOE, drug test, 401K, plus benefits. Apply in person at 303 W. Wall #2300

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Danny's Automotive FT
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AAW Services LLC FT
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321 Truck Drivers
Midland Sixty Six Co. FT
CDL Drivers wanted. Must have a clean driving record and pass a drug test. One driver will do bobtail deliveries of gasoline and diesel. One driver will do propane deliveries. One position will included Lp bottle filling and warehouse/yard duties. Lp license a plus but will train the right person. Benefits include uniforms, insurance and 401k. Only qualified applicants need apply for this position. CDL is required. Apply in person at Midland Sixty Six Oil Co at 1612 Garden City Hwy. Midland

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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GMC 2007 Sierra 2500HD diesel 4x4, SLT, crew cab, 160K mi. $20,500. 559-1554

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BUICK 2008 Enclave CXL, 3rd row seat, leather, B&B Auto Sales 683-6222.

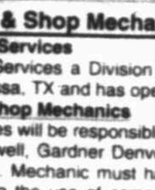
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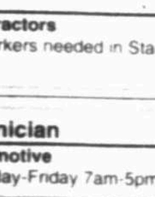
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TOYOTA 2002 Tacoma X-cab 102K miles Gray exterior 2WD sprayed bed liner $7,700. 432-634-1013

TOYOTA 2008 4Runner, 50,000 miles. Contact ASAP for details. $20,000 (719) 291-2826 emma.kate1184@gmail.com

TOYOTA 2008 FJ Cruiser, 4WD, 75k miles, black, automatic, stock except wheels and tires, 5 disc, auxiliary input, factory sub, tow package, all-weather interior, $25K OBO. 432-288-2501

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2009 KEYSTONE Pop-per Canyon, 37ft, 4 slide outs, 5 month warranty left on it, perfect condition, $33,000. Call 806-206-4984 or 682-239-1067.

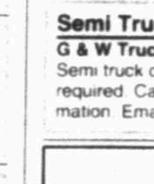
HOBBIE 2006 Toy Hauler, 22ft, $15,000. 432-967-1535.

MIRAGE 2002 5th wheel, 35' 3100RL 2 slides, 2 ACs, $14,900 432-664-3567

MONTANA 2005 5TH wheel, 37ft with 4 slides, 2 A/C's, new tires, good condition, $22,000, 432-813-0686.

NOMAD 2010 19.3 self-contained, super clean, 1/2 ton towable, $12000, 263-1199.

ROCKWOOD 2006 High Wall pop up, dining slide out, shower & more, $12,800 obo. 439-349-7817.



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1987 SKEETER 120 hp Evinrude, new carpet, seats, tires, batteries, 2 fish finders, $3,500 jerry 557-7674 or 682-5248

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OWNER OF LA BODEGA RESTAURANTS
53 Lafayette Place (East on Wadley, right on A Street, left on Dengar & right on Lafayette)
Friday, July 22nd, 8:30am - 3:00pm
Saturday, July 23rd, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Leather sofa sleeper, chair, ottomans, lamps, Sony flat screen Tv, Blue Ray disc players, art work, rugs, clocks, collectibles, Art pieces, refrigerator, washer, dryer, sofa, coffee table, kitchen items, Henredon dining table and chairs, wardrobe, dinette set, Desk, Computer and flat screen monitor, flatware, crystal, linens, books, CD's, beautiful secretary desk, chaise lounger, leather chair, queen bed, dresser and mirror, vintage wicker rocker, lawn furniture, humidors, singer sewing machine, yard tools, lawn mower, Kastle and Knesso Skis, Callaway golf bag (new), Ruger 22 cal, Singer Sa, Winchester 94, Land of Lincoln, Club chair with ottoman, Indian art, Sony speakers, DVD player, old tool box, 60's Coca Cola upright cooler and much more.
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Estate Sales

Estate Sale
By
Joseph and Team
3607 Imperial Ave
(Midland)
Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Yard & Garage Sales

79701

8AM- 5PM Friday only. 1504 S. Marshall. Moving sale, chandelier, chest, 6-24 month old clothes boys and girls, other misc items.

911 DOUGLAS Ave. Thursday 5pm-8pm Friday & Saturday 8am-12pm. Home decor, holiday decor, dishes, wall art, books, and clothes, miscellaneous.

79703

5204 BLUE Haven Dr. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 7am-? Huge Garage sale. Tons of little girl clothes and women plus size clothes.

Yard & Garage Sales

79705

1400 DAVENTRY. Friday 9am-6pm and Saturday 8am-2pm. Golf clubs, Ping i10 & S58 Irons, Titleist, Callaway, Mizuno, Adams, 30 Sets, Drivers, Hybrids, Wedges, Bags, Putters, Ladies, Left Hand, Jr's, Cameron Putter. Men, women & kids clothes, misc. 806-786-7077.

1727 E. Pecan Ave. Friday only, 7am-3pm. Moving Sale! Washer and dryer, furniture, TV stand, electronics, electric boys truck, boys clothing, name brand women clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry and much more.

2100 CASTLEFORD Road #333 (Polo Park). Sale will be from 7/20-7/26. Moving out of state. Will sacrifice everything! Furniture, household items, etc. 432-934-1528.

2508 TERRACE Ave. Saturday. Furniture, appliances, clothes and books.

79707

2203 MARCIE Lane Friday 8am-? Girls, baby & toddler items, toys, books, music, & miscellaneous items.

Yard & Garage Sales

79707

3500 MEADOWRIDGE Mission Trip Fundraiser Friday & Saturday 8am-? Family sale, bike, couches, teen clothing, papasan chair, toys, collectors items and lots of great household items.

4308 CRESTRIDGE Thursday 8am-noon. Sofa, computer desk, nik-naks, childrens books, toys and clothing.

5300 SAN Antonio Friday & Saturday, 8am-1pm. Furniture, 7' air hockey table, elliptical machine, kitchen/bath and household items, cookbooks, clothing, Shakeology, computer desks, etc.

4501 TEAKWOOD in Green Tree Saturday 1996 Mustang convertible boot, wicker out door furniture, desks, chests, trunks, framed pictures, TVs, computer, movie, camera, VCR & DVD player, lamps, doll clothes, barbie items, and much more

5301 SHADY Bend (Greentree North) Saturday TWO FAMILY SALE!!! Clothes of all sizes, home decor, children's toys and furniture. All must go!

ESTATE SALE
2604 Dengar
Thursday & Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-2

Dining table & chairs, china & curio cabinets, 2 sofas, love seat, king bed, dresser & night stand, desks, twin bed, French style chair, bookcases, credenza, cedar chest, Baldwin organ, Singer w/cabinet, sewing notions, costume jewelry, Cambridge stemware, ironstone dishes, books, boardgames, records, include: Off The Wall Michael Jackson, TV, DVD, Tivo, ipod, Mink jacket, patio furniture & some tools.
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FREE TO good home female red Chihuahua/Dashchund, 7 months old 260-5893.

FREE TO good home, registered Powder Puff Crested, 7 months old. 238-2062

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SMALL WING back chair, blue upholstery, wooded legs. $50. 520-5200.

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Miscellaneous for Sale

DINING ROOM table, 6 chairs and marching china cabinet, $550. Normandy clarinet, great for beginners or marching, $250. 432-520-3469.

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PERSIAN RUG 10'.8"x8'. wool hand knotted burgundy. $400. 432-684-0086

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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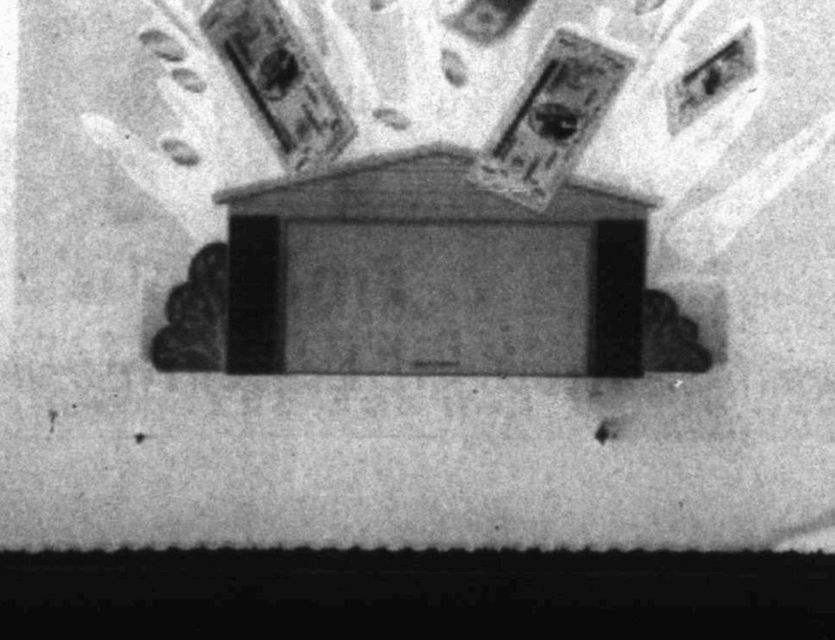
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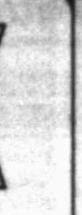
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MADAGASCAR

The Great Red Island

Found about 500 miles off of the east coast of Africa, Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world. It is made up of a red rock that crumbles into red dirt. Rains wash the red dirt into rivers, turning them red.



Week 8 Passport to Adventure stamp

A Land Apart

More than 100 million years ago, Madagascar broke away from the continent of Africa. For thousands of years it inched away from the mainland of Africa. During that time the plants and animals slowly changed, eventually looking different from many of the African plants and animals.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Plate tectonics; Life Science: When the environment changes, some plants and animals survive and reproduce; variation within a species increases the likelihood that some members will survive under changed conditions.

The Upside Down Tree

The **baobab** tree grows in other parts of the world, but not quite the same way it grows in Madagascar. In other parts of the world, the baobab tree has a narrow trunk and a full crown of branches. In Madagascar the tree has a huge, fat trunk. Some are as big as 75 feet (23 meters) wide!

Baobabs can live for thousands of years. Their huge trunks are topped with a few scraggly branches that look more like roots. That is why the trees look as if they are growing upside down.

Imagine three grown elephants lined up in one long line. That's not even as wide as some baobab trees!

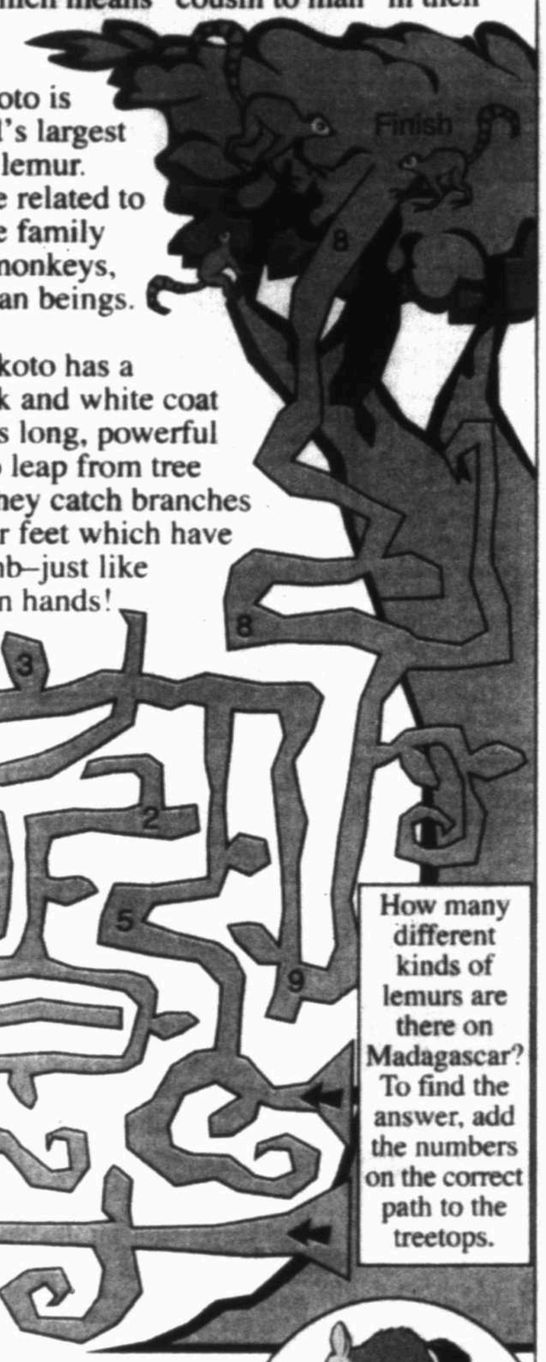
75 feet! (23 meters)

Land of Lemurs

Looking for a long, lost cousin? The people of Madagascar call one of their island mammals a **babakoto** which means "cousin to man" in their language.

The babakoto is the island's largest type of lemur. Lemurs are related to the primate family of apes, monkeys, and human beings.

The babakoto has a furry black and white coat and uses its long, powerful lower legs to leap from tree to tree. They catch branches with their feet which have a thumb–just like human hands!



How many different kinds of lemurs are there on Madagascar? To find the answer, add the numbers on the correct path to the treetops.

Shy Aye-Aye

Perhaps the strangest-looking lemur is the **aye-aye**. It looks like it was made from the parts of different animals. It has teeth like a rodent, eyes like an owl, a bushy tail like a fox and ears like a bat.

The aye-aye uses its ears like radar, listening for tiny insects and worms moving inside trees. Ayes-ayes only come out at night and they are very shy. Few people have ever seen one.

How many aye-ayes can you find on today's page?

Extra! Extra!

Some people say the aye-aye looks like it is made up from different animal parts. Look through the newspaper and cut out different parts of different people and animal bodies. Glue different parts together to make a new critter! Give your critter a name and describe its eating, and other living habits.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The rainforests of Madagascar are full of plants and animals. One plant found there, called the rosy periwinkle, is used to make a drug that treats childhood leukemia.

Find the two rosy periwinkles that are identical.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know adaptions in physical structure may improve an organism's chance for survival; students know examples of diverse life forms in different environments

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

MADAGASCAR
BABAKOTO
LEMUR
RADAR
AFRICA
ROOTS
PRIMATE
WORMS
ROSY
HUMAN
THUMB
TRUNK
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

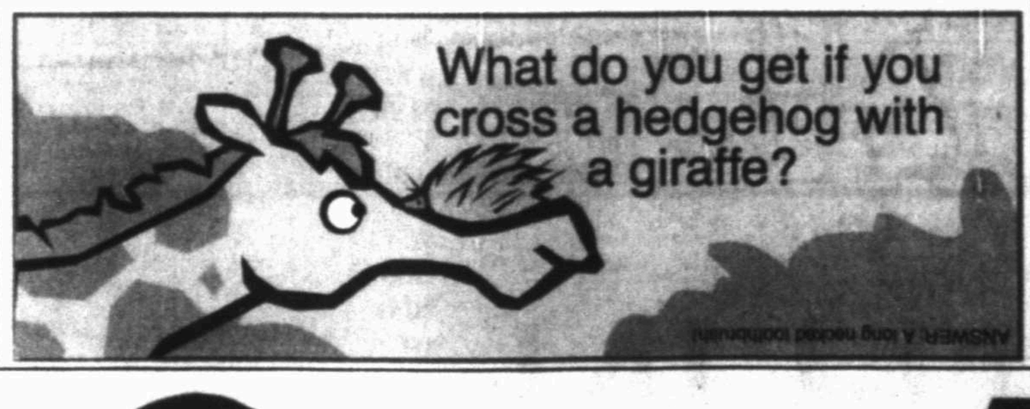
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Madagascar Memories

Remind yourself of your Kid Scoop trip to Madagascar by writing a poem about this interesting place. Find words in the newspaper that start with each letter in the word MADAGASCAR to use in your poem.

Standards Link: Writing Applications. Write poetry using various formats.



What do you get if you cross a hedgehog with a giraffe?

ANSWER: A long prickly lookout

Weekly Writing Corner

WRITING CORNER

Alliterations!

Children from St. Ann's create their own silly alliterations.

Six slimy snakes slithered south.
Michaela Molinar

Sharks shouldn't sleep slightly shocked.
Jacob

Five feisty flies flew flawlessly.
Elias Reyes

Alligators ate apples at Alaska.
Jordan Williams

Funny, fat frogs from Frogville.
Rachel Hulder

Sixty slimy, shiny salamanders slithered slyly.
Mariana

Monkeys munch mangos many Mondays.
Jaziel Madrid

An alligator ate an antelope as an appetizer.
Spencer-Kate Webb

Electric eels eat enormous eggplants everyday.
Dino Lara

Every elephant eats eggs each eclipse.
Evan

Sara's seven snakes scarcely slither sideways separately.
Shannon Hickey

My marvelous mother makes muffins Monday mornings.
Maddy Sanchez

Eve eats egg-whites every evening.
Stephen Jimenez

Kelsey's kitten kills kookaburras.
Kelsey Harrington

Cat's crunch Captain Crunch cereal.
Will

Seventy snakes sing silly songs.
Joey Chaparro

Ethan eats everything, even eyes!
Ethan Lujan

Rani rides rabbits 'round Red River.
Rani Guerra

An angry antelope ate apples all afternoon.
Kate Bowling

Write On!

Got a tip?

A tip is a little piece of advice. Send a tip that you would like to give to other Kid Scoop readers.

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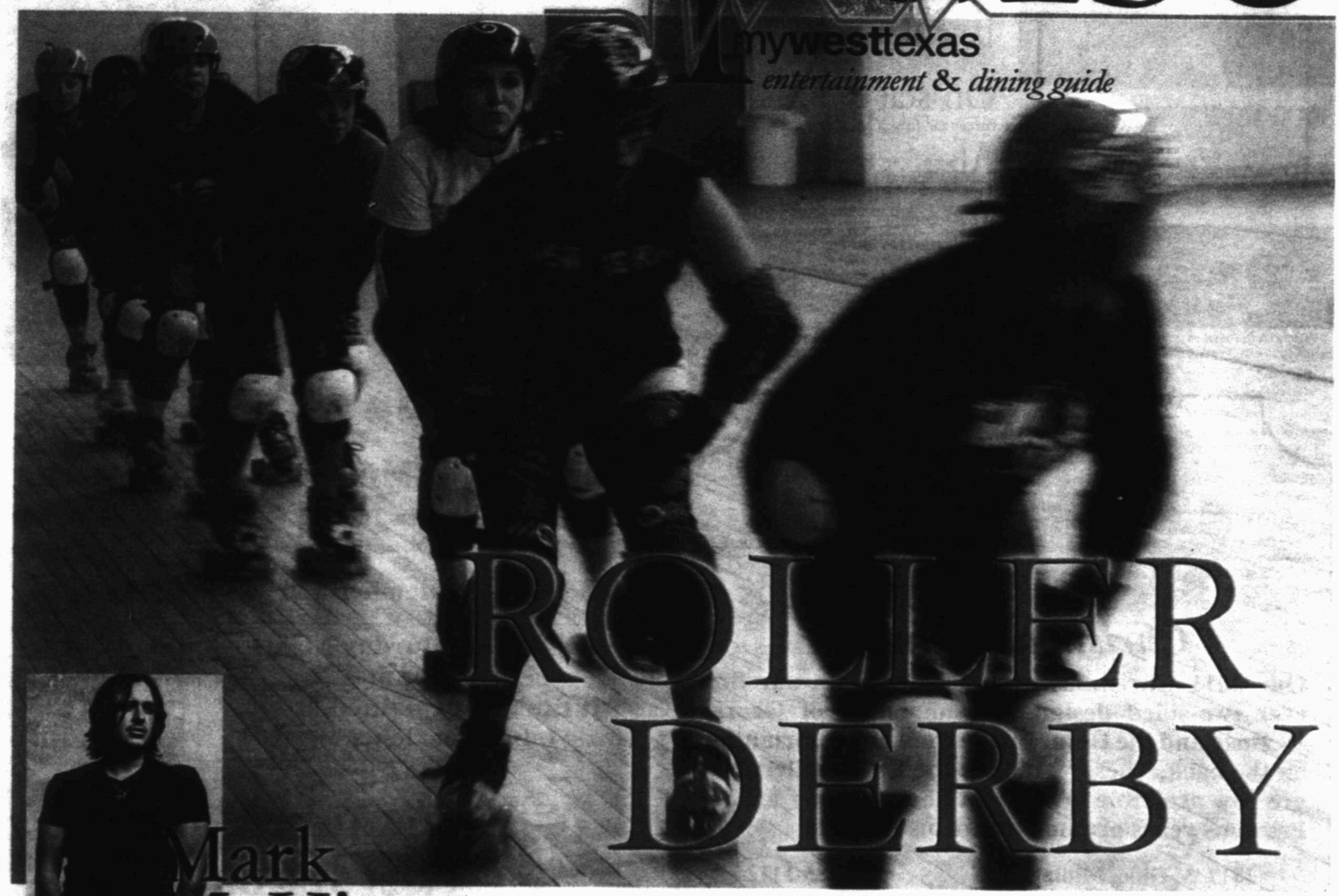
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ROLLER DERBY



Mark McKinney

Today at Rockin' Rodeo

find out what's going on...









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Where: Midland Center, downtown
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When: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Midland Center, downtown

Friday

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE
When: 4-6 p.m. Friday
Where: Midland County Public Library, 301 W Missouri Ave., downtown
Info: Public invited for refreshments and to meet the new director

SUMMER MUMMERS
When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Sept. 3
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St., downtown.
Tickets: $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, or $10 for the balcony (no popcorn is allowed to be thrown from the balcony), may be purchased at www.summermummers.com or by calling the MCT box office, 570-4111, Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There is an additional service fee for all non-member ticket purchases.
Info: Melodrama is "Ribaldry at the Rodeo" or "Hoping for an 8 Second Ride" by David & Jennifer Odom. Evening includes an olio. The annual event is a fundraiser for Midland Community Theatre.

Saturday

AUTHOR SIGNING: STEVE CARSON
When: 2 p.m. Saturday
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Info: Carson signing copies of "Fighting for Your Family"

MIDLAND DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET
When: 8 a.m.-noon Saturday.
Where: 501 W Texas Ave., under the green.



Graham Dixon

RETURN ENGAGEMENT:

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS CONCERT FRIDAY @ NOEL HERITAGE PLAZA PARK, ODESSA

Back by popular request, Eddie Irving and the Classic Swing Band are not new to the Permian Basin., having performed here for Midland Opera Theatre and the West Texas Jazz Society in addition to last summer's Hot Summer Nights concert. "The basic band is five members," Irving said of The Classic Swing Band in an interview with the reporter-Telegram. "We have some pretty accomplished musicians in it. Bob Wills' nephew Randy is the keyboard player, and he actually toured with Bob Wills. The drummer was the drummer for The Imperials, which is a Christian group that was really popular in the '90s. I'm the only one who hasn't toured as musician in the group. We do mostly the standards — Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Michael Buble and that type of music. There's also swing and salsa."

The 8 to 10 p.m. outdoor performance is free. Those attending are asked to bring their own seating and to fee free to dance. location: 5th and Lincoln, downtown Odessa.

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When: 7:45-8:45 p.m.
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
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Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
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Tuesday

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When: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Allison Bridge Center, 911 W. Wadley Ave.
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CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
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Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

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When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Century Theatre, 4221 Preston Smith Road, Odessa
Tickets: $14 adults, $13 seniors and students, $12 children. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or at www.FathomEvents.com.

Road trip

Fredericksburg:
Fredericksburg Opera Fest Saturday and Sunday. Features soprano Ava Pine and tenor David Gaschen (who has performed here with the Midland-Odessa Symphony), accompanied by Larry Landusky. All are native Texans and Texas Tech University alumni.
Tickets: Purchased at the Fredericksburg Theater Company by calling 888-669-7114 or 830-997-3588 or online at www.fredericksburgtheater.org.
Box office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Kids Zone: Summer

Check for potential children's activities at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and the Blakemore Planetarium, 683-2882; Midland Community Theatre, 682-2544; and the YMCA, 682-2551.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Children's storytime, "The Pout-Pout Fish," 10:30 a.m. Saturday
Wednesday storytime (various themes on most Wednesdays), 10:30 a.m., Barnes & Noble Booksellers

Laura Bush Reading Event
Thursday, July 21, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W Ohio St. Children will be read a selection of books including "Let's Ride, Paul Revere!" and each child will receive a copy of the book to call their own. Refreshments will also be served. Sponsored by Devon Energy, MC Students in Philanthropy and MHS Students in Philanthropy. Space is limited so call 685-1112 to reserve a space for your child. In Visitor Center. Refreshments and a free book for each child.

Museum of the Southwest
Art classes: Tuesday through July 29 for ages 5-7 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: $45 per session. Class size 12 students. Teacher: Sara Drescher Braswell. Call the museum. 683-2882, and ask for the Children's Museum or email sara@sdb-gallery.com.

The Petroleum Museum
Film: "Finding Nemo," Tuesday, 1-3:30 p.m. for 6-years-old and up. Part of the museum's Movie Camp. Cost $3 per child. Popcorn and lemonade included in the admission.

Road Trip

Ruidoso Downs, N.M.
"Wild, Wild West - Journey to Statehood" Saturday. Fundraiser for Hubbard Museum of the American West, 26301 Highway 70. Includes dinner, hosted bar, dancing to the music of the Graham Brothers. Reservations for the event are $130 per person, and can be purchased by calling 575-258-5919 or 575-378-4142, ext. 223. Held each year in conjunction with the Rainbow Futurity at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. The museum will be closed in preparation for the event Friday and will reopen to the public at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Mescalero, N.M.
Inn of the Mountain Gods
Gabriel Iglesias, Wednesday

In the limelight

Fame

By Graham Dixon

Midway through "Fame," the Pickwick production currently playing at Midland Community Theatre, one of the teachers argues for the need for academic excellence at the New York High School for Performing Arts. Her reason? While the 90 students chosen for the school were selected from among 4,000 — and are thus the cream of talent available — only 10 percent of them will ever make a living in the performing arts. This show contrasts dreams of fame with the brutally stiff competition — culminating in failure for most — that is the reality of professional arts.

There are hundreds of talented actors for every star on Broadway, thousands for leading roles in movies. The same can be said for dance and music. But, as the company sings and dances in the opening number – "Hard Work" — youth is nothing but optimistic, and they all believe they can make it. Director Bill Williams blocks each aspiring professional in a rather stark spotlight – accentuating the loneliness of the audition process.

As the show continues we are introduced to contrasting desires for fame, as well as routes for achieving it. Stone Fulgaar is spot-on as the oh-so-earnest actor who quotes Stanislavski to anyone who will listen. He wants to make magic and will work slavishly to do so. At the opposite end of the spectrum we have Lana Sanford — a character who wants fame instantly and sees it as her right. Yes, the character is insufferable — but her enthusiasm is irresistible in "There She Goes." We can't help but want her to succeed, even though we know it is unlikely.

The observant will have noticed that the characters take on the names of the actors playing them in "Fame." This is an unusual device that melds actor and character in a much closer manner than normal.

Alex Speight mixes vulnerability with a growing force of character in her portrayal of the actress who falls so hard for Fuglaar. In "Let's Play a Love Scene," she shows the character lost in teenage romance, but in the second half's "Think of Meryl Streep," the actress is growing up — embodying that kind of emotional self-cannibalism the Method requires.

Near-starvation seems to be the lot of many dancers, and Shannon Murphy gave a great comic rendition of the absurdity of this art form's demands in "Prayer." Logan Pitts had one of the most difficult roles — as the talented but secretly illiterate dancer — but he pulled it off well. He towers above the rest of the cast, but never appears physically distant or removed from them.

The pivotal point of the show belongs to the two teachers — Reagan Kruse and Meg Jones — rather than to the students. In "The Teachers Argument" they grapple with issues such as whether creative artists are a species apart, not subject to the rules mere mortals must adhere to. They debate whether literacy should be important for a dancer who has that rare talent that makes success a virtual certainty. Both Kruse and Jones are excellent here.

In the second half Kruse is moving, believable and poignant as she sings of her character's love of teaching in "These are my Children." Watching it I forgot she is several decades younger than the superficially rather sad but actually very fulfilled spinster she is portraying. The character is real and yet — as in most of the best acting – representative of something much more. Kruse sings as, and for, all teachers — those much maligned but actually most generous of professionals.

Landry Edwards was extremely entertaining as the hammy actor who can never get his Shakespeare right, while Paul Hernandez exhibited his character acting skills as the long-suffering piano teacher who tries in vain to get the band interested in Bach. Made up of Austin Green on piano, Eileen Small on drums and Nathan Hobbs on guitar, this band is funny at epitomizing youthful rebellion.

Director Bill Williams has crafted a production that is optimistic and yet poignant, full of the vivacity of youth and yet melancholy. It is well worth seeing.

A final note on fame — how it can spring from the most unexpected places, and how the talent that will produce it may be invisible to those around a person.

From 1985-88 I attended Exeter University in England — along with 5,000 other students. Among them was a certain Jo Rowling — now somewhat better known as JK Rowling, the creator of Harry Potter. It was a small college, and I must have passed her by many times, but I cannot place her, however hard I try.

Then she was just another student — now she has made more money from writing than any other person in history. As far as I can remember she was not a part of the thriving Exeter arts community, one full of people who were sure of making it. I don't know what happened to most of my friends from back then, but I do know that JK Rowling is the most famous graduate of Exeter University.



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The most famous it is likely to ever have.

So while fame may be enjoyed by someone in the Pickwicks in the future, it is just as likely to appear for someone in the audience, or someone reading this.

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roadtrips

Around New Orleans: Events you won't want to miss

By Kristin Finan
Houston Chronicle

Heading to New Orleans soon? Here are some events you won't want to miss.

JULY

This weekend: TALES OF THE COCKTAIL: The festival, based at Hotel Monteleone in the French Quarter, offers workshops, tastings and panel discussions on everything from Scottish whiskey legends to the art of the aperitif. Expect more than 20,000 attendees. talesofthecocktail.com.

AUGUST

Aug. 4-7: SATCHMO SUMMERFEST: New Orleans' native son, Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong, is honored in true Big Easy fashion at the Louisiana State Museum's Old U.S. Mint in the French Quarter. The weekend will feature traditional jazz, contemporary jazz, brass bands and children's programming on multiple stages. A Sunday morning jazz Mass and a Satchmo Art Show also will be offered. fqfi.org/satchmosummerfest.

Aug. 6: WHITNEY WHITE LINEN NIGHT: Explore one of the hippest art scenes in the South and its stunning galleries at the Whitney White Linen Night in the New Orleans Arts District. More than 40,000 people are expected to attend the free festival, which supports the city's Contemporary Arts Center. neworleansonline.com.

Aug. 31-Sept. 5: SOUTHERN DECADENCE: The largest event centered around the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community in New Orleans, Southern Decadence features high fashion, elaborate costumes and entertainment events. Most are held in the French Quarter and are free. southerndecadence.net.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 9-11: NEW ORLEANS SEAFOOD FESTIVAL: What would New Orleans be without its seafood? For a taste of the best, head to the festival, which features food from famous local establishments including the Acme Oyster House, Drago's Seafood Restaurant, Galatoire's Restaurant and many more. The event, held across from Gallier Hall in downtown New Orleans, is free. neworleansseafoodfestival.com.

Sept. 15-17: PONDEROSA STOMP: This roots music festival features more than 200 artists performing blues, jazz, country, swamp pop, reggae, soul and more. Other special events, such as the Ponderosa Stomp Film Festival, are also offered. ponderosastomp.com.

Sept. 23-Oct. 22: OKTOBERFEST: Held the last weekend of September and every weekend in October at the Deutsches Haus, Oktoberfest includes traditional folk music, dancing and a parade, as well as German cuisine and more than 20 German beers. deutscheshaus.org.

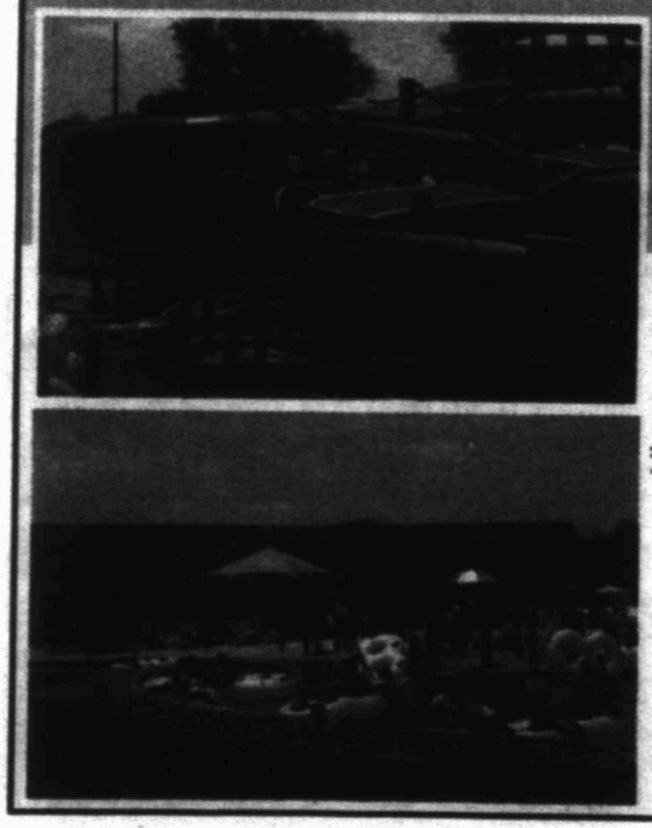
OCTOBER

Oct. 14-16: CRESCENT CITY BLUES & BBQ FESTIVAL: Love barbecue and the blues? This free event, hosted by the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation and held in Lafayette Square Park, perfectly blends the two. Expect musicians from around the southern United States, home-style barbecue and an array of visual art. jazzandheritage.org.

Oct. 14-20: NEW ORLEANS FILM FESTIVAL: This annual festival regularly draws more than 10,000 attendees eager to see full-length features, shorts, animation and music videos from established and up-and-coming filmmakers. neworleansfilmsociety.org.

Oct. 28-30: VOODOO MUSIC EXPERIENCE: Bands such as Soundgarden, My Chemical Romance, Social Distortion, Girl Talk and Blink-182 will come together for a weekend of rockin' fun during the Voodoo Music Experience, an annual event held in City Park. Other weekend events include large-scale art installations, food and crafts. thevoodooexperience.com.

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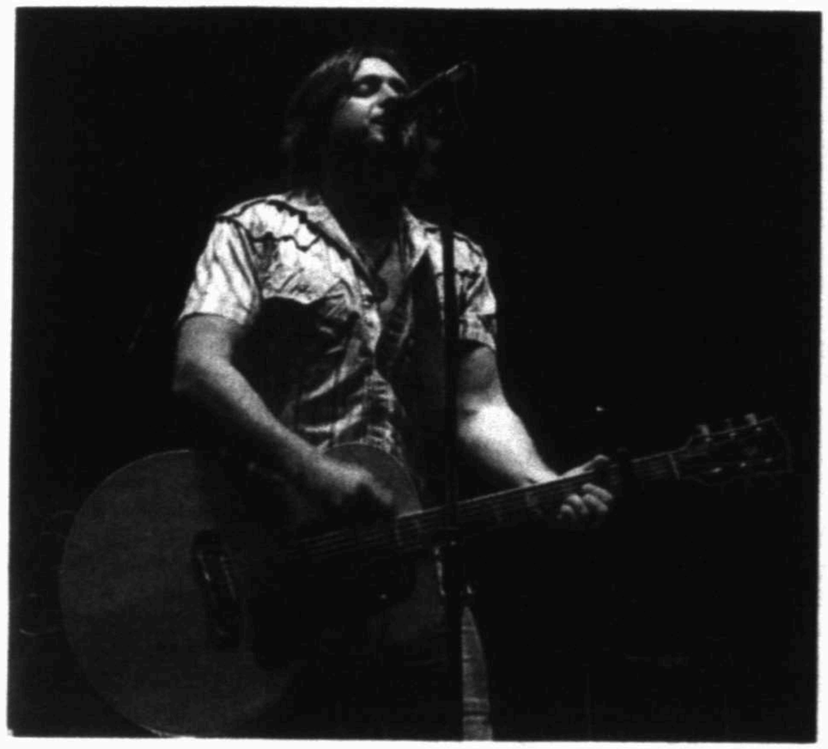
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BEST BETS:

MARK MCKINNEY TODAY @ ROCKIN' RODEO

Born and raised in Big Spring, McKinney credits his father for instilling in him an appreciation for upbeat, energetic songs. He admits to a diverse musical background. "Although I grew up listening to country legends like Willie Nelson and Charlie Daniels, "McKinney said, "I was also heavily influenced by rock and pop."

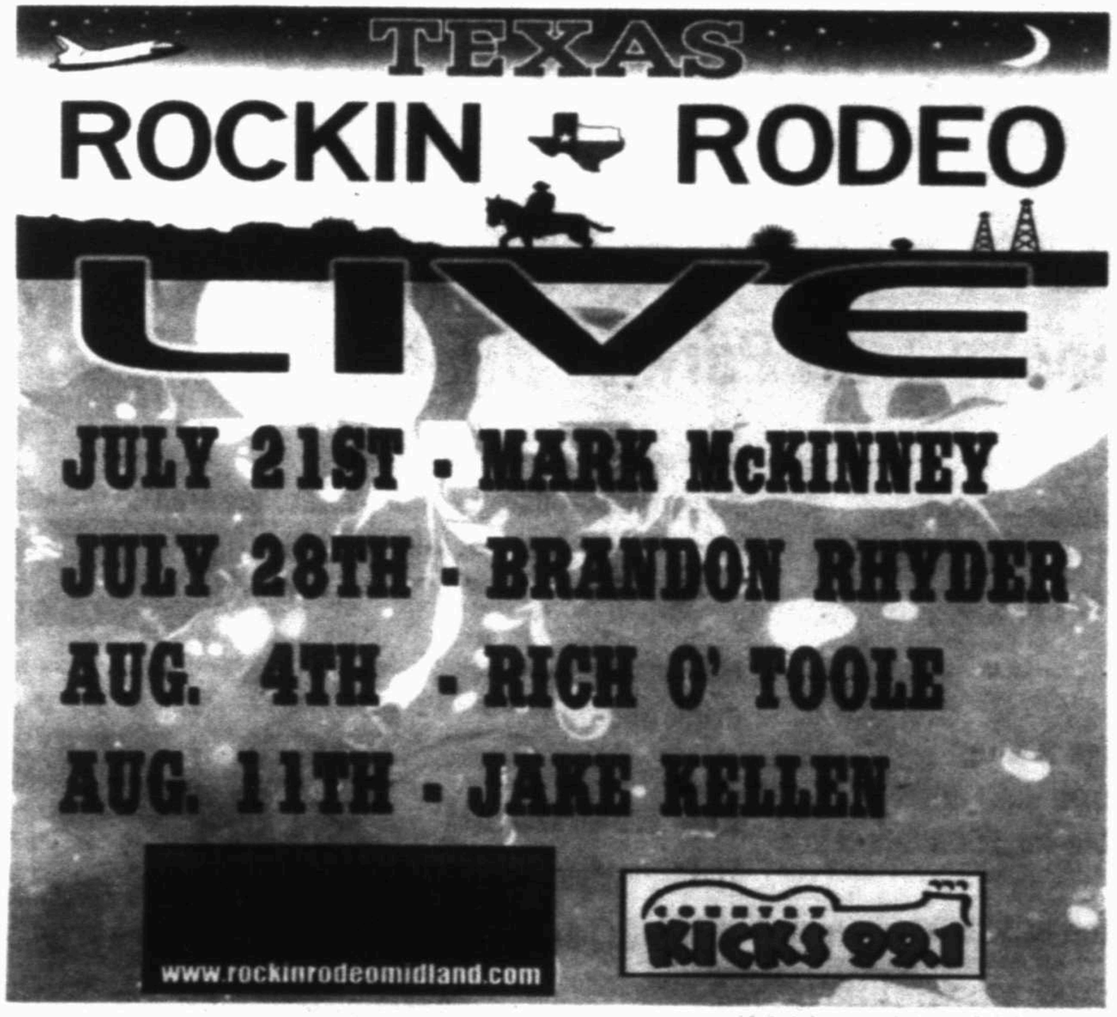
JODY NIX & THE TEXAS COWBOYS SATURDAY @ THE STARDUST

Jody Nix "grew up" in music. He started playing drums in his father Hoyle Nix's band at age 8. In 1960 he was playing five nights a week all over West Texas. He started playing the fiddle at age 11, singing at age 16, recorded with Bob Wills at age 21 on the 1973 "Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys For The Last Time" as a guest artist and sang three songs. Nix has nine albums of his own to his credit and was a guest artist on both of Asleep At The Wheel's Tribute to Bob Wills albums. In 2008 Jody and the Texas Cowboys represented the state of Texas at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington D.C., and also played at the Kennedy Center For Performing Arts. The band works 100 to 115 dates a year, and consists of Jody Nix- Bandleader, fiddle and vocals; Robert Weeks, fiddle and vocals; Dixie Hankins, drums; Junior Knight, steel guitar; and Brandy Weeks, bass.

Livewire

Midland/Odessa

Thursday, July 21
Mark McKinney @Rockin' Rodeo
Friday, July 22
Cory Yeager @ Zucchi's
Eddie Irving & The Classic Swing Band @ Hot Summer Nights
Gary Gorence Band @ Cigar Frog's
Kyle Bennett @ Graham Central Station
Monty Branham @ The Detour
Nitelite, Chiquasta Hines, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall
Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23
Black July @ Your Place
Saturday, July 23
Ashley Smith, Stanley Johnson, Jesse Thomas @ Music City Mall
E-Krayz, Moke, Dem Dropout Boys, Young Gunna, C-Weave, Stunna @ Cabana Sports Bar
Jason Tarleton @ Cigar Frog's
Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys @ the Stardust
Friday-Sunday, July 22-24
The Shades @ Flash's Cantina
Tina Baker & 3 Lit Pigz @ Riley's
Sunday, July 24
Brown Sneakers @ Museum of the Southwest Summer Sunday Lawn Concert
Goodtimers, ZEB, Marty Banner, Ann Russell, Richard Jaquez, Mary Mitchell @ Music City Mall
Monday, July 25
I Apparatus, Allstair Hennessey @ Pine Box
Wednesday, July 27
Brian Milson @ Graham Central Station
Steve Yeargain @ Shack in the Back
Such Gold, Maker @ Pine Box





what'scoming

ART CLASSES
When: Aug. 2-5 for ages 8-12 also from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Cost: $45 per session. Class size 12 students.
Teacher: Sara Drescher Braswell. Call the museum. 683-2882, and ask for the Children's Museum or email sara@sdb-gallery.com.

TALL CITY BLUES FEST
When: July 29-31
Where: Centennial Plaza, downtown
Info: Educational workshops July 30 at Midland Center, seminars and music. Performers on July 29 Bernie Pearl, Burt Herrin & The Global Warming Band, Andy Macintyre & The Primal Groove, Billy Hendrix Experiment, Woody Russell, Diddley Squat and Smokin' Joe Kubek with special guest Bnois King, and on July 30 E-Flat Porch, Gasoline Alley, Jennifer 8 & The Grove Kings, Jeff Strahan, John Lisi & The Delta Funk, St. Blues Band, James Hinkle, James Boogaloo Bolden Blues Band and Eddie Turner.

JAZZ AND SOUL CONCERT
When: 7 p.m. July 29
Where: Midland High School Auditorium
Info: Fingerprints, a jazz, R&B and soul band
Tickets: $20 general admission, $25 reserved, $10 students. For more information, call Robbyne Hocker Fuller , 682-2864, or Marcia Cleaver, 432 580-9011. BeDazzle, 3211 W. Wadley Ave.; La Debo Na, 2101 W. Wadley ; Sam's Bar B Que, 1113 E. Scharbauer Dr.; and Super Mercado, 2208 N. Big Spring St.
Sponsors: Midland African American Roots Historical / Cultural Arts Council, Inc. and Midland Festival Ballet

ROCK THE DESERT
When: Aug. 4-6
Where: Festival grounds, 2000 North FM 1788
Info: 697-4548. Fax: 687-1024
Tickets: $20 in advance at Mardel and Midland Chick-fil-A locations, $23 online, $25 at the gate

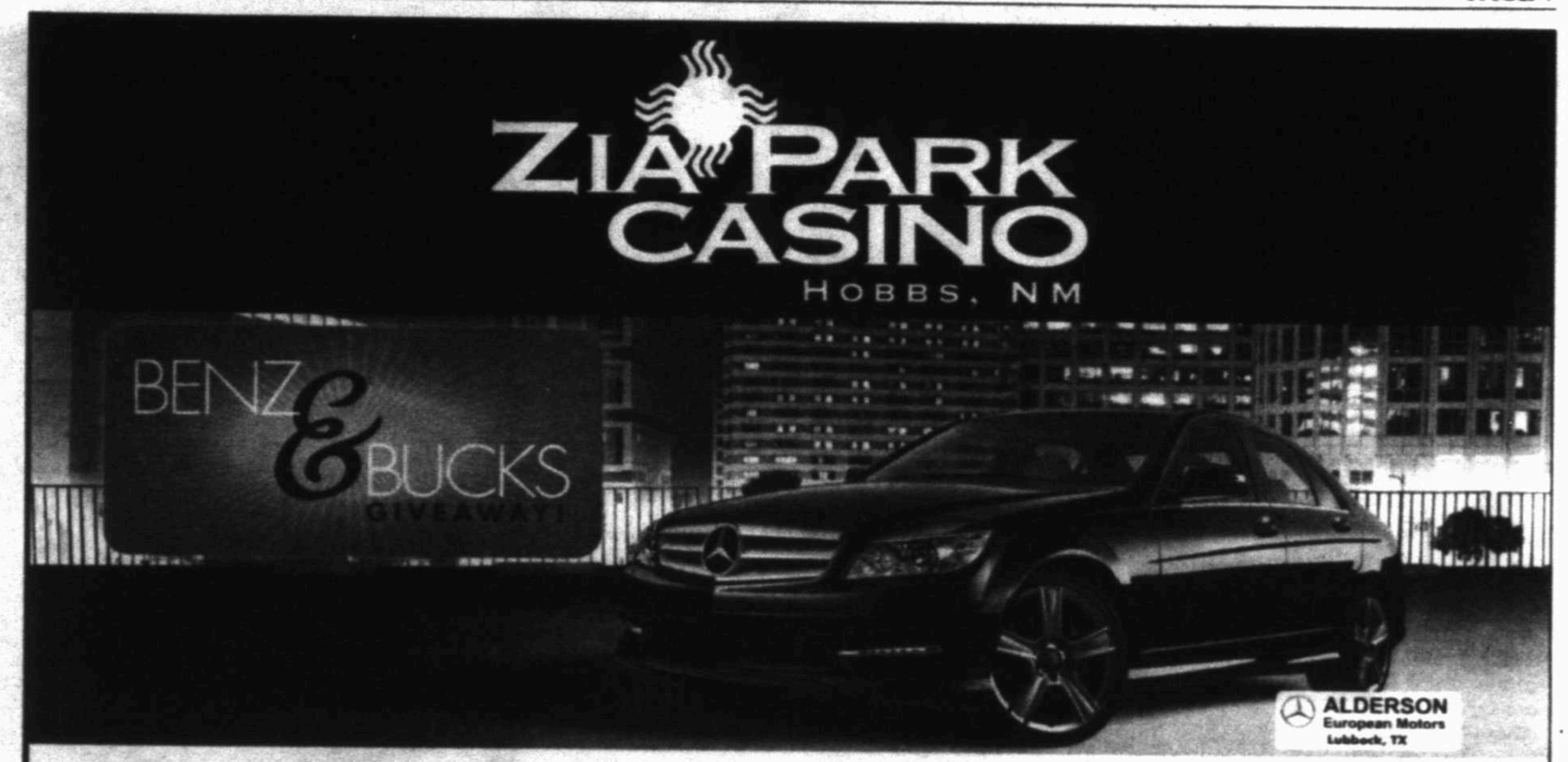
SILVER SPUR GUN & BLADE SHOW
When: Aug. 6-7
Where: Horseshoe, Main Arena
Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7.
Tickets: $5 adults, under 12 free. 2 for 1 first hour both days — $1 off active military or NRA w/ID Only 1 discount/special can be used at a time

APPALOOSA HORSE SHOW
When: Aug. 19-21
Hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Horseshoe
Info: Free to the public

2ND ANNUAL MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR
When: Aug. 26-28
Where: Horseshoe, all areas
Tickets: $5 adults, $3 kids and seniors.
Info: Food, music, games, animals, petting zoo and more

Road Trip

Mescalero, N.M.
Inn of the Mountain Gods
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Going to the derby

There's a lot more to it than just the great names

Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

If you were like me and saw the movie "Whip It" when it came out, you probably thought: "Wow, I could totally do this."

OK, maybe I was the only one inspired.

For weeks, I toyed with different roller derby names, practiced my mean face and started elbowing my friends when we were out just to try and get in the spirit.

Then I checked online for local bouts. There were some in Austin and Dallas, but Lubbock was the closest. I considered driving up there twice a week for practices, but it always seemed to fall on nights I had to work.

A few months later, I visited some friends in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and they took me to my first bout. It was a flat track derby, like what the Midland-Odessa team plays on, and didn't look anything like the movie.

I was excited; I bought some popcorn and a drink from the concession stand, found a spot along the wall and waited.

Within 20 minutes, three women were taken out on stretchers from the roller rink.

I realized then that the sport was rough and vicious. That they really were out there to fight to the end to win. And sadly, I came to understand that just practicing my mean face and elbow jabs probably wasn't enough to make me want to play. I wasn't that ruthless and I bruise easy.

I came home disappointed until I heard that a few ladies had put together a roller derby team, the Tall City Roller Betties, here in Midland. Our photographer at the paper said a few were practicing in the gym of a local church. A few co-workers here also joined the team and told me about it. One of the women in advertising even dressed up in her derby gear for Halloween.

Last month, a friend and I heard about a bout being held at the CAF's main hangar. We grabbed our lawn chairs, loaded up some bottled water to donate to the Red Cross and headed out there. When we got there, we found a spot away from the suicide zone (it's clearly marked so don't worry) and sat down. We cheered for the girls we knew out on the floor as they worked to keep the jammer back from their pack and started raking in the points.

I thought it was going to be a lot like the Florida bout I had attended. There were EMS and paramedics on standby, but the ambulance never was used. The guys who sat next to us kept screaming to see a hit. There were some tumbles and face plants on the hard cement floor. And a few times, some of the girls even sat out in the penalty box for breaking the rules and illegally blocking.

For a team that's only been around for a little more than a year, the ladies here are pretty hardcore.

I went to two practices last week to see what all was put into roller derby. Let me tell you, it's a lot of hard work. Those women put in a lot of pain and sweat and tears. There's definitely a strategy how the game is played; it's not about going out and simply strapping on a pair of roller skates and using your body to move others out of the way. Like any sport there are game plans and practices and learning to work together as a team. They take fallouts like champs, they show off their bruises to each other as trophies of their conquers.

Still, it didn't discourage me. Maybe if I find the perfect derby name, you'll see me out there playing soon with the Betties. But this Saturday, go out and support the girls at the CAF hangar as they play Abilene. They'll be raising money for the local Children and Families Center and supporting law enforcement. And maybe, just maybe, you'll be inspired, too, to join.

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ALL THE DETAILS

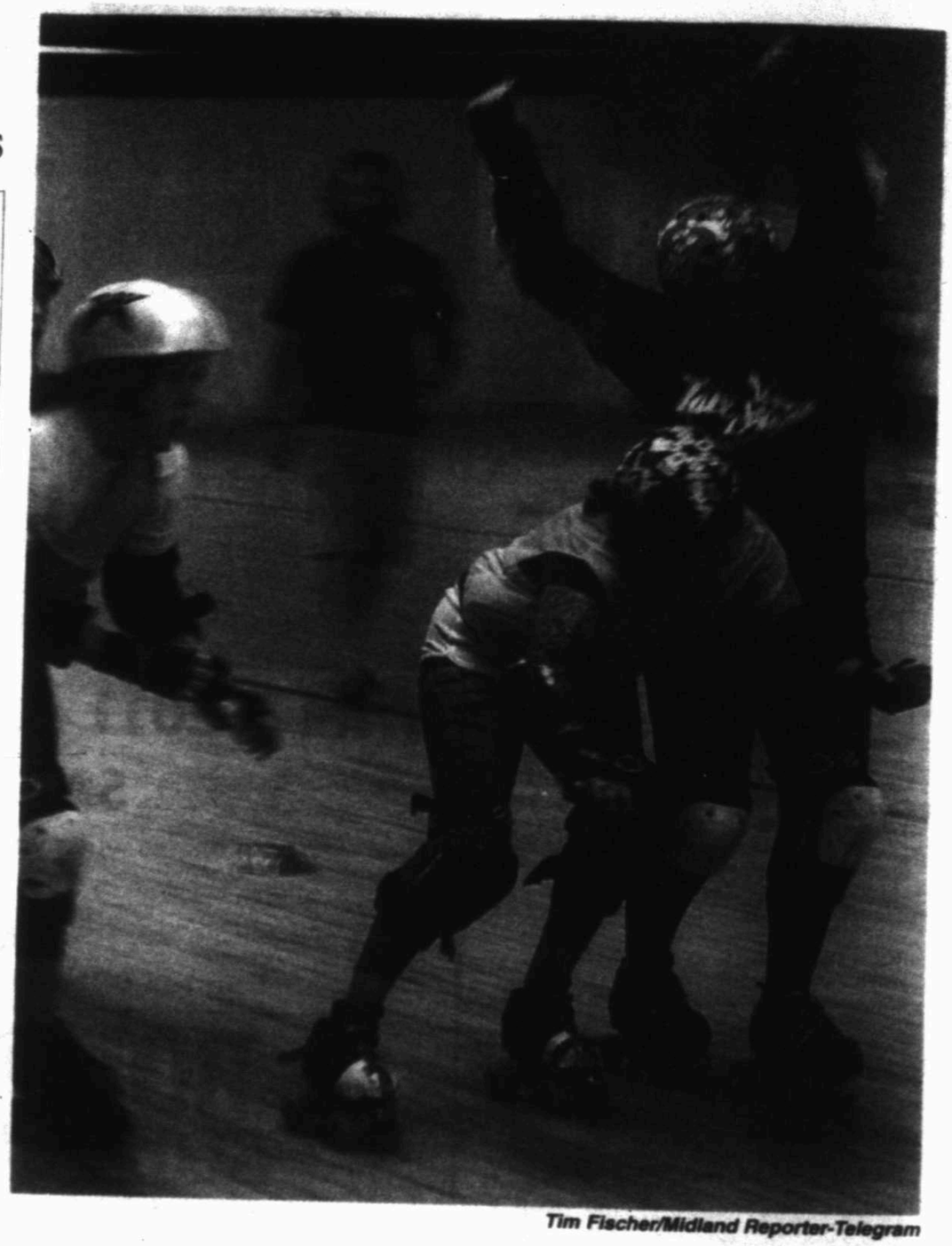
What: "Bettied and Bruised," in appreciation of local police officers and to help benefit the Children and Families Center

Where: Commemorative Air Force main hangar, 9600 Wright Dr. in Midland.

When: Saturday. Doors open at 7 p.m. Bout starts at 8 p.m.

Who: Bombshell Betties versus the Abilene Sugarbombs.

Other info: Tickets are $10 at the door; $7 for police officers; children 10 and under are free. Those attending should bring their own chair.



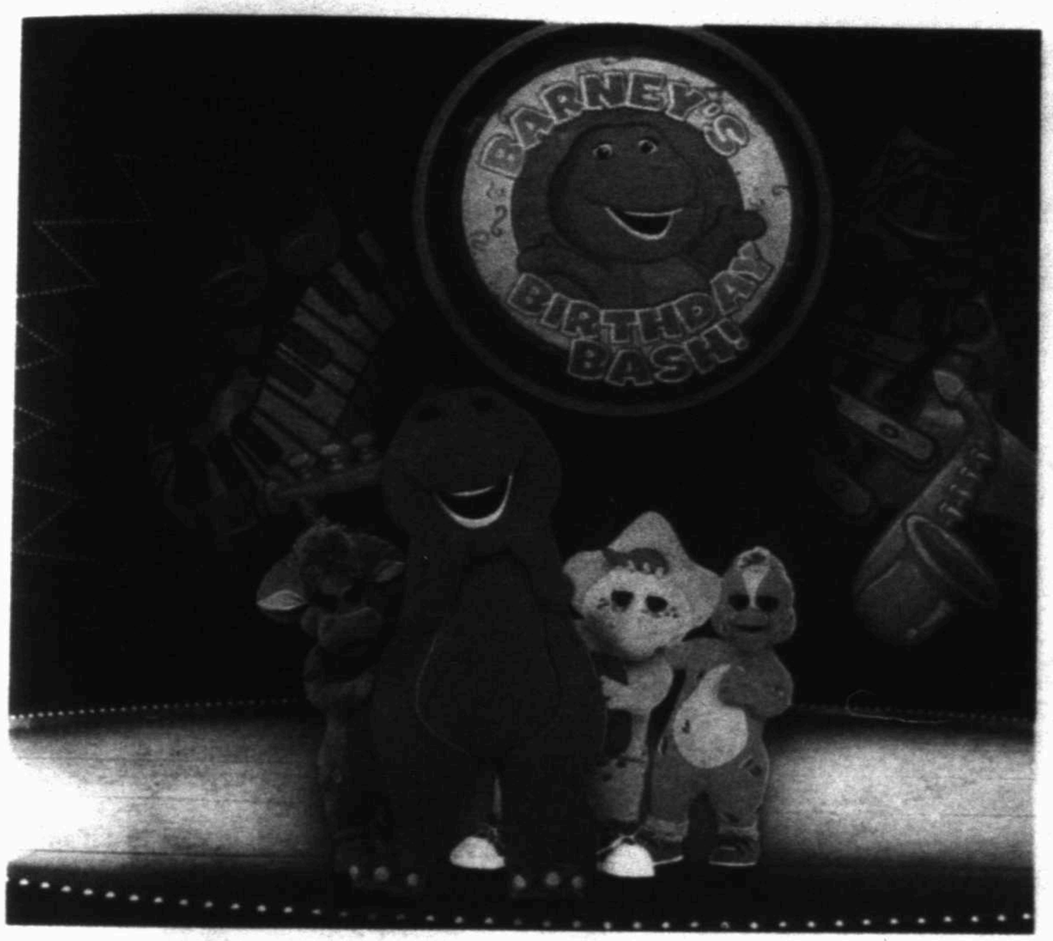
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Barney & friends arrive in Odessa today

ODESSA — Barney Live in Concert — Birthday Bash! comes to Ector County Coliseum today. The live show features more than 25 sing-along tunes including "Mr. Knickerbocker," "Dino Dance," "Baby Bop Hop" and "Rock 'n' Roll Star." Children will be dancing in the aisles to contemporary cuts of "If You're Happy and You Know It," "Wheels on the Bus" and "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

What do you know about Barney?

Barney was developed by a mom and teacher, Sheryl Leach, as a new educational character to fill a void for her then 2-year-old son, Patrick.

Barney originally was conceived as a teddy bear. When Sheryl witnessed her son's enthusiasm at a robotic dinosaur exhibit, she decided Barney should be a dinosaur.

Barney is a native Texan. He was created and developed in the Dallas area and now the Barney & Friends TV series is produced there.

Barney started in the home video market in 1988 as Barney & the Backyard Gang, featuring Sandy Duncan as Mom.

In 1992, six weeks after the television show Barney & Friends debuted, PBS cancelled the series. Viewer protests to local PBS stations and a massive letter-writing campaign resurrected Barney & Friends. It's been on PBS ever since. Today, Barney airs daily on more than 90 percent of PBS stations.

Barney is a Tyrannosaurus Rex; Baby Bop is a Triceratops; BJ is a Protoceratops; Riff is a Hadrosaurus.

BJ was named for Barney-creator Sheryl Leach's father.

There is at least one "please" and one "thank you" in every Barney & Friends episode.

ALL THE DETAILS:

BARNEY LIVE IN CONCERT - BIRTHDAY BASH!

When: 3 and 6:30 p.m. today

Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

Tickets: $15 and $20. A limited number of $30 Gold Circle Seats and $55 Dino Seats are also available. Additional fees and discounts may apply.

Info: Special $55 Dino Seat packages are available at all shows. Dino Seats feature front row seats and a pre-show Meet & Greet with Barney. For more information, or to charge tickets by phone, call Central Ticket Office at 800-462-7979. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.centralticketoffice.com. For information online, visit www.barneylivetour.com. Like Barney Live in Concert on Facebook.

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Unlimited includes: 2 hour armband for each guest to play golf, go-carts and laser tag as well as, balloons, plates, forks, cups, unlimited drinks and pizza and two hours in the party room. (Certain restrictions apply for go-karts and laser tag). Birthday child receives 400 tickets to game room and each guest receives 200 tickets, which can be redeemed for prizes.

Putt Putt is also the place to get rid of the "I'm bored" syndrome that your child may have during the summer. Start off a fun-filled afternoon by eating lunch at their snack bar. Menu items include nachos, pretzels, Frito pie, hot dogs, pizza, and barbecue sandwiches. With the average price about $2.50, you can take the entire neighborhood. After lunch, turn your kids loose to play a round of golf, laser tag (if they are six years or older) or a spin around the race zone in the go-karts.

Cool off in the huge game-room area with video games (quarters needed) including Daytona USA, Star-Trek, skateboard and Wheel of Fortune. Back outside, let your kids show their skills in the batting cages where the ultimate ball fan can practice with four speeds on baseball in addition to slow and fast pitch softball. Batting cages can also be rented by the hour.

Putt Putt offers individual pricing on golf, go-carts and laser tag as well as discounts for 36 holes of golf. Three and five attraction armbands are available to make sure you have loads of excitement and save some money too.. Putt Putt is your number one stop for birthdays and summer fun!

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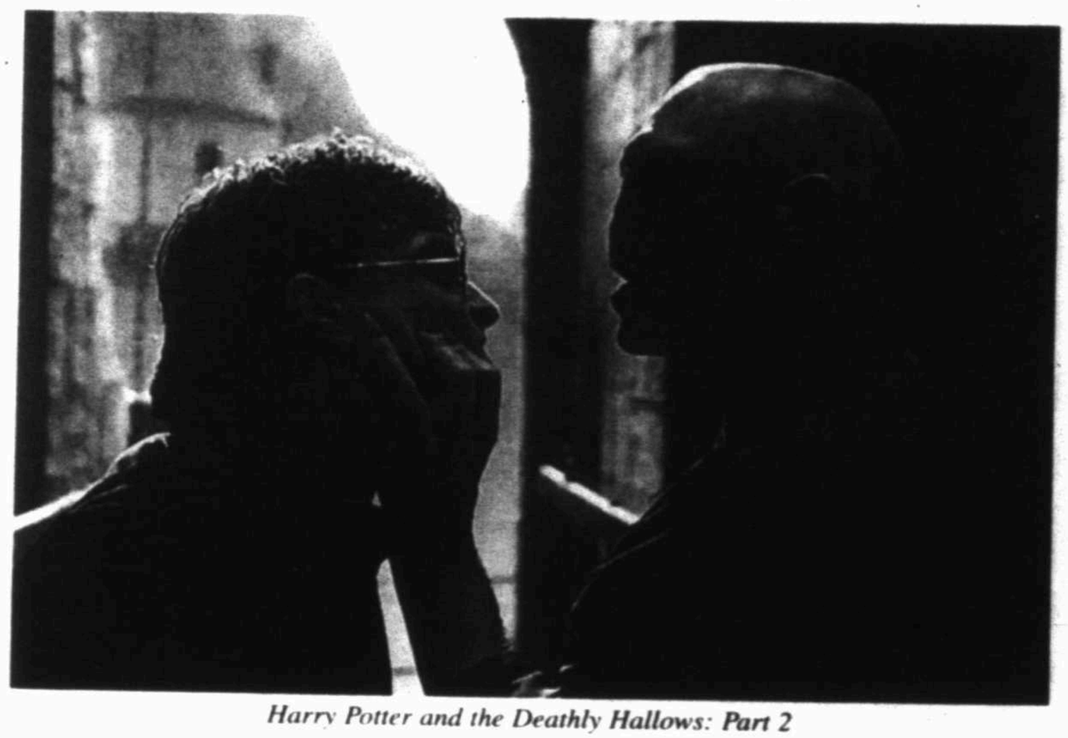
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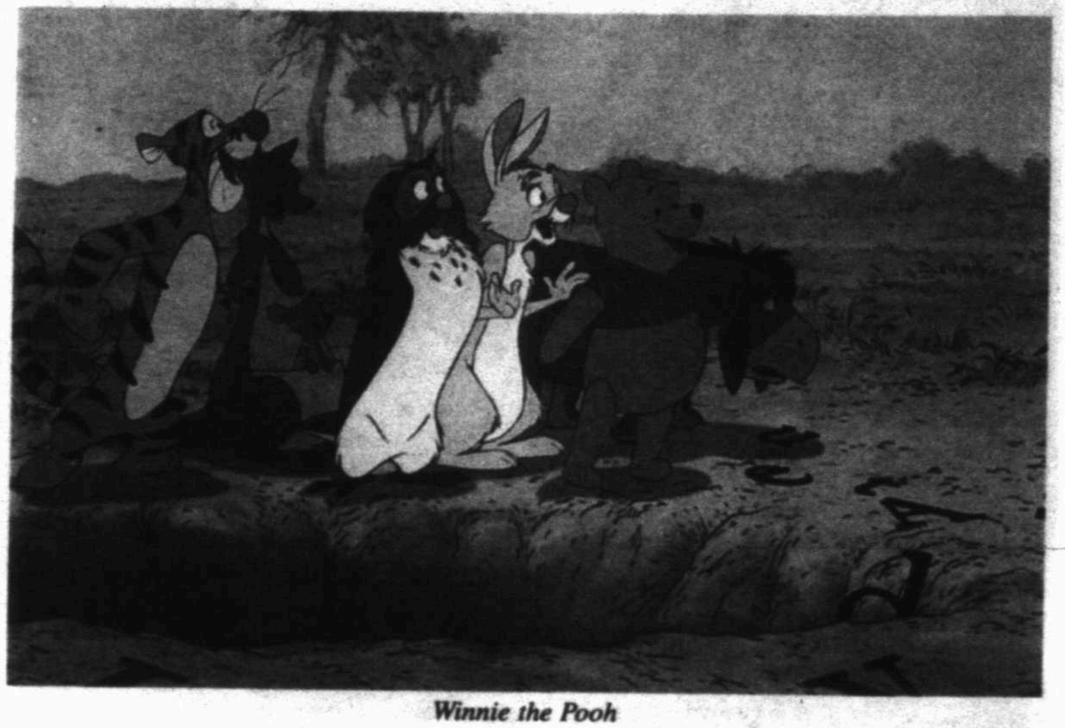
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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2



Winnie the Pooh

Capsule reviews of recently released films:

"HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 2" — If last year's first half of the finale marked the beginning of the end with a gripping feeling of doom and gloom, this wraps things up once and for all on a note of melancholy. Oh, it's dramatic, to be sure: gorgeous, somber and startling as the young wizard faces his destiny and fights the evil Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes). But the end of this staggeringly successful movie franchise, an epic fantasy saga spanning eight films over the past decade, provides a necessary emotional catharsis for Harry and for us. Even those who aren't ardent Potterphiles might find themselves getting unexpectedly choked up a couple of times. That's always been the real magic of the series, based on J.K. Rowling's novels: that mixture of the exotic and the everyday, the otherworldly and the utterly relatable. No longer the innocent children they were when they entered Hogwarts, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) are growing up and moving on, and so must we. That the future of the wizard world hangs in the balance in this final installment is only part of the tale. Still, director David Yates has accomplished the difficult task of bringing it all to a close in satisfying fashion. PG-13 for some sequence of intense action violence and frightening images. 130 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

"WINNIE THE POOH" — Pooh tends to amble unhurriedly through his days, enjoying his life and his friends in the Hundred Acre Wood at his own pace. But his new movie couldn't have come along at a better time. It is the ideal alternative to all those big, shiny, effects-laden spectacles that tend to dominate during the summer — animated or otherwise. It's not jammed with computer-generated trickery and, mercifully, it doesn't pop out at you in 3-D. This is just 68 minutes of pure, hunny-covered satisfaction. Given the source material — A.A. Milne's enduring writing for children — "Winnie the Pooh" is naturally geared toward the little ones, with its cuddly characters and pleasingly soft watercolor strokes, but not at the expense of adults' enjoyment. Quite the contrary: Grown-ups may find themselves even more engaged by it and perhaps even moved to tears. This is hilariously funny, though; there's a great energy about it, an earnestness to the adventures of Pooh, Tigger, Piglet and pals that results in abject zaniness. Jim Cummings, Craig Ferguson and Bud Luckey are among the vocal cast. G. 68 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

At Tall City 14:
Opening Friday: "Captain America" & "Friends with Benefits"
Closing today: "Monte Carlo," "Cars" 3D, "Green Lantern," "Super Eight" & "Mr. Poppers Penguins"
Midnight today: preview screening of "Captain America"
Big Sky Drive-In:
Opening Friday: "Captain America"
Closing today: "Mr Poppers Penguins"
Midnight today: preview screening of "Captain America." Showing on screen with "Transformers:The Dark of the Moon"

"HORRIBLE BOSSES" — This raunchy buddy comedy wallows in silliness — gleefully, and without an ounce of remorse or self-consciousness — and even though you're a grown-up and you know you should know better, you will be happy to wallow right along as well. It's a film that's wildly, brazenly stupid — but also, you know, fun. Because like "Bad Teacher," "Horrible Bosses" knows exactly what it is and doesn't aspire to be anything more, and that lack of pretention is refreshing. It isn't trying to say anything profound about society or the economy or the fragile psyche of the post-modern man. It's about three guys who hate their jobs and want to kill their bosses. And really, who among us hasn't pondered such a plan? Naturally, no member of this trio is nearly as clever or sophisticated as he thinks he is. Together, they bumble and bungle every step of the way and occasionally, by accident, they get something right. But the dynamic between Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis and Charlie Day as they bounce off each other is cheerfully loony, and the energy of their banter (which often feels improvised) has enough of an infectious quality to make you want to forgive the film's general messiness. Kevin Spacey, Colin Farrell and Jennifer Aniston, as the titular bosses, are clearly enjoying the freedom of playing such showy, inappropriate characters. R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language and some drug material. 98 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of feature films

The Philadelphia Inquirer
RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

BAD TEACHER 2 1/2 stars. Some pricelessly derisive turns from Cameron Diaz, as a boozy, gold-digging middle school instructress who sets her sites on an impossibly rich, impossibly nice new colleague, played by Justin Timberlake. But the jokes aren't as good as the concept, and things settle into predictable default-mode raunch. 1 hr. 32 R (sex, nudity, drugs, profanity, adult themes) — Steven Rea

LARRY CROWNE 2 1/2 stars. Tom Hanks stars in (and directs) this recession-era rom-com about a guy who loses his job and enrolls in community college, where he gets befriended by an impossibly sunny scooter girl and then falls for his Speech 217 teacher, Julia Roberts. Too cute for its own good, this upbeat take on downbeat times is nonetheless hard to dislike. 1 hr. 39 PG-13 (adult themes, language) — Steven Rea

TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON 1 star. The war between the Decepticons and Autobots comes to a head in the disastrous third entry in brainless-blockbuster auteur Michael Bay's toy-inspired franchise. A bloated, morally bankrupt 154-minute spectacle of meaningless violence, it'll leave you with post-traumatic stress disorder. Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Frances McDormand and John Malkovich star. 2 hrs. 34 PG-13 (violence, some profanity, sexuality, evil robots) — Tirdad Derakhshani

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DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

'Insidious' offers scares not seen since 'The Strangers'

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva columnist

Pick of the week --

INSIDIOUS (PG-13) No vampires, no werewolves and no zombies. How did this get financed? It scares the pants off of you, that's how. Though it came from the minds behind "Paranormal Activity," which for my money had a couple of tense scenes but was boring otherwise, the scares are bone-chilling and sustained through the entire film. Offers a similar supernatural home invasion theme to "Paranormal," but this film has legs in the way "Poltergeist" did all those years ago AND manages to do it with a PG-13 rating. The most frightening film since "The Strangers." A-

ARTHUR (PG-13) Surprisingly lifeless remake of the 1981 classic had the undaunting task of trying to wrangle in Russell Brand to get a PG-13 rating, which perhaps was its downfall. Brand is at his best when he's naughty, and that means letting the expletives flow as he did in "Get Him to the Greek" and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." Helen Mirren's dry wit offers a suitable counter to Brand's off-the-chart antics but Jennifer Garner isn't given nearly enough to do and the show's finest asset, Luis Guzman, is woefully underused. C+

BROTHER'S JUSTICE (UNRATED) Dax Sheperd calls in a lot of favors in this mockumentary in which he tries to shed his comic persona by pitching an idea around Hollywood to star in a film in which he is a martial arts expert. The film is a lot like the pitch. There was an idea that was funny but something went wrong in the execution and the result is a mangled mess. There are a lot of cool cameos -- including Jon Favreau, Bradley Cooper, Ashton Kutcher and Tom Arnold, who steals the show — but Sheperd may not get a second chance to make another movie. Well, here's hoping, at least. D

COURAGE (unrated) Jason Priestley, who must still have a few unpaid hospital bills from his racing crash nine years ago to lead fans down this crooked path, plays a writer who takes his wife and daughter out sailing and crashes the boat, stranding them on a remote island. It's kinda ridiculous seeing the actors act surprised when a bear comes calling knowing they're on a place called Bear Island! OK, to be fair, other than the kind of bad acting and writing that tends to come with these low-budget dramas, there was a bit to like in this film. It was predictable, so it's a great film to put on at bedtime to lull you off. C-

GEORGE A. ROMERO'S DEADTIME STORIES, VOL. 1 (unrated) The legend behind some of the finest zombie movies of all time looks like one as the host of three short films on this anthology. All three are dreadful but the third -- directed by longtime Romero cohort and zombie makeup master extraordinaire Tom Savini -- is not as putrid as the first two. A thinly disguised attempt to rip off "Tales From the Crypt" fails miserably but the scariest part of all? There's a second volume due out later this year. D

THE LINCOLN LAWYER (R) One of the best legal dramas to come out in the last few years shines thanks to star Matthew McConaughey, who I've not always been kind to in this column because I know he can pull off these kinds of performances without even trying. Film is not likely to stand the test of time in the same way as "Inherit the Wind," "To Kill a Mockingbird" or "The Verdict," but it's a great weekend getaway film for the inner lawyer in all of us. B

RANGO (PG) From its early moments when Rango — flying from vehicle to vehicle on a desert highway after his aquarium habitat is ejected from a car — lands on the windshield of a Cadillac being driven by a cartoon version of Hunter S. Thompson — or rather the Johnny Depp version of Hunter S. Thompson — it is evident this isn't going to be an ordinary animated film. Kids will love it, but adults should revel in this satire cleverly disguised as a children's film. A-

[REC] 2 (R) Part 2 opens where part 1 ended with a second group of police and emergency personnel entering the apartment building to get a blood sample from the source of the infection that has rendered the dwellers inside zombies. The jerky camera motion that served the first film so well fails in this sequel to the Spanish film that spawned the U.S. version, "Quarantine." It still makes for many tense moments and a lot of gore when the camera isn't being tossed like a rag doll. B

WHITE IRISH DRINKERS (R) Nice ensemble drama set in 1975 about teen from blue collar family with aspirations of becoming an artist. Doesn't really offer a lot in the way of original material save for its ethnic viewpoint but the performances are first rate, led by young Nick Thurston, a relatively new face on the big screen who has a bright future if he can maintain this level. Although they don't appear together on screen, this film marks a reunion of sorts for Peter Riegert and Karen Allen, who played lovers 33 years ago in "Animal House." B

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in broad categories according to the type of food they serve. Additionally, they are classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.

Asian/Oriental

Bushido Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar (SD)
4416 Briarwood Ave.
689-7900

Entertaining chefs cook up your meal at grills surrounded by large U shaped tables. Combination plates with chicken, shrimp or steak include side dishes. Angus beef sirloin or filet mignon, shrimp, scallops, lobster, squid, salmon and tilapia are also available. Sit at the sushi bar to watch them roll your sushi. Full service bar with large TV in the corner to watch sports. Kids menu. Payment Accepted: cash, all major credit cards, no checks.
Entrée price range: lunch - $7.95-$14.95, dinner - $7.95-$29.00 (for large combo meal)
Hours: Sunday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-midnight

Hunan Garden Chinese Restaurant (SD)
4410 N. Midkiff, Building A., Space 1
(Court Yard at Midland Park)
697-9818

The flavors of the Orient come together in this Chinese restaurant. Daily lunch buffet offering about 10 different favorites such as sweet and sour chicken, pork, beef and broccoli, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. Lunch specials, which include your choice of one of over 15 entrées, an egg roll and fried rice. Menu selections are divided according categories such as beef, pork seafood, poultry, and vegetables. Appetizers such as fried wonton, barbecued spareribs, and shrimp. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash, checks.
Entrée price range: lunch specials $4.95, buffet $6.25. Regular meals price range: 6.95-$12.95.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-10 p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-10 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

King & I (SD)
801 N. Big Spring and 4400 N. Midland Drive
682-0988

Large menu offering authentic Thai food. Noodle dishes such as beef, chicken, pork or vegetables stir-fried in rice noodles with broccoli egg and carrot. Popcorn's special (angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic jalapenos with special sauce is a dish favored by many Midlanders. Rice dishes such as chicken cashew and chicken sesame are also delicious. Lunch specials. Drive in window for call in orders. Get there early and don't leave without trying dessert. The chocolate confusion cake is a must. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.99-13.99.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Kuo's Chinese Restaurant (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 152, San Miguel Shopping Center
697-8888

Friendly service and a relaxing atmosphere create a positive dining experience at Kuo's Chinese Restaurant. Menu items are separated by ingredients such as pork, beef, seafood, poultry or vegetables and include items such as sweet and sour chicken, Peking Duck, coconut chicken and Mongaolian steak. Lunch specials are offered from 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and include a fried cream cheese wonton, steamed or fried rice and choice of soup with a smaller portioned entree. Lunch entrees include sweet and sour chicken, Kung Pao chicken, Moo Goo chicken, Hunan chicken, beef with broccoli, Kung Pao beef, beef with vegetables and more.
Entrée price range: Lunch specials-$4.95-$6.95; Dinner-$7.95-$13.95
Hours: Sunday: 11:30 a.m.-2:15 and 4:30-8:45 p.m.; Monday-Friday: 11 a.m. -2:15 p.m. and 5-9:45 p.m., Saturday: 5-9:45 p.m.

Shogun Restaurant (SD)
4610 N. Garfield St.
570-8888

This Japanese steakhouse has served Midlanders for more than 20 years. Diners have the option to sit at the Teppan Yaki tables with other customers and watch their meals cooked on the grill at the table. Customers also may order from the sushi menu which includes nigiri sushi and maki sushi. Teppan Yaki table menu includes steak, chicken and seafood served with cucumber and shrimp salad, soup, steamed rice and grilled vegetables. Japanese-inspired appetizers and cocktails also are available. Evening prices are high.
Entrée Price Range: (evening) Sushi menu: $4-$28. Teppan Yaki tables menu: $9-$35
Hours: 11:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday; noon - 9:30 p.m. Saturday

Grand Buffet (SD/buffet)
2510 W. Louisiana Ave.
688-8881

Located in the former Luby's Cafeteria building, Grand Buffet offers an extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet. Tables are dedicated to particular types of food such as salads with mixed salads as well as lettuce and fresh toppings; soups; seafood including salmon and crab; fried foods such as sweet and sour chicken or pork, fried okra, and fried shrimp; stir-fried dishes such as beef and broccoli; a fruit bar with Jell-O salads and fresh fruit; sushi bar; along with many more options. A Mongolian Grill Station allows customers to choose their ingredients for grilling. Menus from which to order also are available.
Payment accepted:



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Buffet price range: (for adults) lunch: $7.25 Monday-Friday and $7.75 Saturday. Dinner: $9.35 Monday - Thursday and $10.75 Friday-Saturday. $10.75 all day Sunday.
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9:30 Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday

The Great Wall (OAC: Carry out only)
2215 N. Midland Dr.
694-5555

Located in the Mesa Verde shopping center, The Great Wall offers an extensive menu for Chinese take-out. The menu offers a variety of dishes including noodles, fried rice, seafood, pork, beef, chicken, tofu and vegetables. Lunch specials served 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday through Friday include soup or an egg roll and fried rice with an entree. Prices range from $1.20 for spring rolls to $11.95 for the chef's special featuring General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp.
Payment Accepted: Visa, American Express, MasterCard, Diner's Club, Traveler's Check, Discover, cash, check.
Hours: Monday - Friday: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday: 4:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Moon Garden (SD)
2319 W. Loop 250 N.
570-1165 or 685-3012

Chinese ambiance complete with softly playing music overhead. Lunch specials available Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. More than a dozen entrees from which to choose including broccoli with garlic sauce, sweet and sour chicken, Hunan chicken, chicken with broccoli, beef chow mein and Kung Pao shrimp. Served with an egg roll and rice, a choice of egg drop, hot and sour or wonton soup. Two-entrée plate also offered on the lunch special. Other menu items include beef, pork, Lo Mein, seafood, vegetable, Moo Shu dishes, chow mein, chop suey, and Egg Foo Yung. Appetizers, soups and a "health" section offering only steamed meats and vegetables are also on the menu. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: Lunch specials, $6.25-13.95.
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; 5-9:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Thai House (SD)
#9 Meta Drive
687-3373

Offers Thai and Chinese food. A few appetizer choices are egg rolls, fried vegetable spring rolls and Bangkok rolls, soups and stews. Combination plate includes an entrée such as pepper steak, cashew chicken, spicy beef or chicken, mixed vegetables, sweet and sour chicken, all of which are served with steamed or fried rice and soup or egg roll. All combination plates are only $6.50. Noodle dishes are also on the menu as well as fish and curry entrées. Payment Accepted: credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $6.50-$9.99.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m

Genghis Grill (SD)
Midkiff 4517
(In the parking lot of Midland Park Mall)
520-5426
www.genghisgrill.com

Come in, take a bowl and let the fun begin. Choose your main ingredients (chicken, steak, pork shrimp and sausage) to name a few. Next, choose the seasoning, vegetables and sauce from a wide array of choices. The last decision to make is the type of rice or noodles you would like to include such as steamed, fried or brown rice, noodles, spiral pasta or tortillas. Hand it to a chef to have it grilled, go sit down and your dish will be returned to you when it is cooked. Log on to the website, join the birthday club and receive a free bowl for your birthday. Payment accepted: cash, all major credit cards, no checks. Entrée price range: Lunch-$8.99-$10-99; Dinner $9.99-$13.99. Hours: Sunday-Thursday-11a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Burgers

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Payment accepted: cash
Entree price range:$1.60 - $6
Hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday

Michael's Charcoal Grill (OAC)
723 W. Wadley 686-9030
and 4317 W. Illinois 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.
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Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

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Average Price: $5
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Texas Burger (OAC)
3306 W. Loop 250 West, 522-2177
and 500 W. Wadley Ave. 620-9838

A Bobby Cox Companies restaurant that originated in 1967, Texas Burger has three locations in Odessa, one in Andrews and two in Midland. Menu includes a variety of burgers and sandwiches as well as chicken strip, steak finger or shrimp dinner plates or baskets. Corn dogs, hot dogs, frito pie and a number of salads also are listed on the menu. Prices are reasonable and the kid's menu offers several options. The restaurant also features desserts with ice cream and frozen custard.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 A.M.-11 p.m.
Entree price range: $1.29 - $7.09

Fuddruckers (OAC)
4511 N. Midkiff Rd.
689-0448

Located inside Midland Park Mall, Fuddruckers offers several different sizes of hamburgers and a variety of toppings. The menu also includes chicken sandwiches, salads, hot dogs and more. For customers wanting healthier options, the restaurant serves buffalo, ostrich, turkey and veggie burgers. Desserts include freshly-baked cookies and brownies as well as ice cream and shakes.
Price range: $5.50-$10
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday - Saturday

Dixie Burger (OAC)
1300 Rankin Highway
e-mail: dixieburger@gmail.com
686-0116

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Deli/Sandwich

Murray's (OAC)
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Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley, 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, Suite D 1-B
682-2200

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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
694-1800
www.mcalistersdeli.com

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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)
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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.

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1100 E. Illinois, corner of East Illinois and La.m.esa Hwy
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.

Pizza/Italian

Brianna's Pizza (OAC)
4309 W. Illinois
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. (DONT RUN TILL AFTER 1-30)
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.
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 #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
683-6363

Celebrating 51 years of serving Midlanders their Italian dishes, there is more than pizza at this restaurant. Pasta dishes, baked lasagna, veg-

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etable 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, 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 11:00 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. They offer 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
#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 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 Avenue #20
Plaza Oaks Shopping Center
Website: 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

TONY'S Old Fashioned Bakery
1108 N. Big Spring
Midland, TX. 79701
432-570-4166
Hours:
Monday-Wednesday 7am - 3pm
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Saturday 7pm - 3pm

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ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM
4909 E. University Blvd.
Odessa
550-5456

Info: "Expressions of Character," an exhibition of fine portraiture paintings and drawings on loan from regional collectors,is on display at the Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., through Aug. 28. The exhibition features 20th and 21st century portraits and includes works produced in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, and pencil.

Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2- 5 p.m.

Admission: free

Web: www.noelartmuseum.org

MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST
1705 W. Missouri Ave.
Midland

Telephone: 683-2882

Facilities in the museum complex:

Museum of the Southwest: Exhibition of miniature paintings by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist through Aug. 28 and works by Sheldon Harvey of Window Rock, Ariz., in the Here and Now Gallery through Aug. 21.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Temporary exhibit "Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee." Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Admission charged to non-members. Hours at both museums: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Blakemore Planetarium: Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission $3 per person to see permanent exhibitions. Full dome, high definition digital video with surround sound, utilizing the new Spitz SciDome HD Projector. Sky show admission: $6 adults, $4 children12 years old and younger, free for babies a year old and younger. "Dawn of the Space Age." Times: 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 and 8:30 p.m. Friday, 1:15 and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Call: 683-2882 for more information. No public show July 30 at 3:45 p.m.

PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM
1500 W. Interstate 20
Midland

Telephone: 683-4403

Temporary Exhibit: Artist Mery Godigna Collet's series "Extra Virgin Petrus Oil" through July.

Hours: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: adults $8, ages 12-17 and seniors 65 & above: $6, children (6-11) $5, children under 6 free.

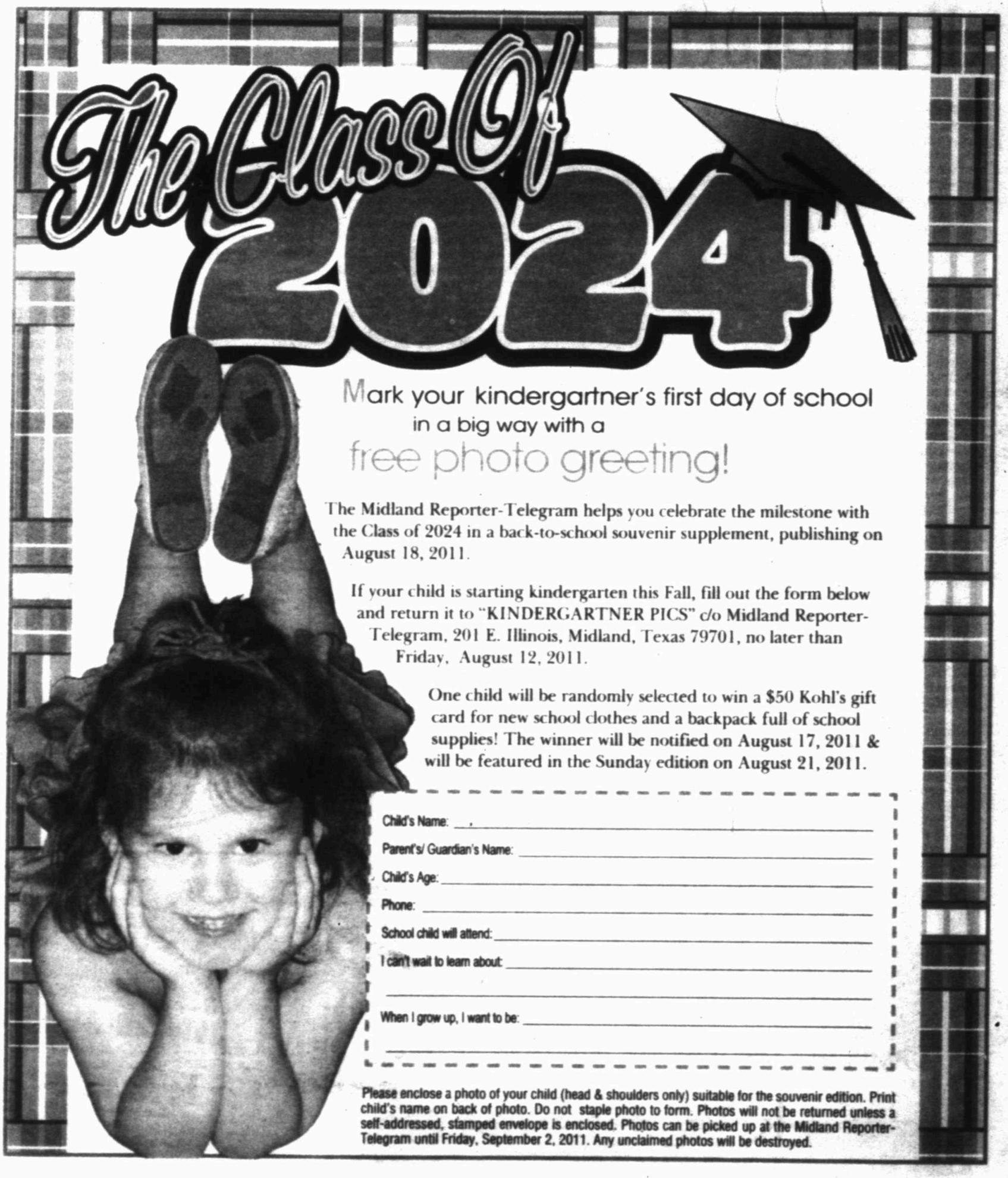
WHITE-POOL HOUSE MUSEUM
112 E. Murphy
Odessa

Telephone: 432-333-4072

Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday

Exhibition: "Doll" through Aug. 20.

Info: No admission charged. Donations accepted.



Mark your kindergartner's first day of school in a big way with a

free photo greeting!

The Midland Reporter-Telegram helps you celebrate the milestone with the Class of 2024 in a back-to-school souvenir supplement, publishing on August 18, 2011.

If your child is starting kindergarten this Fall, fill out the form below and return it to "KINDERGARTNER PICS" c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, no later than Friday, August 12, 2011.

One child will be randomly selected to win a $50 Kohl's gift card for new school clothes and a backpack full of school supplies! The winner will be notified on August 17, 2011 & will be featured in the Sunday edition on August 21, 2011.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's/ Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Age: _____

Phone: _____

School child will attend: _____

I can't wait to learn about: _____

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When I grow up, I want to be: _____

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Please enclose a photo of your child (head & shoulders only) suitable for the souvenir edition. Print child's name on back of photo. Do not staple photo to form. Photos will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Photos can be picked up at the Midland Reporter-Telegram until Friday, September 2, 2011. Any unclaimed photos will be destroyed.