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Roads debate about conservative principles

Issue for the special session is funding without raising taxes

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has called the Legislature back for a third special session to approve more money for roads, but the main sticking point centers on what is the most conservative way to fund them without raising taxes.

No one doubts Texas needs more money for roads. City freeways are jammed with traffic and rural roads near oil and gas fields are turning to dust under heavy trucks.

Experts at the Texas Department of Transportation say they need an extra $4 billion a year just to maintain their road network. Business-friendly politicians openly worry that if the Legislature doesn't act soon, businesses will stop moving to Texas because of bad roads.

The problem is where to find the money. The motor fuels tax is supposed to help pay the bills, but with cars becoming more fuel efficient and the tax unchanged since 1991, revenue is not keeping up.

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Lawmakers last raised the gasoline tax in 1991 to 20 cents a gallon, with 15 cents going for roads and 5 cents spent on public schools. Texas ranks 29th in the nation in fuel tax rates. While lawmakers have floated the idea of raising the tax, the Republican majority has firmly rejected that option.

One way to avoid paying for new highways is to allow private companies to build and operate them as toll roads. But that option has proven unpopular. Unwilling to raise taxes or privatize anymore highways, lawmakers have gone searching for existing revenue, a journey that led them to the rainy day fund.

Lawmakers created the state savings account in 1987 and the constitution requires that 75 percent of oil and gas revenues above what was collected in 1987 should automatically flow into it. A two-thirds vote by both chambers of the Legislature is the only way to take money out.

The Great Recession prompted lawmakers to tap the fund in 2011 and 2013 to balance the budget, the fund's intended purpose. But with oil and gas drilling booming, the fund has at least $1.7 billion a year flowing into it.

Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, authored a proposed constitutional amendment and accompanying bill that would take 50 percent of the money flowing into the fund and divert it for roads and bridges. It's not quite the $4 billion the state needs, but $840 million a year is better than nothing, he said. And if oil and gas revenues keep

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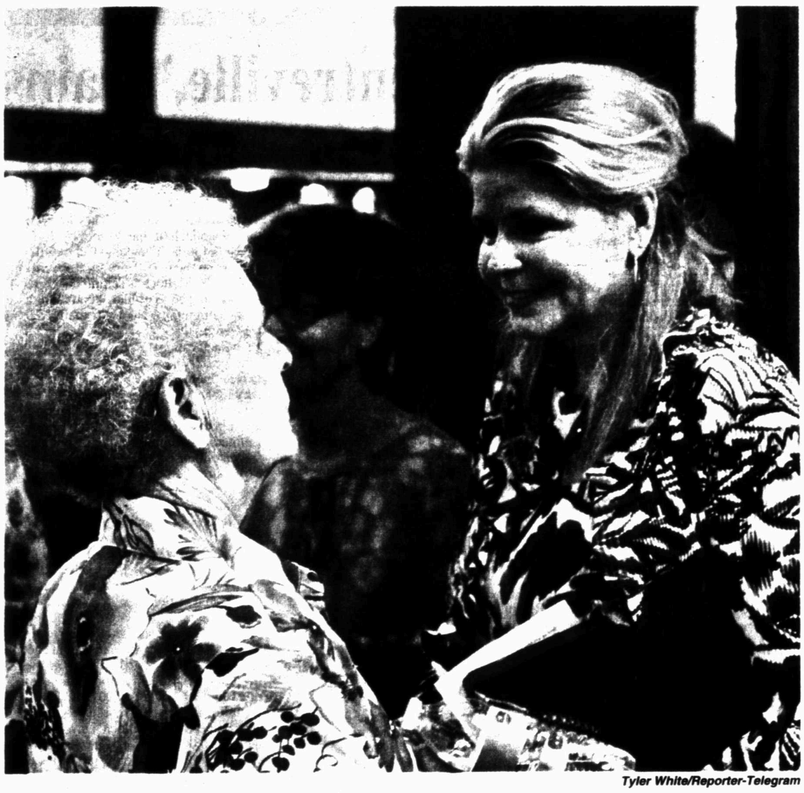

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Mezzo-soprano singer Susan Graham, right, chats with members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church after the service on Sunday.

Marfa wonders about the Border Patrol

By Alfredo Corchado
The Dallas Morning News

MARFA — If anyone has seen a surge in Border Patrol agents, it's the residents of this picturesque region. The agents are difficult to miss.

They're at restaurants sipping coffee or downing burritos, roaming up and down the border in their white-and-green vans making sure it is secure, or manning checkpoints heading into a town with just one blinking stoplight.

As Washington debates immigration overhaul, much of the discussion has been viewed through the prism of border security. Last week, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto met to announce a bi-national security communications network and coordinated patrols between the U.S. Border Patrol and Mexico's federal police.

In this remote West Texas town, about an hour from the border and the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Coahuila, many locals are

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A 40-foot logo commissioned by Playboy has generated a stir in Marfa, taking the spotlight away from issues like border security.

MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Who is Barney Grafa, and why does he have a park named after him?

Many of us take strolls around parks or our children to the swings and slides in these mini-outdoor getaways, but we have no idea for whom these parks are named. While the simple knowledge of a park's namesake may not enhance the playtime of a 5-year-old, it may give the grown-ups trivia for around the office water cooler.

While Midland has 41 parks on 1,172 acres of land, according to the city's web site, the question remains: Who is Barney Grafa and others whose names adorn the granite signs marking the entryways to some of the city's most visible recreational areas? While some facilities are easily identifiable by even short-time residents — Cowden Park, Scharbauer Park, Martin Luther King Jr., Park, and Booker T. Washington Park — others need an explanation.

■ Chris Davidson Park (also known as Opportunity Park), Ventura Street west of "A" Street.

Chris Davidson was the grandson of the founder of the philanthropic Davidson Foundation who died of muscular dystrophy at an early age.

■ Dunagan Park, 600 E. Gist Ave.

Located near Midland Freshman and Travis Elementary, this park has largely been used for soccer games in recent years. Its namesake is Clinton Dunagan, whose family owned an early Coca-Cola distributorship in Midland and was a big community supporter. The park was dedicated in 1952.

■ Essex Park, 3400 Whittle Way.

When Midland resident Frank Essex died, contributions by his widow and other residents who are a part of the Fairmont Park Homeowners Association, helped create one of Midland's newest parks.

■ Fasken Park, 2301 Humble Ave.

One of a handful of Midland pioneers whose names are memorialized in a city park, this facility was named after Andrew Fasken, rancher, banker, railroad builder and Midland supporter for many years in the early part of the 20th century.

■ C.J. Kelly Park, League Drive, west

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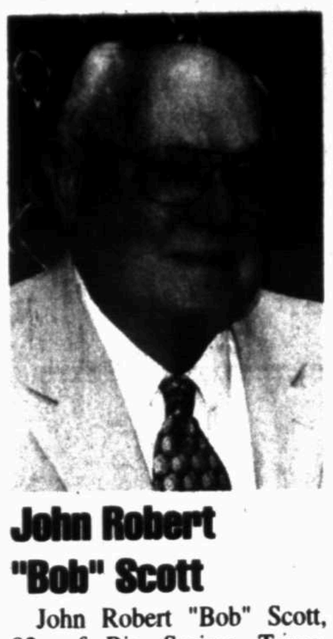

John Robert "Bob" Scott

John Robert "Bob" Scott, 83, of Big Spring, Texas, died Saturday, August 3, 2013, at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at the First Christian Church in Big Spring with the Dr. Ken McIntosh and the Rev. Clark Ford officiating. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Evergreen Cemetery in Pecos, Texas. On Monday, August 5, 2013, the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Bob was born October 16, 1929, in Burgettstown, Pennsylvania. He attended Randolph-Macon Military School in Front Royal Virginia, then moved to San Antonio, Texas with his family in 1944. He graduated from Alamo Heights High School and St. Mary's University. Upon his graduation he passed the CPA exam to become one of the youngest licensed CPAs in the country. Bob practiced accounting for more than 50 years, much of which was in Pecos, where he entered the banking business in the early 1970s. Bob remained active in the industry until his death. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1993 and was a member of the First Christian Church.

He was married to Eileen Flock for 37 years, and she preceded him in death. Bob then married Carol Ann Winter who survives him. Other survivors include his five children, John R. Scott, Jr. and wife, Cynthia, of Big Spring, David Scott and wife, Patti, of Van Horn, Richard Naylor and wife, Darla, of Mesquite, Cindy Scott Wabner and husband, Doug, of Dallas, and Melodee Blalock and husband, Brian, of Huntsville; two sisters, Barbara Schulte and husband, Jay, of San Antonio and Jeannette Wyman of Austin; five grandchildren who were the delight of his life; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Stewart Scott and Dorothy Fabre Scott.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Juliette Fowler Communities, 1234 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas 75214, First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad, Big Spring, Texas 79720, First Christian Church of Pecos, 432 S. Elm St., Pecos, Texas 79772 or to the charity of your choice.

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Robert "Bob" Wallace

Robert "Bob" Wallace, 88, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2013, in Midland, Texas. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 2:00 p.m. at Christ Church Midland with Father Jonathan Hartzer, officiating.

Bob was born on April 18, 1925 in Winnipeg Manitoba Canada to Robert and Irene (Pearl) Marter Wallace. At the age of 17, Bob joined the Canadian Army from 1942-1944. In 1952 Bob came to the United States to work for Verizon formally known as G.T.E in California. There in California he met the love of his life, Margaret Taylor, whom he married on August 14, 1954 at St. Augustine by the Sea in Santa Monica, California.

In 2000 Bob and Margaret moved to Midland, Texas and have lived in the community since then.

Survivors include wife, Margaret Wallace, of Midland, and numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. He is preceded in death by his half-sister Irene Font Wilson.

The family wishes to express their affection, gratitude, and love to the members of Christ Church Anglican. In addition, they want to thank Dr. Bartha, the nurses, aides, social workers, and equipment people of Hospice of Midland, their many friends, and Amy. They would also like to express their gratitude to Dr. P. K. Patel, for his excellent patient care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice of Midland and Christ Church Midland.

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2 killed in Panhandle when car overturns, burns

Two men are dead after the car in which they were riding veered out of control into a ditch after hitting a rural Panhandle railroad crossing, then overturned and burned.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported the crash happened Saturday evening on a rural road between Canyon and Amarillo. DPS Trooper Daniel Hawthorne said the car apparently was traveling at high speed when it hit the railroad crossing.

Hawthorne said neither Kristopher Keith Shoemaker, of Canyon, the 26-year-old driver, nor his 24-year-old passenger Cecil Coulten, of Canyon, wore seatbelts when the crash happened.

GRAND PRAIRIE

Driver killed when truck veers off overpass, burns

A truck driver has died when his semitrailer rig veered off an interchange overpass, crashed and burned on the road below near Dallas.

A police statement said the crash happened Saturday afternoon at the Interstate 30 interchange with the President George Bush Turnpike in Grand Prairie. Police said the rig was westbound on I-30 when it veered off the right shoulder and slammed through a guardrail and retaining wall. The rig fell onto the turnpike below and burst into flames.

Police officers working a lane closure nearby were quickly on scene. Police said the officers and stopping motorists tried to rescue the driver from the truck cab. They were forced back as flames consumed the cab.

HOUSTON

2 children drown; uncle drowns trying to save them

Two children drowned in a southern Houston bayou, and their uncle drowned trying to save them.

The deaths happened Sunday morning during a family fishing outing along Sims Bayou.

Houston Fire Capt. Ruy Lozano said a bystander pulled the children, ages 5 and 11, from the stream and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation, but they died a short time later at a hospital.

Dive teams recovered their uncle's body about two hours later.

IT'S ALWAYS 1958



Photos by Dave Rayan/Beaumont Enterprise

ABOVE: David Malloch, left, stands with Phillip Comeaux, right, chief operator, and Dave Long, top, with Calder Woods in front of Centreville in Pinewood on June 16. Malloch "founded" Centreville in 1973 when he and his wife, Sandra, lived on 21st Street in Beaumont. They later moved to Pinewood, built the 20-foot by 30-foot building for the layout and Centreville grew from there. Now 78, Malloch is selling his home and has moved to Calder Woods senior living community. He needs to find a home for Centreville. **BELOW:** Views down main street of the Centreville model.

In 'Centreville,' trains run, time stands still

By Dan Wallach
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT — "Welcome to Centreville," the sign says on entering the backyard home of what might be the most elaborate model railroad layout in Southeast Texas.

It's Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1958.

Dwight Eisenhower is president. It's his 68th birthday. He's already succeeded in enacting one of the signature accomplishments of his time in office — creation of the interstate highway system.

It was also David Malloch's 24th birthday. He's been entranced by model trains since he was 3 years old in 1937. In 1958, passenger trains were on the wane as commercial airlines, interstate highways, Detroit iron — all fins and chrome with front seats the size of living room couches — and bus lines competed for restless, mobile Americans.

But in Centreville — Malloch's Centreville — famous passenger trains like the 20th Century Limited, the New York Central's famous luxury train that traveled between New York and Chicago, shares track with the Super Chief, the Santa Fe's Chicago-to-Los Angeles run, pulled by the sleek diesel-electric locomotives of the era.

Steam-powered locomotives, still in every railroad's inventory of the day when and if the diesel-electrics broke down, pull Cotton Belt freight cars and Texaco tankers.

It's all at HO scale, which, simply put, in Malloch's 600-square-foot building equates to about 1,500 feet of track. If drawn out to life size, it would cover 25 miles.

It might seem like an elaborate toy, a hobbyist's inward dream.

But it draws in the casual observer. There is drama in Centreville and it's not just on the tracks that circle the town.

Centreville itself is a city with 20 intersections. It has a College Avenue that intersects with a Main Street.

Down Main Street, in the middle of town, the Centreville Fire Department is battling a sixth-floor blaze on the top of the Shamrock Hotel, interrupting in-town traffic.

The traffic lights are synchronized, flashing green, then yellow, then red. Street lights on the top of brass poles illuminate the cityscape. Two-tone cars cruise along side streets and are backed up around the Shamrock fire. On the other end of town, a funeral service is under way at the All Saints Cathedral churchyard.

The tops of buildings are home to the billboards of Esso, Mobilgas and Texaco. Cars are filling up with regular or hi-test at Gulf and Shell stations.

Moviegoers line up to see "Gigi," with Maurice Chevalier and Leslie Caron at "The Palace."

A man in a wheelchair approaches Sam Houston Hall, stopped in front of the steep steps leading up to the double brass doors. These are the days before anyone ever thought of the Americans with Disabilities Act and built ramps so disabled people could take part in public life.

The city itself was built to proper fire code. The hydrants are spaced correctly.

Malloch "founded" Centreville in 1973 when he and his wife, Sandra, lived on 21st Street in Beaumont. They later moved to Pinewood, built the 20-foot by 30-foot building for the layout and Centreville grew from there.

Now 78, Malloch is selling his home and has moved to Calder Woods senior living community. He needs to find a home for Centreville.

"It's educational," he told the Beaumont Enterprise. "I very much want it to remain in Beaumont. It started here. You can see why I want a museum in Beaumont for it."

Over at Union Station, passenger trains await people to board. The 20th Century Limited was famous for laying out a crimson carpet for its passengers. It's where the expression "red-carpet treatment" started.

Various scenes play out in front of the station. People are shaking hands. A couple kisses — is it hello or goodbye? — and one grips a suitcase. Porters haul luggage from waiting yellow taxis lined up in front of the station. Several blocks from Union Station, buses are pulling into the Greyhound station.

Trains pull out and begin their journey that could take a half-hour from the eight-foot long shed with the transparent roof to a mid-level track and up to a third-level track and down again to the station. In real life, the shed would be 700 feet long.

Phillip Comeaux, a retired process operator, helped build Malloch's layout, which includes 6,000 feet of telephone landline wire for the entire layout's power needs.

One operator can run two trains from one throttle. There are three throttles so Centreville can have six trains going at once.

On the mid-level, trains disappear into mountain tunnels. The trains get to the upper levels through a helix system unseen to visitors. On one side of a mountain, a scout troop is climbing. On the other side of the mountain, a family of bears is foraging. There are campers nearby. Or are they hobos?

Centreville is fictional, Malloch said. As to absolute historical accuracy, it doesn't pretend to be, he said. Some of the trains featured never ran in Texas.

Jeff Hamilton, another model railroad enthusiast, operates a couple of the trains. He said the club to which he, Malloch and Comeaux belong is called the East Texas & Gulf Railway Modelers Association. There are many layouts around the area.

When Comeaux first saw Malloch's layout, he said, "I was blown away by what he'd done."

Malloch said he would like to have a larger space for the layout so more people could see Centreville. It gets a little crowded with more than just a couple of people squeezing in to see the city's sights.

A clock tower on one of the buildings shows the time as 8:23. It could be morning or night.

When the lights are dimmed, Centreville glows. The Palace's neon marquee dances with lights. The Shamrock still burns. The interiors of the club cars on the passenger trains show people seated or peering out of the observation deck.

Train whistles blow. Steam engines chug. People come and go. It's Oct. 14, 1958, in Centreville. Always.

Tea party plans to abandon GOP stars

By Michael J. Mishak
Associated Press



J. Scott Applewhite/AP

Tea party activists rallying in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington on June 19. The movement's top strategists concede the tea party is quieter today, by design. It has matured, they said, from a protest movement to a political movement. Large-scale rallies have given way to strategic letter-writing and phone-banking campaigns to push or oppose legislative agendas in Washington and state capitals.

MIAMI — This wasn't the revolution the tea party had in mind.

Four years ago, the movement and its potent mix of anger and populism persuaded thousands of costumed and sign-waving conservatives to protest the ballooning deficit and President Obama's health care law. It swept a crop of no-compromise lawmakers into Congress and governor's offices and transformed political up-and-comers, including Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, into household names.

But as many tea party stars seek re-election next year and Rubio considers a 2016 presidential run, conservative activists are finding themselves at a crossroads. Many of their standard-bearers have embraced more moderate positions on bedrock issues such as immigration and health care, broadening their appeal in swing states but dampening grass-roots passion.

"They keep sticking their finger in the eyes of the guys who got them elected," said Ralph King, a co-founder of the Cleveland Tea Party Patriots. "A lot of people are feeling betrayed."

The tea party is a loosely knit web of activists, and some are hoping to rekindle the fire with 2014 primary challenges to wayward Republicans. But many more say they plan to sit out high-profile races in some important swing states next year, a move that GOP leaders fear could imperil the re-election prospects of former tea party luminaries, including the governors of Florida and Ohio.

"It changes the playing field for us," said Tom Gaitens, former Florida director of FreedomWorks, a political action committee that has spent millions of dollars to help tea party candidates. "The most powerful thing we have as a movement is our feet and our vote."

In the summer of 2009, tea party supporters stormed congressional town hall meetings, shouting down lawmakers who had voted for the bank bailout and the stimulus package. The movement's voice grew louder after Democrats passed the health care overhaul, and voters took their outrage to the polls in 2010. The tea party wave stunned Democrats and many moderate Republicans, sweeping the GOP into control of the House and changing the balance of power in many statehouses.

But not long after some tea party stars took office, political analysts said, they were forced to adapt to a changing landscape, particularly in states Obama won in 2012, and to the realities of governing.

The tea party also fell out of favor with many people. At its height after the 2010 elections, a CBS News poll found that 31 percent of those surveyed considered themselves tea party supporters. A May survey found just 24 percent identified with the movement.

Facing sagging approval ratings, tea party Republicans, some of whom were elected by slim margins, shifted tactics.

Fla. Gov. Rick Scott, a former health care company executive who won office by attacking the health law and calling for deep cuts to state spending, later endorsed the health law and signed one of the largest budgets in state history, complete with pay raises for teachers. Similarly, Gov. John Kasich, R-Ohio, and Rick Snyder, R-Mich., are battling their GOP-dominated legislatures to expand Medicaid, a big part of the health law.

Tea party supporters were most struck by Rubio, the son of Cuban immigrants. His personal story and unlikely rise to power made him perhaps the most prominent figure in the movement.

As a Senate candidate in 2010, he denounced as "amnesty" any plan that would offer a path to citizenship for those who were in the country illegally. Yet in recent months, he has emerged as a leader of a bipartisan Senate group that developed a plan that includes such a provision. The plan has been panned by conservatives but ultimately could bolster Rubio's standing with Hispanics, a growing demographic group that has voted overwhelmingly Democratic in recent years.

One sweltering July day, a half-dozen tea party protesters gathered under a tree in front of Rubio's Miami office, seeking shade as they denounced his support for an immigration overhaul. But the protest soon turned into more of a support group, with the four men and two women grousing to each other about how Rubio had turned into a "back-stabber," a "liar" and a "flip-flopper."

Juan Fiol, a real estate broker who organized the protest, kept looking at his phone, waiting for calls from fellow tea party supporters that never came.

"It was supposed to be a big event," he said as he waved a large "Don't Tread on Me" flag.

The movement's top strategists acknowledge the tea party is quieter today, by design. It has matured, they said, from a protest movement to a political movement. Large-scale rallies have given way to strategic letter-writing and phone-banking campaigns to push or oppose legislative agendas in Washington and state capitals. In Michigan and Ohio, for example, leaders have battled the implementation of the president's health law and the adoption of "Common Core" state school standards.

Local activists say they have focused largely on their own communities since Obama's re-election and the ideological drift of some tea party-backed politicians. Many are running for school boards, county commissions and city councils, focusing on issues such as unfunded pension liabilities and sewer system repairs.

"The positions that people are filling at the local levels are more important for the future of the movement and the future of the country," said Jenny Beth Martin, co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots, a national umbrella organization. "It's creating a farm team for the future."

The Republican establishment, however, is concerned about 2014. Party leaders worry about the GOP's most passionate advocates walking away, particularly those supporters angered by the Senate's immigration bill. In a nod to the tea party, business and conservative groups have launched ad campaigns recasting the bill as a national security measure.

The conservative American Action Network spent $750,000 on pro-reform commercials. One ad aimed at Florida voters called the legislation "the toughest border security plan ever passed by Congress" and urged viewers to thank Rubio for "keeping his promise and fighting to secure the border."

National tea party leaders hope to re-energize followers by focusing on two of the movement's chief targets: the Internal Revenue Service and the health law. They said the Obama administration had handed them a recruiting tool when it delayed the law's implementation and when the IRS singled out tea party groups and other conservative political organizations for special scrutiny.

"The very issues that brought us together in the first place are emerging as more center stage than they were in 2009 and 2010," said Matt Kibbe, president of FreedomWorks. "That animates the political conversation and mobilizes our grass roots going into the 2014 election."

Some Republicans are also moving to repair their relationships with the movement.

Rubio recently spoke to about 50 conservative activists and other lawmakers at a meeting of the Senate's tea party caucus. Organizers said he breezed past immigration, instead devoting much of his speech to repealing the health law.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Meeting today

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. Monday
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Rep. Conaway town hall meeting on Tuesday

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, will be in Odessa on Tuesday to hold a town hall meeting.

The town hall will be from 10-11 a.m. at the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute, 4919 E. University Blvd.

National Night Out on Tuesday

The 30th annual National Night Out is planned for Tuesday. The event is a nationwide crime prevention effort that provides residents a chance to gather at potluck dinners and block parties throughout the city.

For more information, contact Jessica Rodriguez at 685-7582 or jrodriguez@midlandtexas.gov

Club meeting today

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Kids Zone

Today
Little Chef Basics, 1-3 p.m., Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Kitchen activities for children age 8 and older. Call 685-7355.

Tuesday
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum Movie Camps presents "Hotel Transylvania," 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West. For more information, call 683-4403.

Vacation Bible schools today

■ Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church, 6-8:30 p.m., today through Thursday. Info: Theme is Iron Kids Camp. For more information, 694-6075.

■ St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 9 a.m.-noon, today through Thursday. Info: Theme is Faith Through the Arts. For more information, 694-8856

Western has new offices

Western LLC has expanded its West Texas operations into larger offices in Midland's historic Petroleum Building. Western Regional Midland needed a larger office to accommodate the firm's expanding services in the Permian Basin and Cline Shale, according to a press release.

Western LLC, a development and design/build company specializing in turn-key facility development for the oil and gas and aviation industries, has operations across West Texas including corporate aviation complexes at Midland International Airport, oil and gas field offices, maintenance facilities, and support structures including SWDs and tank batteries around the region.

The company is also developing Permian Point, a new development combining executive residences and offices with nearby three- to 50-acre lots available for commercial/industrial use.

Western serves Midland, Sweetwater, San Angelo, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Denver, Nashville, Tenn., and Artesia, N.M.

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Know a soldier coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their soldier is flying into our airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2013. There are 148 days left in the year.

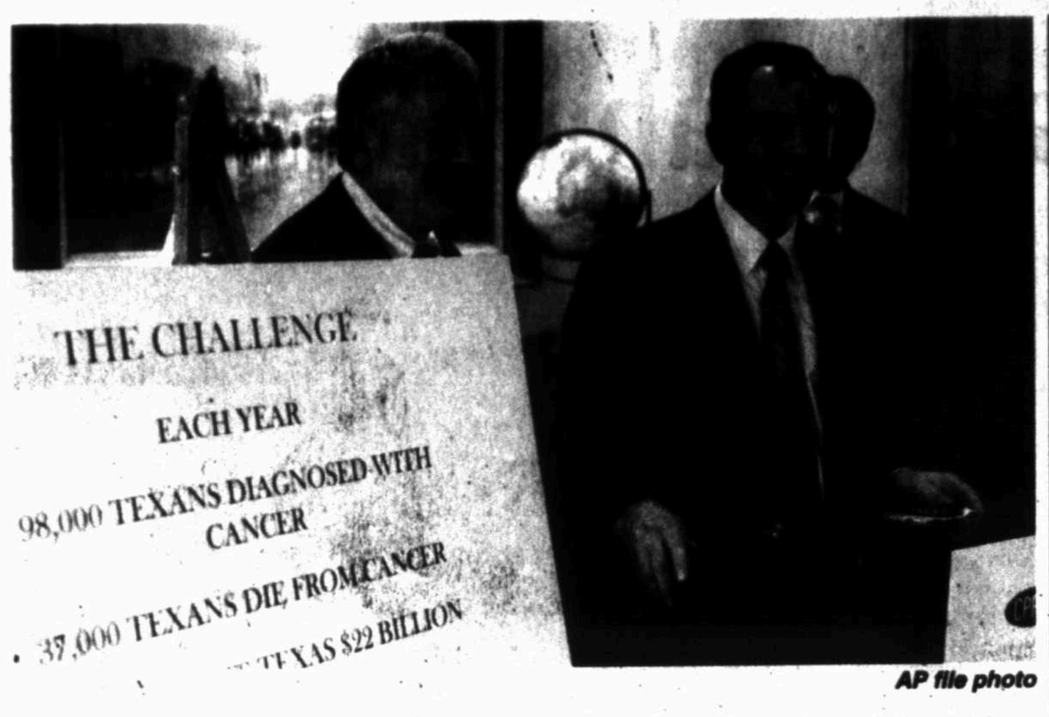
On this date:

In 1912, the Progressive Party, also known as the "Bull Moose Party," convened in Chicago. (The party was formed by former President Theodore Roosevelt following a split in the Republican Party.)

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the National Labor Board, which was later replaced with the National Labor Relations Board.

In 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from "acute barbiturate poisoning." South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela was arrested; it was the beginning of 27 years of imprisonment.

Five years ago: Jose Medellin, a Mexican-born condemned killer, was executed by the state of Texas for his part in the gang rape and murder of two teenage girls, Elizabeth Pena and Jennifer Ertman, in 1993.



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In 2009, chief scientific officer Dr. Albert Gilman, left, with the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and Dr. Ralph DeBerardinis help announce the release of $60 million in grants for cancer research projects in Texas during a news conference in Austin. Leaders at the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas say they hope to begin soliciting new applications for research grants by October 2013 after a year of turmoil and an ongoing criminal investigation into questionable grant awards.

After turmoil, Texas cancer agency gets 2nd chance

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gone are the large conferences, big pharma funding, Nobel laureates and lavishly paid state officials who vowed scientific breakthroughs from Texas' unprecedented $3 billion crusade against cancer.

What's left of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas isn't flashy, but that's precisely the goal for an agency regaining its footing after a year of turmoil and an ongoing a criminal investigation.

"When this started off, when we had Lance Armstrong and all the other advocates, it was ballyhooed," said Wayne Roberts, the interim executive director of the agency. "Publicized. Promoted. Listen, $3 billion for something like cancer — it's going to have to really be in trouble before they don't support it."

A Texas grand jury is still weighing criminal charges against former officials, and rebukes from some of the nation's top researchers have sullied the agency's reputation. But CPRIT, like the cancer patients it was created to help, is getting a second chance.

Skeptics still aren't convinced that lessons were learned. Some nationally acclaimed scientists who severed ties with CPRIT last year say they haven't bothered keeping up with the sweeping reforms and housecleaning that are supposed to right an agency that hands out $300 million in taxpayer dollars every year.

Others mindful of dwindling research money are willing to put their disappointment aside.

"I guess it's like when the Dallas Cowboys have a down season," said Dr. Ian Thompson, director of the cancer and therapy research center at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, which has received more than $23 million from CPRIT. "Do you walk away from the Cowboys? Absolutely not."

Before packed abortion-rights protests at the state Capitol this summer caught even the attention of President Barack Obama, few issues dominated the Texas Legislature in 2013 like the fate of CPRIT. The agency controls the second-biggest pot of available cancer research dollars in the nation, behind only the National Institutes of Health, which has suffered with government cutbacks.

CPRIT launched in 2009. The public paid little attention to the agency after a celebrated rollout while researchers and private companies eagerly lined up for a shot at the taxpayer dollars.

Then the national attention CPRIT craved arrived, but for all the wrong reasons. Lucrative grants had been awarded without vetting; elite researchers levied allegations of "hucksterism"; state auditors uncovered mismanagement and questionable spending. One grant recipient spent more than $100,000 on office furniture.

By December, lawmakers froze the agency under a moratorium, and public corruption prosecutors began pulling CPRIT records. Big-shot lobbyists in Capitol hallways bet that "CPRIT is not going to live," Roberts said he later learned.

Lawmakers instead cleaned house and put the agency on a tighter leash.

MARFA

From 1A

perplexed about the need for more Border Patrol agents. More agents, some say, mean more dollars for the economy, but are they really necessary?

"What exactly will they do?" asked Estella Cortez, a cook at a bed and breakfast.

Many residents seem more concerned about the 40-foot-tall Playboy magazine bunny logo that has been erected on the outskirts of town.

House Republicans and Senate Democrats are worlds apart when it comes to immigration overhaul. The Senate's $46 billion bill stipulates that immigrants can only begin applying for green cards and U.S. citizenship once a security plan is implemented and tested. The "border surge" proposal calls for additional miles of border fence, almost doubling the number of agents to 40,000, and the addition of drones, helicopters and other surveillance technology.

House Republicans have slammed the Senate bill but agree that the border is porous. Security, both sides say, must be the priority.

Along the 2,000-mile border, said former Border Patrol agent Johnny Williams, security takes on different meanings for each region. In South Texas, the Rio Grande serves as a dividing line. Here in West Texas, with its spectacular terrain anchored by Big Bend National Park, the border is not so well-demarcated. After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, several informal crossings were taken down, breaking up bi-national communities.

"No fence will work to stop people from wanting to improve their lives, and especially here, with so many natural barriers," Williams said. "Besides, if you want fences, what does that say about the type of neighborhood you want to live in?"

Marfa, about an hour from the Mexican border town of Ojinaga, is an eclectic enclave of artisans, writers, ranch hands, federal agents and "natives," as those actually from the region are known.

To many, the debate in Washington over immigration is overheated.

"The air is hotter there than here on the desert," Robby Tuggle, a cowhand at a ranch outside Marfa, said as he slammed down a margarita after a day of dealing with 245 head of cattle. "If you can't get along with people in West Texas, you can't get along with anyone. It's just who we are."

Mexicans "don't bother us, nor do they," he said, pointing to the hipsters swarming the town's sidewalks.

His co-worker and pal, Danny Miller, decked out in a 10-gallon hat and stylish green boots, agreed. He said it's difficult to know who the outsider is, a cowhand like him, seen increasingly as an oddity, or the "cool" people — some known simply as "naughty Chinatis" a term used for outsiders lured by the Chinati Foundation, which promotes the ideas of its founder, artist Donald Judd.

"I've never been to a Donald Judd exhibit or eaten at the Food Shark, but nor does anyone tell me how to do my job as a cowboy," he said. "I don't want to tell anyone how to do their art, and they won't tell me how to my job as a cowhand. No one messes with anyone's business. Everyone does their own thing, including the Border Patrol, which seems to be the only ones hiring these days."

In recent years, Marfa has seen its fair share of agents under the Department of Homeland Security.

"Under this administration, DHS has dedicated historic levels of personnel, technology and resources to the Southwest border," said Bill Brooks, Customs and Border Protection spokesman for the Southwest Border division. "CBP has more than doubled the size of the U.S. Border Patrol since 2004. In 2012, CBP employed over 21,300 Border Patrol agents, keeping staffing levels along the border at an all-time high. Additionally, CBP continues to deploy proven, effective surveillance technology tailored to the operational requirements along the highest-trafficked areas of the Southwest border."

Commenting about the proposed increase in border protection, he added, would be "premature," referring to the ongoing debate in Washington.

For now, the debate continues about whether the huge bunny logo — commissioned by Playboy magazine — is art or tacky advertising reflecting what many call a bygone era. The display sits along U.S. Highway 90 next to a 1972 Dodge Charger painted jet black and mounted on a banked concrete platform. The Texas Department of Transportation has said it will take down the bunny this month. Playboy has vowed to challenge the decision.

"Hmm," mused Angel Molinar, a waitress at Mando's, a restaurant popular with Border Patrol agents. "Bunny or more agents?"

Pressed for her definition of border security, Molinar's eyes lit up.

"Everyone is throwing a hissy fit about the bunny," she said. "But that bunny won't help me put food on the table. It won't fill up the tables here. The Border Patrol brings in the customers, agents. That's my definition of security."

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NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OREGON

Rescuers find body of Mt. Hood snowboarder

MOUNT HOOD — A dozen rescuers armed with chain saws and other tools chipped away at tons of ice and snow Sunday to the recover the body of a 25-year-old snowboarder killed when an ice tunnel collapsed on Oregon's Mount Hood.

The snowboarder, Collin Backowski, of Colorado, was traveling with five companions when the collapse hit Saturday afternoon. The others tried to dig him out but could not break through the ice and snow, which an official described as being as thick as concrete.

Rescuers quickly responded but halted efforts about 11 p.m. Saturday, then resumed early Sunday morning.

Hood River Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Tiffany Peterson said that after removing tons of debris by hand, searchers found Backowski where he had been buried by 8 to 10 feet of snow and ice.

None of the searchers or other snowboarders was injured, Peterson said.

The ice tunnel was on the White River Glacier, which begins about 6,000 feet up the south side of the mountain.

An airplane was dispatched to survey the area, along with crews from local sheriff's offices.

Seven rescuers, including five members of an all-volunteer group called the CragRats, were on the mountain on Saturday night.

NEW YORK

Police kill armed 14-year-old boy on NYC street

A rookie police officer shot and killed a 14-year-old boy on a street early Sunday after he refused to drop his gun and pointed it in the direction of officers, authorities said.

Shaaliver Douse died of a single gunshot to his jaw after the confrontation in the Melrose section of the Bronx.

Two officers with the New York Police Department were on foot patrol when they heard gunfire at around 3 a.m. The officers responded to the scene and found the boy with a 9mm handgun firing shots at a fleeing man, authorities said.

Police released two surveillance videos Sunday evening that show a man they've identified as Douse, wearing a white T-shirt and jeans, fire at a group of men standing outside a bodega and then chasing after one of them.

ROADS

From 1A

rising, that amount could grow.

Fiscal conservatives, though, worry about what will happen to the fund with only half the deposits. Oil and gas prices are notoriously unstable. Sen. Dan Patrick, a Houston Republican running for lieutenant governor, wants a safeguard written into the constitution that would automatically cut funding for roads if the balance of the rainy day fund drops below a certain level.

Several minimum balances have been proposed ranging from a percentage of the state budget to a flat $6 billion, the amount the fund is forecast to hold at the end of the fiscal year.

Other lawmakers don't want to lose the authority to tap the rainy day fund as needed. They float scenarios such as a hurricane hitting the Houston Ship Channel or another recession. Nichols says the two-thirds vote requirement to spend the fund is protection enough.

Instead, his proposed law would require the 10-member Legislative Budget Board to set a minimum balance for the rainy day fund every two years and give them the authority to shut off the flow of funds to transportation. He wants a lawmaker-controlled spigot versus a constitutional minimum fund balance.

Nichols easily won two-thirds support in the Senate for his plan on the first day of the third special session, but Rep. Joe Pickett, D-El Paso, says he doesn't have the two-thirds needed in the House to send the question to voters for final approval in November 2014.

Tea party conservatives in the House want a constitutional minimum balance and Democrats don't want to empower the Republican-dominated Legislative Budget Board. The spigot approach only received 84 votes out of the 100 needed to pass when the House voted last week.

The House meets again Monday to see if a compromise is possible. If not, the Legislature could spend most of August trying to hammer out a new deal.

PARKS

From 1A

of Holiday Hill Road; Jno. P. Butler Sports Complex, 3801 Bluebird Lane

Two of Midland's legendary bankers and generous community leaders, their names and memories are perpetuated in two of the city's most well-known and often-used facilities. These are two of the city's most well-traveled, modern youth sports facilities in town

■ Grafa Park, Midkiff Road and Ma-Mar Court.

Barney Grafa was a real estate developer and a parks patron. Grafa, who developed the Ma-Mar neighborhood surrounding the park, also contributed $10,000 for construction of a half basketball court when the park opened. Most of the land for the park was conveyed to the city by C.T. and Margaret McCarty in 1959.

■ Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave.

This park, conveyed to the city in 1947, was named for donor J.E. "Bob" Hill, an early Midland landowner, school board member and civic leader. Like Grafa Park, Hill Park is "in the basin of a playa and functions as part of the city's storm drainage system," according to the spring 1997 edition of "The Thorny Trail."

Next week: So, Hogan Park, home of one of the city's municipal golf courses is named after professional golfer Ben Hogan, right?

Source: The Thorny Trail (Spring 1997).

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jesus Cantu, 60, of Abilene, was arrested Saturday on charges of theft between $1,500 and $20,000 and failure to appear or bail jumping.

Charles E. Hall, 58, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

David E. Jones, 32, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Amanda J. Massey, 24, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and violation of probation.

Mark A. Rutlaga, 20, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Audra V. Tavarez, 40, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IOWA

Powerball jackpot at $400M after no weekend winner

DES MOINES — No one hit the Powerball jackpot this weekend, so the money will roll over and create a roughly $400 million prize for Wednesday's drawing.

The midweek jackpot remains below the record $590.5 million jackpot won in May by an 84-year-old Florida woman. But as it stands, it would be the third-largest Powerball jackpot ever and the fourth-largest lottery prize on record.

Saturday's winning numbers were 21, 24, 36, 42 and 45; the Powerball was 15.

The changes Powerball organizers made to the game last year are coming to roost in the billowing jackpots, with Wednesday's pushing into record territory less than three months after Gloria C. Mackenzie, of Zephyrhills, Fla., claimed the biggest Powerball prize ever.

Powerball tickets doubled in price to $2 in January 2012 as part of a plan to help jackpots grow bigger, faster. And when the jackpots reach astronomical levels, ticket sales take off, with jackpots following close behind.

If Wednesday's jackpot doesn't top $400 million, a single winner choosing the cash option would collect $230.3 million before taxes.

No matter how many people play the game, the odds of matching all six numbers remains 1 in 175.2 million.

Powerball is played in 43 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

CONNECTICUT

Boy: I was cheated over 'Jeopardy!' spelling

NEWTOWN — A Connecticut eighth-grader who misspelled the correct answer to a "Jeopardy!" question and lost money over it says he was cheated.

Thomas Hurley III correctly answered the Final Jeopardy question about the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln. But Thomas spelled it "emanciptation" and was ruled out by host Alex Trebek.

He bet $3,000 of his $9,600 in winnings and finished well behind a rival who amassed $66,600.

"I was pretty upset that I was cheated out of the final 'Jeopardy!' question," he told The News-Times of Danbury. "It was just a spelling error."

The Newtown Middle School student won $2,000 as the runner-up.

In an email, producers of "Jeopardy!" defended Trebek's decision.

"If 'Jeopardy!' were to give credit for an incorrect response (however minor), the show would effectively penalize the other players," they said. "We love presenting young people as contestants on our show and make every effort to be fair and consistent in their treatment."

Hurley's mother, Suzanne, said her son was "a little stunned" by the loss.

"He felt embarrassed," she said. "It was hard to watch."

Hundreds vented their anger at "Jeopardy!" and Trebek on the game show's Facebook page.

PENNSYLVANIA

Sideburns contest celebrates 1813 battle hero

ERIE — A sideburns contest honoring a U.S. Navy commodore known for his impressive facial hair is marking the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie.

The Erie-Times News reported that the winner of the Perry Burns contest will be named this week. Judges will decide who sports the sideburns most like those of Oliver Hazard Perry, who defeated British forces in September 1813. He is considered a War of 1812 hero.

Historical portraits suggest that Perry wore long mutton-chop sideburns that extended toward his lips.

Erie residents said the town had a beard-growing contest marking the battle's 150th anniversary in 1963.

Participant Kevin Kantz said he's been growing out his sideburns since July.

States mull regulation of drones in US

By Lisa Cornwall
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Thousands of civilian drones are expected in U.S. skies within a few years and concerns they could be used to spy on Americans are fueling legislative efforts in several states to regulate the unmanned aircraft.

Varied legislation involving drones was introduced this year in more than 40 states, including Ohio. Many of those bills seek to regulate law enforcement's use of information-gathering drones by requiring search warrants. Some bills have stalled or are still pending, but at least six states now require warrants, and Virginia has put a two-year moratorium on drone use by law enforcement to provide more time to develop guidelines.

Domestic drones often resemble the small radio-controlled model airplanes and helicopters flown by hobbyists and can help monitor floods and other emergencies, survey crops and assist search-and-rescue operations. But privacy advocates are worried because the aircraft can also carry cameras and other equipment to capture images of people and property.

"Right now police can't come into your house without a search warrant," said Ohio Rep. Rex Damschroder, who has proposed drone regulations. "But with drones, they can come right over your backyard and take pictures."

Since 2006, the Federal Aviation Administration has approved more than 1,400 requests for drone use from government agencies and public universities wanting to operate the unmanned aircraft for purposes including research and public safety. Since 2008, approval had been granted to at least 80 law enforcement agencies.

But the FAA estimates that as many as 7,500 small commercial unmanned aircraft could be operating domestically within the next few years. A federal law enacted last year requires the FAA to develop a plan for safely integrating the aircraft into U.S. airspace by September 2015.



John Lok/AP

Nick Morgan, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, prepares to launch a Puma drone during a research mission near the Quillayute Needles Archipelago off the coast of La Push, on June 28.

Damschroder's proposed bill would prohibit law enforcement agencies from using drones to get evidence or other information without a search warrant. Exceptions would include credible risks of terrorist attacks or the need for swift action to prevent imminent harm to life or property or to prevent suspects from escaping or destroying evidence.

The Republican said he isn't against drones but worries they could threaten constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

"I don't want the government just going up and down every street snooping," Damschroder said.

The Ohio House speaker's office says it's too soon to comment on the chances for passage. But similar legislation has been enacted in Florida, Tennessee, Idaho, Montana, Texas and Oregon.

The sponsor of Tennessee's bill said the law was necessary to ensure that residents can maintain their right to privacy.

"Abuses of privacy rights that we have been seeing from law enforcement recently show a need for this legislation," said Republican Sen. Mae Beavers.

Beavers and Damschroder modeled their bills after one signed into law this year by Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who said then that "we shouldn't have unwarranted surveillance."

But the industry's professional association says regulating law enforcement's use of unmanned aircraft is unnecessary and shortsighted. It wants guidelines covering manned aircraft applied to unmanned aircraft.

"We don't support rewriting existing search warrant requirements under the guise of privacy," said Mario Mairena, government relations manager for the Arlington, Va.-based Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International.

The association predicts unmanned aircraft systems will generate billions of dollars in economic impact in the next few years and says privacy concerns are unwarranted.

In Maine, Gov. Paul LePage vetoed the state's drone-regulating legislation, saying "this bill steps too far" and would lead to lawsuits and harm Maine's opportunities for new aerospace jobs. He plans to establish guidelines allowing legitimate uses while protecting privacy.

The American Civil Liberties Union supports legislation to regulate drone use and require search warrants, but it would also like weapons banned from domestic drones and limits on how long drone-collected data could be kept, said Melissa Bilancini, an ACLU of Ohio staff attorney.

In North Dakota, Rep. Rick Becker's bill to ban weapons from drones and require search warrants failed, but the Republican says he plans to try again because "we must address these privacy concerns."

Democratic Rep. Ed Gruchalla, formerly in law enforcement, opposed Becker's bill out of concern it would restrict police from effectively using drones.

"We are familiar with drones in North Dakota, and I don't know of any abuses or complaints," he said.

Drones can be as small as a bird or have a wingspan as large as a Boeing 737, but a program manager with the International Association of Chiefs of Police says most law enforcement agencies considering unmanned aircraft are looking at ones weighing around 2 pounds that only fly for about 15 minutes.

"They can be carried in the back of a car and put up quickly for an aerial view of a situation without putting humans at risk," Mike Fergus said, adding that they aren't suited for surveillance.

Medina County Sheriff Tom Miller in northeast Ohio says his office's 2-pound drone is intended primarily for search-and-rescue operations and wouldn't be used to collect evidence without a warrant.

Cincinnati resident Dwan Stone, 50, doesn't have a problem with some limits.

"But I don't oppose drones if there is a good reason for using them," she said.

Chase Jeffries, 19, also of Cincinnati, opposes them.

"I don't want the government being able to use drones to spy on people," he said.

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OPINION

DREAMers are heroes to some, hypocrites to others

■ Partisans suddenly find fault with a Republican immigration bill after being willing to accept the Democrats' flawed version.



RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

House Republicans accomplished something that I didn't think was possible. By even acknowledging that they're working on their own version of the DREAM Act, they prompted the DREAMers to rediscover their parents.

Let's not forget that Republicans are the favorite punching bag of immigration reformers — a group that includes some organizations whose interests are served by preserving an impasse that enables them to continue to raise money but also more credible left-wing organizations at the grassroots who are fighting the Obama administration and putting principles before party.

One thing all these groups agree on is that nothing the GOP proposes could be of any value, and so it must be opposed sight unseen. The so-called KIDS Act, a Republican-sponsored bill that would give undocumented young people a path-way to citizenship, hasn't been formally introduced yet. And already Democrats and their supporters have denigrated it as "DREAM Lite" because supposedly it doesn't go far enough.

That's priceless coming from a party that killed the DREAM Act in December 2010, when five Senate Democrats voted against cloture and thus denied proponents a filibuster-proof majority.

Once the decision was made to oppose the KIDS Act simply because it came from Republicans, the DREAMers began saying that the legislation was unfair because it offered legal status to them — those undocumented young people who were brought here involuntarily by their parents, and who aspire to go to college or join the military — but not to their mothers and fathers. The elders would remain vulnerable to being deported by an administration that has shown a knack for removing illegal immigrants and yet still has the support of immigration reformers.

Don't ask me to explain that last part.

La Opinion, the nation's largest Spanish-language newspaper, published an editorial saying that it was "cruel and indecent to think that the young DREAMers would be satisfied with a measure that protects themselves but simultaneously deports their parents."

There are three holes in this argument.

First, as mentioned, it's the gung-ho Obama administration that has deported almost 2 million people in nearly five years. If the DREAMers think that this sort of record is "cruel and indecent," they ought to take a few minutes away from hassling Republicans and go get arrested outside the White House.

Second, until this latest offensive against Republicans, I didn't realize that DREAMers had parents. For the more than 10 years that the term "DREAM Act" has been part of the political lexicon, these undocumented young people have acted like the orphans of the immigration debate. I thought they just walked through this world alone in their caps and gowns, guided by their superior intellect and those "dreams" we always hear about.

Third, this business about how DREAMers would never be satisfied with half a loaf is nonsense. Since when? This is the same bunch that takes a crumb from the Obama administration and declares it a feast. The DREAMers were satisfied last year when President Obama proposed "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" to give young undocumented immigrants a two-year reprieve from deportation and a work permit, but left out their parents. They were satisfied again a couple months ago when the Senate passed its immigration bill giving them an express path to legal status and citizenship, and leaving behind most of their parents who — according to several policy analysts — wouldn't qualify for either under the bill's stringent conditions.

Despite a promise to legalize 11 million, only about 8 million are likely to get legal status under the Senate bill. For instance, if papa ever got a DUI, then papa is probably out of luck.

This willingness by DREAMers to leave behind mom and dad isn't new. After all, where did they get their name? It was from a bill first proposed by Sens. Dick Durbin of Illinois and Orrin Hatch of Utah in August 2001. DREAMers still worship this bill as if it were their Emancipation Proclamation. In truth, it was an elitist piece of legislation that would have done what Republicans are accused of wanting to do now — split families by giving young undocumented immigrants legal status and citizenship while denying those things to their parents.

Some refer to DREAMers as heroes. Yet, given these political games, they're more like hypocrites. They've lost their credibility. Apparently, for the partisans in DREAMland, whether you support something, or oppose it, depends entirely on who is offering.

OUR VIEW

Expect August to be a taxing month after Midland hits reset button

As we wrote on Sunday, it is hard to believe that summer is winding down. There is still a little bit of the summer left, but the reality is the unofficial reset button for the community is pushed this month. Two-a-days start for the football teams and band squads, and later this week, retail locations are bracing for the tax-free shopping weekend (check out our Thursday edition for everything you need to know there).

We would like to use some space today to talk about things you should expect this month.

■ **Welcome back, everyone**. Sometimes during the summer months it doesn't seem like Midland is this booming "petro-polis." The roads are a little less crowded, the traffic synchronization system works like many envisioned, and there's a little elbow room at local stores and restaurants (most of them any way). Expect that to change when Midlanders return from the summer break. Our streets again will be challenged and the call-ahead lists will be put to good use. How will our city hold up when 135,000 to 140,000 people put it to the test during the week? Will we be better off than in May? We will find out.

■ **Energy Tower takes center stage again.** We have been talking with candidates for the City Council, and all of them have an opinion or realize Energy Tower at City Center will big a huge issue this fall. This month, an economic impact study on the tower is expected. Those backing the tower are expected to use it in their campaign to educate Midlanders on the need for the tower. Some might even use it as a bargaining chip to ask the city and other public entities for more assistance in making Energy Tower a reality. The community, we expect, will have a lively debate about that.

■ **It's budget season for taxing entities.** Ultimately, your taxes are based on the tax rates set by these entities based on the amount of revenue they want to receive. Many will have public hearings this month to discuss those rates. We again hope Midlanders recognize that a decrease in the tax rate doesn't necessarily mean a reduction in taxes. We also expect Midlanders who have a complaint to show up at hearings (no matter the entity) to make your voice heard. If you don't and the rates aren't to your liking, there's no one to blame but yourself.

■ **We will find out how well our school district performs** (or at least according to the state and its accountability ratings). This is the first time the state will use the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) testing in its assessment of school districts in the state. Not everyone is excited. We previously have expressed our view that testing doesn't make the school district, but at the same time, accountability is important and no school district wants to look bad. We get the feeling, though, that the bar will be set pretty low.

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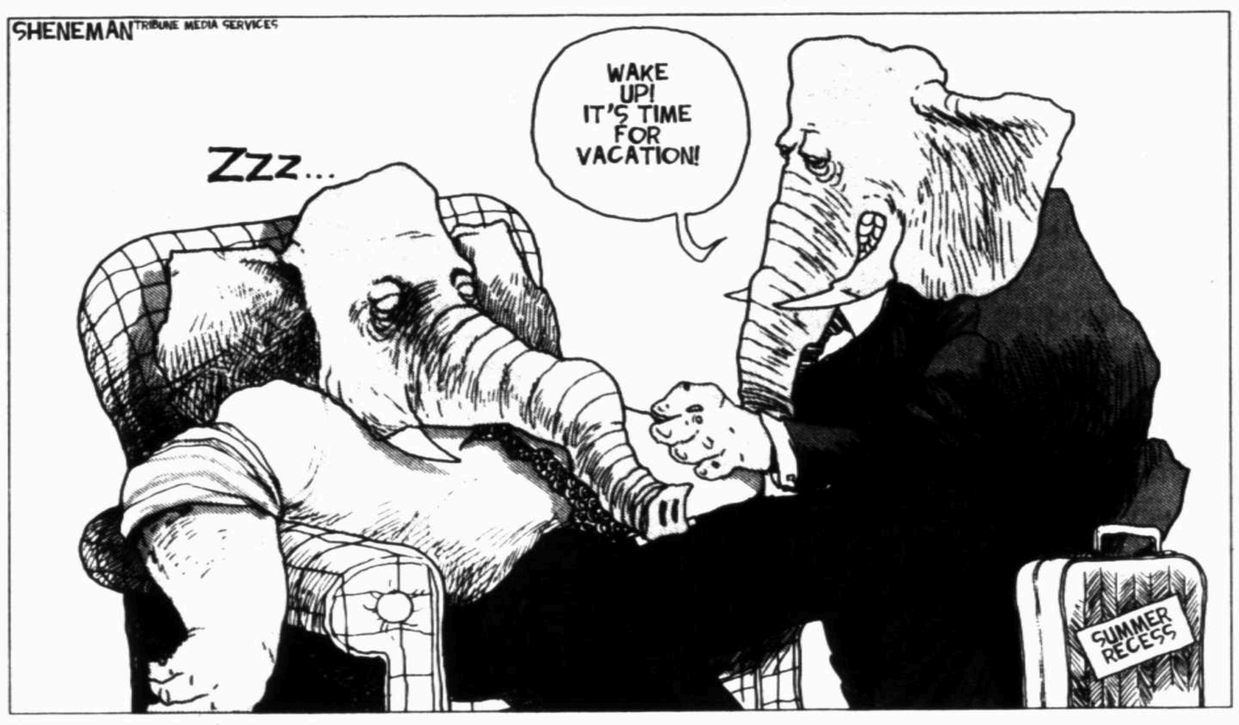

The GOP flips the script on Obama

■ Is the president a socialist or in it for big business? Can Republicans make up their minds?



DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Republicans need to make up their minds: Is President Obama a socialist or a corporate stooge?

"The president claims his economic agenda is for the middle class. But it's actually for the well-connected," Paul Ryan, the GOP's 2012 vice presidential nominee, wrote last week in USA Today, rejecting Obama's latest proposal for a corporate tax cut. "There's no doubt that it works well for them. But for the rest of us, it's not working at all."

Ryan, in his brief commentary, protested that Obama is "interested in tax reform for corporations — but not for families or small business." He further accused Obama of implementing health-care and regulatory policies that favor big businesses and big banks.

That's rich.

Ryan, after all, is the guy who just a year ago accused Obama of "sowing social unrest and class resentment," of supporting "a government-run economy" and of "denigrating people who are successful." He has charged the president with leading the nation toward "a cradle-to-grave, European-style social welfare state."

Republican lawmakers seem to think that Americans have short memories and lack Internet connections, because their latest line of attack — that Obama's health-care and tax policies favor the corporate elite — directly contradicts their previous allegation that Obama was waging "class warfare" with "socialist" policies attacking these very same corporate elites.

"Why is it," Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, asked at a Ways and Means Committee hearing last month, "that under this White House, Warren Buffett gets a break from Obamacare, but Joe Six-Pack, the single mom working at the local restaurant, they don't get any kind of break?"

The theme was picked up Wednesday by House Speaker John Boehner, who, rather than crediting Obama for offering to cut the corporate tax rate, complained that Obama's "scheme" would "actually require small businesses to pay higher tax rates than big companies."

So Obama's that rare socialist who is in bed with big business? Then again, the point of the Republicans' critique of Obama isn't to be logical; it's to be critical — relentlessly, if not rationally.

Boehner, asked at a news conference about Obama's series of speeches on the economy, replied: "If I had poll numbers as low as his, I'd probably be out doing the same thing if I were him." Obama's job-approval rating is 46 percent. Boehner's is just over half that.

The indecision over whether Obama is a socialist or a plutocrat is but one of the contradictory critiques his opponents have yet to resolve. They also haven't determined whether he's a tyrant or a weakling, arrogant or apologetic. It all suggests the opposition is based less on principle than on reflex.

"We have a president that's a socialist," Texas Gov. Rick Perry said at one of the 2012 Republican presidential debates, disregarding both nuance and grammar.

But now, Sen. Mike Lee of Utah is one of several Republicans complaining that Obama is unfairly boosting corporations by extending the deadline for them to comply with Obamacare. "We have big business being thrown a big bone," he said on the Senate floor last week. "This is not fair."

Likewise, Boehner says, "the president is not leading," a charge echoed by other prominent Republicans. Mitt Romney called Obama a "weak president," and Newt Gingrich, during the 2012 campaign, called Obama "so weak that he makes Jimmy Carter look strong."

That should come as a relief to Republicans, who spent much of 2010 calling Obama a tyrant. Many of them still do. Darrell Issa, of California, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, says Obama is guilty of "imperial behavior" and "abuse of power." Sen. Rand Paul, of Kentucky, asserts that Obama is "someone who wants to act like a king or a monarch." And Rep. Louie Gohmert, of Texas, still prefers to think of Obama as "a tyrannical despot."

If you're going to be a despot, you might as well be a tyrannical one.

The Republican lawmakers may be so muddled because their thought leaders can't agree on the proper line of attack. The confusion grew so intense during Obama's intervention in Libya that some Republicans contradicted their own critiques in the span of days. Gingrich, for example, demanded in early March 2011 that the United States should "exercise a no-fly zone this evening." Two weeks later, after Obama took the action that would bring down Moammar Gaddafi, Gingrich said, "I would not have intervened."

It was a brave stand against the cruel tyranny of consistency.

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LONDON

Peter Capaldi named as next 'Doctor Who' star

Peter Capaldi is going from spin doctor to "Doctor Who,"

The BBC announced Sunday that the Scottish actor, best known as venom-spitting political fixer Malcolm Tucker in the sitcom "The Thick of It" and its film spin-off, "In the Loop," is the new star of "Doctor Who," the famed science fiction series soon to celebrate its 50th anniversary.



Capaldi

The identity of the new Doctor had been the subject of frantic speculation, and the revelation was made with fanfare befitting one of Britain's best-known shows — during a live suppertime television broadcast.

Capaldi is the 12th actor to play the Doctor, a galaxy-hopping Time Lord who travels in the Tardis, a time machine shaped like an old-fashioned British police telephone booth. At age 55, he's also the oldest since the first Doctor, William Hartnell.

Capaldi, a fan of the show since childhood, said that "being asked to play the Doctor is an amazing privilege."

"Like the Doctor himself I find myself in a state of utter terror and delight," he said.

Capaldi has a long list of movie, television and stage credits, from the 1983 film "Local Hero," to zombie thriller "World War Z," to the BBC's recent newsroom drama "The Hour." He is currently playing Cardinal Richelieu in BBC drama "The Musketeers." He's also an Oscar winner — he directed "Franz Kafka's It's a Wonderful Life," which won the Academy Award for best short film in 1995.

"Doctor Who" was first broadcast in 1963 and is now one of the BBC's most popular programs, both in Britain and abroad. Its longevity is due partly to the flexibility of the premise. The Doctor can regenerate into new bodies and can travel to any point in space or time.

CAIRO

Egypt says clock ticking on sit-in standoff

Egypt's highest security body warned Sunday that the clock is ticking for a peaceful end to the standoff over sit-ins by supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi, suggesting that authorities will break up the protests unless mediation efforts produce results soon.

More than a month after the military overthrew Morsi, thousands of the Islamist leader's supporters remain camped out in two main crossroads in Cairo demanding his reinstatement. Egypt's military-backed interim leadership has issued a string of warnings for them to disperse or security forces will move in, setting the stage for a potential showdown.

Also Sunday, authorities announced that a court case accusing the spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood and his powerful deputy of inciting violence will start Aug. 25. Morsi hails from the Brotherhood.

Security tightens at some US missions over al-Qaida

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Security forces closed roads, put up extra blast walls and increased patrols Sunday near some of the more than 20 U.S. diplomatic missions in the Muslim world that Washington had ordered closed for the weekend following warnings of a possible al-Qaida attack.

The closures came with a call for Americans abroad to take extra precautions throughout August, particularly when using planes, trains and boats, though some veteran expatriates shrugged off the warnings.



Hani Mohammed/AP

A Yemeni soldier inspects a car at a checkpoint on a street leading to the U.S. embassy in Sanaa, Yemen Aug. 4. Security forces closed access roads, put up extra blast walls and beefed up patrols near some of the 21 U.S. diplomatic missions in the Muslim world that Washington ordered closed for the weekend over a "significant threat" of an al-Qaida attack.

"I have been here long enough to know where and where not to go," said Brian Edwards, a professional basketball player from Detroit who has lived in Egypt for nearly six years. "I feel generally safe."

Some warned, meanwhile, that such security measures are not sustainable.

"It sets a precedent," said Shadi Hamid, an analyst with the Brookings Doha Center. "What happens if you keep on getting credible threats?"

The countries with closure orders covered much of the Muslim and Arab world, from Mauritania in the west to Bangladesh in the east.

The State Department said 19 diplomatic posts will remain closed through Saturday "out of an abundance of caution." State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the decision to keep the embassies and consulates closed is "not an indication of a new threat."

Diplomatic facilities will remain closed through Saturday in Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, among other countries.

In recent days, U.S. officials have said they have received significant and detailed intelligence suggesting a possible attack, with some clues pointing to the al-Qaida terror network. **The State Department said the potential for terrorism was particularly acute in the Middle East and North Africa, with a possible attack occurring on or coming from the Arabian Peninsula.**

"The threat was specific as to how enormous it was going to be and also that certain dates were given," Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., who chairs a House panel on counterterrorism and intelligence, told ABC on Sunday.

King said he believes al-Qaida "is in many ways stronger than it was before 9/11 because it has mutated and it's spread in dramatically different locations." The terror network's Yemen branch, known as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, "is the most deadly of all the al-Qaida affiliates," King said.

In Jordan, a counterterrorism official said available information pointed to a potential threat to U.S. interests in the Arabian Peninsula, specifically in Yemen, and that this prompted the temporary closure of U.S. missions across the Muslim world. He spoke on condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to discuss the issue with journalists.

In Yemen's capital, Sanaa, security was beefed up Sunday around the U.S. Embassy building and the nearby Sheraton Hotel where U.S. Marines stay.

Police set up a checkpoint at an access road leading to the embassy, asking some drivers for identification before letting them pass. Soldiers typically guard the area around the embassy, but on Sunday they were spread out in a wider radius. Cars were prevented from stopping outside the Sheraton, where two armored vehicles sat out front.

A Yemeni security official said the request for extra security came from Washington. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

Extra security also could be seen near U.S. embassies in Bahrain, Iraq and Jordan.

In the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, troops set up new blast barriers last week to block several streets leading into the city's already heavily fortified Green Zone, home to the sprawling U.S. Embassy and Iraqi government offices. Troops also intensified searches of those entering the Green Zone, opening car trunks and frisking male passengers.

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Pharmacist of the Year Makes Memory Discovery of a Lifetime: Is It the Fountain of Youth for Aging Minds?

'America's Pharmacist,' Dr. Gene Steiner, finds what he and his patients have been looking for – a real memory pill!

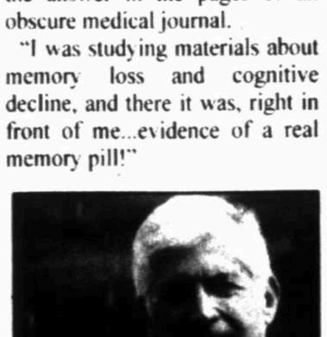
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

If Pharmacist of the Year, Dr. Gene Steiner, had a nickel for every time someone leaned over the counter and whispered, "Do you have anything that can improve my memory," he would be a rich man today.

It's a question he's heard countless times in his 45-year career. He has seen families torn apart by the anguish of memory loss and mental decline, a silent condition that threatens the independent lifestyle seniors hold so dearly.

In his years-long search for a drug or nutrient that could slow mental decline, he finally found the answer in the pages of an obscure medical journal.

"I was studying materials about memory loss and cognitive decline, and there it was, right in front of me...evidence of a real memory pill!"



Pharmacist of the Year, Gene Steiner, PharmD, was so impressed with his newfound memory powers that he recommended the patented, prescription-free memory formula to his pharmacy patients with great success.

"At the time, I was an anchor for a medical program in Los Angeles. I was so excited that I contacted the author of the research and invited him to come on the program as a guest."

"I wanted millions of listeners to learn about this important new development!"

Dr. Steiner's guest that night, US researcher, Josh Reynolds, observed a common 'disturbance' in aging brains, one that may be the primary cause of degrading memory and concentration powers.

Gasping for Air?

He saw evidence that older brains were 'gasping for additional oxygen,' a condition caused by poor blood circulation.

"Insufficient circulation," says Steiner, "reduces oxygen to the brain, a sign of premature mental decline. This also restricts the supply of critical brain specific antioxidants and nutrients."

Reduced blood flow has another brain-numbing effect: it slashes the number of neurotransmitters in the brain, the messenger molecules used by the brain to help form thoughts, retrieve memories, and help its owner stay focused and on-task.

Fewer neurotransmitters circulating in the brain translates to concentration and memory woes.

So, Reynolds and a team of scientists developed a natural, drug-free compound shown in research to prompt aging brains to begin to 'think and react,' younger.

Tired Brains Snap Awake!

"It helps tired, forgetful brains to 'snap awake," says Dr. Steiner.

"This natural memory pill is to your aging, sluggish brain, what a breath of fresh air is to your lungs," he says.

It works so well, explains Steiner, that the participants in a peer-reviewed, international research study not only saw improvements in their memory, mood and concentration, but they also regained lost brainpower equal to that of someone 15 years younger, all in a 30-day time period!

This made perfect sense to Dr. Steiner, who knew instinctively that age-related memory problems may be correctable.

After the Show

After the show, Dr. Steiner confided to his guest that he was fearful of not being able to recall certain subject matter for his popular radio show.

"He gave me a couple of bottles and instructed me on its use," says Dr. Steiner.

"Within a few days, I can tell you without reservation that my memory became crystal clear!"

Feeding an Older Brain

The formula helps oxygenate listless brain cells to revitalize and protect them from free radicals caused by stress and toxins.

It also helps restore depleted neurotransmitter levels, while feeding the aging mind with brain-specific nutrients and protective antioxidants.

Steiner was so impressed that he began recommending the formula to his pharmacy customers.

"I had such marvelous results that I not only started recommending it to my customers, I even shared it with other physicians!"

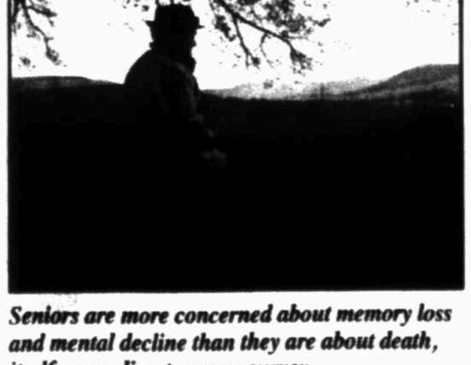
Pharmacy Best-Seller

"It became the best-selling brain health product in my pharmacy and customers were returning to thank me for introducing them to it."

"It felt great to see so many people whose lives were enriched by taking a simple, natural formula."

"A rookie doctor right out of medical school can set a broken bone, or treat a rash or runny nose," explains Dr. Steiner.

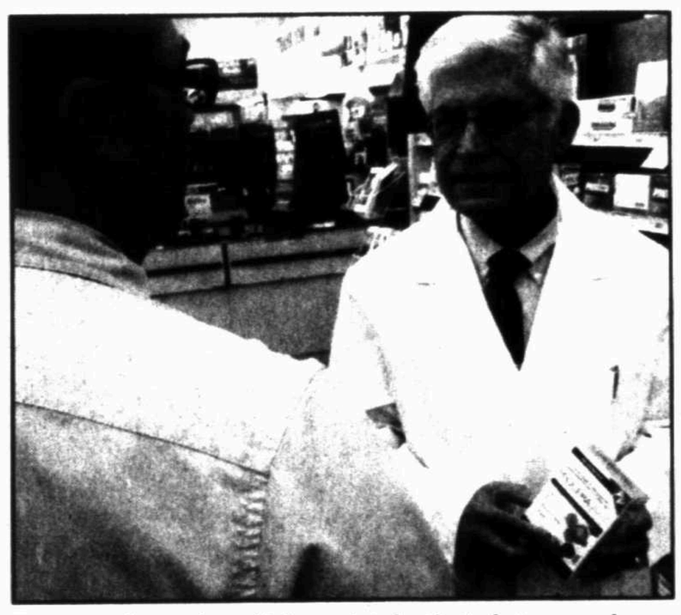
"But he is often clueless when it comes to helping a patient who can't remember to take his medicine, or forgets where he's parked his car, or even worse, foolishly leaves the oven on at night."



Seniors are more concerned about memory loss and mental decline than they are about death, itself, according to a new survey.

"With this simple, drug-free formula, we finally have something that we can recommend that is safe and effective. And you don't need a prescription either!"

Recently, Dr. Steiner relocated to another state and was apprehensive about taking the state board of pharmacy jurisprudence examination, a daunting examination that tests a candidate's mastery of pharmacy law.



For years, pharmacists told disappointed patients that memory loss was inevitable. A new, drug-free cognitive formula helps improve mind, mood, and memory in as little as 30 days.

"I began taking the natural memory compound for two weeks prior to the test, and I passed with flying colors!"

"The recall I personally experienced was fantastic," says Steiner.

Many frontline healthcare professionals are embracing this natural remedy for three reasons.

First, the formula was submitted to the rigors of a placebo-controlled, randomized, double-blind clinical trial, using the same FDA-sanctioned brain testing protocols used to qualify prescription-sold cognitive medicines.

"The findings for improved brain function were shocking," says Steiner.

Then, the results were shared with the world in a well-respected, peer-reviewed medical journal.

#1 Selling Brain Health Pill

Thirdly, this natural, memory-boosting wonder has passed the toughest yardstick of all – scrutiny from the US consumer.

Word has spread, in a very short time, Reynolds' memory-booster has quickly become the #1-selling brain health supplement in the United States.

Dr. Steiner estimates that as much as 10 million single-doses have been used with excellent results by 'lots of forgetful folks.'

Users like Selwyn Howell* agree. He credits the memory compound with bolstering his confidence.

"I helped me speak out more than I used to. I am growing more confident every day."

Carey S.* reports, "I feel so much more focused and with the new energy I'm now ready to tackle the things I've been putting off for years!"

Elizabeth K.* of Rochester, New York experienced a night-and-day difference in her mind and memory. At the age of 54, her memory was declining at an "alarming rate."

"I was about to consult a neurologist when I read a newspaper article about it."

"It took about a month for the memory benefit to kick in. Six months later, even my husband was impressed with my improved memory. And I am very happy with my renewed mental clarity and focus!"

"I highly recommend it," says Dr. Steiner. "This drug-free compound is the perfect supplement for increasing one's brain power. If it worked for me, it can work for you!"

Get a Free 30-Day Supply of this Pharmacist-Recommended Memory Formula!

Call the toll-free number below to see how you can reserve your free 30-day supply of the same, patented memory formula used by Dr. Steiner. It is the #1-selling memory formula in the US, and it is also mentioned in the medically acclaimed book, *20/20 Brainpower: 20 Days to a Quicker, Calmer, Sharper Mind!*

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Customers file in at the grand opening of Simply Mac in Midland Park Mall on Friday morning.

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Chad Brannon, Simply Mac store manager, center, talks with employees before the grand opening Friday morning of the first store in Texas inside Midland Park Mall.

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Social media putting college freshmen at ease

By Elaine Marsilo
Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Celestina Encinia is comfortable with the idea of starting her freshman year of college later this month at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The 18-year-old Sinton High School graduate knows where she will live and soon will know her class schedule and necessary textbooks to buy, but that's not what puts her at ease.

It's that she's already connected with her peers, without meeting them.

That comfort makes the thought of college less intimidating.

Encinia found four classmates on the image-sharing site Instagram weeks before she set foot on campus for Thursday's new student orientation.

"I'm here to make friends and (meet) people I will know for a long time, and just being one step closer helps," she told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Across the country there are incoming college freshmen who use social media sites such as Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to connect with each other by sharing their thoughts, fears, questions and photos about college life.

Many students have posted images of college acceptance letters, class schedules and school IDs as ways to show the start of their college careers is official.

A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas A&M University-Kingsville use hashtags that include the number 17 to signify the incoming freshmen class. The schools also have other hashtags and social media pages they use.

Some students have created unofficial social media pages as a way to find people with common interests.

Diane C. McDonald, marketing and social media executive director at Texas A&M University in College Station, said it's natural for incoming freshmen to use social media because they've grown up with it.

"They are taking a very organized approach to these connections by establishing sites and hashtags for their class before the first day of classes," she said in an email.

Joe Kuffner, a media relations professional in Portland, Ore., who maintains a blog dedicated to sharing universities' and colleges' approaches to social media, said some of the most excited people engaging in social media are incoming students.

Colleges are tapping into providing avenues for students to link up through Facebook groups, hashtags and video chats, said Kuffner, who is assistant media relations director for the University of Portland.

He said social media helps students become fans of their school and instill what many colleges hope will be a lifelong bond with that community.

"It's sort of a way to build the school pride and just have people feeling really good about the institution ... and maybe, hopefully, share some of that with their friends," said Kuffner, whose 4,000-student, private Catholic university uses hashtags and other social media to share its story.

Helping students feel comfortable with university life can ensure their college experience starts off well and continues during their time at school, said Gloria Gallardo, A&M-Corpus Christi's communications and public affairs director.

The idea of linking students through social media also helps university officials introduce a school to students through a communication path students prefer, A&M-Kingsville admissions director Ramon Blakley said.

"It's just a breath of fresh air in the university," he said, adding that students are the driving force in making it work.

"They do with it what they want, and you just got to create it."

He said many of Kingsville's incoming students shared their excitement about an upcoming student orientation by posting photos on social media of the mailed postcards university officials sent as invites.

That instant connection is priceless, Blakley said.

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Bracket Buster: Bob Hards

Bob Hards, voice of the Midland RockHounds, captured the 2013 Mic Madness title as the favorite area broadcaster.

It was the first of many contests we will host at MyWestTexas.com. The next will begin in September and will allow readers to pick their favorite restaurants.

Hards advanced through five rounds to claim the top spot in a 32-person bracket that included radio and television broadcasters from around Midland and Odessa.

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The real estate boom taking place right now includes sky-rocketing prices and big building. For instance, the number of million-dollar residential homes has grown from five in 2006 to 104 in 2013.

Later this month, the Reporter-Telegram will bring you a look at the 100 most expensive houses in Midland County. Check out the presentation at MyWestTexas.com



OMAR GALLAGA
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Coffee shop commuters give advice on picking a good work spot

As more workplaces loosen up about telecommuting, you may decide to do some of your work from home.

But even if you overcome the challenge of finding a good work/home balance and you don't get distracted by your laundry or the siren song of the DVR, you'll eventually want to get out and be around people again. The wonder of Wi-Fi and laptops make it possible to work from anywhere, and Austin's abundance of Internet-providing coffee shops has created a culture of cafe commuters. A surprising number of people spend more than 40 hours a week getting work done as they snack and drink at area bean breweries.

We asked some of these workers why they do it and for advice on getting real work done at coffee shops.

Sam Killermann, a comedian, writer and founder of the anti-bullying nonprofit Gamers Against Bigotry, used to work on a big desktop computer at home after he became self-employed. He found that only worked for so long.

"It got depressing after a while," Killermann said. "You don't want to think of your home as your workplace. I felt like I never got away."

Killermann traded the desktop for a laptop and says it dramatically improved his life. Now, he works about 50 hours a week in different coffee shops including Tom's Tabooley, where he typically spends Tuesdays and Fridays. He wears multiple job hats and decides where to work based on which work he's doing.

"It helps my mindset," Killermann said. "I try never to spend more than eight hours in a particular shop because I don't want the people who work there to think I'm homeless."

Killermann wrote an entire book, "A Guide to Gender," at Bouldin Creek Cafe and has become

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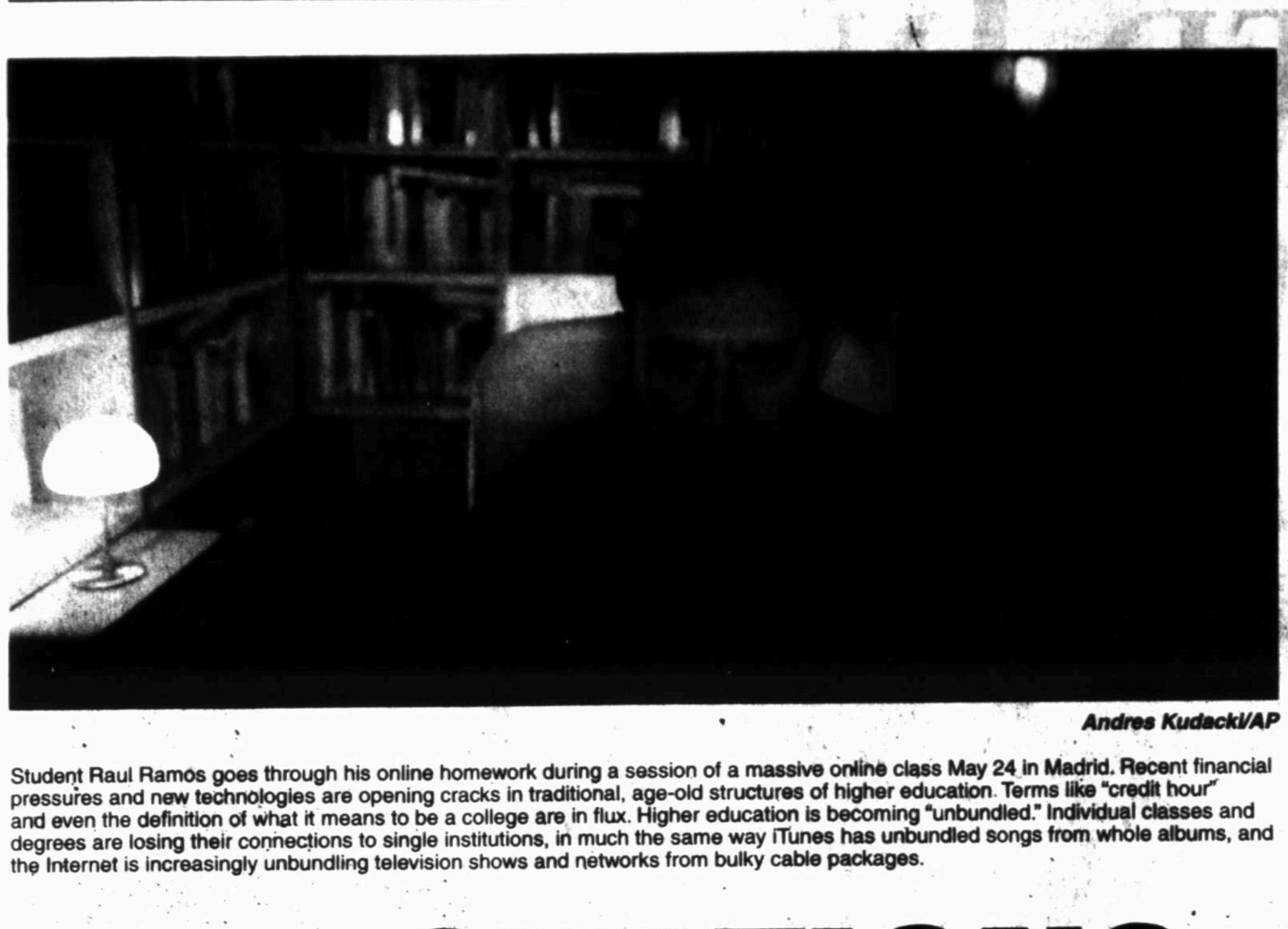

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Student Raul Ramos goes through his online homework during a session of a massive online class May 24 in Madrid. Recent financial pressures and new technologies are opening cracks in traditional, age-old structures of higher education. Terms like "credit hour" and even the definition of what it means to be a college are in flux. Higher education is becoming "unbundled." Individual classes and degrees are losing their connections to single institutions, in much the same way iTunes has unbundled songs from whole albums, and the Internet is increasingly unbundling television shows and networks from bulky cable packages.

INNOVATIONS

From recession's wake, education innovation blooms

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Hundreds of investment bankers, venture capitalists and geeky tech entrepreneurs gathered near the pool of the Phoenician, a luxury resort outside Phoenix. The occasion? A high-profile gathering of education innovators, and as guests sipped cocktails, the mood was upbeat.

Major innovations — forged by the struggles of the Great Recession and fostered by technology — are coming to higher education.

Investment dollars are flooding in — a record-smashing 168 venture capital deals in the U.S. alone last year, according to the springtime conference's host, GSV Advisors. The computing power of "the cloud" and "big data" are unleashing new software. Public officials, desperate to cut costs and measure results, are open to change.

And everyone, it seems, is talking about MOOCs, the "Massive Open Online Courses" offered by elite universities and enrolling millions worldwide.

As with so many innovations — from the light bulb to the Internet — the technology is emerging mostly in the United States, fueled by American capital. But as with those past innovations, the impact will be global. In this case, it may prove even more consequential in developing countries, where mass higher education is new and the changes could be built into emerging systems.

One source of this spring-like moment is the wintry depths of the financial crisis that struck five years ago, pushing higher education as never before to become more efficient. Another is simply the arrival of a generation demanding that higher education, at long last, embrace the technologies that have already transformed other sectors of the economy.

"The consumer, after five years on a tablet and five years on an iPhone, is just sick of being told, 'you can't do that,'" said Brandon Dobell, a partner at William Blair & Co., an investment bank and research firm based in Chicago. "I can do everything else on my phone, my tablet, why can't I learn as well?"

But while technology is at the center of this wave of innovation, many argue it is merely the pathway to something even bigger.

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Technology isn't just changing traditional higher education. It's helping break it down across two broad dimensions: distance and time.

But that doesn't necessarily mean, as some contend, the traditional university is dead.

AT HIS desk at a telecom company in Lagos, Nigeria, Ugochukwu Nehemiah used to take his full one-hour lunch break. Now, he devours his meal, then watches his downloaded MOOCs. He's already finished courses in business, energy and sustainability, and disruptive innovation, taught by institutions like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Maryland.

Nehemiah needs a master's to advance at work, but cannot afford the United Kingdom program where he's been admitted. The MOOC learning doesn't translate into a widely recognized credential. But the teaching is free, not available locally, and helps him even without a credential.

"It's a form of self-development," said Nehemiah, a father of two. "The way I would speak when I have meetings to attend," he added, "would be much different than the way I had spoken if I had not taken this course."

When non-profit edX offered its first MOOC in "Circuits and Electronics" in 2012, 154,000 students from more than 160 countries signed up (though only 8,000 lasted to the final). Now edX has more than a million unique users in about 60 courses. For-profit rival Coursera has exploded with 4.1million students, 406 courses and 83 partner institutions.

From radio to television to the Internet, technology has always promised to revolutionize higher education. So far, it's enabled good teachers to lecture to thousands of even millions of students. But truly teach them, with individualized interaction and feedback?

It's not clear the MOOCs can do that, either, and only 10 percent who sign up for a course are completing it. But with their more advanced interactivity, they are arguably the most sophisticated effort yet to solve the central the problem of college access and affordability: the difficulty of "scaling up" learning.

"This is virgin territory in terms of having tens or hundreds of thousands of people engaged in the same educational experience simultaneously in a way you can capture what you're doing," said Kevin Carey, director of the Education Policy Program at the New America Foundation. "We've never had that. The assumption is we'll learn lots of things and that will lead to better classes the future."

The MOOCs are just one part of this new landscape.

Sal Khan, a charismatic former hedge-fund adviser, discovered his knack for explaining things while tutoring his young cousins in algebra in 2004. In 2006, he uploaded his first YouTube video and two years later founded Khan Academy.

Today, Mountain View, Calif.-based Khan has 6 million unique users a month from 216 countries, who watch the 4,000-plus videos available on Khan Academy's website. These are not full courses, but connected series of free, bite-sized lessons — about 10 minutes each — taught by Khan and others in everything from math to art history.

Khan talks excitedly not just of shaking up education across distance, but time. He says students can learn what they need, when they need it, without having to take and pay for an entire course.

"Whether we're talking basic literacy or quantum physics, it's the ability to cater to one person's needs," Khan said.

SOME AT cutting-edge traditional universities are also rethinking notions of academic time.

One morning last spring, not far from the innovation conference, at Arizona State University, a handful of students worked through problems in a developmental math course that looks little like the traditional model. There's no lecturer; software takes students through the material at their own speed, adjusting to their errors. An instructor is available to answer questions — a model that's proven cheaper and more effective than the traditional class.

Yet what matters most is what isn't here: Most students have mastered the material and moved on to other classes.

"We've organized higher education into this factory model where we bring a group of students in post-high school and march them through more or less in lockstep," said Richard Demillo, director of the Center for 21st Century Universities at the Georgia Institute of Technology. "People that don't conform are rejected from the fac-

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The ABCs of MOOCs: what it's like to enroll

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

REVIEW

Esther Duflo, one of the two superstar MIT economists teaching my Massive Open Online Course on global poverty, is a fast-talking French woman with whom I could barely keep up — especially when the topic was math.

Her co-teacher Abhijit Banerjee spoke so painfully slowly it was all I could do to keep from checking Facebook as he paused between thoughts during his lectures.

Never fear. One of the least technologically sophisticated innovations of these free new courses offered by elite universities is also one of the most useful: You can slow down the lectures to .75 times actual speed, listen in actual time, or speed them up by a factor of 1.25 or 1.5.

To think how much more I would have understood, and less time I would have wasted, if my in-person college experience 20 years ago had offered a similar feature.

Alas, while new and thrilling to me, such bells and whistles are hardly the key innovation of these attention-getting MOOCs. The real question is, Are their enthusiasts right that they can truly transform higher education? After months of writing regularly about MOOCs, I decided to become one of the millions who've signed up for these free online courses and — far more exclusively — one of the approximately 10 percent who finish.

About 39,600 signed up for "The Challenges of Global Poverty" and I was among 4,600 who finished. I passed, if not exactly with flying colors, and was emailed a PDF of the "certificate of mastery" to prove it — my very own quasi-credential from MIT. The experience was enlightening, both on the subject matter and the potential for MOOCs generally. I learned more than I expected, and worked harder than I expected. I took a course for free from two leading experts in a field that's of great personal interest — a remarkable opportunity. For millions around the world who lack access to quality teaching, the MOOC-backers are right: This is a revolution.

Yet I also got a better handle on precisely what MOOCs can't do, and what would be missing from a college education comprised of them entirely.

The first thing I learned is why so few who start MOOCs finish them: They're hard. When a class is free and doesn't generally produce a credential it takes real self-discipline (or a promise to your editor to write about the experience) to make yourself keep up. These MOOCs simulate a full course at a top-tier university, which means a minimum of 2-3 hours per week of lectures, plus quizzes, homework and reading. Most difficult of all, you have to keep up for 12 to 15 weeks, which is a lot harder for people like me, with a toddler at home and a day job, than it was when I was a full-time college student.

Technologically, the experience was fairly simple and elegant. An online "dashboard" gives you access to videos, quizzes and other resources. You quickly fall into a routine: a video lecture segment by one of the professors (filmed in MIT's on-campus version of the course), typically lasting 5 to 15 minutes, followed by exercises to make sure you got the key points, plus a longer homework assignment after each week.

Is it better to be in the room with a lecturer? Probably, in the same way the multi-sensory personal experience of a play can be more powerful than a film. But in-person lectures also have disadvantages. The research is pretty clear that students tune out after a while. The 5-15 minute intervals make it easier to stay focused. Neurologically, answering a few questions

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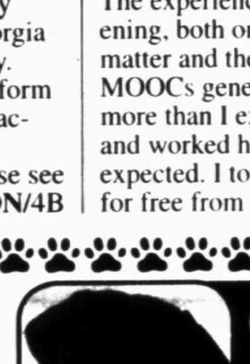

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It takes more than toys to help bridge the digital divide

By Omar L. Gallaga
Cox Newspapers

Everyone's plugged in, right?

The digital bubble that so quickly formed around our culture, not unlike that big shell surrounding the town of Chester's Mill in the summer TV hit "Under the Dome," got here so quickly it's hard to remember a time before. Look around and cellphones appear permanently affixed to people's hands. Faces glow against ever-brighter screens. We're one nation under competing 4G wireless networks.

Inside that noisy bubble, it's very easy to miss that cheap smartphones, million of apps and the so-called "Post-PC era" of Internet-connected devices have not solved the problem of the digital divide. In fact, they have created new problems and assumptions that make it harder for some people to harness technology and use it to improve their lives.

It's a problem that the nonprofit Austin Free-Net works on, often with no fanfare, every day. The organization has been around since 1995, making the case for equal access to the online world at a time when many were still unaware that the Internet existed.

In the past few years, Austin Free-Net has pivoted and grown rapidly with the help of a 2010 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program federal grant and the leadership of executive director Juanita Budd, a nonprofit veteran who joined the organization in 2011.

Since that time, Free-Net has expanded from less than a dozen computer lab locations to 27. They include city of Austin sites, a busy East Austin location at the DeWitty Center on Rosewood Avenue, two homeless shelters and several senior community centers.

Budd, whose office is located at the DeWitty Center, said the grant money has allowed the organization to invest in equipment and infrastructure but that the key change has been Free-Net's staffing, from 1.5 full-time positions to 17.

"We could put a million brand new computers in a room, but if there's no one there to do training, we just have a million systems sitting there unused," Budd said.

Austin Free-Net has been changing its offerings from formalized computer classes to more practical, hands-on instruction. "We shifted our priorities and asked ourselves, 'What do people want?'" Budd said. "They want to know how to use the tools on our computers. 'What's a Web browser? I want Facebook. How do I get to my kid's school website?'"

What goes on at these centers? There are computer literacy classes, job skills training (everything from Microsoft Word and Excel to learning how to put together a resume and send it online) and lots of hands-on help. Budd and other workers at Free-Net say they frequently help people who have either never used a computer before or, in the case of some young people, have only used cellphones to access the Internet and find themselves lacking computer skills they need for office jobs.

Some jobs, including those for the city of Austin, require a job application to be filled out online but are not mobile-device friendly.

On a recent Wednesday morning at the DeWitty Center, a jobs training computer lab was filled with eight people being assisted by program director Meredith Sisnett. She guided one man through the process of creating a login and password for a jobs site, explaining how to enter information for a "CAPTCHA," a scrambled word image.

"They want to make sure you're a person and not a computer," Sisnett said. She chuckled. "It's like abstract art."

Sisnett, the daughter of the late Free-Net executive director Ana Sisnett, has been on staff for two years but was teaching Word and basic Internet classes 10 years ago. The jobs program has filled a need in the community for people who have nowhere else to seek computer help, she said.

"You have to know how to use the computer to navigate to the different job sites. You have to not only have email but you have to know how to use a login and password and be able to attach a document and then respond to employers," Sisnett said. "These rooms are filled every day. I see at least 20 people a day if not more. People really need help."

Jason Hopkins, one of those Sisnett has been helping, said that in three weeks he was able to put together a resume that resulted in multiple job offers.

"I just got out of prison," Hopkins said. "A lot of us have been down 10, 15 years. We don't have email addresses or knowledge at all of these computers. Meredith here has been a huge help to me, having someone to walk you through it."

Shortly after we spoke, Hopkins got a call on his cellphone from an employer with an offer for more work. "It's really a wonderful place, and I'm thankful that they're here," he said.

Some visitors, Budd said, simply want to check their Facebook accounts, look up movie times or play games. Others have used Free-Net computers to set up websites for small businesses. Free-Net sometimes partners with organizations like Mobile Loaves and Fishes to provide meals to visitors. Recently, Free-Net helped a young couple look up food pantry locations.

The concept of digital inclusion, taking steps to bridge the digital divide between techies and those who don't have access to ubiquitous Internet or computers, is more than just about throwing iPads or wireless Internet at the problem. Though the organization is growing, Budd says, it still needs more bodies and money to pay for additional staff. The mission for Free-Net and the makeup of its clients keeps expanding. It has provided computer services for parents who have special needs children and, increasingly, services in Spanish.

The organization is trying to raise its profile. Austin Free-Net participated in an April Digital Inclusion in Texas Conference and Colloquium at the University of Texas at Austin and in June held its second Broadband Across Texas, a weeklong open house spotlighting its community work. Budd says that week's efforts drew more people to Free-Net facilities than ever.

Leonard Freeman, who moved to Austin from Chicago, has been visiting Austin Free-Net locations for four months. He learned how to find websites and set up email. It's been slow so far for Freeman without a car, but he's been able to find several temporary jobs via the Web.

"I ain't gonna give up," Freeman said. "As long as I have a place to come and get access to the Internet, I'm going to hang in there."

Clickjacking

AUSTIN — There are all kinds of scams and dangers you might encounter simply checking emails or visiting websites, but one of the more difficult to avoid is clickjacking.

It can take several different kinds of forms. If you receive an email purporting to be from your bank or the IRS and it asks you to click on a link that takes you somewhere other than an official website, you may be in danger of clickjacking.

Other kinds of clickjacking scams are more subtle. They may employ Flash technology or hidden layers on an image to trick you into clicking on a bad link. Depending on what happens next, a clickjacking attack could steal a password for a service like Twitter, take control of your computer hardware (say a webcam or your keyboard) or invade your privacy by keeping tabs on your online activity.

Clickjacking is not too dissimilar from phishing, which is an attempt to fool you into thinking a fake or malicious email is real. A phishing email might include a clickjacking attack attempting to get you to click where you shouldn't. The Better Business Bureau recently posted a list of ways to spot and avoid clickjacking. You can find it at bit.ly/bbbtips. (We promise that link's legit.)

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SAVANT

From 1B

friends with staffers at the places he does work. "I go to places that are owned by cool people and staffed by great baristas," he said.

Top on the list of Killermann's requirements for a good work spot is comfort. He likes to spread out at a table, so he avoids shops that are too crowded. He doesn't like to wear headphones all day, so he looks for places that play good music at a tolerable volume. With a self-imposed budget of about $15 a day, he tries to work at places with healthy food, plenty of electrical outlets and decent Wi-Fi service.

Ron Bravenec, a physicist who runs simulations on a California supercomputer from his laptop here in Austin, has a circuit of about six coffee shops he frequents. Having people around, he says, makes him feel like he's in a work environment, and he likes going to places where the majority of people look busy.

He likes Dominican Joe, Fair Bean Coffee, Summer Moon and both Cafe Medici locations. Sometimes, coffee shops play horrible music, he says, but lately he's been lucky. "I like ambient or classic jazz; ignorable music," he said.

Loud talkers and, worse, people having cell phone conversations can easily break the mood. "I find that very rude," Bravenec said. "You should go outside." He's also not a fan of people who camp out for hours without ordering food or drinks, "treating the place as a library," Bravenec said.

Scott White, an app developer who works for AT&T and works out of coffee shops three to four times a week, said he's been stunned by how rude some patrons are at coffee shops. "I've seen people bring in their own food. I saw one guy bring in a full computer monitor," White said.

White tries to spend money at places he goes to every hour or two and runs a single tab instead of making multiple purchases to keep the shops from paying extra credit card fees. "If I stay a long while, I try to tip a little more to take care of costs," he said. He brings his own mobile Internet device as well as portable chargers for his gear.

How friendly is Matt Jared? He goes to coffee shops not only to do some of his Web development work but also to meet new people and make connections. He's friends with the staff of Vintage Heart Coffee and even started a small design business with one of them.

The shop is walking distance from a home he moved into in January and, like others we spoke to for this story, he found working from home for too long at a time made him long for human contact.

"I've met a lot of people and learned so much," Jared said. "There's such a welcoming vibe in Austin."

Jared said that he learned quickly, as he searched for public places to work, how to avoid bad music, bad Wi-Fi and to clue into social cues. For instance, wearing headphones is the universal coffee shop sign for "leave me alone."

Mike Langford, a producer of a new Web series about craft beer called "Locapour," sent in a list of 10 things he considers when choosing a coffee shop where he'll work. The list includes "Great coffee," "parking," "real food" and "clean bathroom" as well as good climate control, shaded outdoor seating and noise levels that aren't out of control.

All our coffee shop experts agreed that knowing what to look for if you're working in public is key to finding spots that fit your personality. Still, it may take a while to find your rhythm or to learn what to look for and what to avoid. Several suggested asking other people who work in coffee shops about their preferences and experiences and spending a few weeks researching to get into a work groove.

It may turn out that cafe work is not for you. Stephanie Myers, who writes for the Austin Post, spent two years freelancing out of locations like Cherrywood Coffeehouse and Monkey Nest. She says she found it hard to motivate herself to get up and go when she had no specific workplace and got distracted frequently.

"I tend to be into people-watching," Myers said. "I would fall into these habits of zoning out and listening to other people's conversations."

When the Post sprung for a rented spot at the East Austin business Conjunctured Coworking, Myers found her productivity improved. "It all comes down to personality," Myers said. "This just feels a little bit more formal. For me, it's just so easy to find an excuse not to go to a coffee shop."

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EDUCATION

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tory and people that make it through are stamped with a degree."

ASU has broken up the traditional model of two-semesters-per-year into six parts. Some classes have accelerated versions that run essentially at double-speed: six or 7.5 weeks. So students who quickly finish a flexible-time class don't have to wait before starting a new one. They can move more quickly and cheaply toward their degree..

"We began to say, 'What are all these sacred cows about time?'" said ASU President Michael Crow, who has transformed ASU into a laboratory of innovation. "What we're looking for is intensification by freeing up the clock."

More than a century ago, the Carnegie Foundation invented the "credit hour," the basic unit of academic time, measuring hours spent in class but not necessarily what students learned.

Now, the foundation is reviewing that model and may move toward a competency-based approach — awarding credit for what students learn, not how long.

In March, the Department of Education approved a competency-based program at Southern New Hampshire University, inviting other colleges to seek approval for programs that don't mark time in traditional credit hours.

ASU's challenges are a microcosm of the country's and the world's. Amid scarce resources, it's trying to accommodate diverse and growing demand. Yet despite a 50 percent state funding cut during the Great Recession, ASU did something unusual: It kept growing, from 50,000 students to around 72,000 over the last decade. Completion rates are up, too.

Still, Crow's careful to emphasize innovation's purpose is to make traditional universities work better, not replace them. He wants technologies like those in use in the math class to free up faculty resources for upper-division and critical-thinking courses where personal interaction really matters, and for the other endeavors of a physical university.

"Technology cannot produce new ideas," Crow said. "Technology cannot produce new understandings. Technology cannot produce new connections between disciplines."

IN MUCH of the world, the question isn't whether innovation can make higher education more efficient and affordable. It's whether it can help it function at all.

A year ago, the campus of Felix Houphouet Boigy University, the largest in the West African nation of Ivory Coast, was nearly deserted, an institutional casualty of recent post-election violence. During the conflict, so-called student groups had become armed militias, accused of racketeering and rape. Buildings were looted, and the university shut down for 17 months.

Today, the campus is open again but bursting at the seams and barely functional. It's added 10,000 students, for a total of 60,000. But there's a shortage of classrooms, and no books in the two libraries.

For students like Abdoulaye Coulibaly, it would be easy to see the appeal of other options. To reach his 8 a.m. class by bus, he leaves home around 5 a.m. He's been robbed a half-dozen times en route.

Yet he's skeptical.

"We're going to be very lazy online," he said. "If you put my class online I'm going to take it and I'm not going to come to the university again. We need to come to class. They're the teachers and they have to teach us. If we don't understand, we need to ask questions. That's the only way for us to understand."

Many experts argue the hype of technology transforming higher education in such places is overblown.

"Disadvantaged populations need higher-touch services, not self-services," said Peter Stokes, an expert on education innovation at Northeastern University in Boston.

Still, roughly 40 percent of Coursera's registered students come from developing countries, and close to half of edX's.

Physical universities are "a place where you train to become a citizen," he said. "It is not the new technologies against the old system. It is the blended component that I believe may be the key."

MOOC

From 2B

about every 15 minutes and then at the end of a week is a pretty effective way to make things stick. And being able to hit pause or rewind, or speed things up, is a nice bonus.

But while MOOCs can speed up and slow down classroom time a bit, courses like this don't fundamentally alter it. As in traditional classes, MOOCs generally operate on a cohort model — the group starts together, and generally advances at the same speed, regardless of ability. Unlike some online courses, which offer self-paced options, MOOCs generally stick to this model. I found this frustrating, as did others in the class. One week I had a work trip and couldn't complete the assignments, so took a couple zeroes. But there was no option to work ahead one week, or catch up after. If the point is to have convenient access to the material, why the tightly constrained schedule?

This speaks to a big dilemma for the MOOCs, which will become more apparent as they try to enter the world of credit-bearing classes. Many of the potential economies-of-scale advantages of MOOCs would derive from students working at their own pace — either faster or slower than the average. Yet it's hard to run courses (and protect against cheating) without holding everyone to the same-week-to-week schedule.

Yet the bigger the class, the more students who are either bored or overwhelmed. That was apparent in the student comments; a professional development worker, who clearly understood many of the issues in the class from professional experience, was overwhelmed by the math. But economics graduate students found the math insultingly boring (I survived it, but was more sympathetic to the development worker).

This problem may eventually be solved with a wider variety of MOOCs tailored to different levels, but then of course you lose the advantages of scale. And all this matters because options to get help are limited. Unlike the MIT students we occasionally glimpsed in the videos, we couldn't linger after class, or stop by office hours, to get their questions answered by Dufflo, Banerjee in person.

Each week, in a kind of lottery system, the professors picked a few questions and posted replies. There were weekly office hours run via chat by TAs, but they picked eight submitters to Skype with and then posted the transcript. A few weeks into class, "community TAs" were also selected from among active student participants to lead online discussions.

I admit I didn't take full advantage of the opportunities available, but obviously they don't compare to an on-campus experience. MOOCs are looking for ways to build community and may succeed. But the lack of individualized help is why MOOCs will be an inadequate — even counterproductive — substitute for current face-to-face higher education options. Even their biggest backers acknowledge that their most effective role is supplementing traditional teaching.

The question isn't whether a MOOC with a great MIT professor is as good as what MIT students get on campus. It's not, but that's not the choice most people face. The question is how the MOOC experience compares to the alternatives they do have. On that, the answer is not bad at all, and likely to improve rapidly as the data on how students learn piles up from the MOOCs, and teachers begin making use of it. That, too, is a potential revolution.

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In Balance helps with dyslexia, balance, learning challenges

College student Taylor Hodges now looks forward to reading and doing homework after doing In Balance. Longtime Midlander Doc Dodson walks better after knee surgery and cancer treatments, thanks to In Balance. High school student Miller Lowry gets better grades now that In Balance has helped him with processing speeds and improved spatial concepts like judging distances. Seth Woodard, diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, has made huge strides in coordination and communications skills with In Balance. Irene Banks has improved her ability to walk.

This is the short list of people in this area that have been helped with walking, balance, learning disorders and other information processing issues through the In Balance program with Missy Dwyer.

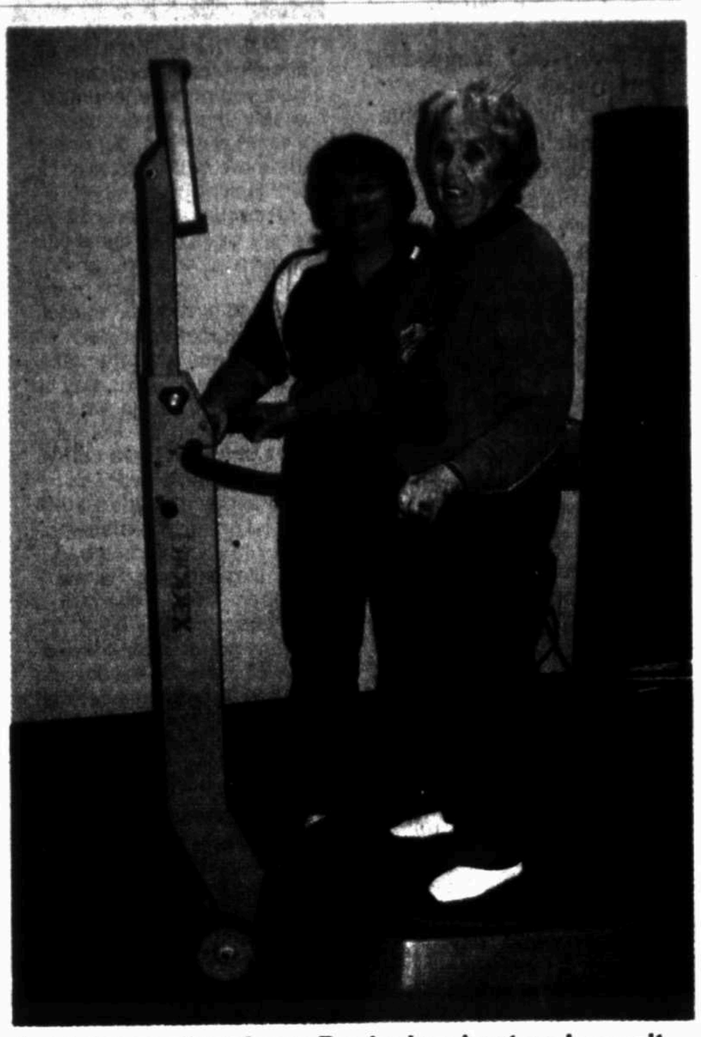
Taylor Hodges hated reading—partly because it was such a struggle for him in high school that his friends looked forward to being entertained by his mistakes. In Balance helped retrain his brain to process that information properly and, after struggling in college due to those reading difficulties, Taylor went back after his In Balance sessions and loved studying and reading.

Miller Lowry got good grades in school, but struggled with spatial concepts, having to compensate for them. His neurologist said the right hemisphere of his brain did not communicate with his left. In Balance Vestibular Therapy is designed by experts to accomplish just that.

One thing that improved for Miller was his driving. Judging distances for stopping and turning became easier, as did reading a road map. His coordination also improved.

Doc Dodson, after knee replacement surgery and treatment for cancer, had become nervous about walking, always looking down to make sure he didn't trip. His wife, Gayle, strongly recommended he do In Balance. After just a few sessions, he reported being able to get up straighter, having more strength and having the ability to put his feet down firmly when walking.

Perhaps the greatest achievement, however, has been with Seth Woodard. At five years old, when Seth's mom, Mary, first approached Missy with the issues, Mary wasn't sure anyone could help her son. He could barely walk, was uncommunicative except for a few hand signs and he had little interest in any activity.



In Balance client Irene Banks has kept up her gait as she ages. Call In Balance's Missy Dwyer at 685-3556

At the first sessions, Missy had to physically put Seth on the balance beams and move his arms and legs to get him to do anything. Small steps and progress began to be evident after just a few weeks.

Fast forward eight years and Seth becomes hard to recognize compared to his original demeanor. He is up and going and jumps joyfully into In Balance and other activities, speaks a few words verbally and more by signs—and even makes jokes.

In this world there are many activities that are fun and worthwhile in their own way. There are few that change lives and open up possibilities like In Balance. In Balance activities are fun, challenging and life-changing for people from preschoolers to octogenarians. Call Missy Dwyer today to see if the In Balance program can help you or your child.

In Balance Vestibular Therapy is located at 3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 166, in the San Miguel Atrium. Call Missy Dwyer at 685-3556.

Ladies remember—update your undergarments before school starts

The last splash of summer is almost upon us as the start of school comes closer and closer. Pennyrich Shop owner Sharon Wilcox suggests you let her help you get the undergarment part of your school wardrobe caught up.

She has a great selection of Spanx seamless undergarments that are comfortable and stylish, including some new styles. She also has a great selection of bras, including mastectomy bras, in stock.

Still, summer is still here and those fall cruises are just around the corner, so she continues to have the swimsuit you need in stock, in sizes 4-32. Remember, these are the kind to get when you don't want to show everything off. Sharon has plenty to choose from for mastectomy patients as well.

These days weddings are not just happening in June—they happen every month of the year. If you are planning to be a fall bride or bridesmaid, go by Pennyrich and let Sharon fit you for undergarments for your strapless gown.

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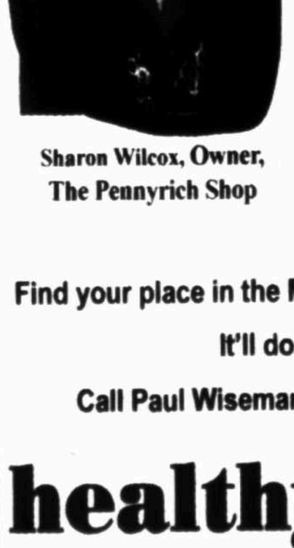

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Optimism abounds as area teams open 2-a-days

By Oscar LeRoy
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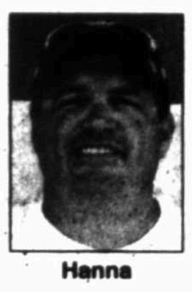
With each start of high school football practices; there is always optimism and excitement about the upcoming season. There are also dreams and there are goals that are set in place.

When West Texas high school football teams outside of Class 5A begin football practices this morning, they hope at the end of the season they achieve heights that both Greenwood and Midland Christian got to experience last season.

Greenwood made its longest playoff run since 2006 with a trip to the regional round of the Class 3A Division II playoffs. Midland Christian, meanwhile, continued its tradition of excellence in TAPPS with a 14-7 victory over Houston Northland Christian in the Class 4A state title game. It was the Mustangs' second straight state championship and sixth 11-man title since 2000.

While both teams achieved plenty of success, they both know that other than motivation they can't rely on what happened last year.

"I don't see a sense of entitlement with these kids," said MCS coach Greg McClendon, who is entering his 16th year as head coach of the Mustangs. "These kids know they're going to have to work hard and nobody is going to give them anything. They have their own expectations for each other. The key is to stay healthy and go take care of business."


Hanna


McClendon

While the Rangers didn't win a state title last year, they made a playoff run that very few prognosticators thought was possible in the preseason.

"There's just an excitement to get this year started," said fourth-year Greenwood coach Shad Hanna. "We had a pretty good season last year and we feel pretty good about the things we did. Anytime you finish on a positive note, I think it adds to the excitement. And what you get from that are higher expectations."

The Rangers, who went 9-4 last season, will have to rebuild in some areas and, most importantly, find someone who can replace quarterback and District 4-3A MVP Kam Williams. They also have to plug some holes on defense, which were opened up because of graduation.

Hanna said he will have about two to three kids battling for the starting quarterback position, while they switched some personnel around to plug some of those holes.

"Going in, leadership is the biggest question mark," Hanna said. "We have to see who's going to step up and be that leader for us. We have to fill some spots and we will be different at the quarterback spot. But I believe that any of the kids fighting for that job could be great."

Midland Christian, which holds camp in Plainview for a few days this week, doesn't have to replace much off a squad that went 13-1 as the Mustangs are

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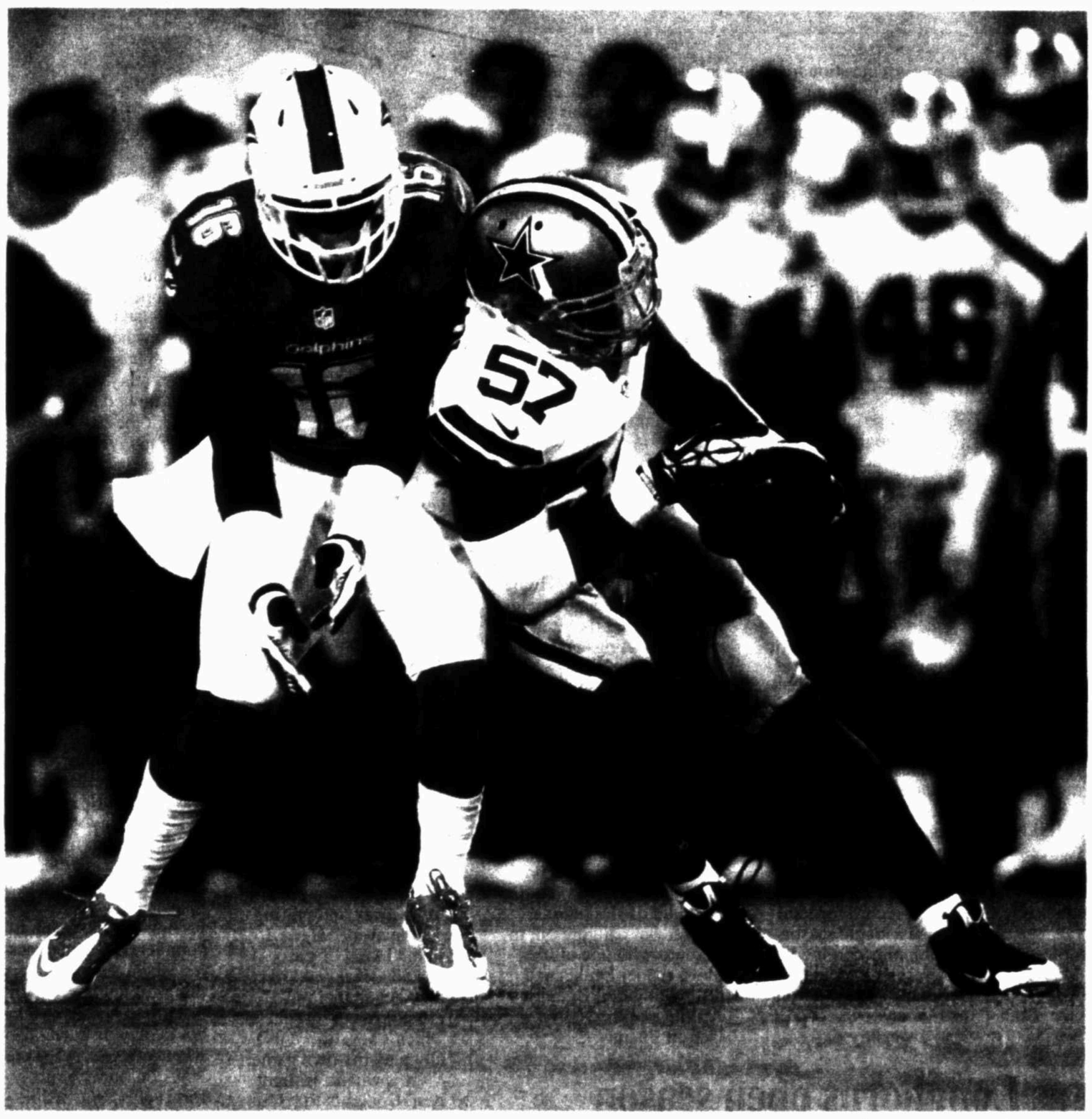
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Dallas Cowboys outside linebacker DeVonte Holloman (57) intercepts a pass intended for Miami Dolphins wide receiver Chad Bumphis (16) in the second quarter at the Pro Football Hall of Fame game on Sunday in Canton, Ohio. Holloman ran it back for 75-yards for a touchdown.

Interception propels Cowboys to HOF game win

Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

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CANTON, Ohio — Only three teams registered fewer takeaways than the 16 the Dallas Cowboys recorded last season, so naturally vows to improve in that department have been heard often at training camp.

On Sunday night, the defense backed its words up with action.

The Cowboys notched two takeaways, including an interception rookie linebacker DeVonte Holloman returned 75 yards for a touchdown, in downing the Miami Dolphins 24-20 Sunday night in the preseason-opening Hall of Fame game.

Holloman's score, which came on a tipped ball off the hands of Dolphins wide receiver Chad Bumphis, gave the Cowboys a 17-0 lead with 6:35 left in the first half.

"I thought about it the whole way here, and it actually happened," Holloman said of returning an interception for a TD. "I had a celebration in my mind, but I was kind of overwhelmed, so I decided to celebrate with my teammates instead."

A sixth-round pick who played safety for much of his career at South Carolina, showed off his skills with a nice grab and a sprint to the end zone that included brushing off a tackle attempt by Miami quarterback Matt Moore.

"I was tired running down there, just trying to make it," Holloman said. "I was saying the whole time, don't get me,

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Lee opens Rhoads era; MHS begins year 2 under Lopez

By Len Hayward
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Daphne Rhoads said there won't be much different for Lee volleyball players when they hit the floor at 8:30 a.m. today at the Lee gymnasium.

But that doesn't mean that Rhoads won't put her stamp on the Lady Rebel program as she begins her first season as head volleyball coach at Lee.

Rhoads said she has been with the program since 2002, and said she and retired head coach Diane Sandoval worked closely on a lot of things. Rhoads, though, said that the major differences will be in how quickly the teams are picked and the offense she wants to run.

"I will probably be picking teams a lot sooner than she did because we want to run a quicker offense, and it just means I've got to get my team going quicker," Rhoads said.


Rhoads


Lopez

Rhoads is the second coach in as many years to take over an MISD volleyball program after a long-serving head coach. Rhoads will take over a program that finished 23-16 in 2012 and was fifth in District 2-5A with an 8-8 record.

Rhoads will inherit a team with five players returning that were starters or had significant varsity experience in Ciara Sheppard, Ashley Carter, Bre Jeter, Jen Jeter and Tessa Bain.

Even with that experience, though, Rhoads reiterated what Sandoval liked to talk about in early season workouts — building chemistry.

"They can start knowing each other's tendencies and trust each other as a teammate," Rhoads said.

Meanwhile, Midland High coach Amanda Lopez returns for her second season much more used to the things that go on beyond the court being a head coach. Lopez's first Midland High team finished 30-13 and ended up fourth in District 2-5A with a 10-6 record.

Lopez's main focus during early season workouts and in scrimmages

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Houston tops Hewett, wins 3rd Men's City Championship

By Len Hayward
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Jason Hewett had his first men's city golf title in his grasp through seven holes Sunday afternoon at a breezy Hogan Park Golf Course.

Hewett's day, though, unravelled in four holes in the middle of his round, but even while he was struggling only one player could find his way through the door that was opened.

And that was two-time city champion Rick Houston. Houston didn't necessarily barge through, but put his foot in the door to force a playoff and then won the one extra hole to win his third city title.

Houston fired a final round 68 on the tricky Quail Course and was the only player to shoot under par Sunday and finished at 209 for the three rounds. Then he went on to birdie the playoff hole for the victory in the Midland Men's City Golf Championship.

Hewett's final round 73 put him at 209 for the tournament, but he had a par on the playoff hole to finish second.

Houston, who was fifth entering Sunday, not only became the fifth player to win the tournament three times, but he also recorded his fifth straight top-three finish since he returned to the tournament in 2009. Houston finished second to Omar Sanchez in 2012.

"I've been playing so bad, but I had a couple of good rounds last week," Houston said. "I came out the first day and hit it horribly, and really wishing I was somewhere else. But you can't quit, you never know when you are going to start playing good again."

Jeremiah Luttrell, who made a late charge with a pair of birdies on the final four holes, fired a final round 71 and finished tied for fourth with Ryan Fioretti, who shot 72 on Sunday. Craig Feuer finished fifth.

The 48-year old Houston didn't even realize he had a shot at a title until someone told him on the 14th tee box that the final group was having its struggles on Sunday.

But it was by that time that Hewett's day was beginning to take a bad turn.

Hewett started the day with birdies

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Rick Houston swings on the playoff hole during the Men's City Championship at Hogan Park Golf Course's Quail Course on Sunday. Houston won his third title.

Hooks get one in 10th to beat 'Hounds

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CORPUS CHRISTI — A night after picking up their first win against the Corpus Christi Hooks in nine tries, the Midland RockHounds seemed poised to win two straight Sunday.

But the Hooks' fine bullpen and timely hitting were on full display at Whataburger Field, as they rallied to send the game to extra innings before winning it, 2-1, on a Domingo Santana RBI single in the bottom of the tenth.

Midland starter Sean Murphy opened the game with seven shutout innings as the RockHounds went up 1-0 on a Josh Whitaker RBI double in the sixth.

But that was hardly enough to shut the door on the Hooks, who took advantage of a Midland error and grinded out the tying run in the bottom of the eighth.

A fielding error by center fielder Chad Oberacker allowed leadoff man Ronald Torreyes to reach, which Murphy followed with a walk to Preston Tucker.

Reliever Brett Hunter then replaced Murphy and got the next batter, Stassi, to ground into a double play, but that was enough to allow Torreyes to score and tie the game. Murphy scattered six hits over seven innings while striking out four and walking one.

The score remained knotted at 1 until the bottom of the 10th, when Stassi greeted new reliever Jeff Urlaub with a ground-rule double, which Santana followed with the game-winning RBI single.

Texas League

Second half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	25	19	.568	—
NW Arkansas	22	22	.500	3
Springfield	21	23	.477	4
x-Tulsa	21	23	.477	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Corpus Christi	26	18	.591	—
San Antonio	26	18	.591	—
Frisco	18	26	.409	8
Midland	17	27	.386	9

x-clinched first half

Sunday's Scores

Tulsa 3, Northwest Arkansas 2, 11 innings
Corpus Christi 2, Midland 1, 10 innings
San Antonio 1, Frisco 0
Springfield 8, Arkansas 4

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

NW Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Springfield, 7:09 p.m.

HOOKS 2, ROCKHOUNDS 1, 10 INNINGS

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	C Christi	ab	r	h	bi
Perez ss	3	0	0	0	Torreyes ss	5	1	1	0
Catricala 3b	3	0	0	0	Tucker dh	4	0	1	0
Whitaker rf	4	0	2	1	Stassi c	5	1	2	0
Coleman 2b	4	0	1	0	Santana rf	5	0	1	1
Ladendorf lf	3	0	0	0	Castro 1b	4	0	1	0
Muncy 1b	4	0	1	0	Meyer 3b	4	0	0	0
Oberacker cf	4	0	0	0	Burgess lf	3	0	1	0
Lipkin c	4	0	0	0	Hernndz 2b-cf	4	0	2	0
Marte dh	4	1	1	0	Muren cf	3	0	0	0
					a-Jhnsn ph-2b	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	5	1	Totals	37	2	9	1

a-Walked for Muren in the 9th.

Midland	000	001	000	0—1
Corpus Christi	000	000	010	1—2

E — Perez (15), Oberacker (3). DP — Midland 1, Corpus Christi 1. LOB — Midland 5, Corpus Christi 10. 2B — Whitaker 2 (4), Marte (12), Coleman (26), Burgess (19), Castro (21), Stassi (17). CS — Stassi (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Murphy	7.0	6	1	0	1	4
Hunter	1.2	1	0	0	1	2
Urlaub	0.2	0	0	0	1	0
Hassebrock L, 0-2	0.0	2	1	1	0	0
Corpus Christi						
Rollins	5.2	3	1	1	1	6
Dufek	2.1	1	0	0	0	1
Urckfitz W, 6-3	2.0	1	0	0	1	1

Murphy pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
T — 2:48. A — 4,867.

VOLLEYBALL

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will be finding a setter. The Lady Bulldogs have plenty of hitters coming back, including Channing Burleson and Jenna Gillean, and Lopez said during spring offseason workouts the young setters were able to work with the varsity players, including sophomore Emily Wickman.

"She worked with them all spring, and I knew were going to need a setter and we had those young setters down with us on the varsity side," Lopez said. "Emily had a couple of months with those girls. She's very smart, she takes it and she goes."

Both squads will begin scrimmages on Friday. Both squads are scheduled to take on Lubbock Monterey on Friday in Lubbock in a scrimmage.

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FOOTBALL

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set at the quarterback position with senior and third-year starter Mason McClendon. They also have the core of their offense coming back, including key players at the receiver and running back position. Coach McClendon also believes he's got some good kids on the defensive side of the ball.

"Offensively, I feel like we've got more depth than we've had in several years, especially in the offensive and defensive lines," Greg McClendon said. "I feel like we've got more depth at linebacker, while there are going to be some new kids in the secondary. If there was a question mark going in is, how long is it going to take for those young kids to get comfortable? I don't have any doubts that they will and that they're going to step up for us."

McClendon added that the expectations don't change at Midland Christian and he's going to expect effort and enthusiasm over the next few weeks of practice.

"We need to try to get better with every rep we have in practice," the coach said. "We have to focus on the little things, because at the end they stack up to get you where you want to go."

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Men's City Championship

Hogan Park Golf Course
Second Round
Friday
Road Runner Course
Championship Flight

1. Rick Houston	72-69-68—209*
2. Jason Hewett	69-67-73—209
3. Jeremiah Luttrell	67-72-71—210
Ryan Fioretti	71-67-72—210
5. Craig Feuer	68-72-72—212
6. Lucas McCubbin	71-71-71—213
7. Al Smith	75-68-73—216
8. Taylor Scribner	73-74-70—217
Jordan Jeffers	66-72-79—217
10. Braxton Dunaway	75-74-72—221
11. Doug Aylor	76-73-75—224
Joe Hart	73-73-78—224
13. Cecil Adams	70-80-75—225
Tye Orr	74-74-77—225
Zane Riggs	75-76-74—225
16. Chandler Smith	77-71-78—226
17. Frank Soto	73-77-77—227
18. Jimmy Lepardus	77-77-74—228
19. Alex Krol	77-79-74—230
Derek Edmonds	74-80-76—230
21. Alex Lyssy	78-76-79—233
22. Kelly Kinzer	79-83-73—235
23. Jarrett Owens	83-79-74—236

* Won one-hole playoff

President's Flight

1. (tie) Ronnie Jumper 72-76-72—220; Brian Swisher 74-73-73—220; 3. Eddie Hatch II 73-74-74—221; 4. Randall Henry 73-75-75—223; 5. Daylan Barton 74-72-78—224; 6. (tie) Tim Lupardus 80-80-74—234; Geno Montes 76-81-77—234; 8. Brian Grebeck 78-84-75—237; 9. (tie) Lance Wood 79-85-74—238; J.J. Smith 80-84-74—238; 11. Tim Jackson 84-80-78—242; 12. Damon Vanley 82-82-79—243; 13. Roger Motley 74-91-80—245; 14. Rusty Maddux 80-82-85—247; 15. Gordon Gutierrez 88-85-81—254; 16. Jeremy Stallings 84-83-91—258; 17. Jeremy Hallmark 87-86-97—270; 18. Sam Lyssy 88-99-87—274

Classic Flight
(Players 45 years old and older)

1. Rick Houston 72-69-68—209; 2. Al Smith 75-68-73—216; 3. Ronnie Jumper 72-76-72—220; 4. (tie) Doug Aylor 76-73-75—224; Joe Hart 73-73-78—224; 6. Derek Edmonds 74-80-76—230; 7. Brian Grebeck 78-84-75—237; 8. Tim Jackson 84-80-78—242; 9. 13. Roger Motley 74-91-80—245

First Flight

1. Jeff Blackwood 79-79-76—234; 2. (tie) Cade Smith 73-87-75—235; Juan Heredia 82-77-76—235; Deagan Blackwood 75-80-80—235; 5. (tie) Cory Pickett 77-80-79—236; Larry Dorich 80-80-76—236; 7. Jeff Walker 79-80-81—240; 8. Dave Ripplinger 78-83-82—243; 9. Doug Gressett 83-80-82—245; 10. Eric Clutter 80-86-83—249; 11. (tie) Adiel Alvarodo 79-82-89—250; Steven Marzett 81-86-83—250; 13. Press Gill 87-89-89—265; 14. Shawn Flesher 89-93-86—268

Roadrunner Course
Second Flight

1. David Alvarez 79-78-75—232; 2. Chris Murray 84-83-69—236; 3. Calvin Adams 79-82-81—242; 4. George Poteet 84-78-81—243; 5. Joe Hernandez 80-87-80—247; 6. Bob Kahnk 83-83-83—249; 7. Larry Whiteside 83-77-92—252; 8. Brian Fultz 90-81-82—253; 9. Javier Yanez 80-89-85—254; 10. Abel Lujan 78-84-95—256; 11. Allan Brock 84-81-91—257; 12. Daniel Arguello 87-89-82—258; 13. Russ Dawson 85-95-83—263

Third Flight

1. (tie) Wayne Johnson 87-88-92—267; Mike Rizzo 87-90-90—267; 3. Mike Marcom 95-88-86—269; 4. Ronnie Nichols 86-90-96—272; 5. (tie) Lonnie Lassiter 93-84-98—275; Gary Harris 96-85-94—275; 7. Pat Erdwurm 96-90-90—276; 8. Cory Edmondson 92-90-96—278; 9. Danny Sartain 98-96-97—291; 10. Jerrod Stallings 93-103-99—295

Men's Past Champions

1953: Bob Worthman
1954: Bog Worthman
1955: Charlie Suttles
1956-1962: No tournament
1963: Johnny Warren
1964: Dean Strack
1965: Dean Chancellor
1966: Tim Nesbitt
1967: Tim Nesbitt
1968: Tim Nesbitt
1969: Bill Baker
1970: Tim Nesbitt
1971: Garry Littlejohn
1972: Royce Woolard
1973: Bill Baker
1974: John Adams
1975: Steve Cromwell
1976: Steve Whiteside
1977: Chris Brown
1978: Billy Sitton
1979: Chris Brown
1980: Bill Sitton
1981: Kelly Eng
1982: Royce Woolard
1983: Bill Baker
1984: C.E. Boyd
1985: Ed Barnes
1986: C.E. Boyd
1987: Bobby Gee
1988: Steve Whiteside
1989: Bobby Gee
1990: Larry Bryan Jr.
1991: Larry Bryan Jr.
1992: Steve Whiteside
1993: Jeff Moses
1994: Tim Phillips
1995: J.B. Luttrell
1996: Ronnie Jumper
1997: Ronnie Jumper
1998: Jon Christian
1999: Ben Clark
2000: Charlie Prince
2001: Mac McGee
2002: Omar Sanchez
2003: Omar Sanchez
2004: Lane Branum
2005: John Ironside
2006: Lane Branum
2007: Tommy Sikes
2008: Tommy Sikes
2009: Rick Houston
2010: Rick Houston
2011: Jon Mark Peterson
2012: Omar Sanchez
2013: Rick Houston

HOUSTON

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on three of the first seven holes and he was able to extend his second-round lead. But a double bogey on the par-4 seventh set him back two strokes.

He still finished the front at 1-under, but he didn't really regain any momentum. Hewett had back-to-back double bogeys on the par-3 10th and the par-4 11th.

He then bogeyed the 12th and had lost five shots in three holes.

Hewett carded two birdies on Nos. 14 and 16, but in between had another bogey on 15 when his tee shot ended up in an animal hole in a bush off the fairway. He had birdie putts on 17 and 18 but couldn't make them to stay out of a playoff.

"I completely got away from what I'm used to doing and that's grinding, firing away and putting people away," Hewett said. "I kind of got lackadaisical and kind of watched them play. I didn't finish myself, which I never do. I usually play my own game.

"It is what it is. I got beat. Congrats to (Houston). I just didn't get it done. It's my fault and I should've put it away."

Meanwhile, Houston found his groove at the sixth hole and stayed steady the rest of the round.

Houston said the Quail Course has more potential trouble than the more wide open Roadrunner, and added he was lucky on a few bounces on the course, but also played better today than the other three days.

"I hit the ball a lot better today, and I played really well," Houston said. "I missed several makeable putts, but not withstanding that, I got several lucky bounces. You can just hit a hair off line (on the Quail Course) and you can't swing at it if its under one of those low-hanging trees."

Houston's only hiccup was a double bogey, but he had four birdies that ended up helping to make the difference. But he was still a little surprised to be in a playoff when the final group finished.

Houston sank the birdie putt on the playoff hole, and gave his son, Richman, a fist bump to complete the come back.

"That's one of the good things of not being in the last group because you get to playing each other when you get back there," Houston said. "You forget about the people that can sneak up on you because you start playing each other. The best place to be is one shot behind and not in the last group, at least for me."

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ESPN: NCAA investigating Manziel over autographs

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M football coach Kevin Sumlin spent the summer zinging the same confident line to Aggies booster clubs in evaluating the team's positions.

"At quarterback, we're going to be all right," Sumlin repeated to chuckles regarding Johnny Manziel, the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner.

Suddenly that swagger is in serious question, however, after ESPN reported on Sunday the NCAA is investigating Manziel, a former Kerrville Tivy standout, as to whether he was "paid for signing hundreds of autographs on photos and sports memorabilia in January," according to an article posted on ESPN.com.



Manziel

The Aggies open preseason camp today, and Manziel was originally scheduled to take part in a press conference this morning signifying the beginning of the most hyped season in A&M history. He was no longer on a revised list e-mailed out Sunday night (it had been whittled from seven players to three), although A&M associate athletic director Jason Cook vowed "Manziel will be at practice" tonight.

According to the ESPN.com story, "Two sources tell 'Outside the Lines' that the Texas A&M quarterback agreed to sign memorabilia in exchange for a five-figure flat fee during his trip to Miami for the BCS National Championship Game. Both sources said they witnessed the signing, though neither saw the actual exchange of money."

Sumlin; Manziel's mother, Michelle Manziel; and close Manziel friend Nathan Fitch, who was mentioned in the story, all could not be reached for comment Sunday evening. Cook responded, "It's Texas A&M's longstanding practice not to respond to such questions concerning specific student-athletes."

Manziel, 20, guided the Aggies to an 11-2 finish in their first season in the Southeastern Conference, in setting the stellar league's record for total yards in a single season (5,116), in becoming the first freshman to win the Heisman. The jet-setting quarterback, who comes from a wealthy East Texas family that made its earnings in oil, has since earned headlines for a controversial offseason.

He exited the prestigious Manning Passing Academy, run by football royalty Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning and where he was serving as a counselor, in mid-July, early after he missed meetings and drills with campers. Manziel cited oversleeping and exhaustion and a "mutual decision" with the Mannings as to why he left, but he hasn't slowed down since.

A little more than a week ago he partied with a University of Texas fraternity in Austin, and this past weekend pictures emerged on the Internet of Manziel hanging out in Toronto with one of his idols, rapper Drake, and also with guard Brandon Jennings of the NBA's Detroit Pistons.

Brown confident as Longhorns open season

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Mack Brown strolled into his Sunday news conference at the start of training camp lighter than he's been in years.

Literally and figuratively.

Brown said he has lost 25 pounds, and looked trim and refreshed and exuded the confident aura of a coach who is sleeping well knowing that he has the most experienced team in the Big 12.

And almost a month before the first real snap from scrimmage, Brown declared the Longhorns his best team since the 2009 squad played for the national title.

"I am more confident this will be the best team we've had in three years," Brown said.

Of course, the last three went 22-16 and haven't even challenged for a Big 12 title let alone been in the hunt for a national one. But Brown clearly feels like the last three seasons, from the disastrous 5-7 in 2010, have led to this point when he's got 19 returning starters in a league that seems as wide open as ever.

Brown is even opening up the doors to the place (sort of) to the fans to come see what he's talking about. Unlike the last few years when Brown retreated behind closed practices to spare his program and young players from intense fan and media scrutiny, the Longhorns are inviting fans to watch three practices this week.

"The attitude of the entire team is we get this thing, now we're older," Brown said.

But Brown, who enters his 16th season as Texas having won just two Big 12 titles, also noted talk is cheap until the season starts.

"Now we've got to shut up and do it," Brown said.

COWBOYS

From 1C

don't get me, don't get me. He laid out, and I threw a stiff arm and got away."

The Cowboys tied for the fewest interceptions in the NFL last season with just seven. None of those picks were returned for TDs.

But that was before the team fired Rob Ryan as defensive coordinator and replaced him with Monte Kiffin. Kiffin's Tampa 2 scheme is famed for generating takeaways.

"The coaches scream (turnovers) during the play, before the play, before we go out there for a series, so when you get one it's a big deal," Holloman said.

In addition to Holloman's theft, defensive tackle Nick Hayden recovered an unforced fumble by Dolphins quarterback and Texas A&M alumnus Ryan Tannehill at the Miami 9-yard line that resulted in Phillip Tanner's 1-yard scoring run for a 7-0 Dallas lead with 8:58 left in the first quarter.

As expected the Cowboys opened the game with most of their starters, including quarterback Tony Romo, on the sideline. Because of its participation in the Hall of Fame game, the Cowboys play five preseason games, meaning most of the starters likely will play Friday night against the Raiders in Oakland.

"This is one of five preseason games, so we just wanted to make sure we got the young guys a chance to play," coach Jason Garrett said.

Said linebacker Sean Lee, who joined Romo on the sideline, "It's a long season for us and we will have plenty of preseason games ahead for us to get better."

Holloman wasn't the only defensive star for Dallas.

Fourth-year defensive end George Selvie, who was signed as a free agent after injuries during the early part of training camp depleted the depth along the defensive line, finished with two sacks and two tackles for loss.

"I'm just grateful to be back out here playing football," Selvie said.

Offensively, the Cowboys will return to Oxnard happy about their running game. After finishing last season with the league's 31st-ranked ground game with a 79.1, Dallas rushed for 170 yards against the Dolphins.

Cowboys rookie Joseph Randle led all rushers with 70 yards on 13 attempts. Phillip Tanner added 59 yards on 10 carries.

"I'm just making the best of every opportunity," Tanner said. "Coach Garrett preaches that to us all the time, whether it is one play or 100 plays, make the best of every snap."

COWBOYS 24, DOLPHINS 20

Miami	0	3	0	17	—20
Dallas	7	10	0	7	—24

First Quarter

Dal—Tanner 1 run (Bailey kick), 8:58.

Second Quarter

Dal—FG Bailey 49, 9:14.
Dal—Holloman 75 interception return (Bailey kick), 6:35.
Mia—FG Carpenter 27, 1:29.

Fourth Quarter

Mia—K.Davis 5 pass from Devlin (Carpenter kick), 9:26.
Mia—FG Carpenter 45, 4:50.
Dal—K.Lawrence 7 run (Bailey kick), 1:57.
Mia—K.Miller 5 pass from Moore (Carpenter kick), :16.
A—22,364.

	Mia	Dal
First downs	24	17
Total Net Yards	421	266
Rushes-yards	26-111	34-170
Passing	310	96
Comp-Att-Int	29-47-1	11-21-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-25	3-11
Punts	3-54.3	7-35.9
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	9-67
Time of Possession	30:57	29:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Miami, Gray 7-41, Gillislee 7-21, L.Miller 2-21, Devlin 2-15, Tyms 1-7, Dan.Thomas 4-5, Tannehill 2-1, Moore 1-0. Dallas, Randle 13-70, Tanner 10-59, Dunbar 4-22, K.Lawrence 5-14, Tanney 2-5.

PASSING—Miami, Moore 19-29-1-238, Devlin 8-13-0-86, Tannehill 2-5-0-11. Dallas, Tanney 5-11-0-58, Orton 2-3-0-25, Stephens 4-7-0-24.

RECEIVING—Miami, Bumphis 5-85, Egnew 4-52, Gray 4-35, K.Davis 3-48, K.Miller 3-35, Rodriguez 2-19, Tyms 2-15, Fuller 1-21, Gillislee 1-10, Gibson 1-7, Keller 1-4, Stafford 1-3, Dan. Thomas 1-1. Dallas, Benford 3-25, Green 1-32, Armstrong 1-18, Rosario 1-18, Dunbar 1-7, Beasley 1-5, Escobar 1-3, Cochart 1-1, Tanner 1-(minus 2).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.



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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	20	24
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	20
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Sunday's Score
Dallas 24, Miami 20

Thursday, Aug. 8
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 9
N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 10
N.Y. Giants at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 11
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 12:30 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	13	6	.684	—
Atlanta	11	6	.647	1
Indiana	9	10	.474	4
Washington	9	12	.429	5
New York	8	12	.400	5 1/2
Connecticut	6	12	.333	6 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	3	.842	—
Los Angeles	13	7	.650	3 1/2
Phoenix	10	10	.500	6 1/2
Seattle	8	11	.421	8
San Antonio	7	13	.350	9 1/2
Tulsa	7	15	.318	10 1/2

Sunday's Scores
Los Angeles 75, Washington 57
San Antonio 69, Tulsa 65
Minnesota 90, Seattle 72

Tuesday's Games
Washington at New York, 10 a.m.
Los Angeles at Connecticut, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S TEXAS BOX
SILVER STARTS 69, SHOCK 65

TULSA (65): Powell 2-4 0-0 5, G.Johnson 8-15 3-6 19, Cambage 6-12 4-7 16, Wiggins 2-9 3-6 8, Goodrich 0-4 2-2 2, Jackson-Jones 1-4 1-2 3, Diggins 0-3 0-0 0, Hodges 3-6 0-0 9, Lacy 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 23-60 13-25 65.

SAN ANTONIO (69): S.Johnson 2-8 0-0 5, Adams 5-14 3-4 14, Appel 4-8 0-0 9, Perkins 6-11 5-6 18, Robinson 6-14 7-8 19, Christon 1-5 0-0 3, Kraayeveld 0-1 0-0 0, Alexander 0-0 1-2 1, Whyte 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 24-63 16-20 69.

Tulsa	**15**	**20**	**17**	**13 — 65**
San Antonio	**22**	**11**	**19**	**17 — 69**

3-Point Goals—Tulsa 6-18 (Hodges 3-5, Lacy 1-3, Powell 1-3, Wiggins 1-5, Goodrich 0-1, Diggins 0-1), San Antonio 5-16 (Appel 1-1, Perkins 1-2, S.Johnson 1-2, Christon 1-4, Adams 1-5, Kraayeveld 0-1, Whyte 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Tulsa 51 (G.Johnson 11), San Antonio 41 (Appel 13). Assists—Tulsa 15 (Diggins 5), San Antonio 18 (Robinson 9). Total Fouls—Tulsa 18, San Antonio 23. A—7,950 (9,839).

Tennis

Citi Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Sunday
At William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center
Washington
Purse: Men, $1.55 million (WT500); Women, $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Championship
Juan Martin del Potro (1), Argentina, def. John Isner (8), United States, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2

Women
Championship
Magdalena Rybarikova (7), Slovakia, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Doubles
Men
Championship
Julien Benneteau, France, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, def. Mardy Fish, United States, and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

WTA Southern California Open Results
Sunday
At La Costa Resort and Spa
Carlsbad, Calif.
Purse: $795,707 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Championship
Sam Stosur (5), Australia, def. Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, 6-2, 6-3

Doubles
Championship
Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (3), United States, def. Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Janette Husarova, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-1.

Swimming

FINA World Championships Results
Sunday
At Barcelona, Spain
Swimming
Men
400 individual medley
Heats (qualifiers for final)
1, Chase Kalisz, United States, 4:11.87. 2, Daiya Seto, Japan, 4:12.96. 3, Tyler Clary, United States, 4:13.55. 4, Kosuke Hagino, Japan, 4:13.80. 5, David Verraszto, Hungary, 4:13.95. 6, Daniel Wallace, Britain, 4:14.15. 7, Thomas Fraser-Holmes, Australia, 4:14.52. 8, Thiago Pereira, Brazil, 4:15.81.

4x100 medley relay
Heats (qualifiers for final)
1, United States (David Plummer, Nicholas Fink, Eugene Godsoe, James Feigen), 3:32.72 2 (tie), Australia (Ashley Delaney, Christian Sprenger, Kenneth To, Cameron McEvoy), and Russia (Vladimir Morozov, Kirill Strelnikov, Nikolay Skvortsov, Nikita Lobintsev), 3:33.64. 4, France, 3:34.04. 5, Japan, 3:34.25. 6, Italy, 3:34.29. 7, Hungary, 3:34.64. 8, Germany, 3:34.91.

400 individual medley
Heats (qualifiers for final)
1, Katinka Hosszu, Hungary, 4:32.72. 2, Mireia Belmonte, Spain, 4:34.64. 3, Ye Shiwen, China, 4:34.93. 4, Zsuzsanna Jakabos, Hungary, 4:34.93. 5, Hannah Miley, Britain, 4:34.94. 6, Elizabeth Beisel, United States, 4:35.17. 7, Madeline Dirado, United States, 4:37.39. 8, Miyu Otsuka, Japan, 4:37.77.

4x100 medley relay
Heats (qualifiers for final)
1, United States (Elizabeth Pelton, Breeja Larson, Claire Donahue, Shannon Vreeland), 3:58.86. 2, Australia (Emily Seebohm, Samantha Marshall, Alicia Coutts, Emma McKeon), 3:58.73. 3, China (Fu Yuanhui, Sun Yu, Liu Ying, Tang Yi), 3:59.39. 4, Britain, 4:00.04. 5, Japan, 4:00.18. 6, Canada, 4:00.34. 7, Russia, 4:00.69. 8, Germany, 4:01.30.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	69	45	.605	—
Tampa Bay	66	45	.595	1
Baltimore	61	51	.545	6 1/2
New York	57	53	.518	9 1/2
Toronto	51	60	.459	16
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	64	45	.587	—
Cleveland	62	49	.559	3
Kansas City	55	52	.519	7 1/2
Minnesota	55	55	.500	9
Chicago	40	69	.367	24
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	64	47	.577	—
Texas	62	50	.554	2 1/2
Seattle	53	58	.477	10
Los Angeles	51	59	.464	12 1/2
Houston	36	74	.327	27 1/2

Sunday's Scores
Detroit 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 12 innings
Cleveland 2, Miami 0
Kansas City 8, N.Y. Mets 2
Boston 4, Arizona 0
Seattle 3, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 4, San Francisco 3
Minnesota 3, Houston 2
Toronto 6, L.A. Angels 5
Texas 4, Oakland 0
San Diego 6, N.Y. Yankees 3

Today's Games
Detroit (Ani.Sanchez 9-7) at Cleveland (Kluber 7-5), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Lackey 7-8) at Houston (Oberholtzer 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Correia 7-7) at Kansas City (Guthrie 11-7), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 7-8) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Perez 3-3) at L.A. Angels (Williams 5-7), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 8-11) at Seattle (Iwakuma 10-4), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	67	45	.598	—
Washington	54	57	.486	12 1/2
Philadelphia	50	61	.450	16 1/2
New York	49	60	.450	16 1/2
Miami	43	67	.391	23
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	67	44	.604	—
St. Louis	65	46	.585	1 1/2
Cincinnati	61	51	.545	6 1/2
Chicago	49	62	.441	18
Milwaukee	47	64	.423	20
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	61	49	.555	—
Arizona	56	55	.505	5 1/2
San Diego	52	60	.464	10
Colorado	52	61	.460	10 1/2
San Francisco	49	61	.445	12

Sunday's Scores
Cleveland 2, Miami 0
Kansas City 8, N.Y. Mets 2
St. Louis 15, Cincinnati 2
Boston 4, Arizona 0
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 1
Tampa Bay 4, San Francisco 3
Milwaukee 8, Washington 5
L.A. Dodgers 1, Chicago Cubs 0
San Diego 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 1

Today's Games
Atlanta (Minor 11-5) at Washington (Strasburg 5-9), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 8-3) at St. Louis (Wainwright 13-6), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Thornburg 1-0) at San Francisco (Gaudin 5-2), 9:15 p.m.

SUNDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 4, ATHLETICS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
L.Martin rf	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0
Kinsler 2b	4	1	0	0
A.Beltre 3b	3	0	2	1
Przyns c	4	0	0	0
N.Cruz dh	4	1	1	1
DvMrp lf	3	0	0	0
Gentry cf	4	1	2	0
Morlnd 1b	4	1	1	2
Totals	**34**	**4**	**6**	**4**

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp dh	4	0	1	0
Lowrie ss	4	0	0	0
Cnddsn 3b	3	0	0	0
Freimn 1b	3	0	2	0
Moss ph	1	0	0	0
Callasp 2b	4	0	0	0
C.Young cf	2	0	1	0
Reddick rf	3	0	0	0
DNorrs c	3	0	0	0
Totals	**30**	**0**	**5**	**0**

Texas	**110**	**000**	**200 — 4**
Oakland	**000**	**000**	**000 — 0**

E—Donaldson (11), Cespedes (3). DP—Texas 2. LOB—Texas 5, Oakland 6. HR—N.Cruz (27), Moreland (16).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lackey W,8-7	8	4	0	0	2	10
Tazawa	1	1	0	0	1	0
Oakland						
Griffin L,10-8	6 2-3	5	4	3	1	7
Blevins	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	1
Scribner	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—D.Holland.
T—2:33. A—23,263 (35,067).

TWINS 3, ASTROS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Grssmn lf	5	1	2	0
Altuve 2b	5	0	1	0
J.Castro c	2	1	1	0
Wallac 1b	4	0	1	1
Simons ph	1	0	0	0
Carter dh	3	0	1	1
Krauss rf	3	0	1	0
Hoes ph-rf	1	0	0	0
MDmn 3b	4	0	2	0
BBarns cf	4	0	0	0
Villar ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**2**	**9**	**2**

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Dozier 2b	4	0	0	0
D.Hrmnn rf	3	0	0	0
Mauer dh	3	1	1	0
Mornea 1b	4	1	2	2
Doumit c	3	0	0	0
Arcia lf	3	0	1	0
Thoms cf	3	0	0	0
Carroll 3b	3	0	0	0
Bernier ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	**29**	**3**	**5**	**3**

Houston	000	020	000	—	2
Minnesota	200	000	10x	—	3

DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Houston 11, Minnesota 4. 2B—Mauer (32), HR—Morneau (10), Arcia (7). SB—Altuve 2 (28), Bernier (2).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Peacock L,1-4	7	4	3	3	2	10
Fields	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
W.Wright	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Pelfrey	5	7	2	2	3	4
Roenicke	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Thielbar W,2-1	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Burton	1	0	0	0	0	2
Perkins S,27-30	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—3:03. A—34,780 (39,021).

MARINERS 3, ORIOLES 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
BMiller 2b	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	3	0	0	0
KMorls dh	4	0	0	0
Morse rf	4	1	1	0
Ibanez lf	4	0	2	1
EnChvz lf	0	0	0	0
Smoak 1b	4	0	1	0
MSndrs cf	3	0	1	0
Ryan ss	3	1	0	0
HBlanc c	3	1	1	2
Totals	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
W.Chen L,6-4	7	5	3	3
Patton	2-3	0	0	0
Tom Hunter	1-3	0	0	0
HBP—by J.Saunders (A.Jones)				
T—2:50. A—30,759 (45,971)				

BLUE JAYS 6, ANGELS 5

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Reyes ss	5	1	2	0
RDavis lf-rf	5	3	3	1
Bautist rf-1b	5	1	3	2
Encrnc dh	5	0	2	2
Lind 1b	4	0	0	0
Bonifac pr-lf	1	0	0	0
DeRosa 2b	3	0	0	0
Mizturs ph-2b	1	0	1	1
DRorts cf	4	0	0	0
Lawrie 3b	4	0	1	0
Arenci c	3	1	0	0
Totals	**40**	**6**	**12**	**6**

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Cowgill lf	4	0	1	0
Hamltn ph	1	0	0	0
Trout cf	2	2	2	1
HKndrc dh	4	1	1	0
Trumo 1b	4	1	1	1
Nelson 3b	4	0	1	0
Aybar ss	4	1	1	0
Iannett c	4	0	2	1
Field 2b	3	0	0	0
Shuck ph	1	0	0	0
Calhon rf	4	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**5**	**9**	**5**

Toronto	**002**	**000**	**022 — 6**
Los Angeles	**100**	**400**	**000 — 5**

E—Nelson 2 (3). Trumbo (9). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 8, Los Angeles 5. 2B—Cowgill (1), Trout (32), Aybar (16), Iannetta (12). HR—Trout (18), Trumbo (25). SB—R.Davis 3 (34).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Buehrle	6	7	5	5	2	4
Wagner	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	2
Cecil W,5-1	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Janssen S,19-21	1	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
C.Wilson	7 1-3	8	4	3	0	7
J.Gutierrez	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maronde	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Kohn	0	1	0	0	0	0
Frieri L,0-4	2-3	1	2	2	0	0
D.De La Rosa	1-3	2	0	0	0	0
Stange	1	1	0	0	0	1

J.Gutierrez pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. Kohn pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Frieri (Arencibia).
T—3:05. A—33,936 (45,483).

SUNDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TIGERS 3, WHITE SOX 2, 12 INNINGS

Chicago	000	100	001	000	0	—	2	10	0
Detroit	000	000	200	001	0	—	3	9	0

Renzo, N.Jones (7), Purcey (8), A.Reed (8), Veal (10), Axelrod (11) and Flowers, Porcello, Smyly (8), Verlas (8), B.Rondon (11) and Avila. W—B.Rondon 1-1. L—Axelrod 3-8. HRs—Chicago, A.Dunn (26), Kosorio (8).

INTERLEAGUE
ROYALS 6, METS 2

Kansas City	000	000	600	—	6	11	0
New York	000	010	010	—	2	8	2

E.Santana, Collins (7), Coleman (8), G.Holland (9) and Kottaras; Z.Wheeler, Germen (8), Rice (7), C.Torres (8), Hawkins (9) and Buck. W—E.Santana 8-6. L—Z.Wheeler 4-2. HRs—Kansas City, Moustakas (10).

INDIANS 2, MARLINS 0

Cleveland	010	000	010	—	2	11	0
Miami	000	000	000	—	0	4	0

Kazmir, Shaw (7), J.Smith (8), C.Perez (9) and Y.Gomes, Eovaldi, Qualls (8), A.Ramos (9) and Mathis. W—Kazmir 7-4. L—Eovaldi 2-2. Sv—C.Perez (17).

RED SOX 4, DIAMONDBACKS 0

Arizona	000	000	000	—	0	6	1
Boston	000	022	00x	—	4	9	1

McCarthy, W.Harris (5), Collmenter (6), Thatcher (6), Bell (7) and Gosewisch; Doubront, Thornton (8), D.Bolton (8), Uehara (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Doubront 8-5. L—McCarthy 2-5.

RAYS 4, GIANTS 3

San Francisco	100	200	000	—	3	9	0
Tampa Bay	200	011	00x	—	4	6	0

Moscoso, Mijares (5), S.Rosario (7) and Quiroz; Ro.Hernandez, A.Torres (5), McGee (7), Jo.Peralta (8), Rodney (9) and J.Molina. W—Al.Torres 4-0. L—Mijares 0-3. Sv—Rodney (27). HRs—Tampa Bay, W.Myers (8).

PADRES 6, YANKEES 3

New York	000	002	100	—	3	6	0
San Diego	032	100	00x	—	6	9	0

P.Hughes, Claiborne (3), Warren (5), Logan (7), Chamberlain (8) and Au.Romine; Kennedy, Vincent (6), Thayer (7), Kimbrel (9) and Hundley. W—Kennedy 4-8. L—P.Hughes 4-10. Sv—Street (21). HRs—New York, Au.Romine (1).

Local note: Jayson Nix was 1 for 2 for the Yankees.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CARDINALS 15, REDS 2

St. Louis	400	005	114	—	15	19	0
Cincinnati	000	000	200	—	2	4	2

Lynn, Rosenthal (9) and T.Cruz; Ro.Johnson, Leake, Ondrusek (6), Simon (6), P.Villarreal (7), LeCure (9) and Mesoraco. W—Lynn 13-5. L—Leake 10-5. HRs—St. Louis, Ma.Adams (8). Freese (6), T.Cruz (1). Cincinnati, Cozart (9).

PIRATES 5, ROCKIES 1

Colorado	000	000	100	—	1	8	1
Pittsburgh	101	030	00x	—	5	8	1

Nicasio, Corpas (5), Outman (7), Belisle (8) and Torrealba. A.J.Burnett and R.Mahay. W—A.J.Burnett 5-7. L—Nicasio 6-6. HRs—Pittsburgh, R.Martin (10).

BREWERS 8, NATIONALS 5

Washington	030	001	100	—	5	8	1
Milwaukee	000	205	01x	—	8	11	0

Jordan, Abad (6), Stammen (7) and K.Suzuki; Lohse, Axford (6), Mic.Gonzalez (7), Kintzler (7), Henderson (9) and Lucroy. W—Axford 5-4. L—Abad 0-3. Sv—Henderson (18). HRs—Washington, Ad.LaRoche (16), Rendon (5).

DODGERS 1, CUBS 0

Los Angeles	010	000	000	—	1	2	0
Chicago	000	000	000	—	0	7	1

Fife, Withrow (6), Howell (8), Jansen (9) and A.Ellis. Villanueva, Russell (7), Strop (8) and D.Navarro. W—Fife 4-3. L—Villanueva 2-8. Sv—Jansen (17).

Local note: Chris Withrow pitched 1 2/3 innings and struck out two for the Dodgers.

BRAVES 4, PHILLIES 1

Atlanta	200	200	000	—	4	9	1
Philadelphia	001	000	000	—	1	4	0

A.Wood, Ayala (7), S.Downs (8), Kimbrel (9) and McCann; C.Lee, Valdes (6), Papelbon (9) and Ruiz. W—A.Wood 2-2. L—C.Lee 10-5. Sv—Kimbrel (34).

GOLF

LPGA

Women's British Open Scores
Sunday
At The Old Course
St. Andrews, Scotland
Purse: $2.75 million
Yardage: 6,672; Par: 72
Final
a-amateur

Stacy Lewis, $402,584	72	— 280
Na Yeon Choi, $198,296	73	— 282
Hee Young Park, $198,296	73	— 282
Suzann Pettersen, $116,089	76	— 283
Morgan Pressel, $116,089	76	— 283
Lizette Salas, $91,094	75	— 285
a-Mariko Higa, $0	75	— 286
a-Miki Saiki, $0	77	— 286
Natalie Gulbis, $64,432	70	— 287
Nicole Castrale, $64,432	74	— 287
Anna Nordqvist, $46,991	74	— 288
Pernilla Lindberg, $46,991	74	— 288
Paula Creamer, $46,991	76	— 288
Meena Lee, $46,991	78	— 288
Catriona Matthew, $46,991	78	— 288
Cristie Kerr, $36,660	69	— 289
Angela Stanford, $31,772	75	— 290
Jenny Shin, $31,772	76	— 290
a-Xi Yu Lin, $0	77	— 290
Ayako Uehara, $31,772	77	— 290
So Yeon Ryu, $31,772	78	— 290
Karine Icher, $26,662	72	— 291
Katherine Hull-Kirk, $26,662	74	— 291
Marujo Uribe, $26,662	77	— 291
Shanshan Feng, $20,526	71	— 292
Hee Kyung Seo, $20,526	71	— 292
Sandra Gal, $20,526	74	— 292
a-Malene Jorgensen, $0	74	— 292
Jessica Korda, $20,526	76	— 292
Candie Kung, $20,526	77	— 292
Eun-Hee Ji, $20,526	78	— 292
Sun Young Yoo, $20,526	78	— 292
Ryann O'Toole, $20,526	79	— 292
a-Lee-Anne Pace, $0	79	— 292
Dori Carter, $20,526	80	— 292
Gerina Piller, $15,275	73	— 293
Jiyai Shin, $15,275	73	— 293
a-Holly Clyburn, $0	75	— 293
a-Marianne Skarpnord, $0	75	— 293
Jee Young Lee, $15,275	79	— 293
a-Mikaela Parmlid, $0	80	— 293
a-Lydia Ko, $0	74	— 294
Florentyna Parker, $12,775	75	— 294
Danielle Kang, $12,775	76	— 294
a-Georgia Hall, $0	77	— 294
Inbee Park, $12,775	78	— 294

WGC

Bridgestone Invitational Scores
Sunday
At Firestone Country Club (South Course)
Akron, Ohio
Purse: $8.75 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par: 70
Final

Tiger Woods (550), $1,500,000	70	— 285
Keegan Bradley (258), $662,500	67	— 272
Henrik Stenson (258), $662,500	70	— 272
Miguel A. Jimenez, $321,667	69	— 274
Zach Johnson (120), $321,667	71	— 274
Jason Dufner (120), $321,667	71	— 274
Bill Haas (92), $205,000	71	— 275
Chris Wood, $205,000	71	— 275
Luke Donald (76), $145,750	72	— 276
Jim Furyk (76), $145,750	68	— 276
Martin Kaymer (76), $145,750	66	— 276
Richard Sterne, $145,750	68	— 276
Steve Stricker (65), $114,000	68	— 277
Harris English (59), $102,667	68	— 278
Webb Simpson (59), $102,667	67	— 278
Adam Scott (59), $102,667	71	— 278
Jamie Donaldson, $93,000	69	— 279
Justin Rose (54), $93,000	69	— 279
John Merrick (52), $89,000	72	— 280
Ian Poulter (52), $89,000	70	— 280
Hideki Matsuyama, $81,167	71	— 281
Charl Schwartzel (48), $81,167	69	— 281
Michael Thompson (48), $81,167	68	— 281
Bo Van Pelt (48), $81,167	69	— 281
Rickie Fowler (48), $81,167	73	— 281
Phil Mickelson (48), $81,167	71	— 281
Paul Casey (42), $73,500	69	— 282
Russell Henley (42), $73,500	66	— 282
Matt Kuchar (42), $73,500	70	— 282
Paul Lawrie, $73,500	70	— 282
Rory McIlroy (42), $73,500	72	— 282
Bubba Watson (42), $73,500	71	— 282
Peter Hanson (36), $68,000	71	— 283
Dustin Johnson (36), $68,000	67	— 283
Ryan Moore (36), $68,000	73	— 283
Brandt Snedeker (36), $68,000	70	— 283
Boo Weekley (36), $68,000	70	— 283
Angel Cabrera (33), $64,500	74	— 284
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano, $64,500	72	— 284
Kisdech Aphibarnrat, $61,500	75	— 285
Sergio Garcia (30), $61,500	68	— 285
Graeme McDow ell (30), $61,500	72	— 285
Lee Westwood (30), $61,500	72	— 285
Stephan Gallacher, $57,500	71	— 286
Billy Horschel (26), $57,500	66	— 286
Francesco Molinari, $57,500	74	— 286
Nick Watney (26), $57,500	73	— 286
Ernie Els (21), $53,000	74	— 287
Martin Laird (21), $53,000	69	— 287
Shane Lowry, $53,000	69	— 287
Thorbjorn Olesen, $53,000	73	— 287
Richie Ramsay, $53,000	72	— 287
Sang-Moon Bae (17), $48,875	72	— 288
Jason Day (17), $48,875	70	— 288
David Lynn (17), $48,875	71	— 288
Matteo Manassero, $48,875	73	— 288
Nicolas Colsaerts (14), $47,250	73	— 289
Derek Ernst (14), $47,250	69	— 289
Jonas Blixt (11), $45,750	72	— 290
Scott Piercy (11), $45,750	70	— 290
D.A.

Holland stellar over 8 innings as Rangers beat A's

By Rick Eymer
Associated Press

Rangers	4
Athletics	0

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ron Washington shook his head, a bemused look on his face. He had a towel draped over his shoulders and was still wet from the beer shower provided by his players.

Derek Holland gave up four hits in eight stellar innings, Nelson Cruz and Mitch Moreland each hit a home run and Washington became the winningest manager in Rangers history as Texas beat the Oakland Athletics 4-0 on Sunday.

"I'm not a fan of the cold stuff," Washington said. "I had to stand there and endure it. Any success you have in life, there are others who helped get you there."

Washington, who coached for Oakland for 11 years, passed Bobby Valentine with his 582nd win.

"Yes it means a lot to me," he said. "I came here as a novice and in seven years won the most games in Rangers' history. This organization gave me the chance and the players kept winning ballgames."

Adrian Beltre had two hits and drove in a run for the Rangers, who have won six of seven to move within 2 1-2 games of the AL West Division leading Athletics.

"It's a pretty cool accomplishment and he's going to get a lot more," Rangers infielder Ian Kinsler said. "He's grow up with this organization and established a winning environment."

Nate Freiman had two hits for the A's, who have lost four of five.

Holland (9-6) walked two and matched his season high with 10 strikeouts as he ended a personal two-game losing streak.

"We've had a strong relationship," Holland said of Washington. "He even comes out to the mound instead of (Mark) Maddux. He's a great guy for me. I love playing for him."

A.J. Griffin (10-8) lasted 6 2-3 innings, allowing four runs — three earned — on five hits. He walked one and struck out seven.

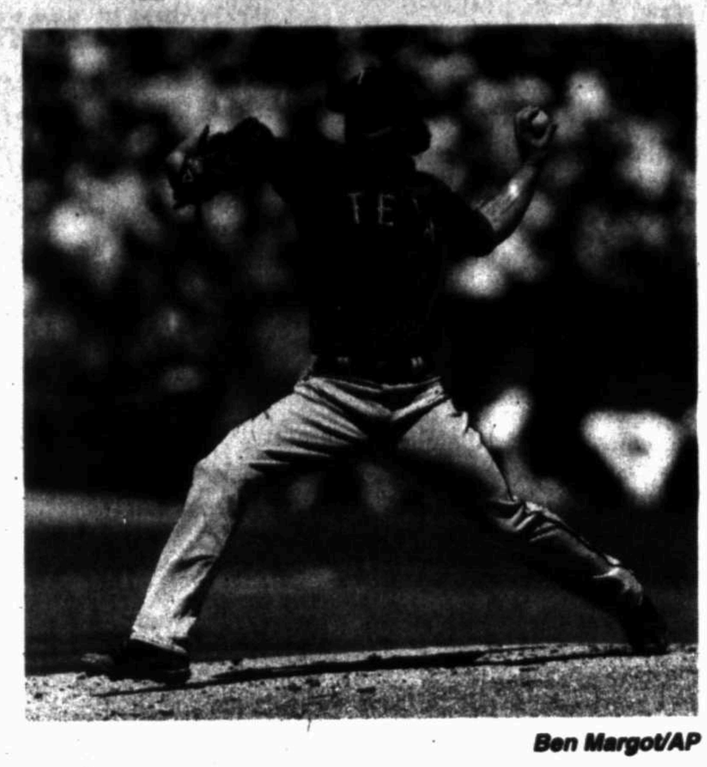
Griffin has allowed a major-league leading 28 home runs this season and became the first Oakland pitcher to give up two or more in four consecutive starts since Mark Redman did it in 2007.

"That's the best I've seen Holland pitch in quite a while," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "The inside zone was there for him, which made the changeup really tough to deal with."

Holland, who has an 0.81 ERA in his nine wins, beat the A's for the fifth straight time. He also improved to 7-1 in 12 road starts.

"Oakland is in first place for a reason," Holland said. "We're gaining ground on them for a reason too."

Joe Nathan walked Josh Donaldson and allowed an infield single to Yoenis Cespedes to open the ninth. He got pinch hitter Brandon Moss to ground into a force out and got Alberto Callapso to hit into a game-ending double play.



Ben Margot/AP

Texas' Derek Holland throws during Sunday's game against the Oakland Athletics in the first inning in Oakland, Calif.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TWINS 3
ASTROS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Justin Morneau and Oswaldo Arcia homered, and four relievers combined for four scoreless innings to lead Minnesota to a three-game sweep of Houston.

Arcia led off the seventh with a home run that broke a 2-all tie. He connected against Brad Peacock (1-4), who was promoted from Triple-A to make the start and struck out 10.

TIGERS 3
WHITE SOX 2, 12 INNINGS

DETROIT — Torii Hunter hit an RBI single in the 12th inning as Detroit extended Chicago's losing streak to 10 games.

Miguel Cabrera, who has been dealing with hip and abdominal problems, led off the 12th with a pinch-hit single. Matt Tuiasosopo ran for him and went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Austin Jackson. Hunter, who came on as replacement, lined a single to left-center off Dylan Axelrod (3-8).

MARINERS 3
ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — Seldom-used Henry Blanco hit a two-run homer in the seventh off Wei-Yin Chen, and Seattle beat Baltimore behind left-hander Joe Saunders.

Batting ninth in the lineup, the 41-year-old Blanco sent an 0-2 pitch into the left-field seats to erase a 2-1 deficit. The backup catcher was playing in his 32nd game of the season, the 17th with Seattle after being signed as a free agent.

BLUE JAYS 6
ANGELS 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion drove in the tying and go-ahead runs with two-out singles in the ninth as Toronto beat Los Angeles to avoid a four-game sweep.

Mark Trumbo hit a three-run homer and Mike Trout also went deep against Mark Buehrle, helping the Angels build a 5-2 lead for C.J. Wilson. But the Blue Jays rallied with two in the eighth, as Angels manager Mike Scioscia used five pitchers to get out of the inning.

National League

BRAVES 4
PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Chris Johnson drove in a pair of runs and Alex Wood pitched six strong innings to lead the Atlanta Braves to their 10th straight victory, 4-1 over the slumping Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday night.

Wood (2-2) allowed one run on two hits in his fourth major league start. The unorthodox 22-year-old rookie left-hander, who configures his body in an unusual way during his delivery, struck out three and walked two.

PIRATES 5
ROCKIES 1

PITTSBURGH — A.J. Burnett scattered eight hits and Russell Martin provided some rare run support for the right-hander with a three-run homer to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 5-1 win over the Colorado Rockies on Sunday.

Burnett (5-7) struck out nine and walked one in his first complete game of the season and 23rd of his 15-year career. He threw 110 pitches, 83 for strikes.

DODGERS 1
CUBS 0

CHICAGO — A.J. Ellis hit an RBI single, Stephen Fife pitched into the sixth inning and Los Angeles extended its franchise-record road winning streak to 14 with a win over Chicago.

The Dodgers haven't lost on the road since July 6 in San Francisco. The NL record for consecutive road wins is 17 by the New York Giants in 1916. Detroit was the last to win 14 straight in 1984.

CARDINALS 15
REDS 2

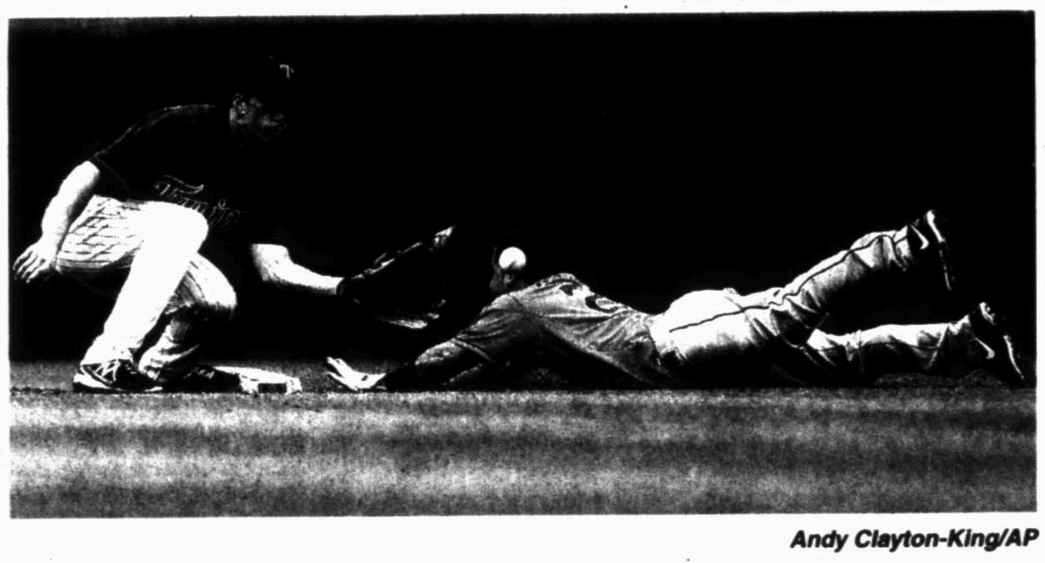
CINCINNATI — Matt Carpenter broke his 0-for-23 slump with a bases-loaded double during the Cardinals' decisive rally, and St. Louis ended a tough trip on the upswing by beating Cincinnati.

The Cardinals went 3-8 on a trip that included seven straight losses — four of them in Pittsburgh, allowing the Pirates to overtake them for the NL Central lead.

BREWERS 8
NATIONALS 5

MILWAUKEE — Jeff Bianchi lofted a single that dropped just behind a drawn-in infield, breaking a tie and capping a five-run sixth inning as Milwaukee beat Washington.

With the score tied 4-4 and runners at second and third, Bianchi's soft bloop off Fernando Abad (0-3) dropped in back of second base as Anthony Rendon raced back to make a play. It allowed Khris Davis to score from third and Juan Francisco to just beat the throw home with a perfect slide.



Andy Clayton-King/AP

Minnesota Twins shortstop Doug Bernier makes a catch as Houston's Jose Altuve slides in to second base on a steal attempt in the third inning of their game in Minneapolis on Sunday.

Interleague

RED SOX 4
DIAMONDBACKS 0

BOSTON — Felix Doubront pitched seven shutout innings to continue his run of strong starts and Jacoby Ellsbury drove in two runs to lift Boston over Arizona.

It was Boston's seventh win in nine games, completing a 5-2 homestand. The AL East leaders play 16 of the next 19 away from Fenway Park, beginning Monday night in Houston.

RAYS 4
GIANTS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Wil Myers homered and four relievers allowed one hit over 4 1-3 scoreless innings to help Tampa Bay beat San Francisco.

Alex Torres (4-0) started the bullpen parade by replacing Roberto Hernandez with two outs in the fifth and struck out two over 1 1/3 innings. Jake McGee worked a perfect seventh and Joel Peralta left Hunter Pence stranded at second after a two-out double in the eighth before Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth for his 27th save.

INDIANS 2
MARLINS 0

MIAMI — Scott Kazmir and three relievers combined on a four-hitter and Cleveland beat Miami for its 10th win in 11 games.

The shutout was the 15th for the Indians, most in the American League. They took two of three games in the series despite scoring a total of only six runs. The Indians, who are chasing AL Central-leading Detroit, begin a four-game series at home Monday against the Tigers.

ROYALS 6
METS 2

NEW YORK — Ervin Santana scattered five hits and allowed one run in six innings, and surging Kansas City beat New York.

PADRES 6
YANKEES 3

SAN DIEGO — Ian Kennedy won his San Diego debut, his first victory in more than two months, and Everth Cabrera, facing a 50-game suspension in baseball's latest drug scandal, had two hits and two RBIs as the Padres beat New York.

AP source: A-Rod can play during suspension appeal

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball told the New York Yankees that Alex Rodriguez will be suspended Monday for his links to a clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs but can play while he appeals the penalty, a person familiar with deliberations told The Associated Press.

The Yankees were not told the exact length of the suspension, though they under the impression it will be through the 2014 season, the person said Sunday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no statement was authorized.

Rodriguez could get a shorter penalty if he agrees to give up the right to file a grievance and force the case before an arbitrator, the person added.

MLB planned an announcement for noon EDT Monday, a second person familiar with the deliberations said, also on condition of anonymity.

Rodriguez is the most famous player linked to the clinic, and the Yankees expect him to be charged with interfering with MLB's investigation, resulting in a harsher penalty.

In all, 14 players faced discipline following baseball's probe of the Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic.

Barring an agreement, Rodriguez's appeal would be heard by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz.

Adding to the drama: The 38-year-old Rodriguez, a three-time AL MVP, was due to return to the major leagues Monday night when the Yankees play at Chicago White Sox, his first big league appearance since hip surgery in January.

"He's in there, and I'm going to play him," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said after New York's 6-3 loss at San Diego.

Before the game, Girardi said "I think all of us are curious what's going to happen."

All-Stars Nelson Cruz of Texas and Jhonny Peralta of Detroit, and Everth Cabrera of San Diego were among those who could get 50-game suspensions from the probe, sparked in January when Miami New Times published documents linking many players to the closed clinic in Coral Gables, Fla.

Many players were expected to agree to penalties and start serving them immediately, but an appeal by a first-offender under the drug agreement would postpone his suspension until after a decision by an arbitrator.

Milwaukee outfielder Ryan Braun, the 2011 NL MVP, agreed July 22 to a 65-game ban through the rest of the 2013 season for his role with Biogenesis. Braun was given a 50-game suspension for elevated testosterone that was overturned last year by arbitrator Shyam Das because of issues with the handing of the urine sample.

Since spring training, the union has said it will consider stiffer penalties starting in 2014.

"The home runs that are hit because a guy's on performance-enhancing substances, those ruin somebody's ERA, which ruins their arbitration case, which ruins their salary," Los Angeles Angels pitcher C.J. Wilson said. "So it's a whole domino effect."

Kahne holds off Gordon to win at Pocono Raceway

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

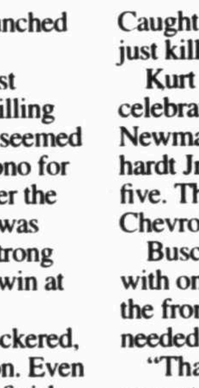
LONG POND, Pa. — Jeff Gordon had the inside line, a lead and his first win of the season in sight, usually a sure thing for Pocono's top winner.

Kasey Kahne was about out of time to pass his Hendrick Motorsports teammate.

"It was either to go for it and make it work," Kahne said. "Or not."

Cruising from the outside, Kahne got the jump he needed, zipped past Gordon and pulled away with two laps left Sunday to win at Pocono Raceway.

"I about gave it away when Jeff got by me," Kahne said.



Gordon

Kahne recovered in the No. 5 Chevrolet for his second victory of the season, all but securing his spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. He had the car to beat for the final half of the 400-mile race until a late caution bunched up the field.

Gordon nudged past Kahne after some thrilling two-wide racing and seemed poised to win at Pocono for the seventh time. After the final caution, Kahne was simply too fast, too strong to be denied his first win at Pocono since 2008.

So close to the checkered, this loss stung Gordon. Even worse, his runner-up finish came on his 42nd birthday in his 42nd career Pocono start.

"I thought all I needed to do was get in here and got to the bottom and I'd be good," Gordon said. "He got a killer run and blasted by on the outside of me. Caught me by surprise. It just kills your momentum."

Kurt Busch, who also celebrated a birthday, Ryan Newman and Dale Earnhardt Jr. rounded out the top five. The top five cars were Chevrolets.

Busch helped out Kahne with one final push down the frontstretch to find some needed speed.

"That was kind of the race at that point," Kahne said. "Once I cleared (Gordon) getting into two, from there it was just, don't make a mistake and try to run the quick lap on the last one."

Kahne, Gordon and Earnhardt made it an outstanding race for Hendrick. Teammate and series points leader Jimmie Johnson was 13th after a blown tire knocked him out of the lead.

Kahne had stretched his lead to almost 8 seconds when a caution for debris came out with 12 laps left. Gordon, who won at Pocono each of the last two years, was strong in the No. 24 and had the lead as he tried to extend his record for career wins at Pocono.

AUTORACINGROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KIMBALL EARNS FIRST CAREER WIN AT INDY 200: At Lexington, Ohio, Charlie Kimball slipped by Simon Pagenaud with 18 laps remaining and pulled away to win the Indy 200 on Sunday at Mid-Ohio.

Racing in a backup car after wrecking in practice Saturday morning, Kimball beat Pagenaud to the finish line by more than 5 secondsfor his first career IndyCar victory.

MATT HAGAN RACES TO FOURTH VICTORY OF YEAR: At Kent, Wash., Matt Hagan raced to his fourth victory of the year to extend his Funny Car points lead, beating Bob Tasca III on Sunday in the NHRA Northwest Nationals at Pacific Raceways.

Hagan, the 2011 Funny Car champion, powered his Dodge Charger to a 4.171-second run at 294.75 mph. Tasca, seeking his first win in nearly a year, slowed to a 5.324 at 164.81 in his Ford Shelby Mustang.

CHAVES HOLDS OFF DEMPSEY TO WIN INDY LIGHTS: At Lexington, Ohio, Gabby Chaves pulled away from Peter Dempsey on a late restart to win the Indy Lights race at Mid-Ohio on Sunday.

Chaves started from the pole and had little trouble navigating the tricky 2.258-mile course for his first victory in the top Indy-Car feeder series. The 20-year-old from Colombia led all 40 laps, finally breaking through after posting three runner-up finishes earlier in the season.

Hall of Fame DT Art Donovan dead at 89

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Art Donovan, the lineman whose hilarious stories about his football career enabled him to maintain his popularity long after his election into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, died Sunday night. He was 89.

Donovan died at 7:20 p.m. at Stella Maris Hospice in Baltimore, according to Kevin Byrne, senior vice president of public and community relations for the Baltimore Ravens.

Donovan made a name for himself as a feisty defensive tackle for the Baltimore Colts, helping the team to world championships in 1958 and 1959. He also spent single seasons with the New York Yanks and Dallas Texans in a career that lasted from 1950 through 1961.

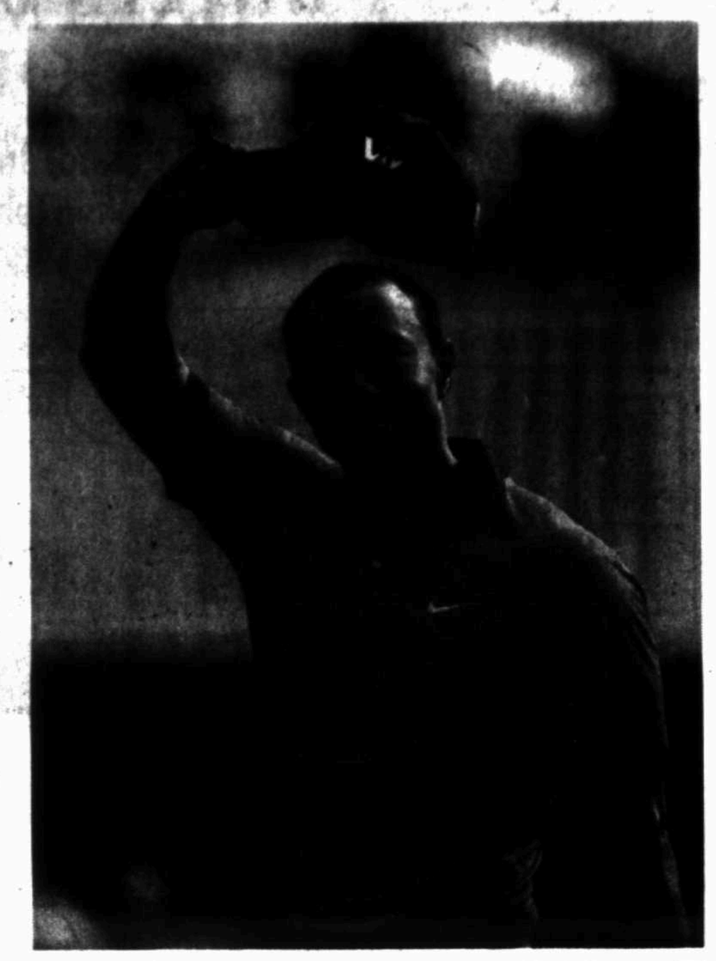
"We lost a friend, one of the finest men and one of the greatest characters we were fortunate to meet in this community and in this business," Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti said. "Baltimore is now without one of its best and someone who was a foundation for the tremendous popularity of football in our area. The world is not as bright tonight because we lost someone who could make us all smile."

Voted into the Hall of Fame in 1968, Donovan was an outstanding lineman and an even better storyteller. Long after his career was over, Donovan made a living on the talk-show circuit, weaving yarns about the NFL's good old days — as he put it, "When men were, well, men."

Donovan was much like Bob Uecker, who also became popular on late-night talk shows through his stories about sports. But Uecker's game was baseball, and his schtick dealt with his limited abilities. Donovan performed on the football field as well as anyone at his position, even though he once said the only weight he ever lifted was a beer can.

Woods shoots 70, coasts to 8th win at Bridgestone

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press



Mark Duncan/AP

Tiger Woods waves on the 18th green after winning the Bridgestone Invitational on Sunday at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. Woods' 15-under par total won by seven shots.

AKRON, Ohio — They say par is a good score in a major. If that's true next week at the PGA Championship, then Tiger Woods is already dialed in.

Woods played safe and smart with a big lead, parring 16 holes in an even-par 70 Sunday to coast to a seven-shot victory at the Bridgestone Invitational for his eighth win at the event — matching the PGA Tour record he shares for victories in a single tournament.

As he walked to the scorer's trailer to finalize his score, he scooped up young son Charlie.

After a second-round 61 in which he flirted with 59, Woods ended up at 15-under 265 to easily beat defending champ Keegan Bradley and Henrik Stenson.

Woods' mastery at Firestone Country Club allowed him to again match Sam Snead's PGA Tour record for wins in an event. Snead won the Greater Greensboro Open eight times. Earlier this year, Woods won at Bay Hill for the eighth time.

As if he weren't already the favorite next week in the PGA Championship at Oak Hill, the lopsided victory reinforced it.

No one ever got within six shots all day of the world's No. 1.

When he had a good shot at a pin, he took it. Otherwise, he took few, if any, risks.

He had birdied the short, par-4 first hole each of the first three days, and had played the second in 3 under as well. But he came up just short on the opening hole and chipped up for an easy par. At the second, he found a fairway bunker off the tee, blasted out and hit his approach to 10 feet but his birdie putt skidded off the edge. Tap-in par.

That's pretty much the way it went the first nine holes, until Woods stuffed his second shot at the par-4 10th inside 8 feet and then poured in the birdie putt to break up a string of pars.

That briefly pushed the lead to eight shots. It never fell below seven as the field had difficulty putting up many birdies as Firestone dried out, the greens got faster and the old course bared its fangs.

A three-putt at the 14th hole brought Woods' lone bogey, but by then most of the field was thinking about catching flights to Rochester instead of catching Woods.

Bradley, who won a year ago when Jim Furyk double-bogeyed the 72nd hole, shot a 67 to get to 8 under along with Stenson, who had a 70 while playing with Woods.

Tied for fourth were Cleveland-born Jason Dufner (71), Miguel Angel Jimenez (69) and Zach Johnson (67) at 6 under, with Martin Kaymer, who matched the day's best round with a 66, at 4 under along with Furyk, Richard Sterne and Luke Donald.

Franklin wins record 6th gold at swim worlds

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Missy Franklin climbed to the top of the podium one more time in Spain before heading off to college.

With that step, the 18-year-old joined a very exclusive club.

Missy, we'd like to introduce you to Michael Phelps, Mark Spitz, Ian Thorpe and Kristin Otto.

"I still can't really believe that it happened," Franklin said.



Franklin

She claimed her record sixth gold medal of the world championships Sunday night, swimming the leadoff leg for the Americans in the 400-meter medley relay. Franklin gave the U.S. a slight lead in the backstroke, and her teammates — Jessica Hardy, Dana Vollmer and Megan Romano — made it look easy from there.

The winning time was 3 minutes, 53.23 seconds, nearly two seconds ahead of runner-up Australia, with Russia claiming the bronze.

"I had some really great races that I'm really proud of, and there's still a bunch where I have a lot of room to improve," Franklin said. "So I'm really excited for the next year and the year after that and all the years following those."

It might be hard to top this one.

Franklin became the winningest female swimmer ever at a world meet, eclipsing the record that was shared by Tracy Caulkins, who won five times in 1978, and Libby Trickett, who did it in 2007.

Perhaps more impressively, Franklin became only the fifth swimmer to capture as many as six golds at either worlds or an Olympics.

Quite a club it is.

Phelps won six golds at the 2004 Athens Olympics, seven at the 2007 worlds and, of course, a record eight at the Beijing Olympics, eclipsing Spitz's mark of seven at the 1972 Munich Games. Otto won six golds at the 1988 Seoul Olympics — an accomplishment since clouded by revelations of rampant doping in East Germany — and Thorpe claimed a half-dozen victories at the 2001 worlds.

Now, there's Franklin.

She completed a grueling week in which she competed in eight events. She dropped out of the 50 backstroke after swimming in the preliminaries of the non-Olympic event, wanting to focus on more important races, and took fourth in the 100 freestyle. Otherwise, it was all gold.

She improved on her performance at the London Olympics, where she was one of the biggest stars with four golds and a bronze.

"I just wanted to see where I was after London," Franklin said. "It's kind of an unknown year. There are so many things that can happen."

Indeed. Check out what transpired with the American men in their 400 medley relay.

They celebrated what looked to be an easy victory, only to discover that 19-year-old breaststroker Kevin Cordes, the least experienced member of the foursome, left too soon on the exchange between the first and second legs.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LPGA

WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN: At St. Andrews, Scotland, Stacy Lewis had another big week at St. Andrews and left with an even bigger prize — a major championship at the home of golf.

Lewis finished a marathon Sunday with exquisite birdies on the last two holes of the Old Course to close with an even-par 72 and win the Women's British Open by two shots. It was her second major on the LPGA Tour, ending a record streak of 10 straight majors won by Asian players. The last time the 28-year-old Lewis was at St. Andrews was in 2008 for the Curtis Cup, and she went 5-0 to lead the Americans to victory.

PGA

RENO-TAHOE OPEN: At Reno, Nev., Gary Woodland holed a 58-foot chip from the rough for one of his four birdies and got up-and-down to save par five times to win the Reno-Tahoe Open for second PGA Tour victory.

Woodland had 44 points in the modified Stableford format that awards eight points for double eagle, five for eagle, two for birdie, zero for par, minus-one for bogey and minus-three for double bogey or worse.

Champions

3M CHAMPIONSHIP: At Blaine, Minn., Tom Pernice Jr. birdied the final two holes for a one-stroke victory over Jeff Sluman and Corey Pavin in the 3M Championship.

Pernice finished with a 4-under 68 and had a 17-under 199 total at the TPC Twin Cities for his second career Champions Tour victory. He also has two PGA Tour victories.

Web.com

MYLAN CLASSIC: At Canonsburg, Pa., Ben Martin won the Mylan Classic for his second Web.com Tour title of the year, shooting his third straight 4-under 67 for a five-stroke victory.

The 25-year-old former Clemson player had a 17-under 267 total at Southpointe Golf Club. He earned $121,500 to jump from fourth to second on the money list with $396,249.

Amateur

WESTERN AMATEUR: At Roland, Ark., U.S. Public Links champion Jordan Niebrugge and Sean Dale were tied playing the ninth hole Sunday when the Western Amateur final was suspended because of threatening weather.

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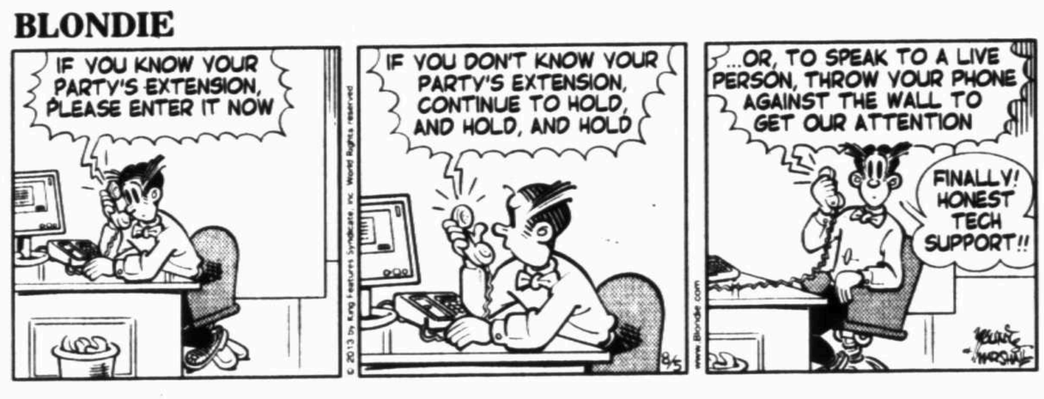

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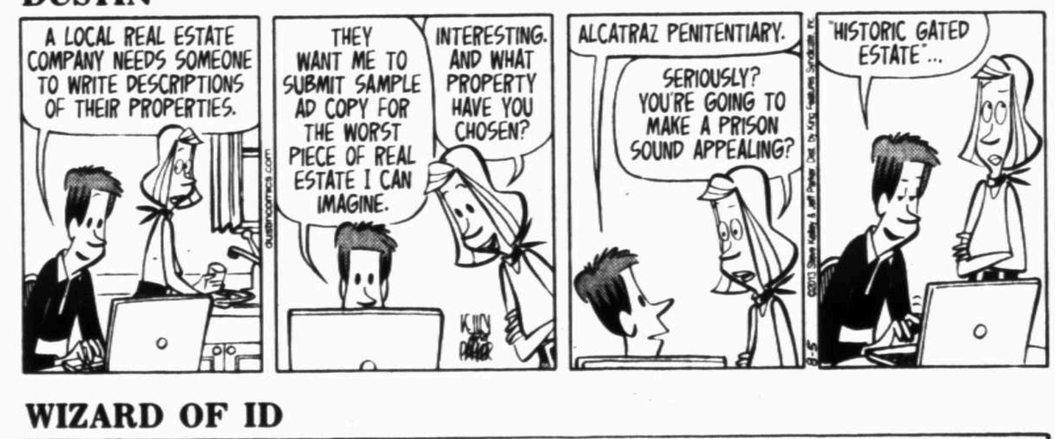

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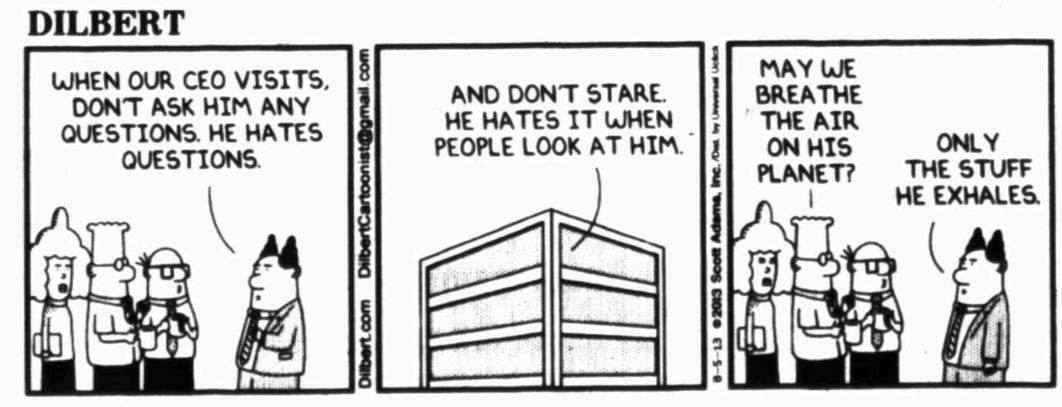

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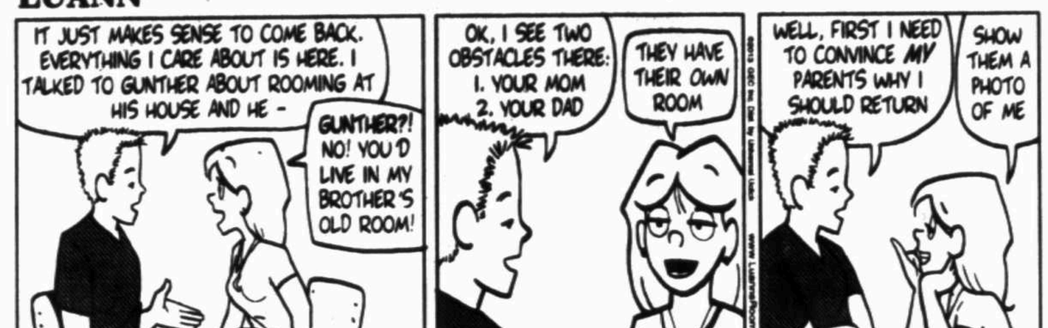

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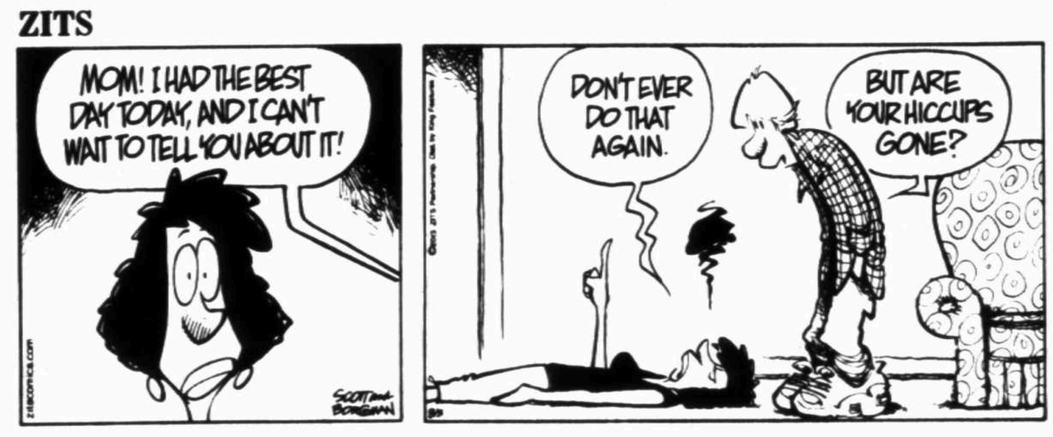

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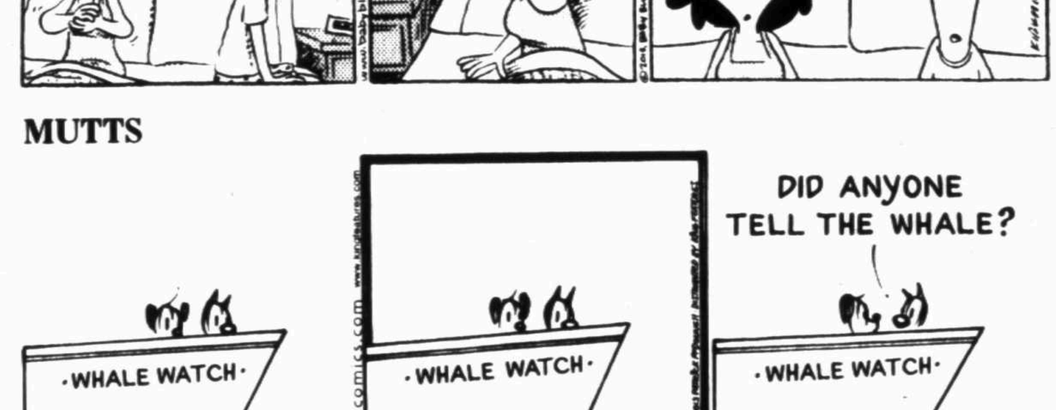

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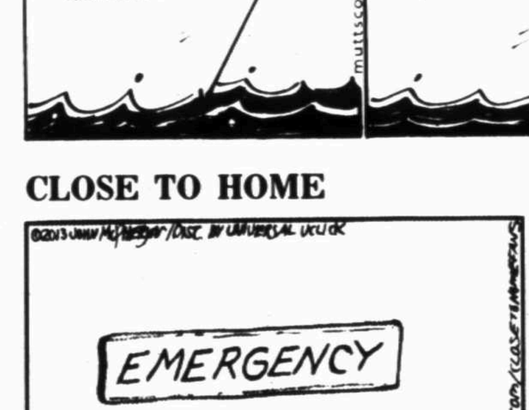
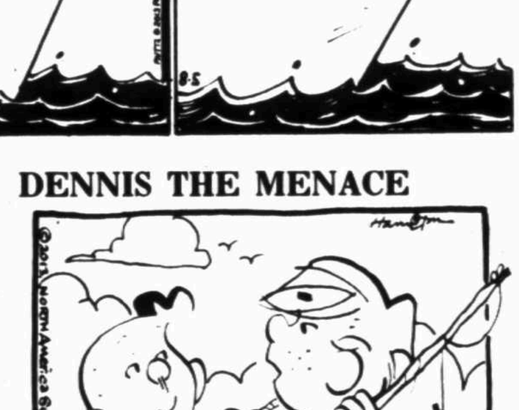


"The African Safari Ride turned out to be much more realistic than we expected."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"SHOULD WE GIVE MR. WILSON ONE OF OUR FISH? AFTER ALL, WE DID GET THE WORMS FROM HIS GARDEN."

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TODAY: Sunny
High: 99
Low: 77

TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 102
Low: 76

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 102
Low: 77

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 99 and south winds around 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 77 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

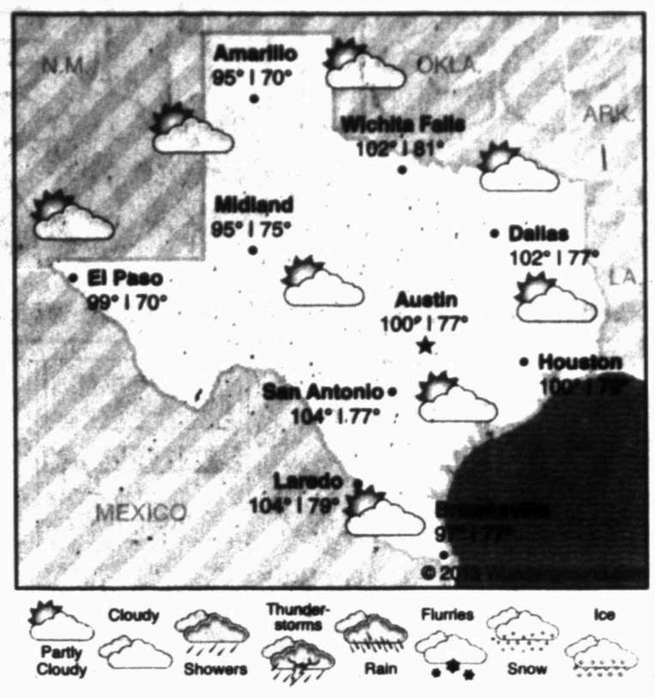
Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 102 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 76 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. There is a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 102 and a low around 77.

The high on Sunday reached 98, while the low dropped to 76. The record high for Aug. 5 is 104 set in 1943 and 2003. The record low is 61 set in 1973.

National forecast

Another beautiful August day will be shaping up in the Northeast on Monday. High pressure will continue to bring low humidity and sunshine from New England to Tennessee and the Carolinas.



Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	3.39 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.12 in.

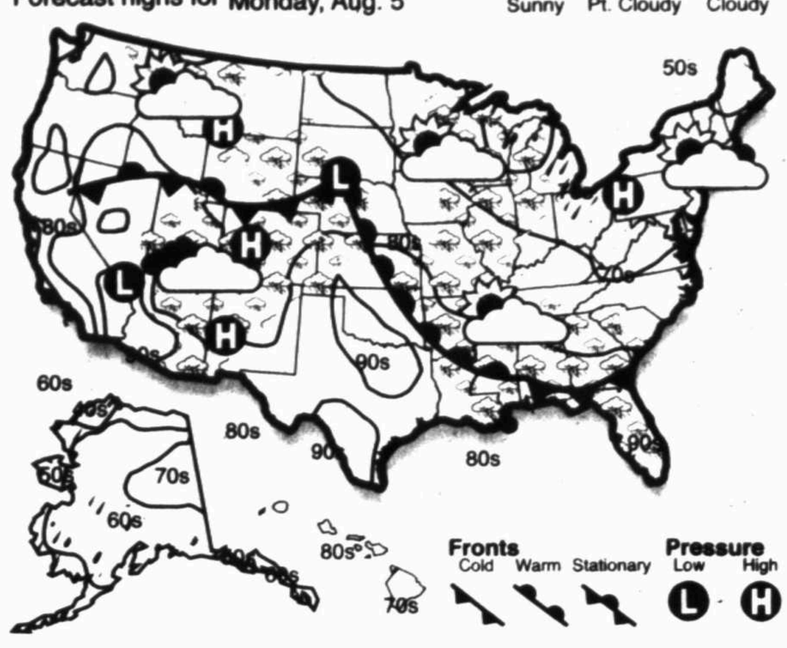
Wednesday's temperatures

High	98
Low	76
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	8:42 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Aug. 5

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy



Daughter wants to shield kids from toxic grandmother

DEAR ABBY



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

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I were close growing up. However, when I was in college she abandoned the family (my siblings were in high school and elementary school) for her much younger boyfriend.

Since then, our relationship has been strained, particularly since I learned she used to tell her then-husband she was visiting me when she was carrying on her affair. After that, I learned about additional lies she had told me throughout my childhood.

I'm married now and have two young children. Until a year ago we lived in the same city. Mom never came around much because she was preoccupied with finding new boyfriends to support her. She has since moved out of state and stalks me on Facebook, harassing me to get Skype so she can talk to my children.

My mother has never apologized for her actions to anyone and thinks we should just "get over it." Because so much has come out about her, I want to protect my children from being hurt by her the way I was.

I can't tell her outright that I don't want much to do with her for fear it will send her into an "episode," and I don't want my kids caught in the crossfire. If I try to sugar-coat what needs to be said, she won't get it. What should I do? — FRUSTRATED DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: Frankly, you'll save yourself a lot of grief if you just tell your mother you're not getting Skype and the reason why, and let her have her "episode." As a parent, you have every right to insulate your children from anyone you feel might be a negative influence — and that includes their grandmother.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend for more than a year and we are considering marriage. I am 23 and have never been dissatisfied with the way I look.

The other day he told my friend that when we get married and become financially stable, he would pay for a boob job for me. I'm offended, mostly because I don't want one and don't think I need one. Do you think this speaks to his character (or lack thereof)? — NOT GOING UNDER IN LOUISIANA

DEAR NOT GOING UNDER: No, I think it speaks to the degree he assumes he can control or make choices for you. That he would say something like that to one of your friends without having discussed it with you is rather disconcerting. I don't blame you for being offended.

DEAR ABBY: I operate a small Internet radio station out of my house in Texas. I play music 24/7, except on Saturday nights when I usually do a live talk show. A topic I raise every year coincides with my birthday. I announce to all who are listening that I have designated this day as Mind Your Own Business Day.

On this day, my listeners are reminded that if they disapprove of someone's choice of mate, clothing, religion, favorite music, pets — and anything else that may be personal and nobody's business — to keep it to themselves.

Would you be willing to mention this in your column and help me spread the word that while everyone has a right to an opinion, it doesn't mean everyone should be forced to listen to it? Thanks in advance. — JIM IN TEXAS

DEAR JIM: Not only is your message succinct, your idea has merit. If more people followed your philosophy, it could eliminate a lot of conflicts, not to mention headaches.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 8 3 ♡ Q J 6 ◇ 5 ♣ K Q 10 9 7 6 5
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
3♣	Pass	3◇	Pass

What do you bid now?
A — Obviously, partner's bid is forcing — you have already limited your hand. The best you can do now is highlight the one feature you have outside your long suit. Bid three hearts.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A Q 6 5 3 ♡ Q 6 ◇ 9 5 3 ♣ K J 2
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

A — You have no idea of the best spot, so just continue to describe your holding. The key feature to describe now is your support for partner's suit. Bid three clubs. You are in a forcing auction so don't steal your own space with dramatics. Start by showing your support for partner's suit. Bid three clubs.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 9 3 ♡ Q 10 8 6 5 ◇ 4 ♣ A 8 7 3
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?
A — Could not be better. You can describe your holding with one bid. Jump to four diamonds to show a singleton in the suit and game-going values with a heart fit. Any further move is up to partner.

Q 4 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 8 7 4 ♡ K J 3 2 ◇ K Q 10 4 ♣ A 6
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?
A — This looks like a no-brainer. With a balanced 13-count and three-card support for partner's major, it might seem that you should employ whatever method you use to tell partner this. Recent experience tends to show that nine tricks will make more often than 10, so we suggest you bid three no-trump, or two diamonds to give partner a chance to bid hearts if he has a four-card suit.

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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 Monday, Aug. 5, 2013:

This year you might be concerned with your image and with solving some long-term problems. The issue for you is that you could have difficulty detaching from what triggers you. Listen to the friends you trust and their suggestions. From there, you will find the correct path. Your romantic energy runs high. If you are single, you will remember this year for a long time. If you are attached, this could be one of the most romantic periods of your life. A fellow LEO tests your limits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You communicate succinctly, and others hear what you're saying. You might not appreciate their unresponsiveness, but understand that they could be revealing how they feel nonverbally. Be smart — don't push too hard. Tonight: Keep the conversation light.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Try to keep your opinions to yourself, even if someone asks for feedback. This person might not be prepared to hear what you have to say. Theoretical discussions in general are fine, but those with ramifications could be problematic and cause an issue. Tonight: Happy to be home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be in a difficult position without even knowing it. When someone asks for your opinion, he or she won't want to hear it if it's going to be negative. Exchange ideas and reach out to those in the know. Tonight: Visit with a friend and catch up on this person's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might want to share more with a loved one, but this person's knee-jerk reaction could persuade you to keep some details to yourself. Why expose yourself to an unnecessary problem? You would be wise to avoid that experience. Tonight: Let a child or new friend be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might find it to be a bit of a downer when you try to integrate new ideas, and others react with negativity. Remember, that is their opinion — not yours. Open up to new possibilities, and feel free not to share them with present company. Tonight: Toot your own horn!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Read between Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Bounce your ideas off a friend. You might be amazed by what comes up as a result. Clearly, you could use someone to play devil's advocate more often. Use extra caution with your funds and with an important decision regarding a recent purchase. Tonight: Reach out for the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You'll listen to someone with care, yet something within you could force you to respond negatively. Do not view this as being random; the idea presented just might not be workable. Find someone else you trust whose thinking you agree with. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Listen to the words a loved one utters. You could feel hurt or have a very strong emotional response to what this person says. You might wonder what would be best to do under the circumstances. Give your feelings some time to wash over you. Tonight: Be more childlike.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Deal with others on a one-on-one basis for the best results. You might find the agreement you reach with someone to be unsatisfying. You'll wonder why you invested so much time. Compromise often is marked by both sides being disappointed. Tonight: Let a friend close down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ To get a word in with someone demanding will take skill, but it also will encourage a lively exchange. You might wonder where this person is coming from. Observe, and you will find the key to his or her personality. Tonight: An older friend could be the downer of the night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to reconsider your plans. Perhaps you're not being realistic about what you can accomplish in a certain amount of time. You'll want to feel good at the end of the day, so try to detach from daily conversations and actions. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

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BORN TODAY

Astronaut Neil Armstrong (1930), film director John Huston (1906), guitarist Rick Derringer (1947)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Abbr. on old Eurasian maps
4 Video game area
10 Dashboard gauge, briefly
14 Green org. with a floral logo
15 Honeybunch
16 Scandinavian capital that uses garbage to generate energy
17 Stephen Colbert asset
18 Funny bits you need to see
20 Bangkok native
22 T-shirt size array, briefly
23 Online finance company
24 Building blocks of matter
25 Cheerios grain
27 Prefix with verse
28 Personal assessments of worth
33 Eisenhower and Turner
34 Tolkien monster
35 Post- opposite
36 Amaz of Hollywood
37 "I give up!"
39 H.S. exam
43 Gov. Cuomo's domain
45 Inner tube filler
46 Nobelist Morrison
47 V8 Spicy Hot, e.g.
51 Animation frame
52 Govt.-issued ID
53 Often-pressed key
54 Negative particle
56 Former NBAer __ Ming
59 Tapped barrels
60 Music channel host whose abbreviation hints at this puzzle's theme
63 Cooperstown Hall of Famer Mel
65 Sealed, as a win
66 "Man of the House" author Tip
67 Division of history
68 Subtraction word
69 "Stop dreaming!"
70 Roget entry: Abbr.

DOWN
1 Attach a button, say
2 Bit of physical comedy with a sprayed beverage
3 Entry points for some rodent nests
4 Provide counsel to
5 Portuguese king
6 Pop's Mama
7 Calla lily family
8 Conversation in a screenplay
9 Cooked sushi fish
10 Hammer or saw
11 Invite to dinner, e.g.
12 Spruces up
13 Egypt's Mubarak
19 Yankee shortstop Derek
21 Funny
24 Enthusiastic
26 Electric current unit
29 Knight games
30 Decorative vase
31 1983 Mr. T film
32 Planet farthest from the Sun, now
38 "__ Abner"
40 "C'est la vie"
41 Family tree subject
42 Bleacher part
44 Simple question type
47 Grand Canal city
48 Slurs over
49 "I wouldn't do this for just __"
50 Hyde was his alter ego
51 Raise petty objections
55 Weighty Brit. references
57 Masterful server
58 Dust Bowl migrant
61 LinkedIn listing
62 She, in Lisbon
64 Beachgoer's goal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs

1. Richard Milburn Academy (RMA) integrates technology throughout its high school curriculum and offers approved career pathways, including career and technology education clusters, to meet graduation requirements in the State of Texas. Enrollment in these courses is based upon a student's completion of the appropriate prerequisite coursework and ability to meet criteria identified in the course description. Activities, programs, and privileges are made equally accessible to all students. Admission to RMA is based on the availability of student slots at the public charter high school. RMA educates students who have had difficulty in the traditional public school setting by offering small class sizes, flexible scheduling and certified teachers dedicated to meeting the individual needs of students. RMA does not charge tuition or fees.
2. It is the policy of RMA not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
3. It is the policy of RMA not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
4. RMA will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
5. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Dr. Norm Hall, Superintendent at 1263 Terminal Loop, McQueeney, TX 78123, Telephone Number (830) 557-6181.

NOTIFICACIÓN PUBLICA de No Discriminación de Carrera y Tecnología en los Programas de Educación

1. LA ACADEMIA de Richard Milburn integra la tecnologia a través de su curriculo de escuela secundaria y ofrece perspectivas de carreras aprobadas, incluyendo carrera y grupos de educación tecnológica, para satisfacer los requisitos de graduación en el Estado de Texas. Los requisitos para tomar estos cursos esta basado en si el estudiante completo el curso previo (pre-requisito) y el tener la habilidad de cumplir con los criterios identificados en la descripción del mismo. Actividades, programas y privilegios seran igualmente accesible a todos los estudiantes. La admisión a RMA se basa en la disponibilidad de cupo o espacios disponibles en la escuela publica secundaria carta. RMA educa a estudiantes que han tenido dificultad en la escuela publica tradicional ofreciendo sus cursos a través de clases pequeñas, itinerario de cursos flexibles y con profesores certificados dedicados a servir a las necesidades individuales de cada estudiantes. RMA no cobra matricula o honorarios.
2. Es norma de RMA no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimenta, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal Como requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, seg?n enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, segun enmienda.
3. Es norma de RMA no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, segùn enmienda, el Titulo IX de las Enmiemndas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, segun enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, segun enmienda.
4. RMA tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.
5. Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordiandor del Titulo IX y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Dr. Norm Hall, Superintendent, en 1263 Terminal Loop, McQueeney, TX 78123, o numero de telefono (830) 557-6181.

Legal & Public Notices

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 38 Case No. 7C-0283531
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 15, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 765593
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 19, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Bk. , THROCKMORTON CSL Survey, A-544, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 16 miles NW 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 19, 2013 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 :	XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE	
Lease/Unit Well No :	2097H	
Lease/Unit Acres :	17433.41	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	497.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	27.0	
Lease Lines :	8840.0 F south L,	497.0 F west L
Survey Lines :	5047.0 F north L,	497.0 F west L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 8840.0 F SOUTH L
497.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 2 Block Abstract 543
Survey: THROCKMORTON CSL
Lease Lines: 9389.0 F NORTH L
497.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 4500.0 F SOUTH L
497.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10155 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

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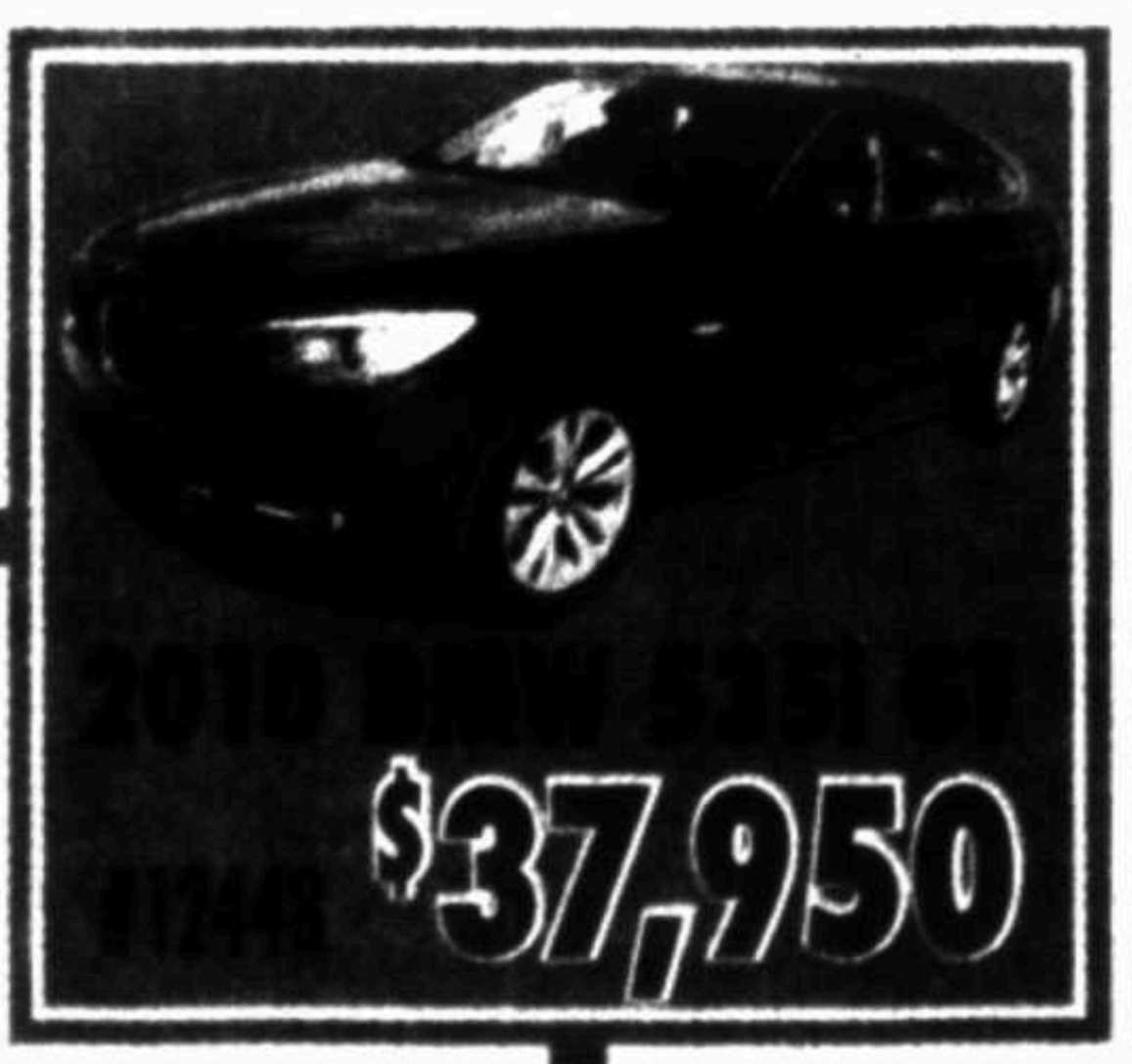
OVER 120 USED VEHICLES AVAILABLE











SPORTS CARS

2012 Camaro	$23,884	#12449
2012 Camaro SS	$29,995	#12431
2013 Mustang Convertible	$23,995	#12521
2008 Mustang	$9,995	#12473A
2010 Miata MX-5	$18,884	#12483

FORD

2010 F-150 Crew Lariat 4x4	$33,884	#12458
2012 F-150 Crew XLT	$26,885	#12477
2012 F-150 Crew King Ranch 4x4	$38,885	#12512
2013 Edge SE	$23,884	#12480
2008 Escape XLT	$8,995	#2013TA
2012 Fusion SEL	$17,750	#12501

NISSAN

2008 Altima 2dr V-6	$13,800	#12520
2011 Maxima	$22,884	#2403MB
2012 Murano	$23,995	#12386
2010 Pathfinder SE	$18,884	#12449A
2010 Titan King Cab SE	$18,884	#12497

TOYOTA

2012 Venza LE	$22,884	#12508
2013 Venza LE	$24,850	#12516
2012 Yaris	$13,664	#12515
2012 Rav-4	$19,995	#12517
2010 Tundra Dbl Cab 5.7	$22,784	#12454
2011 Tundra Crew Max Limited 4x4	$37,995	#12400

CHEVY

2007 Trailblazer	$8,995	#2400MH
2008 Tahoe 2wd	$18,885	#2424MA
2012 Tahoe LT 4wd	$35,995	#12493
2002 Malibu LT	$14,995	#12377
2012 Silverado Crew	$25,884	#12510
2013 Silverado Crew	$28,994	#12466

GMC

2011 Acadia Denali	$35,995	#12459
2009 Canyon Crew V-8	$20,884	#12490
2011 Sierra Ext Cab 1500	$22,884	#2400MB
2011 Terrain SLT	$24,995	#1989TA

VOLKSWAGEN

2010 Beetle	$12,995	#10307
2013 Beetle	$18,995	#12451
2012 Passat	$18,884	#12505

MAZDA

2011 Mazda3-5 door	$16,850	#12483
2012 Mazda2	$12,884	#2007TA
2012 Mazda3 5 door	$18,885	#2389MA
2012 CX-7 Sport	$19,884	#12489

Ends 8/31/2013. All units subject to prior sale. Tax title and License extra. Financing with approved credit.

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OTHER JOBS

MPS MILFORD PIPE & SUPPLY

Sales Manager:

Looking for an upbeat individual who would be responsible for the development and performance of all sales activities in our market. This would include managing several sales teams, identifying growth opportunities, and help managing strategies all while staying in line with the company vision and values.
Need a minimum of 5 years sales experience with 2 years of management experience
Bachelor's degree preferred
Computer skills are a must (excel, powerpoint, office)

Logistics Assistant

Looking for an organized, detail oriented individual.
Computer skills are a must. Mostly Excel based position

Dispatcher

Needs to have knowledge of the Permian basin with the ability to direct CDL drivers on where to deliver their cargo.
DOT compliance experience necessary
Computer skills are a must.

[illegible] Auditor

Looking for an orga[illegible] oriented individual.
[illegible] skills are a [illegible] position
[illegible] management skills [illegible]

[illegible] 401K, health benefits and competitive pay
Apply Online at www.milfordpipesupply.com

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounts Payable Clerk
Kelly Services has an immediate opening for Accounts Payable Clerk, must be proficient with Excel, salary DOE.
Call 432-689-9801 or apply in person with resume
6 Desta Drive, Suite 1260, Midland, TX.
Never an applicant fee. Equal opportunity employer.

Kelly Services Now Hiring:
• **Delivery Driver** - $10.00, must have clean driving record and valid drivers license
• **Warehouse** - $12.00
Call Kelly Services 432-689-9801 or apply in person with resume
6 Desta Drive, Suite 1260, Midland, TX.
Never an applicant fee. Equal opportunity employer.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER/ ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Full Charge Bookkeeper with a minimum 10 years experience needed for busy multiple entity office. Must have strong Excel and analytical skills, solid working knowledge of QuickBooks and exposure to oil and gas accounting software. Job includes reconciliations, receivables, payables, creating and maintaining spreadsheets. Ideal candidate should be detail oriented, organized and self-motivated with ability to manage multiple tasks. Pleasant working environment with good salary and benefit package.

Equal Opportunity employer, Non-smoking environment.

Please email resume and cover letter to:
Blind.box.p110@gmail.com
or mail to: P-110 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701

Office Assistant
Oilfield Services Office Assisant needed. Computer skills, MS Office, self starter, 432-684-7373

Office Manager
Machinist Specialty FT
Small business has an immediate need of an Office Manager for accounts receivable/payable, Taxes, payroll, data entry, and knowledge of quick books a must. Hours and salary flexible. Email resume to: msipurchasing@gmail.com or fax to 866-255-1578.

Receptionist
Confidential FT
Receptionist needed for CPA firm. Professional appearance and telephone etiquette required. Basic computer experience preferred. Hours 8:30-5:00. Possible overtime in busy tax season. Send resumes to: courtney@dhc-cpa.net or call 432-682-0963.

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST
Position available. Microsoft Office skills a must. Email resume to **cawatson@wpg-us.com** or mail **P.O. Box 11186 , Midland, TX 79702**

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Heavy Equipment Operators
Fretco, Inc. FT
Experienced Heavy Equipment Operators needed immediately for excavation contractor. Dozers, excavators, off-road articulated haul trucks. Experienced Oilers and diesel mechanics also needed for CAT heavy equipment. Call: 660-656-9506. EOE.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Sales Reps
Fred Loya FT
Now Hiring Bilingual customer Sales Reps (English/Spanish) Apply at: (407 Andrews Hwy,) or Email Application & Resume to: krodriquez@fredloya.com Hiring for Midland pay starting at $8.00/Hr & up to $12.00/Hr within 60 Days! Experienced Personal is always Welcome.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

CHILD CARE TEACHERS
Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT
Child Care Teachers needed. Above average wages for Full and Part-time positions. Call 432-520-8888.

PRIVATE S.A.T. TUTOR
Trinity Senior is home for the summer and wants to study for S.A.T. We have the study materials, but need an experienced and certified teacher as a tutor immediately. References required. Call 432-685-9914

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Power Plant Craftsman
Luminant Power is Hiring!
Seeking multi skill Craftsman for our Permian Basin gas plant in Monahans, TX. Competitive pay, annual bonus and benefits start day one! Please apply at our website and reference job # 4989 http://luminantcareers.com/

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OTHER JOBS



Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am.
Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night.
Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person
Pay 10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles: Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift.
Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person
Pay 10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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HEALTHCARE

Are you tired of the same old job? If so-- we have what you are looking for.

We seek a self motivated, enthusiastic individual to organize the treatment at
Compton and Boren Orthodontic Practice

Excellent opportunity to work in a high quality orthodontic practice with a team of committed health care professionals.

All inquires kept confidential.
Fax resume to 432-682-8316 .

Billing/Insurance Clerk
Billing/Insurance Clerk needed for busy Urology office. Job duties include collections from patients & insurance companies verifying eligibility & benefits for patients & pre-certification of procedures & completing FMLA forms. The successful candidate will have a high school degree. Some college is preferred, computer knowledge, good analytical skills, the ability to multi-task, affinity for detail & excellent communication skills. Some knowledge of CPT codes, ICD-9 codes & experience in medical billing is preferred. Resumes will be accepted at: 2706 West Cuthbert, Bldg. C, Midland, Tx 79701.

CNA or Nurse
Confidential FT
Need a well experienced CNA or Nurse for sitting with elderly woman. References required. Please call Yadira at: 432-741-9091 from 8am-8pm.

Receptionist
West Texas Urology FT
Receptionist needed for busy multi-physician office. Duties include: high volume telephones, posting charges and receiving payments. Bilingual required. Send resume to: 2706 West Cuthbert Bldg C, Midland TX 79701.

Registered Dental Hygienist
Dr. Sam Sowders
Growing upscale cosmetic general dental practice has the opportunity to add one more talented Registered Dental Hygienist. We have state of the art equipment and an excellent working environment. If you have the desire to become a member of our team please send resume to:
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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

House Keeping
Midland's Premier Country Club FT
Has openings for **House Keeping** 10am-6pm, with weekends. *We hire attitude and personality over experience.* In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401K. Please apply in person Midland Country Club, 6101 Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

OTHER JOBS

suddenlink



On-site Interviews
Thursday, August 8th
10AM-4PM
2530 S. Midkiff
Midland, TX 79701

Are you self-motivated with a strong desire and drive to win?

Suddenlink is looking for **Professional Outside Sales Reps** interested in an unlimited income!
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Come join the 7th largest media services provider in the U.S.

For a full job description or to apply, visit our website
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All Positions
Firehouse Subs FT
Midland, TX 79701
Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162.

All Positions
QSN Realty: Restaurant Staff all positions. Bartender, Waitstaff, Office Managers, HVAC Tech. Please apply in person at 3100 W. Wall.

Assistant Mgr. & Sales Associate
Wood's Boots FT
Midland, TX 79701
Assistant Manager & Sales Associate positions available at Wood's Boots. Best customers & best hours in retail. Plus you get to wear boots & jeans. Come talk to us! 4803 Andrews Hwy & 812 West I-20 in Midland.

Available Openings
QSN Realty: Hotel General Manager wanted. Independent hotel in Odessa being renovated. Great opportunity for Front Office Managers who want to rise up in the Hospitality Industry. Experience preferred, but will train the right person. Salary DOE. Must be computer literate & a strong communicator. Email resumes to jposmantur@jyihospitality.com

Available Openings
QSN Realty: Office Supervisor, A/C Techs, Bar Supervisor, Desk Clerks, Night Auditor, Housekeepers, Houseman, Servers. Pay based upon experience. Bring resume to 5010 W. Loop 250 N. or fax 432-520-9434. For info call 432-694-1349.

Available Positions
The YMCA of Midland is currently seeking Childcare Counselors, Van Drivers, Fitness Attendants, Lifeguards and Maintenance staff. Please apply in person at 800 N. Big Spring Street, no phone calls please.

Caretaker
Confidental
Caretaker for small ranch and animals/dogs, horses. Salary and housing provided. Non-smokers. References required. Call 432-254-6151

Carpenters/Mudman/Painters
HYGEAR CONSTRUCTION LLC FT
Now Hiring Carpenters, experienced mudman and painters. Call 432-685-9497 leave message.

Experienced Survey Techs
Topographic Land Surveyors: Survey Techs needed to join our office staff in Midland. Must have good communication and management skills and the ability to use Carlson with an AutoCad engine. Field experience a plus. Salary DOE. Must be able to pass a drug screen, benefits available upon 90 probationary period. Apply at: 2903 North Big Spring St., Midland, Tx 79705.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position requires night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Resident Monitor & Cook
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Need extra income? Looking for a 2nd job? Available to work a few hours a week? Dismas Charities Midland, a residential re-entry center is hiring Full, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor & Cook. The program operates 24/7. Flexible hours & shifts available. Apply online at: www.dismas.com Walk-in applicants are welcome at: 24 W. Industrial Loop.

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant



The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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OTHER JOBS

Security Officers
Imperial Guard Service FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
No experience necessary. Will train. Uniforms provided. Benefit packages available. Up to $700 per week. Call 866-840-2066
TX Lic# 12202

Survey Company Position
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Midland, TX 79701 0-1 Years Exp.
WTC Inc. a dynamic engineering and land surveying firm, in Andrews Texas, is growing and expanding. If you enjoy working hard and having fun in a family style, drug free atmshpeer. We are looking for you. We are currently accepting resumes or applications for a New Mexico PLS survey drafting technician. Survey Party Chief and field help. Please email your resume to Alexisyatwtcengieering .com or Mail it to 405 SW 1st St. Andrews, Texas 79714

Warehouse Person
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Basin Engine & Pump is looking for an industrial oilfield warehouse person. Pump and or warehouse experience preferred. Position includes uniforms and a benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to: 432-570-1115 or email to: shawn@basinengine.com. Applications may also be filled out at 1914 South County Rd. 1083, Greenwood/Midland.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

DOMINO'S PIZZA NOW HIRING!
•Drivers: Make cash everyday. Great part time & full time shifts. Starting wage of $7.50 an hour (no split tip/wage here) plus delivery reimbursement, plus tips. **•CSRs:** Great part time & full time shifts. Starting wage of $8.25 an hour. Bright & Friendly people only! **•Shift Leaders:** Great part time & full time shifts. Starting wage of $10 an hour. Flexible Schedules. Apply at any **Domino's Pizza** Midland or Odessa or send resume. **cassie@clearwire.net**. Senior citizens & stay at home moms always welcome. EOE

Great Western Dining at Midland College

Now Hiring!!!

Full & Part Time All Positions
Will Train!!
Apply at the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall
Monday-Thursday 8a to 3pm.

Dining Services Staff
Midland's Premier Country Club FT
Is looking for **Line Cooks**. *We hire attitude and personality over experience.* Position is full-time. In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401k. Please apply in person: Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79705.

Restaurant General Manager & Assistant Manager
We are looking for self-motivated leaders to join our team. As a Restaurant Manager at one of our restaurants, you will be an important member of the team who'll drive the JumBurrito Brand and deliver on the JumBurrito promise of "The Perfect Burrito Experience" to every single customer. You'll be responsible for managing our human resources, meeting our operational, financial goals and objectives. If you exceed our expectations you can progress rather quickly in our company. Salary/bonus/ 401k/ vacation. Email resume to: sgallegos@jumburrito.com

Restaurant Positions
Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT
Would you like to make $15-$20 an hour? Now hiring Hibachi Chef. Will train. Also need all positions: Waitress, Hostess, Cashier, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwasher & Kitchen Help. Apply in person: 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706.

Servers and Cooks
Cattle Baron FT
Cattle Baron Restaurant now hiring experienced servers and cooks. Starting wage $11.00 - $15.00 per hour depending on experience. Please apply daily 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm 418 Wadley Ave., Midland, TX No phone calls please!! EOE

RETAIL JOBS

Customer Service Representative
Athletes World, Inc. FT
Athletes World, Inc. is looking for a full time employee. Offering competitive salary and friendly staff to work with. Duties will include assisting customers and answering phones. Computer skills a plus, but will train the right person. Ability to work under pressure in a fast pace environment is essential. Please email resume to: Becky@stadiumsportsusa.com, fax to: 432-684-5481 or come by our location at 2040 West Cuthbert Ave to fill out an application.

SALES JOBS

Apprentice
Peerless Tyre Company FT
Do you have the desire to make an above average income? Peerless Tyre Co. is now hiring for an Apprentice. Person should have previous sales experience or tire experience but not necessary. Person must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting $12/hour or depending on experience. Apply 2804 W. Wall, Midland or 3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa.

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid is weekly plus tips. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

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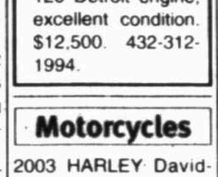

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