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County lifts burn ban after last week's rain

Ban could still be re-enacted if vegetation dries up

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Midland County officials lifted the burn ban effective Monday, a week after rainfall hit the county for several consecutive days, ending this particular ban period of 55 days.

The ban was first enacted on May 28, but an uptick of greener plants and grass prompted the ban to be lifted, said Dale Little, county fire marshal, after Monday's Commissioners Court meeting.

The National Weather Service recorded 0.98 of an inch of rain between from July 16-19.

"With the rain that we got lately and the green up that we got, we're going to go ahead and lift it (burn ban)," Little said.

The ban could be enforced again if the land starts to dry up. November or December this year could be when the burn ban is enacted again as plants dry up and turn brown during that time, he said.

Little said people should still follow regulations by not burning after dark and only burn certain home items such as trash and vegetation but not tires, construction material or lumber.

"We hope that people will adhere to the rules and regulations," Little said. "And if they don't, we will be out to visit with them."

In other business, county commissioners approved 15 applicants for current-day septic tanks as part of the ongoing Colonia study and plan led by Precinct 3 Commissioner Luis Sanchez. The study and plan focuses on providing updated infrastructure to south Midland and finding appropriate means to fund projects, such as a Texas Community Development Block Grant for colonias that is funding the septic tanks.

"There are areas in the county that are very old and some of the people out there don't have the funds to be able to go in and replace, especially those who are retired or just living on Social Security, or are low-income," Sanchez said.

The application process for the grants opened Feb. 12. Sanchez said people have been calling to check on their application status. He said the process requires various levels of inspections and approvals.

Applications are being accepted, up to total of 75 septic tanks, he said.

Black Gold Brides: A look at NM oil wives

Editor's note: This is the first in a series on oilfield wives.

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CARLSBAD, N.M. — When Elexis Towler kisses her husband, Dusty, goodbye as he heads off to work at an oil rig site some two hours away from home, she keeps a positive attitude that he will return safely to her and their 18-month-old daughter, Jaclyn. Towler's husband is a tool pusher for Silver Oak Drilling. He generally lives and works at the rig site for four days, working 12-hour shifts, and then he is off four days. Recently, he worked eight days straight before he was able to come home.

Towler said some people might argue equating the job of a soldier in a combat zone to an oilfield worker's job. She said both are dangerous, and when they kiss their loved ones goodbye, "you pray they will stay safe on the job and come home.

"Soldiers protect our country, while oilfield workers keep our country running through the extraction of oil and gas and help keep our country energy independent. They are two important jobs. What workers on oil rigs do is a different type of dangerous," she said, pointing out the number of oilfield-related deaths and injuries that have occurred in Eddy County in the past two years.

Towler, who holds an associate degree in psychology from Eastern New Mexico University Roswell, said she tries not to worry when her husband is at work.

"I won't lie, and say I don't worry. It's pretty scary. I worry if something were to happen to him. The question is always in the back of my mind, if I would be able afford to keep this house we just bought in December, and I worry how hard it would be for Jaclyn to be without her daddy," said Towler, who has been married just more than two years.

She said while the company her husband works for "treats its employees right," the fear is always there that the life insurance benefits they both have may not be enough to raise a child and provide a good life without her spouse.

At 23, Towler is mature and practical. She said she knew what she was getting into when she married. Her father, Hector Reza, worked in the industry for 20 years and provided a good living for his family. Her husband also comes from a family of oilfield workers.

"I'm proud of Dusty. When I met him, he was working as a driller. He has worked his way up from a driller to a tool pusher," she said. "He works hard and provides for us. It enables me to be a stay-at-home mom. For my part, I make sure when he goes to work and leaves us here, he has nothing to worry about. I take care of the bills, the house and the other day-to-day things.

"I don't want him to be distracted on the job. He needs to keep his focus on the job. He has 15 other guys' lives in his hands. I think I'm a pretty good

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Sugar crush

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Susie Hitchcock-Hall gets a hug and kiss from longtime friend Ron Forest on Monday in front of giant spoons and a pile of sugar during the groundbreaking for the new Susie's South Forty factory and showroom at 401 S. Marienfeld.

Susie's South Forty breaks sugary ground on future site

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Oversized spoons dug into a pile of sugar Monday afternoon, signifying that Susie's South Forty is coming to downtown.

City officials, Chamber of Commerce officials, Susie's South Forty staff and owner Susie Hitchcock-Hall herself celebrated the groundbreaking for the future site of the Susie's South Forty factory and retail store. The 15,000-square-foot building will be located at 401 S. Marienfeld St., a location informally known as the "superblock."

The building will contain the production factory with glass walls to allow tourists to view the candy-making process, as well as a retail store. Hitchcock-Hall said the building will have both self-guided and guided tours.

The local business is making the move to downtown after its lease expired on the South Fairgrounds Road location.

"We're homeless, so we really did need this," Hitchcock-Hall said. "We're working in five locations right now."

Hitchcock-Hall contacted city

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Texas Tech endocrinology fellowship to provide diabetics more care

By Meredith Moriak
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Chemitiganti

The addition of an endocrinology fellowship at Texas Tech University's School of Medicine at the Permian Basin means more West Texans with diabetes, thyroid issues and other endocrine system disorders will have more access to specialized treatment.

"In keeping with the vision and mission of Texas Tech, which is to train young doctors and provide excellent patient care to our West Texas community, it's important that we create local expertise, which is available, but is very scarce," said Rama Chemitiganti, a TTUHSC associate professor of internal medicine who will begin his endocrinology fellowship Aug. 1.

Tech's request to begin an endocrinology fellowship program at the Permian Basin medical school was approved by the accrediting board in late May.

Chemitiganti is one of two doctors who will begin the two-year fellowship at the beginning of August where they will be prepared to work with patients with diabetes, thyroid disorders, osteoporosis and other hormonal disorders such as adrenal and pituitary issues. Both fellows will see patients at Odessa's Medical Center Hospital and Midland Memorial Hospital.

"There is a huge burden of diabetes in the community and it's our goal to make expertise locally available for taking care of difficult-to-treat patients," said Chemitiganti, who will be taught by four of Tech's endocrinologists.

Diabetes affects 9.7 percent — 1.8 million — adults in Texas and an additional 5.2 percent — 1 million — are pre-diabetics, according to data from the 2010 Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

It is estimated the total number of diabetes cases in Texas will increase by almost 60 percent in the next 30 years from 1.8 million to almost 2.9 million in 2040, according to data.

"There are not enough endocrinologists nationally to take care of this," said Sanjit Bindra, TTUHSC assistant professor of internal medicine and a practicing endocrinologist.

Only 10 percent of diabetics actually get to see an endocrinologist because of the shortage, even though about 60 percent of diabetics need specialized care, said Endocrinology Fellowship Program Director Sandeep Dhindsa.

"Internists can handle many of the cases, but once (the patient) is on multiple medicines, they need to see a specialist in terms of insulin manage-

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Gasoline	$3.551 ▼	$0.003

The big number
Today, there were
50,000 bets placed
attempting to predict the royal baby's name. More on 6A.

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Read about the Dallas Cowboys' training camp. 1C

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A Midland educator leads a hula hoop program. 1B

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Mic Madness

The semifinals of the Mic Madness favorite area broadcaster tournament are under way.

In one semifinal, Krista Escamilla, of KOSA, winner of the Cronkite bracket, faces Darrell Ward, of KOSA, winner of the Harvey bracket.

In the other semifinal, Kris Moore, of KCHX, winner of the Limbaugh bracket, faces, Bob Hards, of the Midland RockHounds, winner of the Brokaw bracket.

The semifinals take continue today. The finals are set for Wednesday through Friday.

Go to MyWestTexas.com/broadcasters to vote for your favorite broadcasters.

Meetings today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Community Calendar

■ Casa de Amigos is partnering with Chick-fil-A for a fundraiser from 5-8 p.m. today.

During that time, the Chick-fil-A at 25 Village Circle will donate a portion of its profts to Casa.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital is hosting a blood drive 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the lobby.

MMH and Odessa's Medical Center Hospital are competing to see which facility has the most donors, according to Dianne Scott, with United Blood Services. Donors will be eligible for prizes, including an iPad, Garmin GPS, and Blue Ray player.

For more information or to register, call 561-5539 or go to www.unitedbloodservices.org.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m.,, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

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

Water Tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis water fields.

Friday's total: 16,537,000 (CRMWD 13,484,000, Paul Davis fields 3,053,000)

Saturday's total: 13,686,000 (CRMWD 10,638,000, Paul Davis fields 3,048,000)

Sunday's total: 16,872,000 (CRMWD 13,797,000, Paul Davis fields 3,075,000)

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 129,314 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 84,810 acre-feet. The average delivery since July 1 from CRMWD is 14,424,095.

Best cities in Texas for job seekers

The list was put together using Census data based on these questions:

■ Is the city growing?

■ Do people earn high salaries?

■ Are most people employed?

1. League City
2. Allen
3. Sugar Land
4. McKinney
5. Grand Prairie
6. Midland

They wrote about Midland: As the central city of Midland County and the Midland metro area, as well as the Permian Basin, Midland's economy is mostly driven by oil and energy. It has seen rapid population growth since the 1970s and continues to attract workers in the education, medicine, and energy industries. Major employers include Midland College, home to the McCormick Gallery, the Warren Equipment Company, Dawson Geophysical and the Midland Independent School District. Midland's unemployment rate was a very low 3 percent as of April 2013.

7. Edinburg
8. Irving
9. Bryan
10. Plano

Courtesy of Nerd Wallet (Web: nerdwallet.com)

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 5-3-9
Pick 3 night: 2-3-0
Daily 4 day: 5-7-0-5
Daily 4 night: 1-6-1-7
Cash Five: 5-11-16-26-33
Texas Two Step: 8-13-16-33
BB: 6

Team spirit prevails

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Northern's Suddin Sapien leads his team in a final cheer after a loss against Corpus Christi Universal during the Texas West State Little League final Monday at Texas Bank Sports Complex in San Angelo. Northern lost the first game to Universal 1-11 and the second game 0-3.

SUSIE'S

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staff, who assisted her with moving to the downtown location, as previously reported.

The city's planning division put the building's plat application through administrative approval to bypass the Planning and Zoning Commission, expediting the process. The Downtown Midland Management District also assisted by using $23,000 to assemble and plat the site, DMMD Director Natalie Shelton told the Reporter-Telegram earlier this year.

Genora Young, the city's downtown director, made organizations — such as the city of Midland and DMMD — aware of Hitchcock-Hall's need for a new site. She said the factory's grand opening will be an example of collaborative efforts between private and public entities.

The downtown location was chosen in hopes of boosting tourism to the area. The Convention and Visitors Bureau has been challenged with finding businesses that will bring traffic in from Interstate 20 northward into downtown, Hitchcock-Hall said.

"Nothing does it better than a candy factory, for all ages." Hitchcock-Hall said. "Everybody loves candy."

Currently, the construction site is an empty parking lot, surrounded by more empty lots and an abandoned parking garage.

Mayor Wes Perry, who attended the groundbreaking ceremony, said developers may start to look at that area once again after the factory is complete.

"Who knows what you could do out here," Perry said. "It's a developer's dream."

Although the building is scheduled to open this holiday season, construction has not yet begun. Hitchcock-Hall said the builder knows the deadline and he is "under the gun" to ensure that customers can start buying Texas Trash and other delicacies for the holidays.

WIVES

From 1A

money manager. I keep us on a budget and I don't overspend. I don't want to have to live paycheck to paycheck. I know Dusty appreciates that."

She said the hardest thing being an oilfield wife is the long nights alone after she puts her daughter to bed. To keep herself busy during the day, Towler provides child care for two working moms whose husbands also work in the oilfields.

"I don't need the additional income, although it is nice, but I do it to keep myself busy. If I didn't babysit, I would probably take 100 trips into town just for something to do," said Towler, an Artesia native who now resides in the county.

She said because her husband's co-workers come from various communities, networking with their wives is not an option.

The co-workers' wives are scattered and it is difficult to stay in touch with them.

However, Towler said she is friends with oilfield wives in Artesia whose husbands work for different companies.

"I'm pretty independent. But I do have family in Artesia to fall back on if I should need them. I have cousins who I hang out with, and I visit a lot with my grandma. She makes the best food, ever," Towler said.

While her husband is away at work, Towler has a set routine. She gets up early so she can be ready to welcome the children she cares for — two 5-year-olds and an 18-month-old — when their moms drop them off on their way to work.

Jaclyn is an early riser and is happy to have kids to play with.

The children watch television and play. Towler interacts with the children and helps the older two color inside the lines of their coloring books to improve their motor skills.

While they color or watch TV, Towler does a few chores around the house, such as fixing the curtain rod above her dining room window that had worked itself loose.

At about 11:30 a.m. she serves the children lunch — on this particular day it was grilled cheese sandwiches and carrot sticks. Nap time is shortly thereafter, providing Towler a little quiet time or time for housecleaning to prepare for Dusty's upcoming four-day weekend.

"I always try to get it all done before he comes home. I want him to come home to a clean and tidy house, not that my house is not clean or tidy most of the time. I don't mow the yard — Dusty does that when he comes home," Towler said while wiping down the kitchen countertops after lunch.

"When Dusty is home, we go fishing, hunting or do some target practicing at the range. We might go out to eat and a movie or hang out with family. But the time flies by too fast."

Towler said before her husband's return to work, grocery shopping and laundry are two things that are high on the list of "must do." She said while the company provides housing for its employees, bedding and food are the employees' responsibility.

"I'm basically buying food for two households," Towler said. "Dusty has his own quarters at the site. It's not fancy, but it does have a microwave and stove. But we had to furnish everything else he needs."

She said although her husband is away from home for days at a time, the company he works for has been generous in allowing him time off when he has needed to go home for a family emergency, such as the shooting death of his brother in Roswell last year by law enforcement, and the birth of his daughter.

"When I was pregnant, Dusty was able to come to go to my doctor appointments. They also gave him time off for the birth of Jaclyn. I was appreciative of that. Not all companies in this industry are employee- friendly," Towler said.

She reflects on the issue of some women being left alone for long periods of time and tending to stray from their marriages.

"It does happen. I know wives who have been unfaithful while their husband works in the oilfield. But that's not for me. When Dusty is at work, I hang out with my family or I stay home. I have a young cousin who loves to stay with me, and Jaclyn loves her. Gossip can also kill a marriage, so I make sure no one has anything to gossip about."

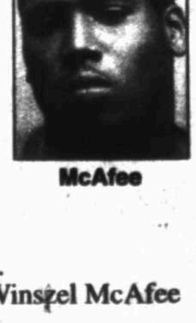
Although she would prefer her daughter not to follow in her footsteps and marry an oilfield worker, Towler said if that came to pass, she would not discourage her.

"It's nothing to be ashamed of. The industry has provided our families with a good living," she said. "But my advice to her, or any young women considering a life with someone who works in the oilfields, would be stay strong and never give up."

Midland man hides drugs in socks

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Thursday on a drug charge for using his socks for stashing crack rocks and weed, according to court documents.



McAfee

Robert Winstel McAfee Jr., 19, is being held on a $10,500 bond for a state felony charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and a class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 2:30 a.m. Thursday in the 200 block of North Lee Street. A person told the officer that McAfee had been fighting, but the affidavit does not say with whom he was fighting. McAfee was arrested on two outstanding warrants and was taken to the Midland County jail, according to the arrest report.

During booking, McAfee was found in possession of three crack rocks in his right sock and two small bags of marijuana in his left sock.

If convicted, he faces up to two years in prison for the state felony charge.

FELLOWSHIP

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ment," Dhindsa said. Only one or two medicines other than insulin were available to treat diabetics 20 years ago, but the number of new therapies and drugs available to treat diabetics today is often hard for internists to keep up with, he said.

"It does get complicated for an internist to keep a handle on all the new treatment options and to use them appropriately," Dhindsa said.

Chemitiganti estimates about 80 percent of the patients he serves as an internist have diabetes or thyroid issues.

Though he will no longer serve as those patients' primary care physician, Chemitiganti said he will still be part of their care team and consult directly on their endocrine issues.

Unlike the program's other fellow, who just completed her residency in Buffalo, N.Y., and has yet to start her career as a practicing doctor, Chemitiganti made the choice to relinquish his duties as assistant dean for clinical affairs and vice chair of internal medicine to enter into the fellowship mid-career.

Chemitiganti completed medical school in 1998 at Gandhi Medical College in India and began practicing in Texas during 2006. While doctors typically choose to complete their fellowships immediately following their residency, Chemitiganti said he wanted to get experience as a primary care physician first before deciding to specialize.

"In my mind, working as a primary care doctor was important. I did not want to become very narrow-minded. I want to practice good medicine," Chemitiganti said. "You need the right reasons to do what you're doing and that you can do after only a few years of training."

Chemitiganti said endocrinology has always interested him, especially because it affects a significant portion of the population.

"Cancer is the leading killer, but I consider diabetes as the cancer we don't realize that is curable and treatable. Unlike most cancers where we are hoping to prolong life, diabetes is a silent killer that hurts you over a period of time," Chemitiganti said.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, diabetes is among the top 10 leading causes of death in Texas. In 2010, about 4,738 individuals died with diabetes as the primary cause of death.

"When you practice medicine, you're a lifelong learner. There is never a point in time where you know it all, as medicine is always evolving; there are new diseases and new treatments," said Chemitiganti, who looks forward to teaching future endocrinology fellows.

Tech professors Craig Spellman, director of the center for diabetes and metabolism research, and James Burks, program director for the internal medicine residency program, also will teach the fellows.

Arkansas couple arrested for allegedly stealing truck

From staff reports

An Arkansas man and woman who were fired from a local carnival allegedly stole a welding pickup and equipment valued at more than $100,000.

Robinson

Worton

Michael Lee Robinson, 22, of Williford Sharp, Ark., and Miranda Kay Worton, 29, of Hazen Prairie, Ark., are being held in Midland County jail. They were arrested July 1 by Ohio state troopers, according to their arrest affidavit.

Robinson and Worton each are being held on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of theft between $100,000 and $200,000.

The pair is suspected of taking a welding pickup, which contained a hauler bed, plasma cutter and several other welding tools.

The two were employed by the carnival and terminated on May 1. They drove the truck to Tye, traded the truck for another pickup and headed out of state, according to their affidavits.

If convicted, they face up to 20 years in prison.

Woman arrested on drug possession charges

From staff reports

A Midland woman was found to have hidden a crack pipe in her vagina after she was arrested Thursday on a drug possession charge, according to her arrest affidavit.

Williams

Lakesha Williams, 36, was being held on a $10,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams in a drug-free zone. She posted bond and was released on Friday.

A Midland police officer said he observed Williams drinking a 24-ounce can of beer while she was driving her vehicle. The officer initiated a traffic stop in the 400 block of West New Jersey Avenue.

The officer found the beer can as well as several small crack rocks on the driver's side and passenger side floorboards, according to the arrest report. Williams was arrested and transported to Midland County jail.

During transport, she admitted to having narcotics in her bra. Midland jailers found three plastic bags containing crack cocaine and the crack pipe, according to the report.

If convicted, Williams faces up to 20 years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Andre D. Harris, 20, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Michael L. Robinson, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Robert R. Rodriguez Jr., 25, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Ralph Trevino Sr., 28, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of violation of parole.

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Dr. Hope Rugo, an oncologist and breast cancer specialist, demonstrates the use of a Dignitana DigniCap system at the University of California San Francisco Mount Zion Hospital cancer center in San Francisco on July 10. The caps chill the head and scalp allowing for hair preservation in chemo treatments.

Caps tested to prevent chemo hair loss

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hair loss is one of chemotherapy's most despised side effects, not because of vanity but because it fuels stigma revealing to the world an illness that many would rather keep private.

Now U.S. researchers are about to put an experimental hair-preserving treatment to a rigorous test: To see if strapping on a cap so cold it numbs the scalp during chemotherapy really works well enough to be used widely in this country, as it is in Europe and Canada.

The first time Miriam Lipton had breast cancer, her thick locks fell out two weeks after starting chemotherapy. But when the disease struck again, she used a cold cap during treatment and kept much of her hair, making her fight for survival seem a bit easier.

"I didn't necessarily want to walk around the grocery store answering questions about my cancer," recalled Lipton, 45, of San Francisco. "If you look OK on the outside, it can help you feel, 'OK, this is manageable, I can get through this.'"

Near-freezing temperatures are supposed to reduce blood flow in the scalp, making it harder for cancer-fighting drugs to reach and harm hair follicles. But while several types of cold caps are sold around the world, the Food and Drug Administration hasn't approved their use in the U.S.

Scalp cooling is an idea that's been around for decades, but it never caught on here in part because of a concern: Could the cold prevent chemotherapy from reaching any stray cancer cells lurking in the scalp?

"Do they work and are they safe? Those are the two big holes. We just don't know," said American Cancer Society spokeswoman Kimberly Stump-Sutliff, an oncology nurse who said studies abroad haven't settled those questions. "We need to know."

To Dr. Hope Rugo of the University of California, San Francisco, the impact of hair loss has been overlooked, even belittled, by health providers. She's had patients delay crucial treatment to avoid it, and others whose businesses suffered when clients saw they were sick and shied away.

With more people surviving cancer, "we need to make this experience as tolerable as possible, so there's the least baggage at the end," Rugo said.

"Quite frankly, it's the first or second question out of most patients' mouths when I tell them I recommend chemotherapy. It's not, 'Is this going to cure me? It's, 'Am I going to lose my hair?'" adds Dr. Susan Melin of North Carolina's Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Later this summer, Rugo and Melin, along with researchers at a few other hospitals in New York and California, will begin enrolling 110 early stage breast cancer patients in a study of the DigniCap brand of scalp cooling. The tight-fitting, insulated cap is attached to a cooling machine to stay around a shivery 41 degrees as patients undergo chemo. Participants' hair will be photographed for experts to assess, and they'll be compared with a small group of similarly ill patients who get chemo alone.

Lipton was among 20 U.S. patients who pilot-tested the DigniCap in 2011, most of whom kept more than half of their hair. Lipton's thinned quite a bit at the crown, where the cap didn't fit snugly. But because her bangs and surrounding hair remained, the mother of two covered the thinning with a headband, not a wig. The side effect: Pain and a headache as the cold set in.

"It wasn't perfect, but it was easier," said Lipton, who's healthy today. "I felt normal much more quickly."

If the larger study is successful, Sweden's Dignitana AB plans to seek FDA approval to market the medical device in the U.S. The move could open the way for other brands and insurance coverage.

Clearly there's demand: Despite the lack of FDA approval, a growing number of U.S. patients are renting a similar product, called Penguin Cold Caps, from a British company for $455 a month. Patients haul a collection of caps to chemo sessions on dry ice, or store them in special freezers provided by about 50 hospitals. It's deliberately separate from doctors' and nurses' care — typically, patients bring a friend to help them switch caps every 20 to 30 minutes when one loses its chill.

"I know I'm sick, but I don't want to look it," said Vanessa Thomas, 57, of Baltimore, who is using the Penguin caps at the recommendation of her doctor at MedStar Harbor Hospital. Halfway through her breast cancer treatment, Thomas says her hair feels only a little thinner.

The FDA declined comment on the Penguin caps.

Beyond breast cancer, advocates say the caps may be useful with other solid tumors as well.

What's the evidence behind scalp cooling? A recent review by oncologists in the Netherlands found numerous overseas studies conclude scalp cooling can work — but it's far from clear which patients are most likely to benefit, even how cold the scalp should be. That's because most of the research so far has been from observational studies that can't provide proof. But it seems harder to save hair with higher doses and certain types of chemo.

Researchers at New York's Weill Cornell Breast Center reported at a recent meeting of the American Society for Clinical Oncology that among just over a dozen Penguin cap users tracked so far, one lost enough hair to use a wig.

As for safety, UCSF's Rugo said a recurring tumor in the scalp is incredibly rare.

Hair-preserving approaches need good testing, adds Dr. Laura Esserman, a UCSF breast cancer specialist.

"If it matters to our patients, it should matter to us," she said. "It's really not more complicated than that."

McDonald's predicts tough year despite menu

Associated Press

NEW YORK — McDonald's is mixing up its menu with healthier, fresher sounding items such as its chicken McWraps, but not enough customers are biting.

The world's biggest hamburger chain on Monday reported a second-quarter profit that rose 4 percent but fell short of Wall Street expectations. It also said July sales are expected to be relatively flat and warned of a tough year ahead, given the heightened competition and rough economic conditions around the world.

"We don't have as much pricing power," said CEO Don Thompson, noting that the company wouldn't be able to easily charge more for its food without the risk of scaring off customers.

McDonald's shares fell 2.7 percent, or $2.69, to close at $97.58. Over the past year, the stock is up 13 percent.

The company, which has more than 34,000 locations worldwide, says global sales edged up 1 percent at restaurants open at least a year. The figure rose by the same amount in the U.S., where McDonald's has been touting its Dollar Menu while also trying to adapt to changing eating habits with items such as its veggie-filled chicken wraps and egg-white breakfast sandwiches.

But the small sales bump in the U.S. wasn't enough to offset the higher advertising and promotional costs for those new items, as well as the reduced efficiency in restaurants. Operating margin declined slightly as a result.

"We threw a lot of new products at restaurants this quarter," Chief Financial Officer Pete Bensen said in a call with analysts. "So our efficiency per crew hour was down a little bit."

The tepid sales growth for the quarter ended June 30 reflects the challenges facing McDonald's Corp., which for years had been a standout in the fast-food industry. Part of the problem is that economic conditions remain weak in many regions of the world, with the company repeatedly noting that people are being more careful about eating out. That's true in Europe and the region encompassing Asia, the Middle East and Africa, the company said, with both posting slight declines in sales at restaurants open at least a year.

But another challenge for McDonald's is the growing number of chains that offer quick, better quality food at higher prices, including Chipotle, Noodles & Company, Panera Bread and others. Those chains are reshaping expectations when people go out to eat.

Traditional fast-food chains have taken note and are scrambling to keep pace. Wendy's, which reports its results today, is in the process of renovating its restaurants to be more inviting and modern. Its new burgers are positioned as premium, and the chain has been making tweaks such as introducing natural-cut French fries and softening the edges of its famously square burgers so they don't look so processed.

Even KFC, which is owned by Yum Brands Inc., is opening a test restaurant next month that has a more upscale design and menu.

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NEW YORK

US stocks mixed after McDonald's rough quarter

The stock market is opening mixed after McDonald's reported poor quarterly earnings.

A big week for corporate results began Monday with Hasbro, in addition to McDonald's, falling short of Wall Street's expectations. Netflix will post earnings after the market closes.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 13 points to 15,530 shortly after trading began. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose a point to 1,693. The Nasdaq composite was up nine points to 3,597.

McDonald's says economic uncertainty for its customers weighed on results and it warned of a tough year ahead. The company's stock price fell 3 percent just after the market opened.

The National Association of Realtors was expected to report Monday morning that the annual sales rate of previously occupied homes rose last month.

NEVADA

Hells Angels member pleads guilty in gang shooting

RENO — A member of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang accepted a plea deal Monday, just as he and a member of a rival gang were about to go on trial for murder charges stemming from a 2011 shootout at a northern Nevada casino.

Cesar Villagrana pleaded guilty in Washoe District Court to one count of battery with a deadly weapon and one count of challenge to fight with a deadly weapon.

He faces up to 15 years in prison at sentencing, which Judge Connie Steinheimer set for Sept. 4.

Villagrana originally faced up to life in prison on second-degree murder and other charges for shooting a Vagos member in the leg. The incident happened Sept. 23, 2011, the same night the president of the Hells Angels' San Jose chapter, Jeffrey "Jethro" Pettigrew, was shot dead at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks.

BISMARCK, N.D.

Judge temporarily blocks North Dakota abortion law

A federal judge on Monday temporarily blocked a new North Dakota law that bans abortion when a fetal heartbeat is detected — as early as six weeks into pregnancy.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland in Bismarck granted a temporary injunction Monday that blocks the Aug. 1 enactment of the law that abortion rights advocates call the most restrictive in the nation.

"There is no question that (the North Dakota law) is in direct contradiction to a litany of United States Supreme Court cases addressing restraints on abortion," Hovland wrote. "(It) is clearly an invalid and unconstitutional law based on the United States Supreme Court precedent in Roe v. Wade from 1973 ... and the progeny of cases that have followed."

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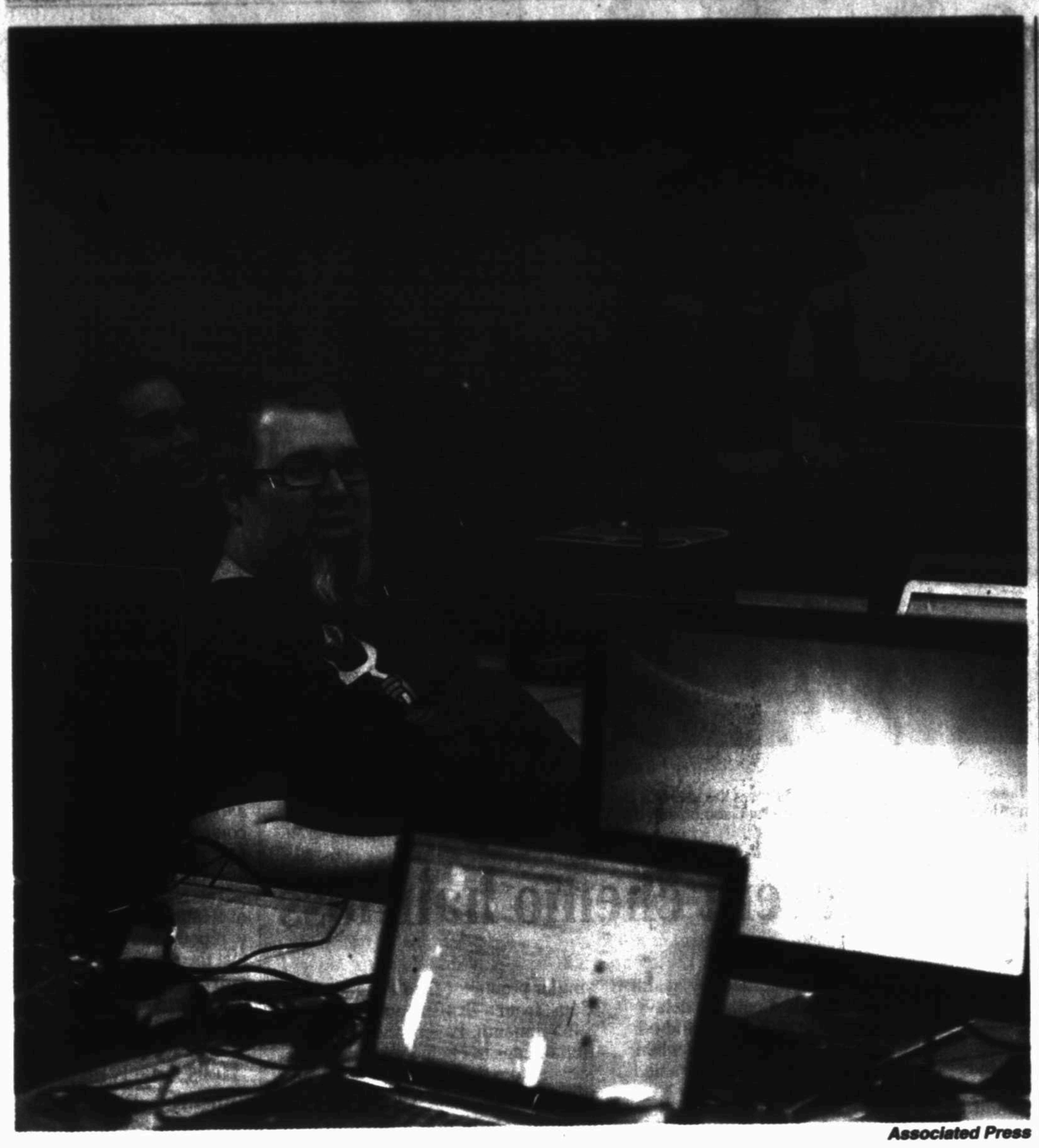

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In this July 18 photo, Kyle Maxwell, center, talks shares a laugh with others during a monthly Cryptoparty in Dallas. Across the Internet, users are talking about changes small and large, from using more encryption and stronger passwords to much more extreme measures such as ditching cellphones and using cash over credit cards.

NSA revelations reframe digital life

Associated Press

In Louisiana, the wife of a former soldier is scaling back on Facebook posts and considering unfriending old acquaintances, worried an innocuous joke or long-lost associate might one day land her in a government probe. In California, a college student encrypts chats and emails, saying he's not planning anything sinister but shouldn't have to sweat snoopers. And in Canada, a lawyer is rethinking the data products he uses to ensure his clients' privacy.

As the attorney, Chris Bushong, put it: "Who wants to feel like they're being watched?"

News of the U.S. government's secret surveillance programs that targeted phone records but also information transmitted on the Internet has done more than spark a debate about privacy. Some are reviewing and changing their online habits as they reconsider some basic questions about today's interconnected world. Among them: How much should I share and how should I share it?

Some say they want to take preventative measures in case such programs are expanded. Others are looking to send a message — not just to the U.S. government but to the Internet companies that collect so much personal information.

"We all think that nobody's interested in us, we're all simple folk," said Doan Moran of Alexandria, La. "But you start looking at the numbers and the phone records ... it makes you really hesitate."

Last month former government contractor Edward Snowden leaked documents revealing that the National Security Agency, as part of its anti-terrorism efforts, had collected the phone records of millions of Americans. A second NSA program called PRISM forces major Internet firms to turn over the detailed contents of communications such as emails, video chats, pictures and more.

Moran's husband, an ex-Army man, already was guarded about using social media. Now she is looking through her Facebook "friends" to consider whom to delete, because she can't know what someone in her network might do in the future. Moran said she's uneasy because she feels unclear about what the NSA is keeping and how deep the agency's interests might go.

In Toronto, attorney Bushong let a free trial of Google's business applications expire after learning about PRISM, under which the NSA seized data from Google, Microsoft, Apple, Facebook and AOL. Bushong is moving to San Diego in August to launch a tax planning firm and said he wants to be able to promise confidentiality and respond sufficiently should clients question his firm's data security. He switched to a Canadian Internet service provider for email and is considering installing his own document servers.

"I'd like to be able to say that I've taken all reasonable steps to ensure that they're not giving up any freedoms unnecessarily," he said.

Across the Internet, computer users are talking about changes small and large — from strengthening passwords and considering encryption to ditching cellphones and using cash over credit cards. The conversations play out daily on Reddit, Twitter and other networks, and have spread to offline life with so-called "Cryptoparty" gatherings in cities including Dallas, Atlanta and Oakland, Calif.

Information technology professional Josh Scott hosts a monthly Cryptoparty in Dallas to show people how to operate online more privately.

"You have to decide how extreme you want to be," Scott said.

Christopher Shoup, a college student from Victorville, Calif., has been encouraging friends to converse on Cryptocat, a private messaging program that promises users they can chat "without revealing messages to a third party." Shoup isn't worried that his own behavior could draw scrutiny, but said the mere idea that the government could retrieve his personal communications "bothers me as an American."

"I don't think I should have to worry," he said.

Cryptocat said it nearly doubled its number of users in two days after Snowden revealed himself as the source of leaks about the NSA's programs. Two search engine companies billed as alternatives to Google, Bing and Yahoo are also reporting significant surges in use.

DuckDuckGo and Ixquick both promise they don't collect data from users or filter results based on previous history. DuckDuckGo went from 1.8 million searches per day to more than 3 million per day the week after the NSA revelations came to light. Ixquick and sister site Startpage have gone from 2.8 million searches per day to more than 4 million.

Gabriel Weinberg, chief executive of DuckDuckGo, said the NSA programs reminded people to consider privacy but that government snooping may the least of an everyday computer user's concerns. DuckDuckGo's, website warns of the pitfalls of Internet search engines, including third-party advertisements built around a user's searches or the potential for a hacker or rogue employee to gain access to personal information.

Potential harm is "becoming more tangible over time," said Weinberg, who is posting fewer family photos, dropping a popular cloud service that stores files and checking his settings on devices at home to ensure they are as private as possible.

At Ixquick, more than 45,000 people have asked to be beta testers for a new email service featuring accounts that not even the company can get into without user codes, spokeswoman Katherine Albrecht said. The company will levy a small charge for the accounts, betting that people are willing to pay for privacy. As computer users grow more savvy, they better understand that Internet companies build their businesses around data collection, Albrecht said.

"These companies are not search engines," she said. "They are brilliant market research companies. ... And you are the product."

Representatives for Google, Yahoo and PalTalk, companies named in a classified PowerPoint presentation leaked by Snowden, declined comment. Microsoft, Apple and AOL officials did not return messages. Previously, the companies issued statements emphasizing that they aren't voluntarily handing over user data to the government. They also rejected newspaper reports indicating that PRISM had opened a door for the agency to tap directly into companies' data centers whenever the government pleases.

"Press reports that suggest that Google is providing open-ended access to our users' data are false, period," Google CEO Larry Page said in a blog post.

It's not clear whether big Internet companies have seen changes in how their products are used. An analysis released this month by comScore Inc. said Google sites accounted for two-thirds of Internet searches in June — about 427 million queries per day.

In Tokyo, American expat Peng Zhong responded to the spying news by swapping everything from his default search engine and web browser to his computer's operating system. Zhong, an interface designer, then built a website to help others switch, too. Called prismbreak.org, the site got more than 200,000 hits in less than a week after Zhong announced it on social networks.

Since then, Zhong said he's seen numerous people talking online about their own experiences in changing their computing habits.

"It's a start," he said.

Information

"Drive courteously, use your turn signals and remember that everyone else is trying to get somewhere, too," says Allstar Refinishing and Collision owner Allen Frasier.

Allstar Refinishing and Collision: Drive safe, arrive safe, y'all!

Allen Frasier, founder and owner of Allstar Refinishing and Collision, has a message—really a plea—for all area drivers: "Pay attention on the road, and use your turn signals!!"

There has been talk, and even legislation about texting and driving, and hardly a day goes by that we don't pass someone who is handling at least one phone while barreling down the street, through school zones and past red lights. And that does need to stop.

But just as important, Allen points out, is to let others know when you're turning or changing lanes. "There's so much traffic out here now," he says, "that it's impossible to guess where any one vehicle is going without some help. If you have to change lanes, don't just cut someone off—turn your turn signal on a block before you turn so other drivers will know where you're headed. Do that, and they might even be courteous enough to give you room to change lanes!"

Traffic statistics show an increase in the number of wrecks, too many involving fatalities, probably all of which could be prevented. Midland and Odessa each have had approximately 25 traffic deaths already this year, and the year is only about half over.

As the longtime owner of one of the most relied-upon body shops in town, Allen sees the results of bad driving on a daily basis. He sees the costs in repairs, lost work and family time and in personal injuries with each vehicle that is towed into his shop. Often, a simple click of a turn signal or a delay in answering a text could have saved all that expense, injury and aggravation.

Allen drives the streets himself, and, like all of us, has his share of near-misses just about every day. "We're all excited about the great economy," he notes, "but let's slow down, be courteous, and let everyone enjoy it."

So please, while Allen appreciates customers, make your next visit about repainting an old car or something less traumatic than a wreck. Put down the phone, calm down, use your blinker and remember that you're not the only one on the road!

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The Better Hearing Institute (BHI) offers the following tips:

*Use earplugs when you know you will be exposed to loud noises

*Leave the fireworks to the professionals

*Keep the volume down on MP3 players, smartphones and headsets

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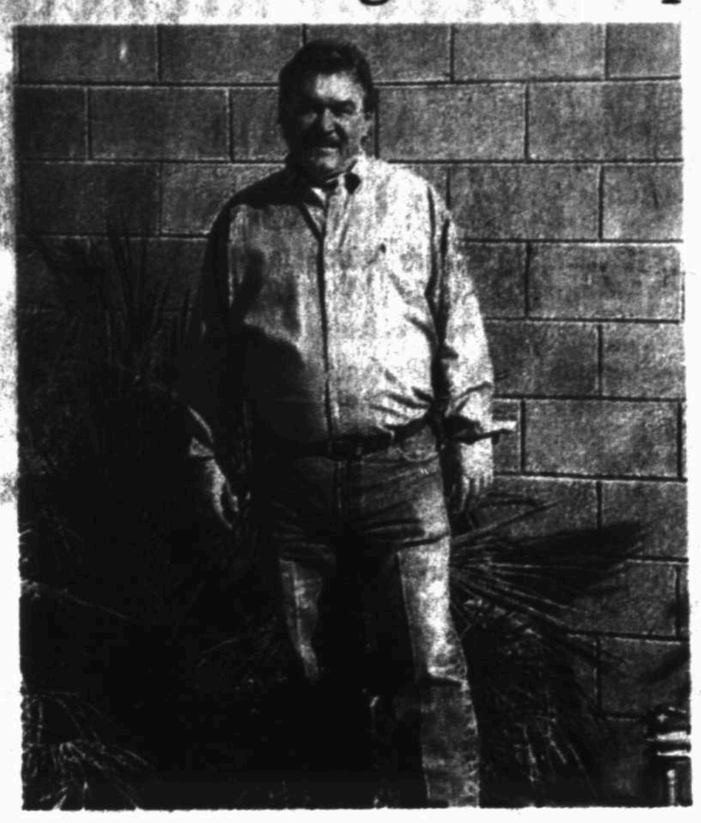

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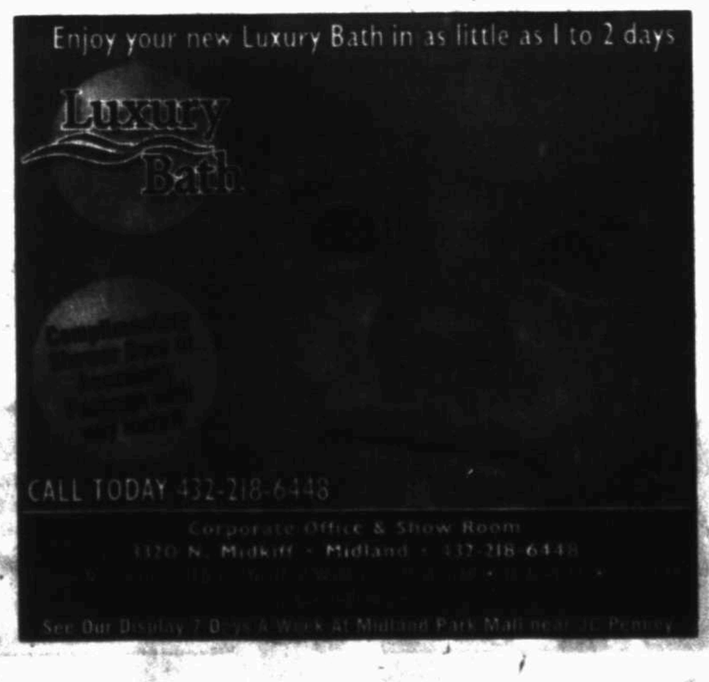

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OPINION

Obama's speech lacked strong policy proposals

■ Talking about race following the Zimmerman trial, the president wasn't divisive. In fact, he lacked public proposals that made sense for the problem at hand.

MICHAEL GERSON
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Eight American presidents owned slaves while living in the White House. President Zachary Taylor pledged that his fellow slave-owners would "appeal to the sword if necessary" to keep them. So when an American president arrived at the White House briefing room to speak of his personal experience with racial bias, it stirred some historical ghosts.

Typically, President Obama's 18-minute remarks did not aspire to memorable rhetoric. Rather than "I have a dream," it was "I have an explanation." But he explained something uncomfortable and important: How America contains within itself different experiences of the promise and justice of America.

Speaking as president, Obama responsibly affirmed the integrity of the legal process in the Trayvon Martin case. Speaking as an African-American, he identified with the experience of being singled out for scrutiny. He talked of being followed in department stores and of being preceded by clicking car locks. This description was more powerful for being clinical. He effectively conveyed a social reality many people seldom consider. One of the privileges of looking privileged is anonymity. One of the burdens of appearing less privileged is feeling watched — followed by "eyes that fix you," according to T.S. Eliot, "in a formulated phrase."

Some conservatives attacked Obama for being "divisive" and for injecting race into the Trayvon Martin debate. Those criticisms were misdirected.

It is perfectly appropriate for a president to apply his own history to his role as communicator and policymaker. Was it out of bounds for John F. Kennedy, who had a mentally disabled sister, to call for an overhaul of the nation's mental health system in 1963? Was it inappropriate for Lyndon Johnson, who grew up in Texas without electricity or indoor plumbing, to convene the National Advisory Commission on Rural Poverty? Or is it only concerning the issue of race that a president should ignore his own background for fear of being "divisive"?

The opposite criticism is more serious — that Obama has missed opportunities over the years to talk about race in a compelling and personal way. It is the unavoidable American issue. At one point, a third of all human beings in the South were owned by another human being. For a century beyond slavery, Jim Crow laws enforced a racial caste system. The election of an African-American president — born three years before passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 — is a wonder of national healing and historical compression. Who can argue that we have heard too much from Obama on this topic? For five years, he strategically downplayed the reality of his own miracle.

Having finally engaged the issue of race, Obama drew the correct policy implication. Social divisions are deepest when it comes to African-American boys and young men: often betrayed by schools, abandoned by fathers, treated with suspicion, unable to find jobs, wandering through dysfunctional neighborhoods, locked in prison in vast numbers and denied basic civil rights (such as voting) for the rest of their lives. Obama has a unique standing to address the challenges of minority youth. As a young man, he was prone to trouble and might have easily gotten enmeshed in an unforgiving legal system. The president can effectively argue that first impressions are not always correct, and that second chances are sometimes necessary.

But Obama's speech deserves this criticism: Its policy proposals — training police, reconsidering "stand your ground" laws, more community dialogue and "soul-searching" — were weak. It was as though the administration's policy apparatus had never really considered the matter before — that it was somehow ambushed by America's most obvious policy challenge.

The problem of African-American boys and young men is a complex mix of lingering racial prejudice, urban economic dislocation, collapsing family structure, failing schools and sick, atomized communities. But is there really nothing practical that can be done? How about providing family supports — mentoring, fatherhood initiatives, teen pregnancy prevention, and removing the Earned Income Tax Credit penalty for married couples? How about strong accountability measures to close the educational achievement gap instead of granting waivers that lower standards? How about support for faith-based institutions that reclaim lives from gangs? How about prison reform, so that mandatory minimum sentences are at least reduced? How about expanding substance abuse prevention and treatment, which seem to have fallen off the national agenda?

Acknowledging a vast national division in a responsible way, as Obama has done, is not itself divisive. But healing that division will require the president to employ a presidential power he seldom uses: to drive and shape a policy debate.

OUR VIEW

Scharbauer Foundation comes through for Midland's teachers

This community has pretty high expectations of our foundations. We are spoiled by the philanthropic spirit they have exhibited over the years.

There aren't enough column inches to go down the list of what the foundations across this city have done. So to hear that another one has made a contribution isn't surprising.

However, what the Scharbauer Foundation has done is significant and worth recognizing.

It was announced Sunday that the foundation's board of directors approved a donation of $3.3 million to the MISD Education Foundation to be used solely for MISD teacher rental assistance.

In doing so, the foundation, in our view, stepped up to meet a current need. The Scharbauer Foundation board recognizes this community must go above and beyond to attract and retain the best possible teachers. In other words, today's investment will pay off even greater in the future.

We agree. Midland voters were wise to vote for the addition of elementary school facilities. However, we need the best teachers available to fill all those new classrooms. The MISD board provided a logical first step toward that goal in increasing the pay rate for teachers to be near the top of comparable school districts across the state.

This move by the Scharbauer Foundation also should show Midlanders and possible teaching candidates that this community will not settle for second best.

In the same report, it was announced that WesTex Communities created a hotline for new and existing teachers to identify available and affordable properties within the WesTex inventory. Additionally, WesTex proposes to provide a 10 percent discount for teachers under contract with MISD.

We appreciate this business stepping forward to support education and make Midland a more desirable location. This newspaper has been critical of apartment operators for taking advantage of a heated real estate market and increasing the rates to the point where many Midlanders can't afford the basics. Certainly, new Midlanders who don't have oil field jobs have been priced out of the market.

This move by WesTex is a step in the right direction but we would like to see more done for more Midlanders.

Still, we see much to celebrate. Today, Midland is a more desirable place for teachers looking for a place to work.

And we appreciate the work of Scharbauer Foundation. When our schools needed a little help, another foundation stepped forward. We have seen it before, and we will see it again.

That is what Midland is about. Our community's philanthropic spirit never ceases to amaze us.

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Detroit, Greece not fair comparison

■ Motor City is a victim of market forces, not municipal budgets or public pension obligations.

PAUL KRUGMAN
New York Times News Service

When Detroit declared bankruptcy, or at least tried to — the legal situation has gotten complicated — I know that I wasn't the only economist to have a sinking feeling about the likely impact on our policy discourse. Was it going to be Greece all over again?

Clearly, some people would like to see that happen. So let's get this conversation headed in the right direction, before it's too late.

OK, what am I talking about? As you may recall, a few years ago Greece plunged into fiscal crisis. This was a bad thing but should have had limited effects on the rest of the world; the Greek economy is, after all, quite small (actually, about 1 1/2 times as big as the economy of metropolitan Detroit). Unfortunately, many politicians and policymakers used the Greek crisis to hijack the debate, changing the subject from job creation to fiscal rectitude.

Now, the truth was that Greece was a very special case, holding few if any lessons for wider economic policy — and even in Greece, budget deficits were only one piece of the problem. Nonetheless, for a while policy discourse across the Western world was completely "Hellenized" — everyone was Greece, or was about to turn into Greece. And this intellectual wrong turn did huge damage to prospects for economic recovery.

So now the deficit scolds have a new case to misinterpret. Never mind the repeated failure of the predicted U.S. fiscal crisis to materialize, the sharp fall in predicted U.S. debt levels and the way much of the research the scolds used to justify their scolding has been discredited; let's obsess about municipal budgets and public pension obligations!

Or, actually, let's not.

Are Detroit's woes the leading edge of a national public pensions crisis? No. State and local pensions are indeed underfunded, with experts at Boston College putting the total shortfall at $1 trillion. But many governments are taking steps to address the shortfall. These steps aren't yet sufficient; the Boston College estimates suggest that overall pension contributions this year will be about $25 billion less than they should be. But in a $16 trillion economy, that's just not a big deal - and even if you make more pessimistic assumptions, as some but not all accountants say you should, it still isn't a big deal.

So was Detroit just uniquely irresponsible? Again, no. Detroit does seem to have had especially bad governance, but for the most part the city was just an innocent victim of market forces.

What? Market forces have victims? Of course they do. After all, free-market enthusiasts love to quote Joseph Schumpeter about the inevitability of "creative destruction" — but they and their audiences invariably picture themselves as being the creative destroyers, not the creatively destroyed. Well, guess what: Someone always ends up being the modern equivalent of a buggy-whip producer, and it might be you.

Sometimes the losers from economic change are individuals whose skills have become redundant; sometimes they're companies, serving a market niche that no longer exists; and sometimes they're whole cities that lose their place in the economic ecosystem. Decline happens.

True, in Detroit's case matters seem to have been made worse by political and social dysfunction. One consequence of this dysfunction has been a severe case of "job sprawl" within the metropolitan area, with jobs fleeing the urban core even when employment in greater Detroit was still rising, and even as other cities were seeing something of a city-center revival. Fewer than a quarter of the jobs on offer in the Detroit metropolitan area lie within 10 miles of the traditional central business district; in greater Pittsburgh, another former industrial giant whose glory days have passed, the corresponding figure is more than 50 percent. And the relative vitality of Pittsburgh's core may explain why the former steel capital is showing signs of a renaissance, while Detroit just keeps sinking.

So by all means let's have a serious discussion about how cities can best manage the transition when their traditional sources of competitive advantage go away. And let's also have a serious discussion about our obligations, as a nation, to those of our fellow citizens who have the bad luck of finding themselves living and working in the wrong place at the wrong time — because, as I said, decline happens, and some regional economies will end up shrinking, perhaps drastically, no matter what we do.

The important thing is not to let the discussion get hijacked, Greek-style. There are influential people out there who would like you to believe that Detroit's demise is fundamentally a tale of fiscal irresponsibility and/or greedy public employees. It isn't. For the most part, it's just one of those things that happens now and then in an ever-changing economy.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Obama to rally faithful ahead of August recess

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — His second-term agenda on the line, President Barack Obama is urging his most ardent supporters to mount a summertime show of support that can rival any opposition Obama and Democrats may face from constituents next month.

Obama was to speak Monday to a summit of Organizing for Action, a group formed from the president's 2012 re-election campaign with the express goal of backing his policy priorities. The Democratic Party's other most prominent figures, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California, will join him in addressing supporters.

Obama was scheduled to speak at the summit and then at a dinner for the organization later in the evening.

Lawmakers in barely a week will fan out across the country, returning to their home districts for the annual summer break. At town hall meetings and picnics and public events, they'll hear firsthand from constituents — most of whom, polls show, have had it with Washington and incessant partisan fighting.

With a tough path ahead for Obama's major goals — including an immigration overhaul, the economy and the rollout of his health care law — his supporters want to ensure that lawmakers of both parties return to Washington with a mandate to work with Obama. So, OFA, with a presidential assist, is seeking to get activists energized and ready to speak up.

"We're calling it Action August — and there will be plenty of ways to get involved," OFA's executive director, Jon Carson, wrote in an email to supporters. "The more people who step up and get involved, the more likely we'll all be heard."

AP file photo

In 2013, President Barack Obama delivers inaugural address during the 57th presidential inauguration on the West Front of the Capitol in Washington. Obama outlined the liberal vision for his new term, which included protecting children from gun violence, tackling climate change and reducing the deficit while bolstering government programs to help the poor and vulnerable. Time since then has showcased the political limits of some of those ambitions.

He added on Twitter that OFA "is going to own the month of August."

But the proactive rallying of the party faithful may also be an attempt to preempt what Democrats anticipate will be a concerted effort by conservatives to show lawmakers they want Obama's agenda stopped in its tracks — and that they'll punish those who go along with his proposals in the next election.

After all, it was during the same period in Obama's first term when a burgeoning tea party, incensed by Obama's health care proposals, showed up in full force at town halls in 2009. A year later, Obama's party lost control of the House and hemorrhaged seats in the Senate, dealing a major blow to Obama's agenda in what the president described as a "shellacking."

Republicans said Obama's time would be better spent finding a way to work with Congress rather than reverting to campaign tactics to knock Republicans. They questioned his support for OFA, which competes with the Democratic Party for fundraising dollars.

"The president needs help spinning Americans during August recess because his speeches haven't started hiring," said Republican National Committee spokeswoman Kirsten Kukowski. "And once again the president is putting himself and his legacy over the future of the Democrat Party."

Democrats are trying to build momentum on issues like an immigration overhaul, which cleared the Senate but faces an uncertain future in the House; expanded gun background checks, which are stalled in Congress; and measures to curb climate change, which the president outlined last month.

And Obama is working to implement complex elements of his health care law despite continued resistance from Republicans and headaches over delays and glitches.

Obama is also revving up for a series of speeches beginning this week aimed at building support ahead of upcoming budget deadlines and a likely battle with Republicans over the nation's borrowing limit. He'll talk economics on Wednesday in Galesburg, Ill., and Warrensburg, Mo., then fly to Jacksonville, Fla., on Thursday to make his pitch to Floridians.

Organizing for Action, which is run by former White House and campaign aides, has tried to build public pressure on lawmakers to enact Obama's second-term agenda. The group raised more than $8 million between April and June.

Attendees at the summit were receiving an update from Reid and Pelosi, along with news from Cecile Richards of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, which has been active in opposing sweeping new abortion restrictions in Texas.

Ex-presidents club: Lots of life after White House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the first 200 years of the republic, just three presidents survived more than two decades after leaving office: John Adams, Martin Van Buren and Herbert Hoover. The odds for ex-presidents have improved considerably since then.

Jimmy Carter, who raised the bar for active post-presidential years, is 88 now, and 32 years out of office. No one has survived longer after leaving the White House. George H.W. Bush, 89, passed the two-decade mark this year. The two most recent former presidents, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, both are going strong. Gerald Ford lived nearly 30 years after leaving office.

There's a lot happening in the ex-presidents club these days — thanks to increasing longevity, the personalities of the current members and expanding opportunities for influence.

After a relatively quiet start to his post-presidency, George W. Bush in recent weeks has made headlines by speaking out for immigration reform and popping up in Africa at a wreath-laying with President Barack Obama to remember victims of terrorism. Clinton, with his philanthropic work and a wife who's a potential presidential candidate, is never far from the news.

The elder Bush, although frail, was at the White House last week (in jaunty red-and-white striped socks) for a ceremony promoting the volunteerism program he started as president. And Carter, noted for his years of globe-trotting work to advance human rights, spoke out last week against "legal bribery of candidates" at home in the form of unchecked political contributions by outside groups.

AP file photo

Earlier this year, Former presidents, from left, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter gather for a ceremony in Dallas. In the first 200 years of the republic, just three ex-presidents survived more than two decades after leaving office: John Adams, Martin Van Buren and Herbert Hoover.

Is all this activity the new model for ex-presidents? It turns out they've got plenty of examples to draw on from earlier centuries.

"There's a whole class of people who leave the White House and continue to take a hyperactive role in American life," says presidential historian Douglas Brinkley of Rice University. He points to Andrew Johnson, who was elected to the Senate after a presidency that included impeachment; William Howard Taft, who became a Supreme Court justice; John Quincy Adams, who was an outspoken opponent of slavery as a member of the House; Theodore Roosevelt, who created the Bull Moose Party and tried to regain the presidency, and many more.

"There is no rule of thumb," Brinkley said. "Each man is just different."

For all their differences, though, recent chief executives have tended to start their post-presidential years relatively quietly, taking time to regroup, to heal in some cases, and give the new guy space to operate. They focus on raising money for their presidential libraries/centers. They write memoirs. Their poll numbers improve as time passes and memories of hard-fought presidential battles soften.

Call that phase one.

Bush, whose presidential center in Dallas was dedicated in April and whose 2010 memoir, "Decision Points," was a best-seller, has seen his poll numbers rebound, and he seems to be entering phase two: He said he wants to make a difference in the world, but steer clear of politics and avoid meddling in Obama's business.

His recent activities have demonstrated both the possibilities and limitations of an ex-president's influence.

Bush's presence in Africa during Obama's visit to the continent offered a reminder of his efforts to fight HIV and AIDS there. But his entreaty to bring a "benevolent spirit" to the debate over immigration reform seemed to have zero impact on House Republicans. GOP legislators said Bush's comments never even came up in their closed-door meeting about immigration on the day he spoke out.

"We care what people back home say, not what some former president says," said Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Kan.

Still, recent ex-presidents seem to be assuming a higher profile in public affairs and politics, said Thomas F. Schaller, a political scientist at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County who has written a study of post-modern ex-presidents.

"The opportunities are greater," said Schaller, pointing to the bigger role of electronic media, the globalization of politics and the tendency of ex-presidents to work more cooperatively with one another and with the current occupant of the White House.

After Clinton and the elder Bush worked closely on humanitarian aid for victims of Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami in Indonesia, Clinton quipped, "People began to joke that I was getting so close to the Bush family, I had become the black sheep son."

A number of earlier ex-presidents also played on the global stage — but with a smaller megaphone.

Herbert Hoover, who lived nearly 32 years after his presidency, traveled the world and took on significant relief efforts in Europe during and after World War II. He later served on government reform commissions during the Truman and Eisenhower administrations, and declared he had "outlived the bastards" who blamed him for the Great Depression, according to Schaller.

Brinkley said Carter, who left office with disastrous job approval ratings, "game-changed" the ex-president's role with his vigorous public policy activity and freelance diplomacy.

The joke is that Carter, who left office in 1981, used the presidency as a stepping stone to his ex-presidency. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.

Clinton, with his foundation work, seems intent on following Carter's model, although the two have had prickly relations over the years, in part because of Carter's unbidden forays into diplomacy while Clinton was president and his criticism during the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

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It's a boy! UK's Duchess Kate gives birth to royal heir

Associated Press

LONDON — It's a boy!

Prince William's wife, Kate, has given birth to a prince who is now third in line to the British throne.

The child was born Monday afternoon, after many Britons woke up to the news that Kate, also known as the Duchess of Cambridge, had gone into labor with the couple's first child.

The royal birth announcement said the boy was born at 4:24 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces. William was present for the birth, the statement said. The announcement did not include a name for the future monarch, though one is expected to be revealed in the coming days.

"Her Royal Highness and her child are both doing well and will remain in hospital overnight," it said. William also issued a brief statement, saying "we could not be happier."

Cries of joy erupted from the waiting crowd amassed near Buckingham Palace as the news came through, and hundreds of onlookers — some of whom had camped outside for hours — crushed against the palace's fences to catch a glimpse of the bulletin formally announcing the birth placed outside the palace's forecourt.

"It's a crazy atmosphere, everyone is getting very excited," said Andrew Aitchison, 47, outside the palace. "It's great to be part of history, to say we were here and saw it all happen."

William's father, Charles, and his wife, Camilla, spoke of their joy and pride in becoming grandparents for the first time.

"It is an incredibly special moment for William and Catherine and we are so thrilled for them on the birth of their baby boy," Prince Charles said in a statement. "Grandparenthood is a unique moment in anyone's life, as countless kind people have told me in recent months, so I am enormously proud and happy to be a grandfather for the first time and we are eagerly looking forward to seeing the baby in the near future."

It could be some time before the baby's name is made public. When William was born, a week passed before his name was announced. Charles's name remained a mystery for an entire month.

The royal birth at central London's St. Mary's Hospital recalled that of the baby's father, William, in 1982, at the same hospital. Many remember the moment when he was carried out in his mother Princess Diana's arms with proud father Prince Charles at their side.

William and Kate's son is expected to follow Charles and William to the throne.

The baby's gender had been of particular interest because the prospect of Kate's pregnancy had prompted a change to laws of succession to ensure that a daughter would not be passed over for the crown by a younger brother.

No one can tell what political and personal changes the intervening years will bring, but the baby can be expected to become the head of state of 16 countries, including Britain, Australia and Canada. The child will also eventually become Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

The little prince represents a living link to Britain's imperial history — the infant is the great-great-great-great-great-grandchild of Queen Victoria, who ruled at the peak of British power.

The couple waited, however, until William was nearly finished with his military work as a search and rescue helicopter pilot based at an air base in a remote island off the coast of Wales.

That allowed Kate to ease into royal life, and to become more comfortable in the spotlight, before becoming a parent. It also allowed her to play a supporting role during Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations last summer.

The first months of her pregnancy were not easy, and she was hospitalized in early December with acute morning sickness that left her weak and dehydrated. She seemed to recover her stamina fairly quickly and made a series of public appearances until the final weeks before giving birth, drawing praise for her poise and good cheer.

The royal couple and their newborn are expected to spend much of their time in the coming years in renovated quarters at Kensington Palace, where William and Harry also spent much of their childhood.

Royal officials say Kate and William will try to give their child as normal an upbringing as possible. That may be challenging in an age when the British royals are treated as major world celebrities.

Associated Press

The queen's press secretary, Ailsa Anderson, and Badar Azim, a footman, places in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace, an official document to announce the birth of a baby boy to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The child of William and Kate, born Monday at St. Mary's Hospital, is now third in line to the British throne.

10 things to know about the royal baby

LONDON — Prince William and Kate are seen as the new face of a centuries-old institution, keeping the best of traditions while moving forward with the times. Here are 10 things to know about the royal baby in relation to royal births of the past:

HOME BIRTHING

Most people take a hospital birth for granted these days, but just a few decades ago the custom among royals — as it was among commoners — was to give birth at home.

Queen Elizabeth II was born at 17 Bruton Street in London, a private family home, and she gave birth to her sons Charles, Andrew and Edward in Buckingham Palace. Her only daughter, Princess Anne, was born at Clarence House, also a royal property.

That changed by the 1980s, when Princes William and Harry were both born at the private Lindo Wing of St. Mary's hospital in central London. William and Kate's first child — a prince — was born Monday in the very same wing.

HOME SCHOOLING

For a long time, royals were educated in private. The queen was taught at home by her father, tutors and governesses, and never mingled with commoners at a school, college or university.

Charles was the first royal heir to have gone to school, and William and Kate, who were both educated at independent schools, will doubtless have their son do the same.

DADS IN THE DELIVERY ROOM

William said he would be there with Kate when she gave birth, in line with the expectations of many modern parents — and he delivered on that promise. He follows in the footsteps of his father, Charles, who declared how much he relished being in the delivery room in a letter to his godmother, Patricia Brabourne.

"I am so thankful I was beside Diana's bedside the whole time because by the end of the day I really felt as though I'd shared deeply in the process of birth," Charles wrote shortly after William's birth.

Things were quite different when Charles was born. When the queen (then Princess Elizabeth) went into labor, her husband, Prince Philip, was off playing squash in the palace — out of restlessness, not indifference, noted Charles' biographer Jonathan Dimbleby.

OFFICIAL INTRUDERS

In the early 1900s — and probably before — custom dictated that government officials should be present when a royal was born. When the queen was born in 1926, for example, the home secretary was present among the doctors.

The current home secretary, Theresa May, said the centuries-old tradition required the official to attend "as evidence that it was really a royal birth and the baby hadn't been smuggled in." Fortunately for Kate — the practice was abolished years ago by George VI.

HOW MANY NAMES?

Now that the baby's gender is known, the biggest guessing game surrounding the royal birth is the name. Most royals have three to four first names, usually in a combination that honors previous monarchs or relatives. The queen's full name is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, after her mother, great-grandmother and grandmother, and William's full name is William Arthur Philip Louis.

AND THE LAST NAME?

The royals don't require a surname. The correct title when referring to the new prince will be His Royal Highness Prince (name) of Cambridge. If required, current members of the royal household may use Mountbatten-Windsor, the surname adopted in 1960 for all of the queen's children. (That name combines Windsor, the family name adopted by King George V in 1917 to replace Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and Prince Philip's family name, Mountbatten).

Prince William, the heir of Charles, the Prince of Wales, is known as Flight Lt. Wales when on military duty.

CHRISTENING

Royal babies tend to be officially christened several days to weeks after they are born, and there are a few potential places this could take place for the new baby.

The queen was christened in the private chapel at Buckingham Palace, while both William and his father Charles were christened in the palace's Music Room.

A PLAIN OLD EASEL VS. TWITTER

The traditional way the palace announces a royal baby's birth to the world is as quaint as it gets: A messenger with the news travels by car from the hospital to Buckingham Palace, carrying a piece of paper detailing the infant's gender, weight and time of birth. The bulletin is then posted on a wooden easel on the palace's forecourt for everyone to see.

TO NANNY OR NOT

William and Kate have not made any public announcements about hiring a nanny to help them bring up their son. Many expect the couple to be more hands-on parents than earlier generations of royals, and some have speculated that because of the couple's close ties with Kate's parents, Michael and Carole Middleton will also have a big role in helping Kate with the baby.

Nannies have always been central to bringing up royal babies. Charles was famously close to his nannies, and William and Harry also enjoyed a bond with their former nanny Tiggy Legge-Bourke.

A WELCOME WITH A BANG

Some things don't really change. A 62-gun salute from the Tower of London and a 41-gun salute from Green Park, near Buckingham Palace, were to welcome the baby into the world with a bang.

Royal birth creates betting frenzy

Associated Press

LONDON — Bookies cashed in big Monday as thousands of Britons placed bets on what Prince William and his wife, Kate, would name their newborn child.

Ladbrokes took 50,000 bets in the hours after the Duchess of Cambridge went into labor Monday morning. Company spokesman Alex Donohue said the public rushed to put small amounts of money, such as a pound, on the royal infant's name because they "want to be involved."

"Never underestimate the British public's obsession with the royal family," he said. "This is such a big story. And besides, it's summer. The weather is good."

For much of the day, the money was on Alexandra for a girl and James or George for a boy. Late Monday, it was announced that Kate had delivered a son, though there was no word on the name.

Betting agency Coral described it as the biggest non-sporting betting event in the company's history, with gamblers racing to wager on everything about the new heir to the throne.

"The whole world has been waiting for Kate to go into labor and now that she has, we have witnessed another betting frenzy," said Nicola McGeady, spokeswoman for the firm, in the hours before the birth was announced.

The betting went well beyond the name.

Paddy Power took bets on the color Kate's sister, Pippa Middleton, will wear when she comes to visit.

Ladbrokes had odds of 33-to-1 that the new heir, who would be third in line for the throne, would represent Great Britain at the Olympics. It's not that far-fetched — equestrian athlete Zara Phillips, the queen's granddaughter, won silver at the 2012 London Olympics.

The public may have to wait, though, to cash in their betting slips. It is not uncommon for royals to take their time naming babies: Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip waited for a month in the case of Prince Charles.

Crowds greet Pope Francis in Brazil

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Frenzied crowds of Roman Catholics mobbed the car carrying Pope Francis on Monday when he returned to his home continent for the first time as pontiff, embarking on a seven-day visit meant to fan the fervor of the faithful around the globe.

During the pope's first minutes in Brazil, ecstatic believers forced the closed Fiat to stop several times as they swarmed around during the drive from the airport to an official opening ceremony in Rio's center. A few security guards struggled mightily to push the crowd back in scenes that at times looked alarming.

Francis, however, looked calm. He rolled down the window on the back passenger-side of the car where he was sitting, waving to the crowd and touching those who reached inside. At one point, a woman handed the pontiff a dark-haired baby, whom he kissed before handing it back.

After finally making it past crowds and blocked traffic, Francis switched to an open-air popemobile as he toured around the main streets in downtown Rio through mobs of people who screamed wildly as he waved and smiled. Many in the crowd looked stunned, with some standing still and others sobbing loudly.

Idaclea Rangel, a 73-year-old Catholic, was pressed up against a wall and choking out words through her tears. "I can't travel to Rome, but he came here to make my country better ... and to deepen our faith," she said.

At the airport earlier, Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff vigorously shook Francis' hand after he descended the stairs following a no-frills commercial flight that arrived about 4 p.m.

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Texas abortion law faces new hurdles

Years of appeals likely lie ahead for controversial regulations

By Chuck Lindell
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — After losing at the Legislature, opponents of Texas' new abortion regulations are preparing for round two — a court challenge modeled on lawsuits that have blocked, at least temporarily, similar laws in other states.

At least 18 other states have enacted portions of Texas' four-part law in recent years, and all four provisions have been successfully challenged in federal and state courts, inspiring Democrats and like-minded organizations in a fight that could keep Texas in litigation for months, if not years.

Many of those court victories are preliminary, however, and abortion opponents will have ample opportunity to try to reverse earlier setbacks in a still-developing area of law.

"Texas is willing to wade into areas of (abortion) law where challenges are being filed, and so far the courts are not looking favorably on these," said Janet Crepps, senior counsel for the Center for Reproductive Rights, which has filed many of the lawsuits seeking to overturn laws in other states.

"But a lot of those challenges aren't final yet," Crepps said.

Gov. Rick Perry signed House Bill 2 into law Thursday, and most of the measure's provisions are due to take effect in October. A lawsuit will seek to block its enforcement, state Democrats have vowed.

Abortion opponents have long used state laws to push the boundaries of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that established the constitutional right to an abortion. Those efforts have spiked in recent years, leading to heightened regulations and restrictions designed to reduce the number of abortions and, perhaps, lay the legal groundwork to overturn or limit Roe.

The toughest restrictions have been enacted in North Dakota, which would prohibit abortions past the sixth week of pregnancy, and in Arkansas, which has been blocked by a court from enforcing a ban in the 12th week and beyond. A lawsuit challenging the North Dakota law is pending.

A key provision in the Texas law will prohibit abortions after the 20th week post-fertilization — four weeks earlier than currently allowed — except when the woman's life is endangered or in cases of "severe fetal abnormality." Legislators based the ban on disputed medical findings indicating that a 20-week-old fetus can begin feeling pain.

The Texas law also adds regulations for clinics, doc-

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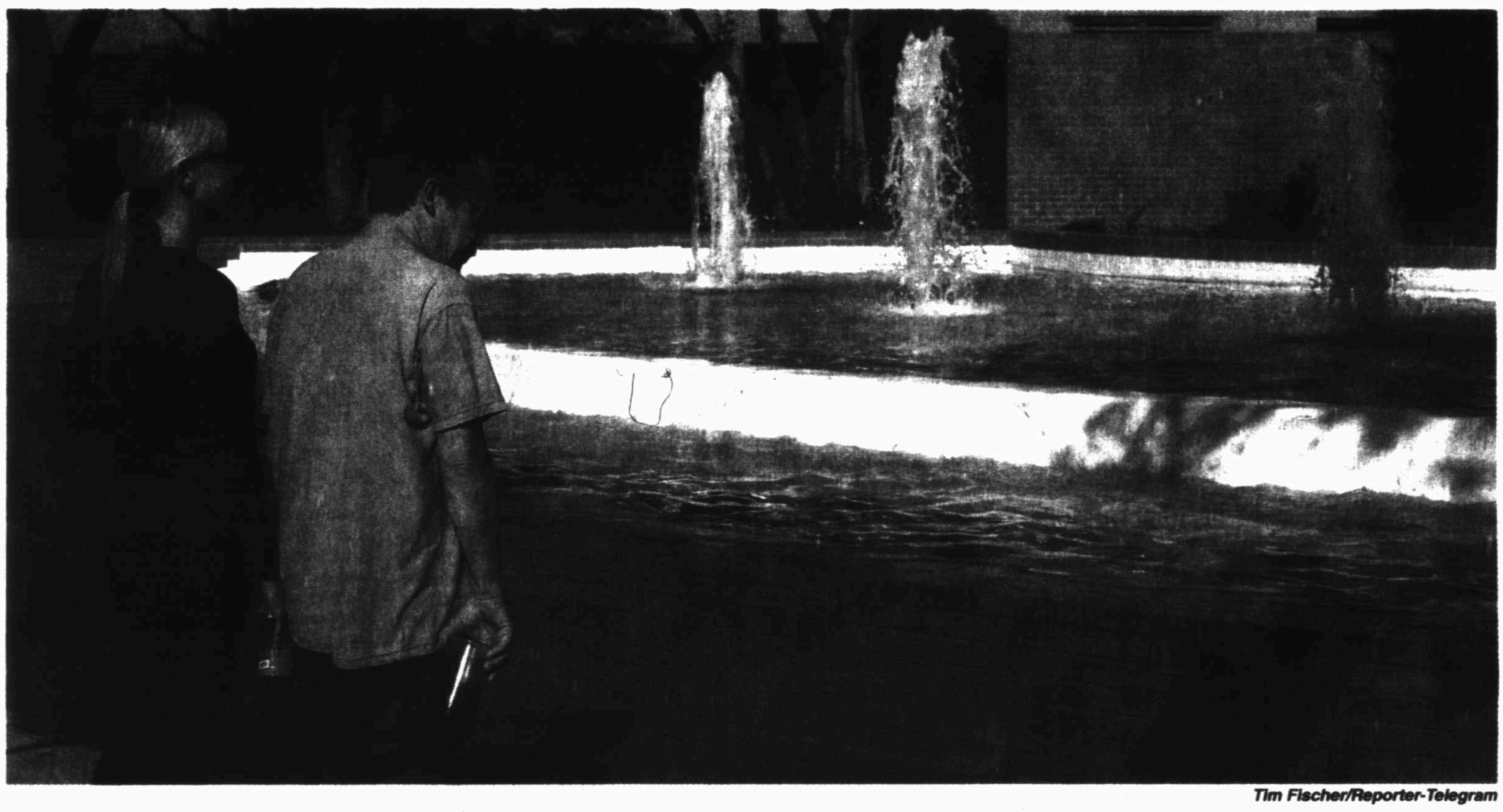

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April Totten and Donnie Stroud look at the water flowing in the Centennial Plaza fountains Friday afternoon. Water flowed into the fountain again beginning July 4 even though the drought continues. Now that the city has secured more long-term water sources through T-Bar Ranch pipeline, city officials decided to turn on the fountain again for people who work and visit downtown.

Six Flags investigates roller coaster death

By Janie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — Six Flags Entertainment Corp. is using "both internal and external experts" to investigate the roller coaster accident that killed a woman at its Dallas-area amusement park, the company's president said Monday.

Jim Reid-Anderson said during a conference call to discuss the company's earnings that Six Flags officials were joining the call with "heavy hearts." He didn't offer any details about the investigation but said Six Flags was using experts from within and outside the company.

A message left with a company spokeswoman wasn't immediately returned.

Rosa Ayala-Goana was killed when she fell Friday from the Texas Giant roller coaster at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington, a western suburb of Dallas. Witnesses told authorities that Ayala-Goana expressed concern moments before the 14-story ride began that the safety bar had not completely engaged.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office confirmed Monday that the 52-year-old Dallas resident was the victim in the accident, and that she suffered "multiple traumatic injuries" during the fall.

A man who identified himself as Ayala-Goana's son declined comment Monday when approached at her home.

Reid-Anderson, also Six Flags' chairman and CEO, said the ride would remain closed until officials were certain it was safe to ride again. He also said they were providing support to the family "as best as we can."

A spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, the oversight agency for many kinds of inspections done in Texas, didn't immediately return a message on Monday. But a spokesman said Sunday that Six Flags was in compliance with state regulations that require proof of an annual safety inspection by a certified engineer. The agency also said the park was in compliance with rules requiring amusement ride operators to have $1 million liability insurance on each ride.

Louis DeLuca/Dallas Morning News

This aerial photo shows the Texas Giant roller coaster at Six Flags Over Texas where a woman fell to her death Saturday in Arlington. Investigators will try to determine if the woman who died while riding the roller coaster at the amusement park Friday night fell from the ride after some witnesses said she wasn't properly secured.

Six Flags Entertainment 2Q net income falls 34 percent

GRAND PRAIRIE — Amusement-park operator Six Flags Entertainment Corp. said Monday that its second-quarter net income dropped 34 percent, pulled down by a steep increase in income tax expense and unusually cool and wet weather that reduced attendance at some of its parks.

The results fell short of Wall Street estimates.

James Reid-Anderson, Six Flags' chairman, president and CEO, also said in a conference call Monday morning that the company continues to investigate the Friday death of a woman at its Six Flags Over Texas park in Arlington.

Six Flags hasn't said how the woman died. Witnesses said the woman expressed concern about the Texas Giant roller coaster's safety bar not completely engaging as the ride was starting.

The 14-story ride, which remains closed, is touted as the tallest steel-hybrid roller coaster in the world.

Reid-Anderson said the company won't be releasing further information until its investigation is complete.

For the three-month period ended June 30, Six Flags said that it earned $47.4 million, or 47 cents per share, down from $72.3 million, or 64 cents per share, in the same quarter of 2012.

Revenue fell 3 percent to $363.7 million from $374.9 million.

Analysts expected a profit of 50 cents per share on $370 million in revenue, according to FactSet.

Six Flags said cooler temperatures and an extreme amount of rain reduced attendance at its parks in the eastern and Midwestern parts of the country during the recent quarter. The shift of the Easter holiday to the first quarter also effected attendance.

Total guest spending rose about 1 percent per visitor, as admissione revenue per person rose 3 percent, but was partially offset by a slight decrease in in-park revenue per person.

Income tax expense jumped to $32.4 million from $1.2 million.

Six Flags shares fell 46 cents, or 1.4 percent, to $35.39 in morning trading.

Associated Press

Lubbock police: Teen fabricated abduction

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A 15-year-old girl fabricated a story claiming three men abducted and held her captive in a West Texas home, although at least one of the men could be facing sexual assault charges in the case, police said Monday.

Lubbock Police Sgt. Jason Lewis said the girl likely was involved in prostitution and that she was not held against her will at the house in the city.

He did not know if all three men would be charged with sexual assault.

"We do have suspects," Lewis said. "We do know who they are. The charges are coming."

The girl ran away from home in Amarillo in mid-May and came to Lubbock a week or two later.

She had told officers she was abducted from Amarillo about two months ago and held at the home. She said she crawled out a window at the home on Friday and fled to a McDonald's restaurant where she called police.

Detectives took additional statements from the girl and determined that her claims of sexual assault were credible, but they did not believe she had been abducted and held captive, Lewis said.

The girl also had told investigators that a second girl had been held at the house.

"As far as we know, there's no second girl," Lewis said. "She's it."

It was not clear Monday whether a missing persons report had been filed on the teen who has been returned to her home in Amarillo, Lewis said.

Three men at the house were detained for questioning Saturday and one may be in custody because he had an outstanding warrant, he said.

A SWAT team was sent to the house Saturday because the girl told police the men might be armed, police said.

Obituaries

Patricia Ann Leigh "Pat" McIntyre

Patricia Ann Leigh McIntyre, 73, of Midland, TX, passed away on July 21, 2013 after a brief battle with cancer. A private viewing for the family will be held at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Family and friends are invited to a reception to be held on July 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer and Cory Hall with Chaplain Bill Billett, officiating.

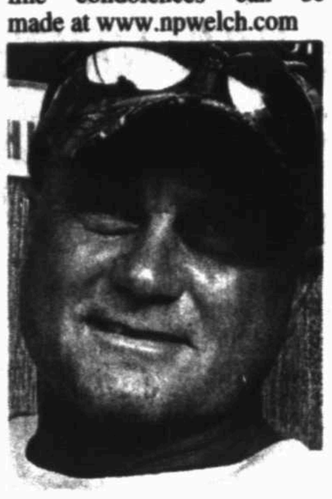
Pat was born March 17, 1940, in Brooklyn, New York to Frederic and Harriette Harrison. She graduated from East Islip High School in New York. She resided in Paris, Texas for over 25 years where she helped run the family owned business, Plaza Floor Covering. She moved to Midland, Texas in 2001. She worked as a childcare provider at Holy Trinity Mother's Day Out and was known to many in Midland as "Nana" because of her love for children. She spent most of her time with her grandchildren and enjoyed taking vacations with them. She was a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed by many.

Patricia is survived by daughter Patti Clifton and husband Chris of Minneapolis, MN; daughter Laurie McIntyre of Minneapolis, MN; son Kevin McIntyre of Upland, CA; daughter Jennifer Hall and husband Cory of Midland, TX; sister, Harriette Rozelle of Oneonta, NY, Lorraine Morris of Paris, TX; brother, Roger Guido of Selden, LI, NY; and sister, Judy Marando of Paris, TX; grandchildren, Sydney, Bailey, and Drake Clifton of Minneapolis, MN and Reese, Kendall, and Jake Hall of Midland, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Richard Brown.

The family is asking that in lieu of flowers, donations be made, in memory of Pat McIntyre, to The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486.

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



Tony D. Timlin

Tony D. Timlin, 51, of Midland passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2013. He was born April 18, 1962 in Baltimore, MD to Pat Timlin and Billy Sue Gillespie. Tony was raised in Phoenix, AZ moving to Midland in 1984. Tony loved fishing, target shooting and most of all being with friends and family. Tony enjoyed his time with his many "buddies" at Memorial Hospital and Manor Park. He was a loving, adoring husband and father.

He joined his parents and his daughter, Ashley Timlin in Heaven.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory is his wife, Tracy Timlin, his daughter, Allie Timlin; his brother, Don Timlin and extended family in Phoenix and Prescott Valley, AZ.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at the funeral home between the hours of 5:00pm and 7:00pm. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 24 at 11:00am in the chapel at Ellis Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Carlos Edward "Eddie" Wells

Carlos Edward "Eddie" Wells 71, of Denison, Texas passed away July 16, 2013.

A Visitation for Family and Friends will be from 1-2 Saturday afternoon July 20, 2013 at Cunningham Funeral Home in Colbert, Oklahoma.

Surviving is his Daughter Shannon Wells, Sons Michael Wells and Paul Wells, Sisters Glinda Wade and Sylvia Daniel, Grandchildren Chase and Devin Usrey and Dustin Wells.

Edward Cruz

Edward Cruz, 96, of Big Spring, passed away on Friday, July 19, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Ed is survived by two children, a son, F. Edward Cruz and wife, Jean; and a daughter, Marie Christine Jones; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

John L Bruton

John L Bruton, 82, of Midland passed away on Monday, July 22, 2013.

The family will received friends on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

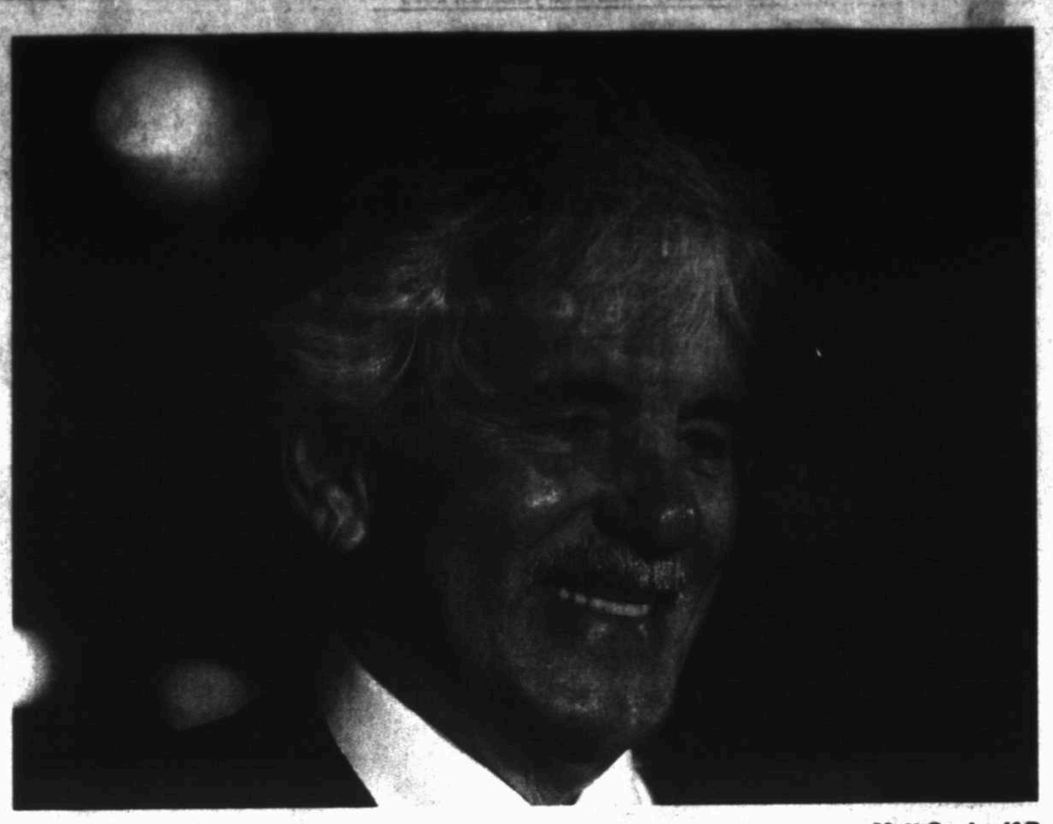
He is survived by his wife Janie Bruton, two daughters Paula Belt and husband Greg, Patti Parson and husband Farris, two granddaughters Ellen Funderburg and husband Josh, Emily Belt, and one grandson Jarrett Parson, two great-granddaughters Katherine and Lily Funderburg, and many special nieces and nephews.

Mary Tom Tankersley Nolan

Mary Tom "Tommie" Tankersley Nolan of Midland passed away on Monday, July 22, 2013.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 24 at the funeral home between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel at Ellis Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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



Matt Sayles/AP

In this Jan. 25, 2012, photo, Dennis Farina arrives at the premiere for the HBO television series "Luck" in Los Angeles. Farina died Monday in Scottsdale, AZ/tz., after suffering a blood clot in his lung. He was 69.

Dennis Farina, star of 'Law & Order,' dead at 69

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dennis Farina, a onetime Chicago cop who as a popular character actor played a TV cop on "Law & Order" during his wide-ranging career, has died.

Death came Monday morning in a Scottsdale, Ariz., hospital after Farina suffered a blood clot in his lung, according to his publicist, Lori De Waal. He was 69.

For three decades, Farina was a character actor who displayed remarkable dexterity, charm and toughness, making effective use of his craggy face, husky frame, ivory smile and ample mustache. He could be as dapper as Fred Astaire and as full of threat as Clint Eastwood. His gift has been described as wry, tough-guy panache, and audiences loved him for it.

"Sometimes you can take those dramatic roles and maybe interject a little humor into them, and I think the reverse also works," Farina said in a 2007 interview with The Associated Press. "One of the funny things in life to me is a guy who takes himself very seriously."

Farina's many films include "Saving Private Ryan," (1998), "Out Of Sight" (1998), "Midnight Run" (1988), "Manhunter" (1986), and his breakout and perhaps most beloved film, "Get Shorty" (1995), a comedic romp where he played a Miami mob boss.

He recently completed shooting a comedy film, "Lucky Stiff."

Among his numerous TV roles was Detective Joe Fontana on "Law & Order" during the 2004-06 seasons, replacing longtime cast member Jerry Orbach in the ensemble.

"Law & Order" executive producer Dick Wolf said he was "stunned and saddened to hear about Dennis' unexpected passing this morning. The 'Law & Order' family extends sympathy and condolences to his family."

Also on TV, Farina was a regular in the star-studded though short-lived 2011-12 HBO horse-track drama "Luck."

He starred in the 1980s cult favorite "Crime Story," and his stylish private-eye drama "Buddy Faro" (1998) was warmly received if little-watched. He followed that up with a 2002 sitcom flop, "The In-Laws."

Last season, he guest-starred on the Fox comedy "New Girl." One of the sitcom's stars, Jake Johnson, said: "He is someone I will surely miss. I looked up to him personally and professionally. ... We all will miss out."

A veteran of the Chicago theater, Farina appeared in Joseph Mantegna's "Bleacher Bums" and "Streamers," directed by Terry Kinney, among other productions.

Born Feb. 29, 1944, Farina was raised in a working-class neighborhood of Chicago, the seventh child of Italian immigrants.

After three years in the U.S. Army, he served with the Chicago Police Department for 18 years, both as a uniformed officer (he was there for the 1968 Chicago riots) and a burglary detective, before he found his way into acting as he neared his forties.

His first film was the 1981 action drama "Thief," directed by Michael Mann — a future collaborator on numerous projects as recently as "Luck" — whom he had met through a mutual friend.

In "Thief" he landed a small role as a criminal henchman, and, while not initially planning a career change, found the film world "very interesting," as he told the AP in 2004, and concluded it could be a great sideline. (At the time, he was supplementing his cop's salary by working as a security guard.)

"I remember going to the set that day and being intrigued by the whole thing. I liked it. And everybody was extremely nice to me," he recalled, while cautioning, "If the people were rude and didn't treat me right, things could have gone the other way."

He continued to work as a detective while taking occasional dramatic roles, and even took a leave of absence from the Chicago police to star in "Crime Story," before he made the full-time acting plunge.

"If I'm characterized as a character actor, that's fine with me," he said in 2007. "Whatever they want to call me is fine. In the kind of roles I do, you can do them and walk away from it and have a really nice time."

Farina is survived by three sons, six grandchildren and his longtime partner, Marianne Cahill.

Sam Craft/The Paris News

Lightning rips through the sky behind the Kimberly Clark plant in Paris on March 19, 2012, as severe thunderstorms moved through North East Texas dumping inches of rain and heavy winds along the way. Kimberly-Clark Corp., which makes consumer products such as Kleenex tissue and Huggies diapers, said Monday that its second-quarter net income rose 6 percent

Kimberly-Clark's 2nd quarter net income rises

Associated Press

DALLAS — Kimberly-Clark Corp., which makes consumer products such as Kleenex tissue and Huggies diapers, said Monday that its second-quarter net income rose 6 percent, as cost cuts and strength overseas helped offset costs related to its restructuring in Western Europe.

Adjusted earnings beat expectations, however, helped by the company's cost-cutting plan. Kimberly-Clark has cut costs to offset higher prices for raw materials such as fiber, energy and fuel. Meanwhile, the company is in the midst of restructuring its Western and Central Europe operations, including exiting the diaper business in most areas, and selling or exiting some lower-margin businesses in some markets.

Net income for the three months ended June 30 after paying preferred dividends rose nearly 6 percent to $526 million, or $1.36 per share, from $498 million, or $1.26 per share, a year ago. Excluding restructuring costs and other items, earnings totaled $1.41 per share. That beat analyst expectations for $1.39 per share, according to FactSet.

Revenue was flat at $5.27 billion. Analysts expected $5.34 billion.

Shares of Kimberly-Clark, fell $1.81, or 1.8 percent, to $97.73 during midday trading. The stock has traded between $81.29 and $106.54 over the past 52 weeks.

In the personal care segment, which sells, among other products, Huggies and Kotex pads, revenue fell 1 percent to $2.4 billion, including a 3 percent decline in North America and a 5 percent increase internationally, with strength in China, Russia, Vietnam and most of Latin America. European revenue fell 29 percent, part of the company's decision to stop selling diapers in Western and Central Europe.

The consumer tissue division's revenue rose 2 percent to $1.6 billion, with a 3 percent increase in North America, helped by higher selling prices and reducing the number of sheets in Kleenex boxes and Cottonelle toilet paper. International revenue rose 8 percent and European revenue fell 8 percent.

Dallas-based Kimberly-Clark reaffirmed its outlook for full-year adjusted earnings of $5.60 to $5.75 per share. But it said that if the dollar remains strong, it is less likely that the yearly results will be in the top half of the range.

Tank is prize of military collection

By Tim Monzingo
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT — Gary Giarraputo isn't a military man, but he has an affinity for the dusty, rusty relics of war history.

More than 25 machines and pieces of gear make up the beginnings of his vision for a Southeast Texas military museum.

Giarraputo's collection comes mostly from within the United States. But at some point, each piece was overseas, often actively deployed in combat, he said.

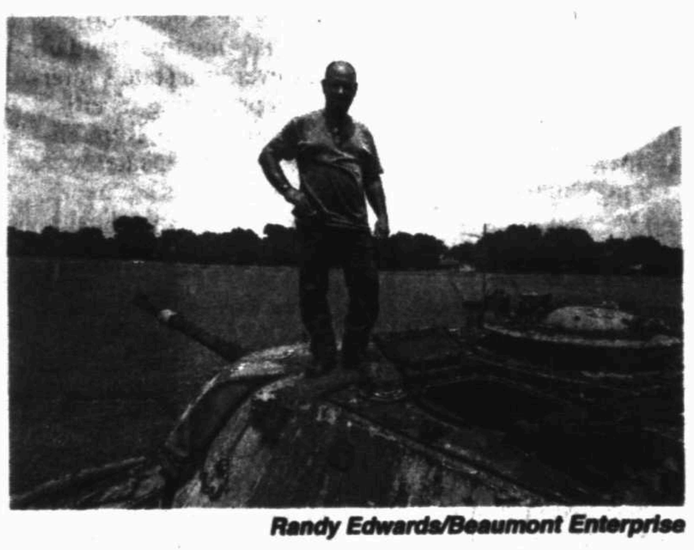
His prize is a 1960s Chieftain tank, he told the Beaumont Enterprise.

At 62 tons, the Chieftain is the biggest piece in Girarraputo's arsenal. If he can find the time, Giarraputo plans to install a two-ton, 750 horsepower engine. The tank, an FV 4201 Chieftain, was the main piece of armor manufactured for the British army in the 1960s and 1970s.

Giarraputo hasn't been able to devote a lot of time to his hobby lately, because he's busy running Beaumont Wings, the company that operates the Beaumont Municipal Airport.

And his restoration hobby takes plenty of time.

Just to restore the significantly smaller M4 High Speed Tractor, used during World War II to tow Howitzer cannons, will take about 600 hours, Giarraputo estimated.



Randy Edwards/Beaumont Enterprise

Gary Giarraputo stands with his 1963 British Chieftain Mk 10 tank that is being restored in Beaumont on July 13. More than 25 machines and pieces of gear make up the beginnings of his vision for a Southeast Texas military museum.

The tractor's engine runs, so he only needs to do the cosmetic work.

Getting all the parts to restore each of his vehicles to working order is an exercise in international diplomacy.

There is a community of people, most of who belong to an international organization called the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, who are into the same hobby. Through them, Giarraputo is connected to the people who have or know how to find the parts he needs.

He's gotten parts from Eastern Europe and the tank engine came from England.

Of course, sometimes the nature of his hobby gets Big Brother's attention.

When the ?tank engine arrived in the U.S. from England, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives seized it, labeling the engine and other parts "implements of war."

The shipment was tied up for some time in bureaucratic red tape until the federal agency realized that it was only engine parts, not ordnance, being shipped.

Giarraputo works with an Oregon-based trucking company to move the thousands of pounds of military gear around.

He has bought some vehicles sight-unseen. Some have sat around for the better part of a year before he was able to get them to Beaumont.

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tors and the dispensing of abortion-inducing drugs. Supporters say the regulations will protect the health of women who receive an abortion; opponents say the intent is to close clinics and reduce access to the procedure. The outcome of the anticipated lawsuit will depend largely on which argument the courts accept.

Eleven states preceded Texas in enacting 20-week bans based on fetal pain, beginning with Nebraska in 2010.

Seven of those states' laws haven't been challenged in court, but lawsuits have blocked enforcement in three states — Arizona, Idaho and Georgia. A hearing on North Dakota's 20-week fetal pain ban — separate from its six-week limit based on detectable fetal heartbeat — will be held July 31, a day before it will take effect.

The Arizona case is the furthest along in the legal process. In May, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the state's 20-week ban, ruling that the Supreme Court granted states the power to limit abortions based on viability — the age at which a fetus can survive outside the womb, generally considered to be the 24th week of pregnancy.

"Arizona simply cannot proscribe a woman from choosing to obtain an abortion before the fetus is viable," the appeals court ruled.

But advocates of the Texas law say the time is ripe for a new standard.

Testifying at a Texas Senate hearing this month, University of Notre Dame law professor O. Carter Snead said medical evidence of fetal pain is a "decidedly new and deeply salient moral fact that weighs heavily in favor of the unborn child."

Justice Anthony Kennedy, the Supreme Court's swing vote on abortion limits, has proved open to new considerations that change the balancing act between protecting "unborn children at all stages of pregnancy and a women's liberty interest in seeking an abortion," Snead said.

But University of Texas law professor John Robertson said the majority of medical evidence contradicts the claim that a 20-week-old fetus can feel pain, raising questions about whether the high court will abandon its consistently stated position that the right to an abortion exists until viability.

Many legal scholars believe the issue will be settled by the Supreme Court, though Robertson said he wouldn't be surprised if justices allowed time for additional appeals courts to weigh other fetal-pain laws.

"I think it could be two or three years before any of this gets to the Supreme Court," he said. "In the meantime, the law will probably be enjoined from going into effect here" because courts are bound by precedents on viability, he said.

The regulatory portions of the new Texas law have also been enacted in other states:

■ Texas abortion doctors will have to obtain admitting privileges in a hospital within 30 miles of the clinic.

Federal courts have temporarily blocked roughly similar laws in three states: Mississippi, where the state's lone abortion clinic would have been forced to close after its doctors were denied admitting privileges; Wisconsin, where two of four clinics were threatened with closure; and Alabama, where three of five clinics were endangered.

■ Texas will follow U.S. Food and Drug Administration protocols for dispensing abortion-inducing drugs, limiting their use to the first seven weeks of pregnancy and requiring doctors to administer both doses in separate clinic visits instead of allowing women to take the second dose at home.

A state judge in North Dakota recently issued a permanent injunction against an FDA protocol law, saying it improperly restricted access to abortion without improving safety for women.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court also struck down a similar law as an unconstitutional limit on access to abortion. The U.S. Supreme Court accepted the case for review last month but first directed its Oklahoma counterpart to determine if the law was an outright ban on abortion drugs and whether it affected how ectopic pregnancies, when an embryo implants outside the uterus, are terminated.

Ohio's 2004 law, however, was upheld by a federal appeals court last year, which ruled that while women have the right to terminate a pregnancy, "the (Supreme) Court has not extended constitutional protection to a woman's preferred method" of abortion.

■ After Sept. 1, 2014, all Texas abortions will have to take place in ambulatory surgical centers, which require specialized medical equipment, sterile-flow ventilation systems, larger operating rooms and wider halls than are typical for abortion clinics, as well as other standards found in 117 pages of state regulations.

About half the states have varying requirements for hospital-like settings in abortion clinics, but most are not as extensive as the Texas law, Crepps said. A federal judge temporarily blocked a comparable law in Kansas in 2011, she said.

Opponents say the Texas law will force many of the state's 36 abortion clinics to close because the surgical center requirement would cost hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars to meet. Supporters are skeptical, saying most clinics continued operating in Pennsylvania and Virginia after similar regulations were adopted.

The fate of the Texas regulations will likely hinge on standards, adopted by the Supreme Court, allowing states to place certain limits on abortion clinics and doctors as long as they don't create a "substantial obstacle" to women seeking abortions.

Balancing that standard, however, is a state's interest in protecting its citizens, and Texas Republicans argued repeatedly that the regulations are necessary to protect the health and safety of women who seek an abortion.

For the courts, Robertson said, "the question is, first, are they making it harder to have abortions? And, then, is there a good reason for the regulations?"

The Texas law was written to allow unaffected sections to remain in force if any provision was declared unconstitutional.

Mary Kay marks 50 years in beauty products

Associated Press

DALLAS — Supporters of Mary Kay Inc. from around the world will head for Dallas to help celebrate the beauty care company's 50th anniversary.

The Dallas Morning News reported about 50,000 independent consultants were expected at the convention Monday. Mary Kay events at the Dallas Convention Center run through Aug. 7.

President and CEO David Holl joined the company in 1993. Holl describes founder Mary Kay Ash, who died in 2001, as "an absolute rock star."

Ash and her 20-year-old son, Richard Rogers, started Beauty by Mary Kay in a 500-square-foot industrial storefront in Dallas.

Mary Kay products, known for their pink containers, are sold in more than 50 countries.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Extreme Weight Loss "Trina" A nurse worries about her health. (N)				Body of Proof "Fallen Angel"		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Paul Feig, Pharrell		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Shell Shock" 1/2 cont'd July 30		NCIS: Los Angeles "Collateral"		Person of Interest "Masquerade"		CBS 7 News	(:35) Letterman Hugh Jackman, Lisa Kudrow		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules "Twice"	Whose Line? (N)	Whose Line Is It?	Perfect Score (N)	Perfect Score	Cops	Seln. "The Stakeout"	Rules of Engage.	That '70s Show	King of Queens	"Ill Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	So You Think You Can Dance "Top 16 Perform/ 2 Eliminated" (N)				The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Update News	Dr. Alewine	Light of the Southwest				Shepherd's Heart		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	Game Night "Don't Kill My Buzz-er"		America-Talent "First Live Show" Twelve acts perform for America's vote in New York. (N)				News-West 9	(:35) Jay Leno Aaron Paul, Selena Gomez (N)		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		The Buddha David Gruben tells the story of the life of Buddha.				Secret Dead "Bones of the Buddha" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	House "Top Secret"		House		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65			165	(5:25) Brady's Es...		★★ The Man Who Wasn't There				★★★ Dead Man ('95, Dra) Johnny Depp.				(:05) Dark Blue	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Bill Maher	(:45) ★★★ The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.					Real Sports (N)		The Newsroom		True Blood	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	Lola Versus Greta Gerwig.			The Newsroom		Bill Maher"		Game Change			
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(4:55) In the Vall...		Sopranos "Stage 5"		Won't Back Down Maggie Gyllenhaal.				(:05) ★★ Wanderlust			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) ★★ Alien III		(:10) ★★★ Alien Resurrection				Prometheus ('12, Adv) Noomi Rapace.				(:05) Banshee	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) Anacondas: The Hunt for the Bloo...				The Campaign Will Ferrell.				(:40) Sex Chronicles "Endear"		(:05) Ready to Ru...	
PLEX			96			(:20) ★ Face The Music Patrick Dempsey.				★★★ Making Mr. Right				(:40) ★★ Desperately Seeking Susan			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	Virgin Tales			The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pa...				Therapy	Dexter "Scar Tissue"		Donovan
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) The Six Wi...		★ Wet Hot American Summer				(:40) ★ Aftershock ('10, Dra) Eza Miller.			★ 28 Hotel Rooms Marin Ireland.		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage NY (N)	Storage NY (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) The Mum...		★★★ Casino Royale ('06, Act) Judi Dench, Daniel Craig.						★★★ Casino Royale Daniel Craig.			
BET	58	26		40		106&Park	The Game	Game	Game	Game	Game	Game	Game	Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Wives NJ	(:45) Housewives NJ	WivesNJ		Interior Therapy (N)		Property	Property	Watch (N)	Interior Therapy		H.Wives
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		60 Minutes		Supermarkets Inc		American Greed		Mad Money		60 Minutes	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch		Naked and Afraid		Deadliest Catch		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	Austin	★ Teen Beach Movie ('13, Fam) Ross Lynch.				GoodLuck	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		Nine for IX (N)		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	WNBA Basketball New York vs Indiana (L)				Nine for IX (N)		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsNation		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Liar "Under the Gun"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Twisted (N)		The Vineyard (N)		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball New York Yankees vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CowboysT/ H. Fame	Media-DayReca	Stars Insider
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(3:30) Spider-Man 3		★★★ The Incredible Hulk ('08, Act) Edward Norton.						★★★ The Incredible Hulk ('08, Act) Edward Norton.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		★★ The Magic of Ordinary Days				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Virgins	Virgins	Power Broker (N)		HouseH	House (N)	Renovate	Renovate	Power Broker	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Restoration		Truckers "Load Rules"		Counting	Counting
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	DanceMom "No Room for Rotten Apples"		Dance Moms "Tap Versus Hip Hop"		Dance Moms "Recital Rebellion" (N)		Catering Wars (N)		Pretty Wicked "Pretty Wicked Holidays" (N)		Dance Moms "Tap Versus Hip Hop"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				Octane Academy		Octane Academy		Octane Academy		Octane Academy		Octane Academy		Octane Academy	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Victori.	Figure Out	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Fear Factor		Weird "Curses"		Weird or What? (N)		Weird or What? (N)		Destination Truth		Destination Truth	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Blood"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		The Office	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:30) Birdman of ...		★★★ Of Human Bondage				★★★ Between Two Worlds				★ Hollywood Can...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Dama y Obrero		Marido en Alquiler		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Decision	Marido en Alquiler	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Long Island Medium "Unseen"		Long Island	Long Island	Think You Are "Kelly Clarkson"		Little Peo. "Breaking Down the Walls" (N)		Think You Are "Kelly Clarkson"		Little Peo. "Breaking Down the Walls"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Food to Die For"		Rizzoli & Isles "Killer in High Heels"		Rizzoli "Dance With the Devil"		Perception "Caleidoscope"		Rizzoli "Dance With the Devil"		Perception "Caleidoscope"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Disabled"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Father's Shadow"		Covert Affairs "Dig For Fire" (N)		Suits "I Want You to Want Me" (N)		Graceland "Pizza Box"		Covert Affairs "Dig For Fire"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	The Lead-Off Man		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Arizona Diamondbacks Site: Chase Field -- Phoenix, Ariz. (L)					WGN News

As drought worsens, lakes near Austin dry up

Associated Press

TOW — The prolonged drought in Central Texas is leading to historically low water levels in a string of six lakes that were dammed in the 1930s and 1940s to prevent flooding in the Austin area and secure the region's water supply.

While the record absence of rainfall that started in 2008 partly explains why the lakes are drying up, the Austin American-Statesman reported that many residents and Austin city officials blame the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The water agency said it has continued to release water in order to honor contracts with rice farmers along the Gulf Coast, and even though there are a number of factors at play, the drought is ultimately to blame for low lake levels.

"Weather catches up to you," LCRA manager Becky Motal told the newspaper. "We're having record-low inflows, and when you have that it shapes everything else."

Nearly 70 years ago, farmers agreed to drop their objections to the damming projects if they were guaranteed rights to some of the water stored. Rice farmers flood their fields with about three inches of water to kill competing grass and weeds.

As Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis — both reservoirs for Central Texas — approach the 30 percent filled mark, Austin plans to further restrict lawn watering and impose other restrictions. The only time the drought was worse was between 1947 and 1957.

The 30 percent filled mark is the third of three milestones that must be reached in order to call this the worst drought ever. The other two have already been surpassed: Both Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis are well past two years between being full and less water is flowing into them than during the drought of record.

Greg Meszaros, director of the Austin Water Utility, says the LCRA acted as if the drought was not going to last several years.

"Now the decisions made in '08, '09, '10, '11, they're coming home to roost," he said.

Ralph Winingham/San Antonio Express-News

Passengers disembark from the Vanishing Texas River Cruise double-deck tour boat that offers a close-up view of Lake Buchanan wildlife. The prolonged drought in Central Texas is leading to historically low water levels in a string of six lakes that includes Lake Buchanon.

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Yesterday's Answer: SMILE, LIGHT, IDEAS, FLAME

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Mona Reeder/Dallas Morning News

Amy Simmons, a paralympian from Mesquite who represents the U.S. in shot, discus and javelin throws, practices in her front yard recently. She is one of 76 Americans competing in the 10-day International Paralympic Committee World Championships, which began Saturday in Lyon, France.

Dallas-area Paralympic athlete competing in France

By Brad Townsend
Dallas Morning News

MESQUITE — When the accident occurred, Amy Simmons was a 17-year-old standout athlete in Coleman, a town of 5,000 roughly 50 miles south of Abilene.

Her first thought was, "Holy crap, my parents are going to kill me."

She was staring up at the sky, through the passenger window of her new truck. It had skidded in gravel and rolled five times, coming to rest on its side.

The Dallas Morning News reported she tried to crawl out, but her legs were numb. That's when she knew she was paralyzed.

"One would think that generally you would go into hysterics or pass out or whatever, but I just had a real clarity of mind," she said.

"I got that peace that passes all understanding. It was a total calm that came over me, that I was going to be OK. I didn't know how. I just knew that I was."

Now 28, Mesquite resident Simmons is a paraplegic, but, enthusiastically, she said she is far better than OK. She says she owes many of her life's blessings to the clarity she gained alongside that country road on that fateful November 2002 day.

Instead of struggling to find a career path, she seized upon her calling, simultaneously working toward bachelor and master's degrees to become an occupational therapist.

Clearly, it's one of her passions, helping patients with physical and mental disabilities at Plano's Village Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation achieve a better quality of life.

And had she not been injured, who knows how she might have satisfied her other passion — competing? She probably would have played recreational sports, like most of us. Instead, she's a world-class athlete.

She is one of 76 Americans competing in the 10-day International Paralympic Committee World Championships, which began Saturday in Lyon, France. She is scheduled to compete in the shot put, the discus and the javelin.

Simmons is the only American entered in those events in the F54 division, for athletes who have normal function in their arms and hands but no leg or trunk function. Simmons, paralyzed from the ribs down, is only in her second year of high-level Paralympic competition but holds the F54 American javelin and shot put records.

"I know that my life experience allows me to have a positive outlook and just take things head on," she said before departing for France. "I've never had the attitude of 'can't' or 'quit.' It's more along the lines of, 'Don't tell me I can't, because I'll show you I can.'"

It isn't as though she took up Paralympic competition to fill idle time or that she has excess money to travel to a half-dozen meets annually.

Most weekdays, she doesn't return home from work until after 7 p.m. Then she lifts weights in her garage or practices throwing in her yard, strapped into a special chair that is anchored with stakes.

In her "spare time," she serves as a volunteer for Irving-based RISE Adventures, a nonprofit organization that provides recreational sports programs for athletes with disabilities, at no cost.

She helps coach RISE Adventures' quadriplegic rugby team. One of the players is her boyfriend of four years, Andy Burton, a software developer who also serves on RISE Adventures' board of directors. Before entering the realm of Paralympics, Simmons played wheelchair basketball and tennis.

"She's always been that way, always been on the go," said her mother, Brenda Simmons. "Everything she could possibly get into, she's gotten into."

Brenda is Amy's throwing coach, just as she was during Amy's high school years.

Amy's father, Jerry, works for the 3M corporation in Brownwood. The family lived in the country, with Jerry commuting to work and Brenda coaching, first in Bangs (population 1,600), then Coleman.

Amy attended Bangs schools from kindergarten through her sophomore year of high school. She transferred to Class 2A Coleman, 20 miles away, when Brenda began coaching there.

Amy was all-district in volleyball and basketball. She also participated in 4-H, in which she showed animals in livestock competition and was grand champion homemaker for two straight years.

She was especially gifted, though, in track and field. She still holds the discus records at Bangs and Coleman, even though she didn't get to compete at Coleman as a senior.

That year, on a Saturday morning two weeks before Thanksgiving, Amy was in Coleman, watching her younger brother, Jayce, play soccer. Amy had a basketball game later that day but realized she'd fotgotten her jersey at home.

Brenda was in the Coleman gym, coaching a junior varsity basketball game. She was giving halftime instructions in the locker room when the varsity coach suddenly entered, joined by the athletic director.

"Girls, y'all go back on the court," the varsity coach said. "Coach Simmons, you need to stay here with me."

After the room cleared, the athletic director gently told Brenda, "I need to take you somewhere. Your daughter's had an accident."

On her way back to town, Amy, driving alone, had lost control, resulting in a three-car accident. By the time Brenda arrived, Amy had been loaded into an ambulance. Brenda followed the ambulance to the Coleman hospital, where she was told to head to San Angelo, where Amy would be transported by CareFlite helicopter.

Amy said she considered herself religious, "as much as you can understand things like that when you're 17." She has no doubt, though, that she had divine help in remaining calm in the accident's aftermath.

"It's as close to an audible voice as somebody can say they heard," she said. "I mean, I didn't hear an audible voice, but it was so loud and clear to me that it might as well have been a neon sign in the sky."

As is natural for small towns, Coleman rallied around Amy. The high school set her up with a computer, so she could continue taking senior classes and the college course in which she was enrolled.

Amy was determined to graduate with her class, even after going to Houston for rehab and suffering major headaches when her spinal fluid leaked.

"The rest of us were concerned," Brenda said. "But Amy was like, 'I've got this.'"

On graduation day at Coleman's football stadium, plywood was laid on the field so classmates could wheel Amy onstage to receive her diploma.

Analytical like her father, Amy considered majoring in radio-TV journalism or animal science or becoming a homemaking teacher. While narrowing her career options, she studied at sea for a semester, traveling around the world, then went to Arizona for a few months to play wheelchair basketball.

The more she thought about occupational therapy, the more interested she became, especially when she found out Texas Woman's University offered a fast-track program that would allow her to work toward her bachelor's and master's degrees.

"I wanted to work with people," she said. "I wanted to get to work with my hands, be creative and active.

"Now I get to help people through injuries. And I don't slight or judge them in any way. Even something as small as an ankle injury can be a life-changing event."

During a wheelchair rugby tournament in San Antonio two years ago, she met a Paralympic thrower who suggested she try the sport.

She had never attempted to throw from a seated position, but she entered a local meet in April 2011 and, using a borrowed chair and implements, qualified for the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Trials. She finished fourth in shot put and javelin at the trials but wasn't one of the 54 American athletes chosen for the London Paralympics.

This week, though, she is the only American woman competing in her classification among 11 athletes in shot put, eight in discus and 10 in javelin.

The special chair she uses was purchased on a grant through the Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association, which also enlists public and corporate donations to help Amy defray some of her training and traveling costs.

When Amy is done competing with the chair, it will go back to the SWAA for use in developing younger athletes.

"It's tough to be a Paralympic athlete on an elite level because you just don't have the exposure and endorsements that we give our able-bodied athletes," Simmons said. "Whew, you've got to really want it. It would be very easy to not do it. It takes a lot to make it happen."

Anyone who wonders why she continues clearly has never met her.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Plans in work to expand Bergstrom airport

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport could be expanded to better handle the growing number of passengers.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that airport officials are riding a growth streak that could soon push passenger traffic to nearly 10 million annually.

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, with nonstop service to more than 40 U.S. and Mexico destinations, served more than 9.4 million passengers last year. Traffic through the first four months of 2013 was up 5 percent.

The Austin City Council on Aug. 8 is scheduled to consider a $62 million contract with Hensel Phelps Construction Co. to add 55,000 square feet to the terminal's east end. Hensel was the prime contractor when ABIA was built in the late 1990s.

AUSTIN

3rd man accused of raping 13-year-old runaway girl

A man has been charged in the sexual assault of a 13-year-old runaway in an attack authorities say is separate from one that may have involved as many as 10 men.

Authorities said some of those men involved in the gang assault filmed the attacks at an Austin apartment with their cellphone cameras. According to an arrest affidavit released Monday, Donald Ray Lewis assaulted the girl hours later. He's charged with aggravated assault of a child and remains jailed on a parole violation and $30,000 bond.

Already charged in the attacks on June 29 and 30 are Juan Lozano Ortega and Edgar Gerardo Guzman Perez. Police said the girl met Lewis after the initial attacks and endured another attack at another apartment. The affidavit said she remained until July 2.

HOUSTON

Woman rebuffs, kills armed man at gas stop

Houston police say a woman who fatally shot a man at a gas station had rebuffed his sexual advances and opened fire when he flashed a knife.

Police on Monday said the 23-year-old woman wasn't hurt in the argument captured on gas station security video. The name of the man killed Sunday night wasn't immediately released.

Police said the woman stopped at the station to fill her car with gas and repeatedly told the man to leave her alone. The video shows the man approaching, the pair arguing, she pulls a rifle from the trunk of the car and the man tries to hit her.

Police said the woman feared for her life when she opened fire.

The incident will be referred to a Harris County grand jury.

COLLEGE STATION

Inadvertent phone call leads to drug arrests

An inadvertent 911 cellphone call to Central Texas police has led to drug charges against two teenagers.

College Station police on Monday said the phone was in the pocket of one of two men at a home where marijuana allegedly was being smoked.

Sgt. Danny Junek said responding officers didn't find any emergency but smelled marijuana at the residence. Officers obtained a search warrant and seized cocaine, marijuana and more than $4,100.

Two College Station residents were being held Monday on marijuana possession charges. Bond was set at $2,000 for 19-year-old Kyle Nelson Bading. Officials said 18-year-old David Marshal Norris, who cellphone made the errant call, also faces charges of delivery of a controlled substance. He's held without bond.

NEW CANEY

Teen wearing headphones hit by train, dies

A Houston-area teenager wearing headphones and walking on some railroad tracks died after being hit by a freight train.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office identified the victim as 18-year-old Chris Neves. of New Caney.

Authorities believe Neves was listening to music around noon Sunday while walking to his girlfriend's home in New Caney and did not hear the train.

Investigators and Union Pacific Railroad officials said crewmembers braked and sounded the horn but the teen did not move off the tracks.

HOUSTON

3 hurt in fire at house being remodeled

A woman and two of her children have been hurt in a fire at a Houston house that's being remodeled.

The Houston Fire Department said the flash fire broke out Monday morning and was put out within minutes.

Authorities said the three victims have injuries believed to be minor. All were transported to a hospital. Their ages and further details on their conditions weren't immediately released.

Investigators are trying to determine what sparked the fire. No damage estimate has been released.

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WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 97 Low: 72

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 97 Low: 74

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 96, a low near 74 and winds between 5 and 15.

On Wednesday and Thursday, highs should climb into the upper 90s. The National Weather Service reports the next chance of rain will be Friday.

The high on Monday reached 94, while the low dropped to 71. The record high for July 22 is 103 set in 1981 and 2001. The record low is 58 set in 1988.

Weather why

Q: What are the "dog days of summer?"

A: It's a slang term for the hottest time of the year, explained Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "In general terms, it's the time between early July and early September when the highest temperatures occur in the Northern Hemisphere," he said. "The ancient Egyptians named the brightest star in the sky Sirius, which they labeled the 'dog star' after one of their mythic gods. Sirius could be seen in the sky during this time and they believed it was responsible for the intense summer heat."

Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunderstorms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.98 in.
Year total	3.39 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.37 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	94
Low	71
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:59 a.m.
Sunset	8:52 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 23

Wife of alcoholic should not buy him booze

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: It happened again today! I was buying several bottles of wine and a six-pack of beer along with my other groceries. While I was standing in the checkout line, someone behind me said the predictable, "I wish I was going home with you!"

I'm married to an alcoholic, and it makes me so sad that people think a lot of alcohol is "fun." It's a tragedy for our family to see a great husband, father and grandfather slip into a stupor each day. It wasn't always this way. Sadly, he has changed so much he is hardly recognizable.

I'm asking those out and about to think before you comment, because alcohol is not something to celebrate. — WIFE OF AN ALCOHOLIC DOWN SOUTH

DEAR WIFE: Why are you buying large quantities of liquor for your alcoholic husband? When you do, you enable him to feed his addiction. If I ever heard of someone who should attend Al-Anon meetings, it is you. Al-Anon was started by the wife of an alcoholic who was just like your husband. When you go, you will meet other wives whose husbands' drinking is also out of control.

If you would prefer a secular organization, an alternative program to contact would be SMART Recovery. Its Family and Friends program was created for loved ones who are affected by someone's addiction. If there isn't a meeting in your area, you can attend one online. Go to www.smartrecovery.org and click on Online Meetings and Activities to register. Please don't wait. These organizations can help both you and your husband.

DEAR ABBY: On behalf of my fellow museum docents, I'm asking you to educate your readers about how to behave when they visit our nation's historic buildings. The most important rule is: Do Not Touch Anything!

This includes the walls and woodwork. Even the cleanest hands have skin oils that can damage a finish. Next, do not lean against the walls or doorways because this, too, may damage original paint, wood finishes or carved details.

If ropes are blocking access to part of the room, do not go beyond them. The dirt on your shoes can damage carpets. If a door is closed or only half open, do not move it.

As a courtesy to your guide and other visitors, cellphones should be turned off. The docent has important information to share with you. If we do not have an immediate answer to a question, we will seek it from another guide or staff member.

Guides and docents enjoy sharing our knowledge with guests. So please visit, but while you're with us, follow our guidelines and help us preserve and protect these glimpses into the past. — DOCENT IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR DOCENT: Your letter deserves space in my column because people sometimes forget when touring historic buildings that they are not in their own homes, but in fact are in museums. May I add one more tip to your list: It is always a good idea to ask permission before using a camera with a flashbulb.

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Play or defend?

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 6 5
♡ Q 4
◇ Q 10 4
♣ 5 3 2

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

EAST
♠ K 9 3
♡ 10 2
◇ A K J 5
♣ Q 9 8 7

SOUTH
♠ 8
♡ A K J 7 5
◇ 8
♣ A K J 10 6 4

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Three of ◇

Would you rather try for 10 tricks at hearts or opt to defeat the contract?

North's two no-trump was sound, as was South's leap to four hearts. Although North decided on the major-suit game, we would have corrected to five clubs.

West led a low diamond, declarer played low from dummy and the jack won. The king of diamonds was ruffed, trumps were drawn in four rounds and the ace of clubs was led. West's diamond discard was a mortal blow.

The contract can be made along double dummy lines if declarer crosses to dummy with the queen of trumps and takes the club finesse.

But even better is for South to cash no more than one high trump from hand and test clubs by leading the ace. West can ruff and revert to diamonds, but declarer ruffs, crosses to the queen of hearts and takes the marked club finesse West again ruffs, but that is the final trick for the defense. The defenders cannot prevent declarer from winning any return, crossing to the ace of spades and repeating the club finesse. The contract is home with five trump tricks, four clubs and the ace of spades.

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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 Tuesday, July 23, 2013:

This year relationships take priority. People seek you out even more than in the past. The potential for an unusual bond becomes possible. Friendship will be critical to making this interaction work. You will gain tremendous insights if you access the areas of your mind that have been blocked off until now. If you are single, it seems as if there is always a better choice just around the corner. Do not settle. If you are attached, the two of you often debate the pros and cons of an issue. Remember that all fighting is about separation. Count on AQUARIUS for friendship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might feel pulled in two seemingly opposite directions. You will wonder which way would be best to go. If you can't decide, you could do the unexpected and end up surprising yourself. Reactions come from your immediate circle. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Make it OK not to be rambunctious. Sometimes it is best to pursue a leisurely pace at home. You might want to think through some recent events. You'll gain unusual insight when you investigate further. You will go forward with a new understanding. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You will want to stop reacting for a while; instead, take an overview of what's happening around you. Your perspective will change as a result. How you handle several different situations could change, and others might see a difference in you. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You could be wondering when you can make a statement of importance. You'll want to share your thoughts with several different people before the actual presentation. You might opt not to do anything at all after getting some intense feedback. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others seek your feedback. Someone's statement might cause you to reconsider a personal matter. Unexpected news also heads in your direction. By blocking a particular way of thinking, you could be preventing yourself from heading in a new direction. Tonight: Follow a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You'll approach a situation in a new way, and you'll be more than ready for a positive change. You might wonder what is going on with a partner. Part of the issue could be that this person continues to be unpredictable. Tonight: Relax, and choose a favorite pastime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your attitude could provoke an unexpected reaction. Your playfulness will pull you in a new direction. Honor a change of pace. You have the ability to cruise through problems with ease. Realize that someone is making an effort to get your attention. Tonight: Stay present.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Come from a place of understanding, and recognize that others might not have the same values system as you. Your ability to read between the lines will be beneficial, but it also will be important to confirm exactly what you are seeing. Tonight: Relax at home. Do not push.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Returning calls leads to more calls. An unexpected development with a creative venture could provoke a lot of thinking and talking. You easily could see the day fly by in an instant. Tonight: Flex with the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ A family member or a domestic matter once more triggers you. You might feel as if you have your hands full. If you try to focus on other matters, you could find it difficult. Focus on what ails you first. Your productivity will increase, and you'll feel better. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your ability to flex is high. Your sense of direction could change radically because of forthcoming news, and then again because of others' reactions. You know what needs to be handled. Follow-through counts when dealing with a neighbor or sibling. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ You might prefer to be left alone in order to work through an issue. A financial instability could affect your sense of direction. Honor news, and make decisions once you are sure that you have all the facts. Remain sensitive to a friend or loved one. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Daniel Radcliffe (1989), musician Saul Hudson aka Slash (1965), radio host Don Imus (1940)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 West African amulet
5 Repelled a mugger, in a way
10 Study at the last minute
14 Loads (of)
15 Garlic mayonnaise
16 Principle governing play, as in golf
17 Feint on the ice
18 Best kind of wrinkles to have, arguably
20 Afore
21 Either "Fargo" director
22 Prepares, as salad
23 Infield shape
25 Kilt wearer
26 Flag maker Betsy
27 Skipped the subway and bus
31 Sparkly stone
33 Prepare for vacation
34 Olympic pool division
35 Tempe sch.
36 What the starts of 18- and 57-Across and 3- and 28-Down can be
39 Caribbean music
40 Telephoned
42 Three-part cookie
43 First-string squad
45 Capital on the Danube
47 Cornfield bird
48 Passion
49 Home of the NHL's Blackhawks, familiarly
52 Hitting bottom, spirits-wise
55 Elvis __ Presley
56 Letter after pi
57 Port in a storm
59 Lose traction
60 Japanese golfer Aoki
61 Melt glaze from, as a windshield
62 Soccer immortal
63 Bit of a florist's greenery
64 Blunted swords
65 Mars : Rome : : __ : Greece

DOWN
1 Blasé
2 Where embryos develop
3 Kid
4 Half of deux
5 Bricks-and-mortar workers
6 Used a scope
7 Piggy bank addition
8 Letter-shaped annex
9 Drink for the calorie-conscious
10 Pricey brand of bubbly
11 Seeks an office
12 Away from the breeze
13 Untidy heap
19 "Over there!"
21 Trig function
24 Chic
25 Deserving of a standing O
27 "Be quiet," in music
28 Social agency employee
29 "My Way" lyricist Paul
30 Laser emission
31 Clothing
32 Son of Isaac and Rebekah
33 Break down grammatically
37 1973 landmark court decision
38 "Mack the Knife" singer Bobby
41 Spanish Main ship
44 Playground squealer
46 "The House at __ Corner"
47 Weekly allowance earners
49 "Time in a Bottle" singer Jim
50 Vague time period
51 Bumps on a log
52 "I don't think so!"
53 Shock, as a perp
54 Not near here
55 "__ Baby": "Hair" song
58 Exercise unit
59 Massage locale

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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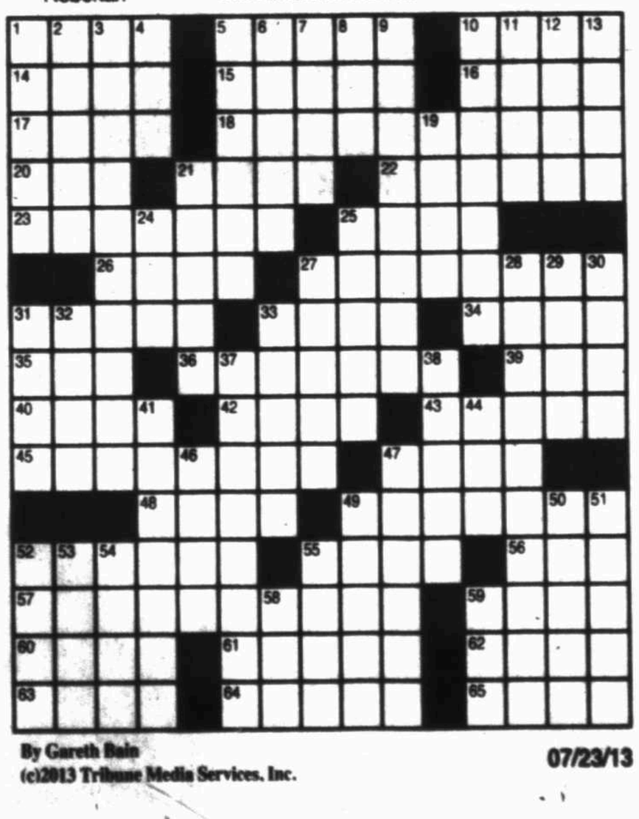

By Gareth Bain
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CAMP TIME

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AVIATION ACADEMY

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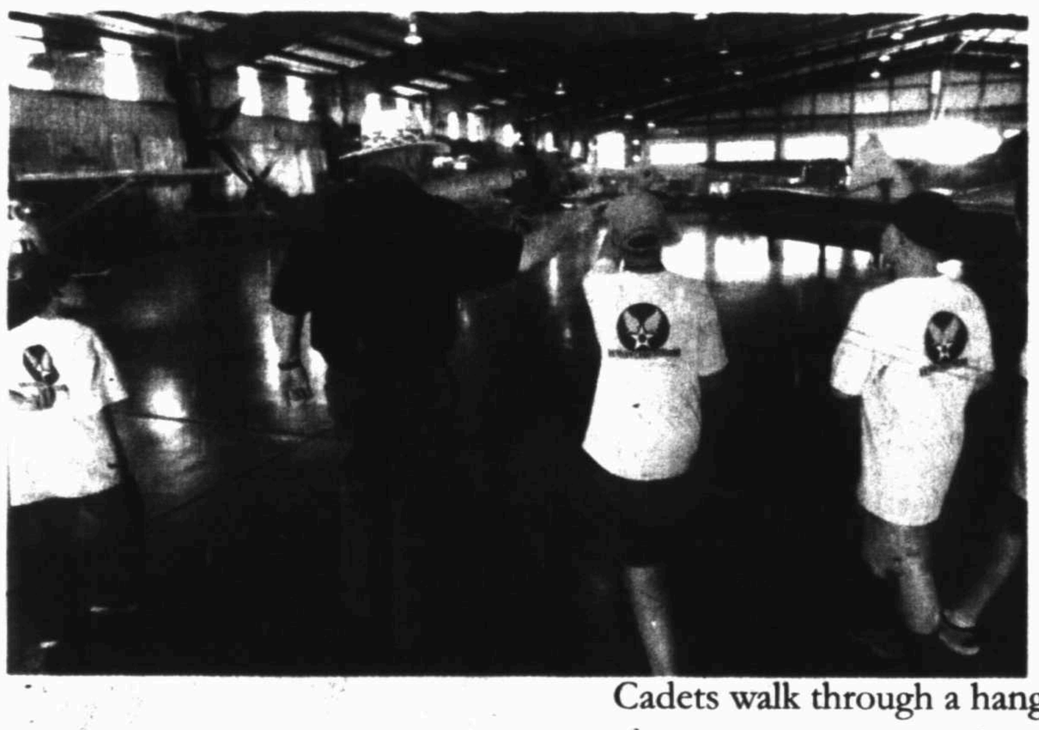
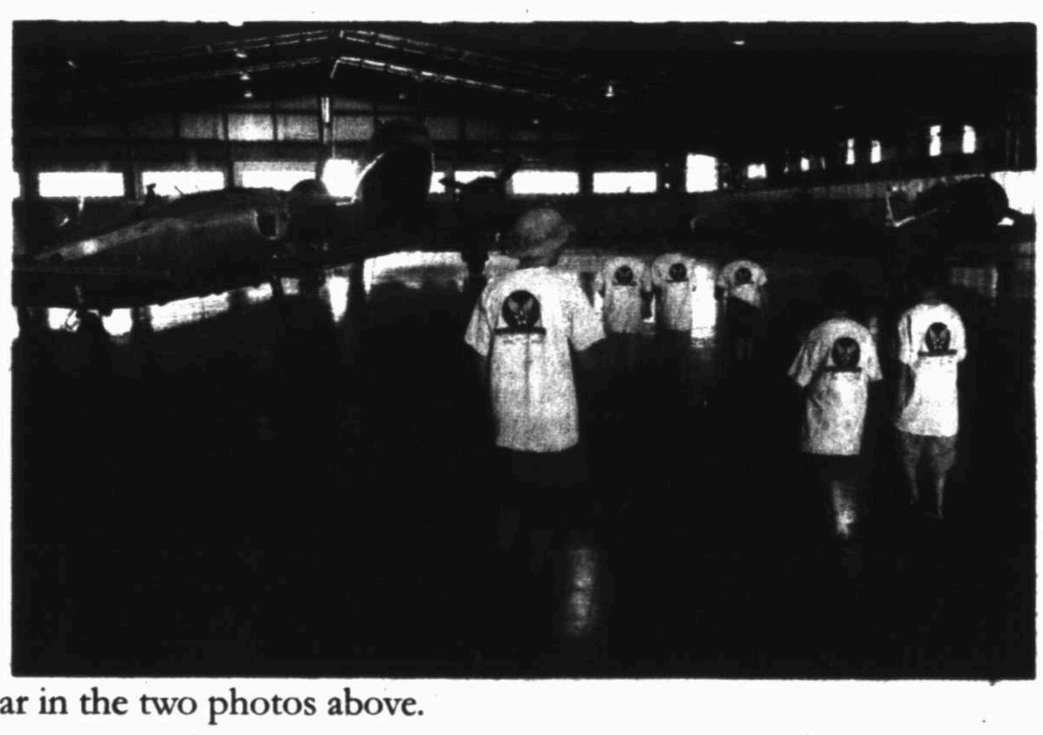
TOP: Cadets Preston Martinez, left, and Justin Haskin, right, sit behind the controls of a transport aircraft on display during the Aviation Academy summer camp July 11 at the Commemorative Air Force. **LEFT:** Cadets walk across the tarmac after learning about the F-111 Aardvark aircraft.





Cadets walk through a hangar in the two photos above.

Amanda Peppers, CAF collections manager, (center) talks to cadets.

Scharbauer adds to horse racing highlight reel

Courtesy photo

Fiftyshadesofgold is seen here winning the Debutante Stakes at Churchill Downs earlier this year. The 2-year-old filly also won a recent stakes race at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. The horse is owned by Clarence Scharbauer Jr.

By Mary Rampellini
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Clarence Scharbauer Jr. has been adding to his highlight reel the past month. The man behind Alysheba celebrated his 88th birthday on July 6 with a stakes win at Lone Star Park. A few weeks earlier, he accounted for his first Churchill Downs stakes win in 25 years when homebred Fiftyshadesofgold romped in the $113,400 Debutante Stakes.

Fiftyshadesofgold is emerging as one of the top 2-year-old fillies in the country. She humbled her competition in the Debutante on June 22, one start after a blowout maiden special weight win at Lone Star. Scharbauer is looking forward to the next start for Fiftyshadesofgold, who is being pointed for the Grade 2, $200,000 Adirondack at Saratoga on Aug. 11.

"I'm really thankful to the Lord for giving me this filly late in life," Scharbauer said from his Midland home on July 6. "The way she ran at Lone Star, won by 10, then goes up there and beats some pretty good fillies, won by eight, I think you'd have to say she's something special."

Horses have been a part of Scharbauer's life since childhood. A rancher, oilman and philanthropist, Scharbauer said his family came to Texas in the 1880s. Their holdings grew to include some 500,000 acres in Texas and parts of New Mexico. Scharbauer said the operations have focused on raising horses, cattle and sheep.

"He's a cattleman, but he's also a serious cowboy," said Ken Carson, who has worked for Scharbauer for 29 years and serves as general manager of his Valor Farm in the north Texas town of Pilot Point. "He can do anything on horseback. He was a world-class calf roper when he was young. He's a heck of a horseman. He can walk around a horse and tell you everything about him. He's a seriously good horseman."

Scharbauer's earliest racing pursuits came in the 1950s with quarter horses. He had a handful of champions, bred the top-class Marion's Girl, and was voted president of the American Quarter Horse Association in 1975. Scharbauer said he delved into thoroughbred racing at the request of his wife, Dorothy, who died in 2005.

"My wife's family won the Kentucky Derby in 1959, with Tomy Lee,"

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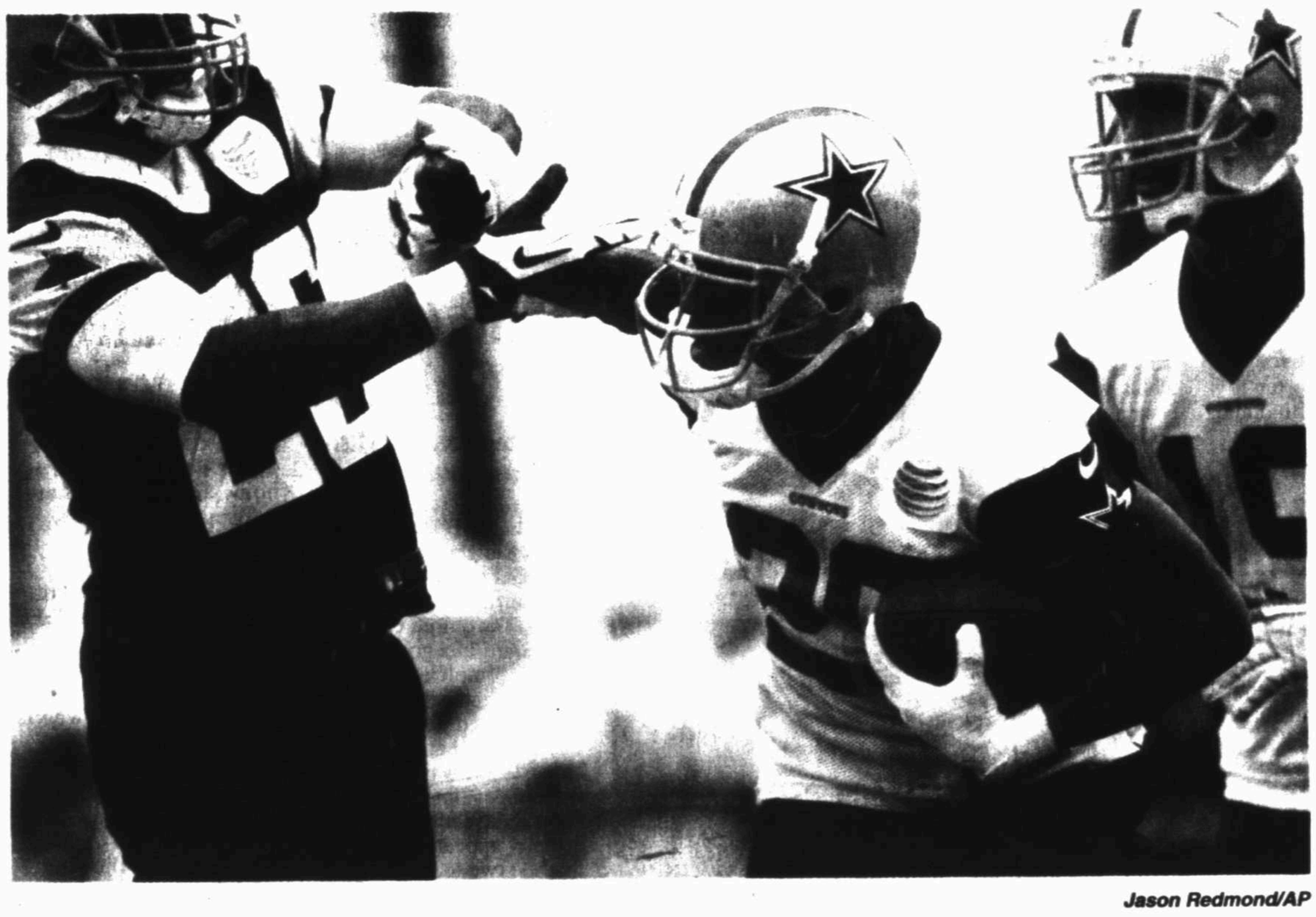
Covering more ground



Jason Redmond/AP

Dallas Cowboys running back DeMarco Murray (29) carries the ball as safety Will Allen, left, defends and wide receiver Miles Austin watches during Cowboys training camp Sunday, in Oxnard, Calif.

Murray hopes Cowboys run ball more this season

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

OXNARD, Calif. — Jason Garrett couldn't have been more emphatic when asked what the Dallas Cowboys plan to do about last season's historically bad ground game.

"We didn't run the ball well enough last year," the coach said. "Everybody understands that. We understand that as a coaching staff and as an organization. We have to run it better. We have to run it more. When you run the ball well, so many things open up for you."

So why is running back DeMarco Murray casting a somewhat skeptical eye at Garrett's assertion rather than doing cartwheels up and down the grass fields at training camp?

Could it be the guaranteed $55 million Jerry Jones handed Tony Romo in making the quarterback the highest paid player in club history? Or how about the knowledge that new play caller Bill Callahan coached an Oakland Raiders team in 2002 that led the NFL in passing? Perhaps it's Dez Bryant saying in the offseason he's capable of becoming the first NFL player to amass 2,000 receiving yards?

Whatever the reason, Murray has apparently adopted a wait-and-see approach rather than buy completely into the notion the Cowboys will go old fashioned and think run first.

"You get excited, but we'll see what happens," Murray said. "You got to play the game on Sundays. As a running back, you definitely love to have the ball and love to run it. We'll see how the games go."

Make no mistake. Murray wants the ball. He made that clear when he was told that Minnesota Vikings star running back and fellow Oklahoma alum Adrian Peterson said recently the Cowboys haven't seen the best out of Murray.

"I think he's right on," Murray said. "This year is going to be a great year for me, I feel. I've come prepared, physically, mentally and emotionally. I'm definitely ready. I'm excited about this year and what we're going to do."

Please see **MURRAY**/4C

Texans sign first-rounder Hopkins

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans signed first-round pick receiver DeAndre Hopkins on Monday, giving them seven of nine 2013 draft picks now under contract.

Hopkins, who left Clemson after his junior season, is a deep threat who could be the complement for star receiver Andre Johnson that the Texans long have sought.

He caught 82 passes and set school records with 1,405 yards receiving and 18 touchdown receptions last year. His 24 catches of 20 yards or more last season were the most in the ACC and he averaged 17.1 yards a catch in 2012.

For his career at Clemson, Hopkins had 206 receptions for 3,020 yards and 27 touchdowns, becoming the sixth player in ACC history with more than 3,000 yards receiving and the only player in conference history to gain that many yards in just three seasons.

Hopkins, taken 27th overall, is just the second receiver Houston has drafted in the first round and the first since Johnson was chosen third overall in 2003.

The Texans are looking for Hopkins to contribute early after they released

Please see **TEXANS**/4C

David J. Phillip/AP

Houston draft pick DeAndre Hopkins catches a pass during organized team activities June 13 in Houston. The Texans signed the first-round pick receiver Monday. The Texans now have seven of nine 2013 draft picks under contract.

Former MVP Braun suspended for rest of season

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first star to fall in baseball's latest drug investigation is one of its biggest: Ryan Braun.

The 2011 National League MVP was suspended without pay for the rest of the season and the postseason Monday, the start of sanctions involving players reportedly tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs.

The Milwaukee Brewers star accepted the 65-game ban, 15 games more than the one he avoided last year when an arbitrator overturned his positive test for elevated testosterone because the urine sample had been improperly handled.

Braun

"I am not perfect. I realize now that I have made some mistakes. I am willing to accept the consequences of those actions," he said in a statement.

Braun, injured Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and more than a dozen players were targeted by MLB following a report by Miami New Times in January that they had been connected with Biogenesis of America, a now-closed anti-aging clinic.

"For these guys still to be involved with this stuff just baffles me," Miami Marlins manager Mike Redmond said. "The education's there and everybody knows what you can and can't take. It baffles me that this continues to be a black cloud over the game. I know Major League Baseball's done a great job of cleaning up the game and the testing policy and all that. And it's working. But at the same time, too, it seems like we'll go through a lull and then, bam, here comes another guy that gets suspended. It's got to stop."

Please see **BRAUN**/2C

Pollard resigns from Lee, heads to Permian

■ The former soccer coach will take over as assistant football coach with the Panthers

By Len Hayward
lhayward@mrt.com

Citing a chance to get back into coaching football, Lee girls soccer coach Brian Pollard said Monday that he has resigned and will take a job as an assistant football coach at Odessa Permian High School.

Pollard was set to begin his sixth soccer season at Lee next spring, but said he was looking this summer to work his way back into coaching football again. Pollard coached football early in his career at New Deal for three years, and also coached football at Nimitz Junior High in Odessa.

Pollard

"Getting back into football was a big part of it," Pollard said Monday. "It's something I've been trying to get into, and I just felt like it was the right time for me to leave Lee."

Pollard, who is an Odessa native and graduated from Permian, took over the Lee girls program in 2009 and the program had a 37-50-15 overall record during his tenure. The Lady Rebels made one playoff appearance in 2011, losing to Metroplex power Arlington Martin in the opening round.

Midland ISD Executive Director of Athletics Todd Howey said that he was surprised to hear Pollard was leaving. Howey said he knew Pollard was looking at different jobs, but he said he was expecting him to come back this year.

"I had talked to Brian a couple of weeks ago and all the indications I had was that he was coming back," Howey said. "We received notice otherwise. We shall move on, and we've been lucky with the hires we've had."

Howey said the resignation this late in the summer makes the hiring process a little tougher, but he said the job has been posted and they have already had informal conversations with some candidates. Plus, Howey said there are some coaches in the district who have "soccer backgrounds," he said.

Pollard is the 13th Midland ISD head coach to leave since January of 2012. He said he will teach at Hood Junior High and will be a football assistant, and said his second sport has not been designated.

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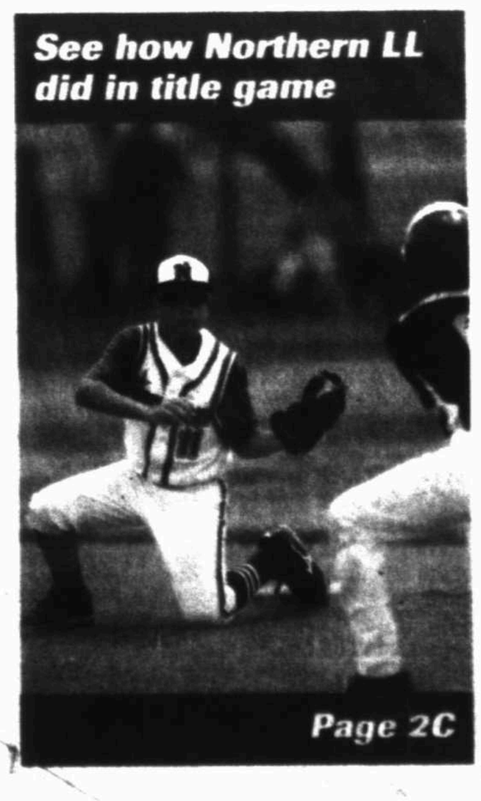


CC Universal tops Northern for title

By Paul Harris
San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO — With its season on the line, the Corpus Christi Universal baseball team came out Monday and played like champions.

Facing elimination for the fourth time in three days, Universal capped its comeback run through the Texas West State Little League Tournament with two wins over Northern, 11-1 and 3-0, to claim the title at the Texas Bank Sports Complex.

Universal hit six home runs on the day, while its pitching allowed just eight hits and one run.

For Northern, it was a difficult way to end the season, especially after entering the day needing one win to advance to regionals.

Northern struggled, however, producing only six singles and two doubles. Felix Hinojosa led the way by going 3-for-4, driving in Northern's only run of the day.

Northern won the Little League state tournament in 2011. That same year, many of the players on this year's team were part of Northern's state title in the 9-10 age bracket, which doesn't advance to regionals.

"It's tough to come so close. You can taste that next level," Northern coach Chris Jauz said. "But it's got to end, and unfortunately it ended today. My hat's off to Corpus Christi. I wish them the best of luck. But I'm nothing but proud of our team."

The 11- and 12-year olds from Corpus Christi will now join seven other teams next week at the Southwest Regional Tournament in Waco, where they'll battle for the right to advance to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Northern's Felix Hinojosa hits against Corpus Christi Universal during the Texas West State Little League final Monday at Texas Bank Sports Complex in San Angelo.

Universal had to take the long road through San Angelo after dropping its opening game of the state tournament, but its players bounced back and saved their best for Monday's championship day.

"They respond better when their backs are to the wall," Universal head coach Randy Ramirez said. "The first game, they went out there and showed it. I just can't believe the way they came out this morning. They did it one game, then they had to do it another game, and they did it."

Universal's offense erupted for four home runs in the third and fourth innings of Monday's first game.

Juan Sosa and Jacob Garza each hit two-run homers in the fourth inning to help finish off a 11-1 win that ended after four innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"We have that power. The only time we were off on that was the first game, when we lost (3-1 to Fort Worth Westside)," Ramirez said. "Every other time, we've always had offense like that."

Offense was a little harder to come by in the winner-take-all second game, but the long ball was again there for Universal.

Ortiz hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the first, and Cruz hit a leadoff shot in the second inning. Ortiz finished the day 3-for-5 with two HRs and a double, while Cruz was 4-for-5 with two HRs and a triple.

Universal's pitching sealed the title as Garza struck out 14 batters and allowed only four hits in the shutout win.

In the first game, Sosa also tossed a four-hitter and allowed just one run, which was aided by an error.

Garza struck out seven of the last eight batters he faced. He struck out the side in the fifth, then ended the game in the sixth with a strikeout, setting off Universal's celebration.

CC Universal 11-3
Northern 1-0

"Their pitching was outstanding both games. You've got to hand it to them," Jauz said. "Coming through the loser's bracket and only burning one pitcher a day, most teams that come through the loser's bracket are burning two or three pitchers a game, and they're out of it by the time they get (to the final).

"It's just a big compliment to them how deep their pitching is."

Texas West Little League State Tournament
Texas Bank Sports Complex
San Angelo
9-10 Year olds
Thursday, July 18
Game 1: San Antonio McAllister Park 16, Mid City 0
Game 2: Midway 6, Laredo American 4
Friday, July 19
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 3: McAllister Park 7, Waco Midway 4
Elimination Game
Game 4: Mid City 13, Laredo American 7
Saturday, July 20
Elimination Game
Game 5: Mid City 14, Waco Midway 9
Sunday
Game 6: McAllister Park 6, Mid City 4

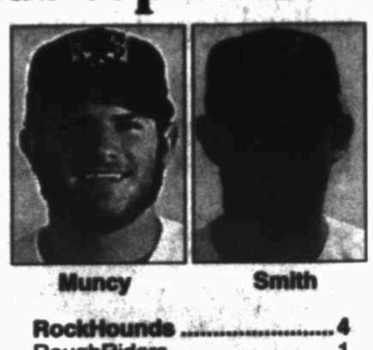
10-11 Year olds
Thursday, July 18
Game 1: San Antonio McAllister Park 7, Corpus Christi Oil Belt 2
Game 2: Northern 10, Waco Midway 9
Friday, July 19
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 3: McAllister Park 18, Northern 1
Elimination Game
Game 4: Waco Midway 6, Oil Belt 1
Saturday, July 20
Elimination Game
Game 5: Waco Midway 6, Northern 1
Sunday
Game 6: McAllister Park def. Waco Midway

11-12 Year olds
Friday, July 19
Game 1: Northern 13, Eagle Pass 2
Game 2: Fort Worth Westside 3, Corpus Christi Universal 1
Saturday, July 20
Winner's Bracket Final
Game 3: Northern 9, FW Westside 5
Elimination Game
Game 4: Universal 9, Eagle Pass 2
Sunday
Elimination Game
Game 5: Universal 8, FW Westside 3
Today
Game 6: Universal 11, Northern 1
Game 7: Universal 3, Northern 0

Muncy, Smith help RockHounds top Frisco

From staff reports

FRISCO — Max Muncy drove in two runs and Murphy Smith pitched seven strong innings to help the Midland RockHounds to a 4-1 victory over Frisco at Dr Pepper Ballpark on Monday night.



Muncy Smith

RockHounds 4
RoughRiders 1

Smith (8-7) allowed the only run on a homer by Teodoro Martinez in the bottom of the first inning that tied the game at 1.

Smith scattered six hits with one walk and six strikeouts over seven innings.

The RockHounds scored three of their runs off Colby Lewis (0-1), who is on rehab assignment from the Texas Rangers after being out since last summer with an elbow injury.

Midland took the lead for good in the third inning thanks to a two-run single by Muncy.

The RockHounds added an insurance run in the sixth when Muncy scored on a Vinnie Catricala single.

Mike DeMark pitched two scoreless innings to earn his fourth save of the season.

The teams play the second game of a three-game series at 7 p.m. today.

ROCKHOUNDS 4, FRISCO 1

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Myers cf	4	1	2	0	Stassburger cf	4	0	0	0
Goebbert rf	4	0	0	1	Nicholas 1b	3	0	1	0
Coleman 3b	4	0	0	0	Buchholz 3b	3	0	1	0
Muncy 1b	3	1	2	2	Rodriguez pr	0	0	0	0
Ladendorf 2b	4	0	2	0	Chiang rf	4	0	1	0
Taylor c	4	0	0	0	Telis c	4	0	1	0
Catricala dh	4	0	1	1	Herrera 2b	2	0	1	0
Perez ss	4	0	1	0	Alberto ss	3	0	1	0
					Selen dh	4	0	1	0
Totals	35	4	10	4	Totals	30	1	7	1

Midland	102	001	000—4
Frisco	100	000	000—1

E — Alberto (7). DP — Midland 2, Frisco 1. LOB — Midland 6, Frisco 5. 2B — Crumbliss (16), Martinez (10), Herrera (11). HR — Martinez (10). SB — Crumbliss (9), Myers (16). CS — Herrera (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Smith W, 8-7	7.0	6	1	1	1	6
DeMark S, 4	2.0	1	0	0	0	0
Frisco						
Lewis L, 0-1	3.0	5	3	3	2	3
Mavare	6.0	5	1	1	0	5

HBP — by Smith (Selen), by DeMark (Buchholz).

T — 2:38. A — 3,892

Texas League

Second half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	18	13	.581	—
NW Arkansas	17	14	.548	1
Springfield	15	16	.484	3
x-Tulsa	13	18	.419	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	18	13	.581	—
x-Corpus Christi	16	14	.533	1 1/2
Midland	13	17	.433	4 1/2
Frisco	13	18	.419	5

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
Arkansas 10, Northwest Arkansas 3
Midland 4, Frisco 1
Corpus Christi 6, San Antonio 4
Springfield 3, Tulsa 2
Today's Games
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 7:05 p.m.

Rangers get Garza from Cubs for 3 players

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers finally have Matt Garza in their starting rotation.

Texas acquired Garza from the Chicago Cubs in a trade completed Monday, getting a pitcher they had long coveted just more than a week before the July 31 non-waiver trading deadline and several days after it initially appeared that the two teams had a deal in place.

Garza

"He's an extremely talented pitcher that's had success in the toughest of divisions and the biggest of stages, who's throwing the ball as well as anybody right now," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "It's a power repertoire, a little bit of a different look from what we've got, and he was available. ... He was in our opinion the best guy on the market."

The 29-year-old right-hander provides a boost to a starting rotation plagued by injuries and a team that slipped three games behind Oakland in the AL West after being swept in a three-game weekend series at home against Baltimore.

Texas sent the Cubs rookie right-hander Justin Grimm, top prospect third baseman Mike Olt and Class-A pitcher C.J. Edwards. There will also be at least one player to be named later, possibly two, depending on who is chosen by Chicago.

"We paid a steep price in talent to acquire Matt, but we did so knowing that we've got other guys in the system," Daniels said. "What it comes down to, ultimately why we got him, beside the desire, is we had the players to do it."

Garza (6-1, 3.17 ERA), who can become a free agent after this season, has made 11 starts since missing the first seven weeks this season with a strained left lat muscle. He is 5-0 with a 1.24 ERA his last six starts.

Garza had been scheduled to start Monday night for the Cubs in Arizona. He will instead start for the Rangers against the New York Yankees, likely Wednesday night.

Darvish back for Rangers in win over Yankees

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Rangers 3
Yankees 0

ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish allowed two singles over 6 1/3 scoreless innings in his first start in 16 days, combining with three relievers on a three-hitter as the Texas Rangers beat the New Yankees 3-0 Monday night.

Darvish (9-4), who last pitched July 6 before going on the disabled list with a right trapezius strain, struck out four and walked two. He left after allowing consecutive batters to reach in the seventh, having thrown 60 of 90 pitches for strikes.

Just before the game, the Rangers announced they had acquired right-hander Matt Garza from the Chicago Cubs. Garza, who had been scheduled to start for Chicago at Arizona on Monday night, likely will make his Texas debut Wednesday night against the Yankees.

Ivan Nova (4-3) struck out four while throwing a season-high 112 pitches over seven innings.

All-Star closer Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his 31st save in 32 chances to cap the Rangers' eighth shutout of the season.

The Yankees, coming off an 11-inning loss late Sunday night at Boston, were held scoreless for the eighth time.

Texas had reliever Robbie Ross warming up while the Rangers were batting in the sixth. But Darvish came out to start the seventh, and appeared frustrated when manager Ron Washington came out of the dugout to make the pitching change.

LM Otero/AP

Texas' Yu Darvish throws a pitch during Monday's game against the New York Yankees in Arlington.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ATHLETICS 4
ASTROS 3

HOUSTON — Josh Reddick put Oakland on top with a two-run homer in the eighth inning and the Athletics remained perfect this season against Houston.

Chris Young hit a solo homer for the A's, who are 10-0 against their new AL West foes this season and 15-1 all-time.

Houston took a 3-0 lead thanks in part to Oakland tying a season high with three errors. Young's shot cut the lead to one in the seventh before Reddick's drive to right field off Wesley Wright (0-4) made it 4-3.

RAYS 3
RED SOX 0

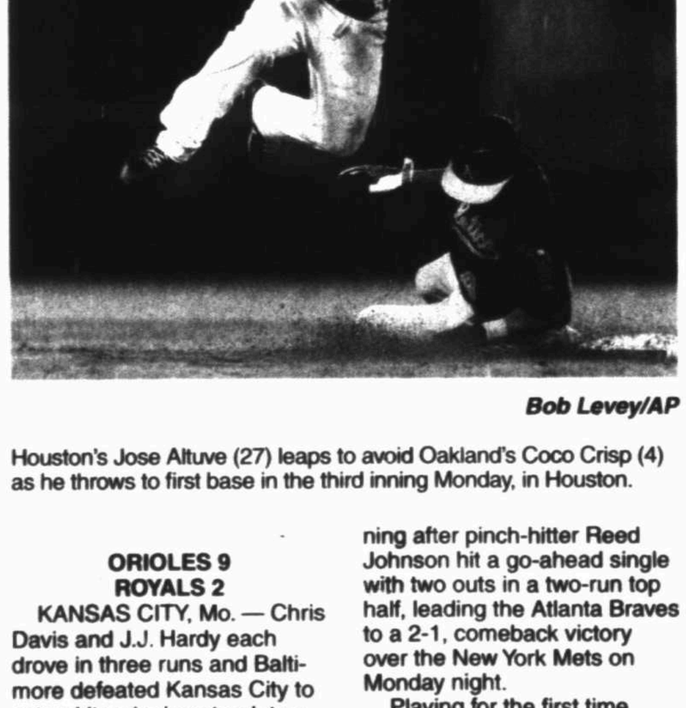
BOSTON — Matt Moore pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Boston Red Sox 3-0 Monday night to move within a half-game of first place in the AL East.

Ben Zobrist had three hits and James Loney drove in two runs for the Rays, who earned their sixth consecutive victory and won for the 18th time in 20 games.

TIGERS 7
WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO — Max Scherzer outpitched Chris Sale in a matchup of All-Star starters, and Detroit overcame Miguel Cabrera's injury to beat Chicago.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, Cabrera was replaced at third base by Don Kelly. The 2012 AL MVP, who appeared to be holding his left side as he walked off the field, was removed with a sore hip flexor muscle and will be evaluated Tuesday.



Bob Levey/AP

Houston's Jose Altuve (27) leaps to avoid Oakland's Coco Crisp (4) as he throws to first base in the third inning Monday, in Houston.

ORIOLES 9
ROYALS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chris Davis and J.J. Hardy each drove in three runs and Baltimore defeated Kansas City to extend its winning streak to a season-high five games.

Davis, who leads the majors with 97 RBI, drove in a pair of runs with a sixth-inning double and another with a sacrifice fly in the first inning.

National League

BRAVES 2
METS 1

NEW YORK — Jason Heyward made a diving catch with runners on first and second and two outs in the ninth inning after pinch-hitter Reed Johnson hit a go-ahead single with two outs in a two-run top half, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 2-1, comeback victory over the New York Mets on Monday night.

Playing for the first time after missing six games with a strained right hamstring, Heyward made a long run to his right and slid along the wet grass to hold his glove up after grabbing pinch-hitter Justin Turner's fly ball.

PIRATES 6
NATIONALS 5

WASHINGTON — Andrew McCutchen hit a pair of two-run homers to back a solid outing by right-hander Charlie Morton and Pittsburgh beat skidding Washington.

McCutchen connected in the first inning and again in the third to stake the Pirates to a 4-0 lead.

PADRES 5
BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE — Jesus Guzman homered and had three RBIs to lift the Padres over Milwaukee hours after the team learned that Ryan Braun would be suspended for the rest of the season.

The 2011 National League MVP was suspended for the final 65 games without pay for being tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance enhancing drugs.

MARLINS 3
ROCKIES 1

DENVER — Tom Koehler tossed seven strong innings, Ed Lucas homered and Miami scored for the first time in four games in a victory over Colorado.

Giancarlo Stanton reached base three times and Steve Cishek notched his 18th save for the Marlins, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Interleague

DODGERS 14
BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO — A.J. Ellis hit a two-run homer and drove in a career-best five runs, Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched 5 1/3 innings, and Los Angeles beat Toronto for its fourth straight victory and 21st in 26 games.

Skip Schumaker added a three-run shot as the Dodgers moved a season-high four games above .500 and won their eighth straight road game, their longest streak since a nine-game run in July 2004.

BRAUN

From 1C

MLB Commissioner Bud Selig announced Braun's penalty Monday, citing the outfielder for multiple unspecified "violations" of baseball's drug program and labor contract. Braun will miss the Milwaukee Brewers' final 65 games without pay, costing him about $3 million of his $8.5 million salary.

"I wish to apologize to anyone I may have disappointed," Braun said. "I am glad to have this matter behind me once and for all, and I cannot wait to get back to the game I love."

Under the agreement reached by MLB and the players' association the specifics of Braun's admission won't be made public. The sides also wouldn't say whether this counted as a single violation or more under baseball's drug agreement.

"We commend Ryan Braun for taking responsibility for his past actions," said Rob Manfred, MLB's executive vice president for economics and league affairs. "We all agree that it is in the best interests of the game to resolve this matter. When Ryan returns, we look forward to him making positive contributions to Major League Baseball, both on and off the field."

Union head Michael Weiner said last week that arbitration hearings for players contesting suspensions likely would not start until September, which would delay any penalty until next season. But he also indicated the union would urge players to make a deal and get a suspension over with if there was strong evidence of guilt.

"I am deeply gratified to see Ryan taking this bold step," Weiner said in a statement. "It vindicates the rights of all players under the joint drug program. It is good for the game that Ryan will return soon to continue his great work both on and off the field."

Braun's acceptance of the suspension marks a 180-degree turnaround from his defiant spring training news conference in Phoenix last year, after his 50-game ban was overturned.

"We won," he said then, "because the truth is on my side. The truth is always relevant, and at the end of the day, the truth prevailed."

SPORTSSCOREBOARD

Auto Racing

NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders
Through July 14
Points

1. Jimmie Johnson, 696. 2. Clint Bowyer, 640. 3. Carl Edwards, 629. 4. Ryan Newman, 602. 5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 578. 6. Matt Kenseth, 576. 7. Kyle Busch, 576. 8. Greg Biffle, 545. 9. Brad Keselowski, 529. 10. Kasey Kahne, 523.
11. Martin Truex Jr., 521. 12. Jeff Gordon, 521. 13. Tony Stewart, 518. 14. Kurt Busch, 516. 15. Jamie McMurray, 507. 16. Aric Almirola, 502. 17. Jeff Burton, 498. 18. Joey Logano, 487. 19. Ryan Newman, 487. 20. Paul Menard, 487.

Money

1. Jimmie Johnson, $5,797,348. 2. Kyle Busch, $5,606,539. 3. Matt Kenseth, $3,769,819. 4. Kevin Harvick, $3,683,591. 5. Brad Keselowski, $3,628,383. 6. Dale Earnhardt Jr., $3,408,323. 7. Carl Edwards, $3,393,808. 8. Tony Stewart, $3,280,064. 9. Jeff Gordon, $3,165,762. 10. Clint Bowyer, $3,151,175.
11. Martin Truex Jr., $3,112,904. 12. Joey Logano, $3,035,716. 13. Ryan Newman, $3,007,015. 14. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $2,984,832. 15. Kasey Kahne, $2,943,583. 16. Greg Biffle, $2,926,439. 17. Aric Almirola, $2,834,760. 18. Kurt Busch, $2,793,428. 19. Jamie McMurray, $2,724,493. 20. Juan Pablo Montoya, $2,654,870.

NASCAR Nationwide
Money Leaders
Through July 21

1. Sam Hornish Jr., $662,759. 2. Kyle Busch, $634,050. 3. Austin Dillon, $630,086. 4. Elliott Sadler, $590,944. 5. Trevor Bayne, $549,719. 6. Regan Smith, $521,460. 7. Kyle Larson, $520,890. 8. Austin Allgaier, $517,442. 9. Brian Vickers, $517,394. 10. Parker Kligerman, $486,184.
11. Brian Scott, $466,369. 12. Alex Bowman, $463,289. 13. Nelson Piquet Jr., $424,904. 14. Travis Pastrana, $423,100. 15. Mike Bliss, $421,489. 16. Reed Sorenson, $408,154. 17. Eric McClure, $406,184. 18. Mike Wallace, $393,333. 19. Jeremy Clements, $364,700. 20. Joe Nemechek, $362,484.

Points Leaders
Through July 21

1. Sam Hornish Jr., 632. 2. Regan Smith, 625. 3. Austin Dillon, 624. 4. Elliott Sadler, 612. 5. Austin Allgaier, 610. 6. Brian Vickers, 587. 7. Kyle Larson, 578. 8. Brian Scott, 567. 9. Trevor Bayne, 563. 10. Parker Kligerman, 563.
11. Alex Bowman, 487. 12. Nelson Piquet Jr., 477. 13. Mike Bliss, 472. 14. Travis Pastrana, 415. 15. Reed Sorenson, 362. 16. Mike Wallace, 347. 17. Eric McClure, 330. 18. Jeremy Clements, 330. 19. Joe Nemechek, 292. 20. Michael Annett, 247.

IndyCar Points Leaders
Through July 14

1. Helio Castroneves, 425.
2. Scott Dixon, 386.
3. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 356.
4. Marco Andretti, 355.
5. Simon Pagenaud, 309.
6. Tony Kanaan, 307.
7. Dario Franchitti, 307.
8. James Hinchcliffe, 305.
9. Justin Wilson, 296.
10. Will Power, 273.

NHRA Standings
Top Fuel

Pittsburgh 6, Washington 5
L.A. Dodgers 14, Toronto 5
Atlanta 2, N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 5, Milwaukee 3
Miami 3, Colorado 1
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Cingrani 3-1) at San Francisco (Surkamp 0-0), 6:05 p.m., 1st game
Pittsburgh (Cole 4-3) at Washington (Jordan 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 3-6) at Toronto (Redmond 1-1), 6:07 p.m.
Atlanta (Medlen 6-9) at N.Y. Mets (C.Torres 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (T.Ross 0-4) at Milwaukee (D.Hand 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Pettibone 5-3) at St. Louis (S.Miller 9-6), 7:15 p.m.
Miami (Fernandez 5-5) at Colorado (Chacin 9-4), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 6-6) at Arizona (Corbin 11-1), 8:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Zito 4-7) at Cincinnati (G.Reynolds 0-0), 9:15 p.m. 2nd game

AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 3, YANKEES 0

New York				Texas			
Gardnr cf	3	0	0	0	Kinsler 2b	3	1	0	0
ISuzuki rf	4	0	0	0	Morlnd 1b	4	0	0	0
Cano 2b	4	0	0	0	N.Cruz rf	4	1	2	1
Overay 1b	4	0	2	0	A.Beltre 3b	4	0	1	1
V.Wells lf	2	0	0	0	Przyns dh	4	0	2	0
Hafner dh	2	0	0	0	Andrus ss	3	1	1	0
Nunez ss	3	0	0	0	DeRosa lf	4	0	0	0
C.Stewrt c	3	0	0	0	J.Giambi dh	3	0	1	1
L.Cruz 3b	3	0	0	0	J.Martin cf	2	0	1	0
Totals	28	0	3	0	Totals	31	3	8	3

New York	000	000	000	—	0	3	0
Texas	100	001	10x	—	3	8	0

DP—Texas 2. LOB—New York 4, Texas 8.
2B—G.Soto (4), HR—N.Cruz (23), SB—Kinsler (6), Andrus 2 (21). CS—L.Martin (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Nova L,4-3	7	7	3	3	3	4
Chamberlain	1	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Darvish W,9-4	6 1-3	2	0	0	2	4
R.Ross	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Scheppers	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan S,31-32	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Nova (L.Martin), by Darvish (Gardner).
T—2:43. A—42,058 (48,114).

ATHLETICS 4, ASTROS 3

Oakland				Houston			
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	0	1	0	Villar ss	4	1	1	0
C.Young lf	5	1	2	1	Altuve 2b	2	0	0	0
Lowrie ss	5	0	0	0	J.Castro c	4	0	0	0
Dridzo 3b	3	1	1	0	Carter 1b	4	1	1	1
Freimn 1b	4	0	2	0	Maxwell rf	4	1	1	0
Moss pr-1b	0	1	0	0	J.Martin dh	3	0	0	1
DNorris c	3	0	1	0	Wallac ph	1	0	0	0
Reddick rf	3	1	2	2	BBarns cf	4	0	1	0
G.Green 2b	3	0	0	1	MDmn 3b	3	0	0	0
Sogard 2b	0	0	0	0	Elmore lf	3	0	1	0
S.Smith dh	4	0	0	0					
Totals	34	4	8	4	Totals	32	3	5	2

Oakland	000	001	120	—	4
Houston	012	000	000	—	3

E—Lowrie (14), G.Green (3), D.Norris (2), M.Dominguez (10). DP—Oakland 1; Houston 1. LOB—Oakland 8; Houston 4. 2B—Crisp (15), Freiman (7), Maxwell (9). 3B—C.Young (2). HR—C. Young (9), Reddick (5). SB—Villar (1), Altuve (22), Maxwell (3). CS—Altuve (7). SF—G.Green.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Milone	6	5	3	2	1	5
Cook W,3-2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Doolittle	1	0	0	0	1	2
Balfour S,26-26	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Keuchel	6	5	1	1	4	5
Blackley	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Ambriz	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
W.Wright L,0-4	1	1	1	1	0	0
Cisnero	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Doolittle.
T—3:24. A—16,381 (42,060).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LINESCORES
RAYS 3, RED SOX 0

Tampa Bay	100	010	001	—3	8	0
Boston	000	000	000	—0	2	0

M.Moore and Lobaton; Workman, Tazawa, Uehara (7), Breslow (9) and Lavarnway. W—M.Moore 14-3. L—Workman 0-1.

TIGERS 7, WHITE SOX 1

Detroit	001	020	103	—7	10	0
Chicago	000	001	011	—3	5	3

Scherzer, Coke (9), S.Rondon (9) and D.Pena; Sale, Troncoso (9), Purcey (9) and Phegley. W—Scherzer 14-1. L—Sale 6-9. HRs—Detroit, Tor. Hunter (8), Chicago, Viciedo (8), Gillaspie (8).

ORIOLES 9, ROYALS 2

Baltimore	202	014	000	—9	16	0
Kansas City	000	001	010	—2	5	1

Feldman, Patton (9) and Wieters, Teagarden; W.Davis, Mendoza (3), Coleman (7), Hochevar (8), Collins (9) and S.Perez. W—Feldman 2-1. L—W. Davis 4-9. HRs—Baltimore, Pearce (17).

INTERLEAGUE LINESCORE
DODGERS 14, BLUE JAYS 5

Los Angeles	041	104	400	—14	16	0
Toronto	002	002	010	—5	11	5

Ryu, J.Dominguez (8), Howell (7), Withrow (9) and A.Ellis; Jo.Johnson, Loup (3), McGowan (5), Cecil (6), Delabar (7), Oliver (8), Janssen (9) and Arencibia. W—Ryu 8-3. L—Jo.Johnson 1-6. HRs—Los Angeles, A.Ellis (5). Scott Downs (11).
Local note: Chris Withrow pitched 1 inning of relief and allowed one hit with no walks and two strikeouts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LINESCORES
BRAVES 2, METS 1

Atlanta	000	000	002	—2	6	0
New York	000	100	000	—1	5	0

Teheran, Avilan (7), Walden (8), Kimbrel (9) and McCann. Gattis, Gee, Hawkins (8), Parnell (9) and Buck. W—Walden 4-1. L—Parnell 5-5. Sv—Kimbrel (28).

PIRATES 6, NATIONALS 5

Pittsburgh	202	100	010	—6	8	0
Washington	000	010	202	—5	9	0

Morlan, Morris (7), Watson (8), Grilli (9), Mazzaro (9) and R.Martin; Haren, Stammen (8), Krol (8), Storen (8), Abad (9) and W.Ramos. W—Morlan 2-2. L—Haren 4-11. Sv—Mazzaro (1). HRs—Pittsburgh, McCutchen 2 (14), Washington, Ad.LaRoche (14), Werth 2 (14).

PADRES 5, BREWERS 3

San Diego	010	004	000	—5	6	1
Milwaukee	200	010	000	—3	4	0

Cashner, Thayer (7), Gregerson (8), Street (9) and Hundley; Gonzalez, Wooten (8), Kintzler (8), Thornburg (9) and Lucroy. W—Cashner 6-5. L—Gonzalesny 1-4. Sv—Street (17). HRs—San Diego, Guzman (6).

MARLINS 3, ROCKIES 1

Miami	000	000	000	—3	9	0
Colorado	000	100	000	—1	9	0

Koehler, Qualls (8), Cishek (9) and Mathis; Pomeranz, Corpas (5), W.Lopez (8) and W.Rosario. W—Koehler 2-5. L—Pomeranz 0-4. Sv—Cishek (18). HRs—Miami, Lucas (2). Colorado, Tulowitzki (17).

LATE LINESCORE
RED SOX 8, YANKEES 7, 11 INNINGS

New York	210	002	20000	—7	13	1
Boston	004	210	00001	—8	11	3

Sabathia, Claiborne (6), Logan (7), D.Robertson (8), Kelley (9), Warren (11) and C.Stewart; Dempster, Breslow (6), Tazawa (7), Thornton (8), Uehara (9), D.Britton (10), Beato (11) and Saltalamacchia. W—Beato 1-0. L—Warren 1-1. HRs—Boston, Napoli 2 (13), J.Gomes (8).

LEADERS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—McCabbes, Detroit, .358; DOrtiz, Boston, .321; Trout, Los Angeles, .321; Mauer, Minnesota, .320; Loney, Tampa Bay, .314; CDavis, Baltimore, .314; ABelle, Texas, .312.
RUNS—McCabbes, Detroit, 76; CDavis, Baltimore, 74; AJones, Baltimore, 69; Trout, Los Angeles, 67; DJennings, Tampa Bay, 66.
RBI—CDavis, Baltimore, 97; MCabrera, Detroit, 96; Encarnacion, Toronto, 74; Fielder, Detroit, 71; NCruz, Texas, 70; Cano, New York, 69; AJones, Baltimore, 68.
HOME RUNS—CDavis, Baltimore, 37; MCabrera, Detroit, 31; Encarnacion, Toronto, 28; ADunn, Chicago, 24; Ibanez, Seattle, 24; NCruz, Texas, 23; Bautista, Toronto, 22; ABelle, Texas, 22.
STOLEN BASES—Ellsbury, Boston, 37; RDavis, Toronto, 25; McLouth, Baltimore, 25; Altuve, Houston, 22; Andrus, Texas, 21; Kipnis, Cleveland, 21; Trout, Los Angeles, 21.
PITCHING—Schersta, Detroit, 14-1; MBoone, Tampa Bay, 14-3; Colon, Oakland, 13-3; TTeheran, Baltimore, 12-3; FHernandez, Seattle, 11-4; Masterson, Cleveland, 11-7; CWilson, Los Angeles, 10-4; Verlander, Detroit, 10-7.
ERA—FHernandez, Seattle, 2.43; Colon, Oakland, 2.52; Kuroda, New York, 2.85; Sale, Chicago, 2.81; AniSanchez, Detroit, 2.85; Darvish, Texas, 2.88; Lackey, Boston, 2.95.
STRIKEOUTS—Darvish, Texas, 161; Scherzer, Detroit, 157; FHernandez, Seattle, 147; Masterson, Cleveland, 145; Sale, Chicago, 142; Verlander, Detroit, 128; DHolland, Texas, 127.
SAVES—JJohnson, Baltimore, 35; Nathan, Texas, 31; MRivera, New York, 31; Balfour, Oakland, 26; ARaed, Chicago, 25; Frieri, Los Angeles, 24; Rodney, Tampa Bay, 24; GHolland, Kansas City, 24.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—YMolina, St. Louis, .336; Craig, St. Louis, .332; Quiqley, Colorado, .331; MCarpenter, St. Louis, .325; Segura, Milwaukee, .324; Posey, San Francisco, .323; Votto, Cincinnati, .317.
RUNS—McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 76; CGonzalez, Colorado, 71; Choo, Cincinnati, 68; Votto, Cincinnati, 68; Holliday, St. Louis, 64; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 62.
RBI—Goldschmidt, Arizona, 76; Phillips, Cincinnati, 78; Craig, St. Louis, 77; DBrown, Philadelphia, 69; Bruce, Cincinnati, 68; CGonzalez, Colorado, 66; FFreeman, Atlanta, 64.
HOME RUNS—CGonzalez, Colorado, 26; PAlvarez, Pittsburgh, 24; DBrown, Philadelphia, 24; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 21; Beltran, St. Louis, 19; Bruce, Cincinnati, 19; Upton, Atlanta, 19.
STOLEN BASES—ECabrera, San Diego, 34; Segura, Milwaukee, 30; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 28; Revere, Philadelphia, 22; GOrmoz, Milwaukee, 21; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 21; EYoung, New York, 20.
PITCHING—Wainwright, St. Louis, 13-5; Zimmermann, Washington, 12-5; Corbin, Arizona, 11-1; Lynn, St. Louis, 11-5; DLeal, Philadelphia, 10-4; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 10-6; Izzet at 9.
ERA—Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.01; Locke, Pittsburgh, 2.11; Harvey, New York, 2.23; Corbin, Arizona, 2.35; Wainwright, St. Louis, 2.44; Fernandez, Miami, 2.75; TWood, Chicago, 2.79; Leake, Cincinnati, 2.79.
STRIKEOUTS—Harvey, New York, 157; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 148; Wainwright, St. Louis, 137; Samardzija, Chicago, 134; HBailey, Cincinnati, 133; Latos, Cincinnati, 132; DLeal, Philadelphia, 131.
SAVES—Grilli, Pittsburgh, 30; Kimbrel, Atlanta, 28; Mujica, St. Louis, 28; RSorano, Washington, 25; Romo, San Francisco, 23; Chapman, Cincinnati, 23; Papelbon, Philadelphia, 20.

HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Midland 4, Frisco 1

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.
Dr Pepper Ballpark

RADIO/INTERNET
www.mlb.com
KCRS (550 AM)

RECORDS
Midland 13-17, Frisco 13-18

Saturday	Sunday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
San Antonio 6, Midland 3	Midland 4, Frisco 1		Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Truck Series, practice for Mudsummer Classic, 6 p.m., SPEED
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Texas or Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m.,

MLB
NY Yankees at Texas, 7 p.m., FSS
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 8:30 p.m., WGN
WNBA
New York at Indiana, 6 p.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Suspended Milwaukee OF Ryan Braun for the remainder of the season and postseason for multiple violations of baseball's drug program and labor contract.

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned 3B Brent Morel to Charlotte (IL). Reinstated 1B/DH Paul Konerko from the 15-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS—Acquired RHP Matt Garza from the Chicago Cubs for RHPs C.J. Edwards and Justin Grimm, INF Mike Olt, and a player to be named. Reinstated RHP Yu Darvish from the 15-day DL list. National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Sent RHP Brandon McCarthy to Reno (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled LHP Chris Rusin from Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES—Recalled LHP Drew Pomeranz from Tulsa (Texas). Optioned INF Josh Rutledge to Colorado Springs (PCL).
ATLANTA BRAVES—Transferred LHP Eric O'Flaherty to the 60-day DL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Sent RHP Stephen Fife to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS—Sent RHP Jose Ceda to Jupiter (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK METS—Optioned RHP Greg Burke to Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated 1B Justin Turner from the 15-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Fired hitting coach Rick Eckstein. Promoted minor league hitting coordinator Rick Schu to hitting coach

American Association
GARY SOUTH SHORE RAILCATS—Released RHP Will Krout.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS—Released LHP Chuck Lakanen.
LAREDO LEMURS—Signed RHP Seth Lintz
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Released INF Gilbert Bronner. Signed INF Eddie Young
ST PAUL SAINTS—Release: LHP Aaron Correa and RHP Hugh Adams.
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Released C Scott Dairymple

Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS—Sold the contract of RHP Bryan Morris to the San Diego Padres.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed RHP Aaron Baker and OF Nick DeLorenzo. Traded RHP Ryan Hartman to Joliet for a player to be named. Released RHP Spencer Helms.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed RHP Andy Smythe.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed C Vitor Faveranti and G Phil Pressey.
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Traded the draft rights to G Nick Calathes to Memphis for a 2016 second-round draft pick. Named Gersson Rosas general manager.
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed C Byron Mullens.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed G D.J. Augustin to a one-year contract.
UTAH JAZZ—Signed G John Lucas III.
Women's National Basketball Association
NEW YORK LIBERTY—Signed G Samantha Prahalis to a seven-day contract

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released G Travelle Wharton.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Waived OB Jordan Rodgers.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed WR DeAndre Hopkins. Released NT Ra'Shon Harris. Placed S Ochian Johnson and LB Sam Montgomery on the active/non-football injury list. Placed DE Earl Okine on the physically-unable-to-perform list.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed DL Anthony Rashad White
NEW YORK JETS—Signed QB Geno Smith to a four-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Announced CB Eric Wright failed his physical and returned him to Tampa Bay.

Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Released P Burke Dales.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed DL Aaron Crawford and Matheu Boulay and LB Shelly Lyons to the practice roster

GYMNASTICS
USA GYMNASTICS—Promoted Scott Bregman to director of content and communications

HOCKEY
HOCKEY CANADA—Named Mike Babcock coach and Ken Hitchcock, Claude Julien and Lindy Ruff associate coaches for the 2014 Canadian Olympic Team

National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES—Signed C Sean Monahan to a three-year, entry-level contract.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with D Colby Robak on a two-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Re-signed D Patrick Wiercioch to a three-year contract.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed D David Rundblad to a two-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Re-signed D Carl Gunnarsson to a three-year contract. Announced an affiliation agreement with Orlando (ECHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Re-signed F Nicolas Deschamps to a one-year, two-way contract.
WINNIPEG JETS—Agreed to terms with F Bryan Little on a five-year contract

American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS—Agreed to terms with G Tom McCollum on a one-year contract and F Anthony Peluso on a two-year contract.
IOWA WILD—Named Kurt Kleinendorst coach.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SEATTLE SOUNDERS—Loaned F Fredy Montero to Sporting Lisbon (Portugal)

TENNIS
WTA—Named Steve Tseng head of global sponsorship sales.

COLLEGE
BARTON—Announced the resignation of men's and women's golf coach John Hackney.
FORDHAM—Named Greg Marmaros director of football operations.
INDIANA-EAST—Named Tiffani Sefhorst women's basketball coach.
OHIO STATE—Suspended TE Marcus Baugh one game and RB Carlos Hyde from team activities. Dismissed DL Tim Gardner from the football team.
RICHMOND—Named Tracy Woodson baseball coach.
SUSQUEHANNA—Named Keith Fischer men's assistant lacrosse coach.
UNC GREENSBORO—Named Chad Pearson interim cross-country and track and field coach.
UNLV—Named Jonathan Mascoll men's and women's assistant swimming and diving coach/recruiting coordinator.
UTSA—Announced the resignation of softball coach Amanda Lehotek.
WOFFORD—Named Philip Pigott safeties coach

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through July 21
All-around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $119,958
2. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah. $67,109
3. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $55,301
4. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden $55,106
5. Caleb Smidt, Yorkton, $51,939
6. **JoJo LeMond, Andrews, $43,855**
7. Stetson West, Childress, $42,115
8. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $37,794
9. Morgan Grant, New Waverly, $37,649
10. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., $37,083
11. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $36,830
12. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif., $34,750
13. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M., $30,052
14. Curtis Cassidy, Donalds, Alberta, $28,260
15. Chad Johnson, Cut Bank, Mont., $27,667
16. Justin Thigpen, Waycross, Ga., $25,784
17. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., $25,421
18. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D., $23,875
19. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif., $23,535
20. Blake Hirdes, Turlock, Calif. $20,409

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Field, Payson, Utah, 570.768
2. Jullins Stevenson, Lubbock $67,115
3. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore., $64,668
4. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. $61,063
5. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo., $60,826
6. Jared Smith, Cross Plains, $58,132
7. Clint Cannon, Waller, $55,411
8. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D., $54,928
9. Will Lowe, Canyon, $54,263
10. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $39,419
11. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $38,807
12. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $34,574
13. Seth Hardwick, Lanark, Wv. $33,769
14. George Gillespie IV, Placerville, Calif., $33,622
15. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, $32,919
16. Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo., $32,601
17. R.C. Landingham, Pendleton, Ore. $32,154
18. Clint Laye, Cadogan, Alberta, $31,534
19. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont. $31,446
20. Jake Vold, Pohoka, Alberta, $28,509

Steer Wrestling

1. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $62,646
2. Hunter Cure, Holliday, $49,279
3. K.C. Jones, Decatur, $45,540
4. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $44,723
5. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif., $43,829
6. Strawn Millan, Cochrane, Alberta, $43,287
7. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., $38,115
8. Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo. $36,243
9. Clayton Moore, Pouce Coupe, British Columbia, $35,725
10. Jule Hazen, Ashland, Kan. $33,427
11. Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo., $32,164
12. Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., $30,219
13. Cooper Shofner, Huntsville, $30,102
14. Jake Rinehart, Highmore, S.D., $29,615
15. Dean Gorsuch, Goring, Neb. $29,495
16. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo., $29,361
17. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., $29,347
18. Sean Santucci, Prineville, Ore. $27,960
19. Sterling Lambert, Fallon, Nev., $26,244
20. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss., $25,812

Team Roping (header)

1. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga., $72,847
2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz., $59,318
3. Drew Horner, Plano, $52,456
4. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., $50,554
5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $46,139
6. Turtle Powell, Stephenville, $45,764
7. Justin Davis, Madisonville, $45,539
8. Luke Brown, Stephenville $44,998
9. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore., $44,931
10. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla., $38,944
11. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $37,931
12. Brock Hanson, Grand Junction, Colo., $36,956
13. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz., $35,492
14. Arky Rogers, Lipan, $35,292
15. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., $34,661
16. Ty Blasingame, Ramah, Colo. $34,367
17. Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif., $33,852
18. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, $33,155
19. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $32,789
20. Kevin Daniel, Franklin, Tenn., $32,251

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $75,955
2. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz., $60,717
3. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $51,995
4. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $50,226
5. Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Okla. $47,216
6. Patrick Smith, Lipan, $46,139
7. Tommy Zuniga, Centerville, $45,595
8. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., $44,071
9. Kory Koontz, Sudan, $42,125
10. Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M., $41,983.
11. Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. $41,723
12. Rich Skelton, Llano, $40,513
13. Clay Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $38,903
14. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, $36,758
15. Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz., $34,754
16. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo., $33,831
17. Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont. $32,251
18. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, $30,867
19. Walt Woodard, Stephenville, $30,754
20. Matt Zancanella, Aurora, S.D., $30,087

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah. $70,198
2. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn., $68,895
3. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah, $56,257
4. Cort Scheer, Ellamere, Neb. $51,479
5. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $46,921
6. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa, $46,908
7. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, $42,594
8. Chad Ferley, Gleichen, S.D., $41,750
9. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $40,868
10. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah, $39,248
11. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, $38,476
12. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, $38,334
13. Bradley Harter, Weatherford, $36,386
14. Chet Johnson, Sheridan, Wyo., $31,907
15. Heith DeMoss, Hellin, La., $31,620
16. Tyrel Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba, $28,550
17. Brad Rudoll, Winnemucca, Nev., $26,649
18. Curtis Garton, Kaitaia, New Zealand, $26,646
19. Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, S.D., $25,906
20. Joaquin Real, Woody, Calif., $25,080

Tie-down Roping

1. Sterling Smith, Stephenville, $70,561
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $68,240
3. Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash., $64,310
4. Justin Maass, Giddings, $51,157
5. Cody Ohl, Hico, $50,790
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $50,431
7. Timber Moore, Aubrey, $46,414
8. Caleb Smidt, Yorktown, $43,876
9. Scott Kormos, Teague, $42,430
10. Adam Gray, Seymour, $39,848
11. Stetson West, Childress, $39,081
12. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah. $38,636
13. Randall Cartlile, Castor, La., $38,320
14. Shane Slack, Idabel, Okla. $36,432
15. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah. $36,203
16. Jake Hannum, Plain City, Utah $35,780
17. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. $34,332
18. Cade Swor, Winnie, $33,011
19. Reese Riemer, Stinnett, $30,547
20. Clint Cooper, Decatur, $30,252

Steer Roping

1. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $43,372
2. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $38,455
3. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla., $38,394
4. **JoJo LeMond, Andrews, $34,839**
5. **Vin Fleisher Jr., Andrews, $30,929**
6. **J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, $29,455**
7. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, $26,567
8. Tony Reina, Wharton, $25,256
9. Trevor Sparde, Decatur, $23,389
10. Brad Prather, Skatook, Okla. $20,137
11. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, $19,761
12. J. Paul Williams, Bank, Ore. $19,586
13. J.P Wickett, Salisaw, Okla. $18,930
14. Joe Wells, Cisco, $18,915
15. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla., $17,718
16. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise $17,216
17. **Dan Fisher, Andrews, $16,544**
18. Shane Suggs, Granbury $15,788
19. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden $13,549
20. Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla. $13,189

Bull Riding

1. J.W. Harris, Mulvane, $71,130
2. Cody Teel, Kountze, $69,693
3. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo., $67,131
4. Josh Vantreas, Rifle, Colo. $65,084
5. Elliot Jacoby, Fredricksburg, $60,986
6. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla. $59,966
7. Cole Echols, Elm Grove, La., $53,987
8. Cody Campbell, Summerville, Ore., $53,901
9. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $50,552
10. Jeff Martin, Lexington, Tenn. $49,888
11. Cooper Davis, Jasper, $45,173
12. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $44,883
13. Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah, $41,788
14. Chandler Bowods, Lubbock, $41,771
15. Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo., $41,770
16. Kanon Asay, Pinehurst, Wyo., $40,586
17. Chris Roundy, Spanish Fork, Utah. $38,623
18. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $38,588
19. Scottie

Mickelson missing a peculiar link in majors

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

■ COMMENTARY

GULLANE, Scotland — Phil Mickelson described his feelings toward links golf as a "hate-love" relationship, meaning he once dreaded coming over to the British Open for a brand of golf played only once a year. Now he loves it.

He felt that way even before his name was engraved on the silver claret jug.

Mickelson was in a great mood the first day he set foot on Muirfield last week. Fresh off a win at the Scottish Open, he played a practice round late Monday afternoon with Scott Piercy, a newcomer to links golf who received plenty of advice and a little needling from Mickelson.

When they reached the 18th hole, Piercy decided to hit driver with a slightly helping wind. He pulled it and watched it run into a bunker.

"This is what I love about Scott," Mickelson said, loud enough for Piercy to hear. "For more than a hundred years they've been playing here, everyone tries to keep it short of those bunkers. Scott gets here and says, 'What do they know? I'm taking driver over those bunkers.'"

The entire group broke into laughter.

Mickelson is not sure when he figured out the secret to links golf.

Even though he won the British Open in his 20th try, he played good enough to win twice before. He finished one shot out of a playoff at Royal Troon in 2004, and a Sunday charge at Royal St. George's two years ago was derailed when he missed a short par putt on the back nine. But he was always capable. Anyone with more than 40 titles and multiple majors can win anywhere on any surface.

He still won't be looked upon as a links specialist, not like Tiger Woods or Ernie Els from his generation.

Even so, Mickelson's three-shot victory at Muirfield for his fifth career major was every bit as important as his first major in 2004 at the Masters. The greatest players don't just have multiple majors, their major trophies come in a variety of shapes and sizes, such as green jackets and silver jugs, along with more traditional cups.

Of the 26 players who have won at least four majors, only two never won a British Open — Byron Nelson and Raymond Floyd.

Mickelson

Nelson played in an era when Americans rarely played in golf's oldest championship because the prize money was so small they would lose money even if they won. Floyd skipped his share of Opens, too, for it really wasn't until the late 1980s when hardly anyone considered not playing.

The ultimate measure of greatness is the career Grand Slam.

Five players make up the most elite class in golf — Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen.

Woods won his career Grand Slam when he was 24 and had played in only 15 majors. Nicklaus and Player had all four majors when they were in their 20s. Hogan and Sarazen got theirs before the modern version of the Grand Slam even came into existence.

In that context, the last player to pick up the third leg of the Grand Slam would have been Floyd when he won the 1986 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills. By then, he was 43 and not considered a favorite to add a claret jug to his collection.

Mickelson also is 43, though the dynamics are entirely different.

For starters, he believes he is playing some of the best golf of his career, and it's hard to doubt him. Mickelson has won three times this year, including the Phoenix Open where he missed out on a 59 by the smallest or margins, and a win last week in the Scottish Open.

And the missing link is the U.S. Open, which Mickelson always thought would be the one major he could win. It hasn't been from a lack of effort. Mickelson holds the U.S. Open record with six silver medals, the latest heartbreak coming only a month ago at Merion. He was poised to win until twice making bogey with a wedge in his hand.

Mickelson's national championship has never meant more than it does now.

"I think that if I'm able to win the U.S. Open and complete the career Grand Slam, I think that's the sign of the complete, great player," he said. "And I'm a leg away. And it's been a tough leg for me."

He said that in such a way that the room erupted in laughter, with Mickelson leading the way. He is not afraid to make fun of his own shortcomings.

"I think there's five players that have done that. And those five players are the greats of the game," he said. "You look at them with a different light."

NFL, players union talking about HGH tests again

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

The NFL and players union are talking again about getting a test in place for human growth hormone as early as the upcoming season.

An email obtained by The Associated Press from the NFL Players Association indicates that the league and the NFLPA have jointly hired a doctor to conduct a study on NFL players to determine a good threshold for a positive HGH test. The email was sent by the union to players, in part to explain that the study requires them to have blood drawn during their physical when training camp begins. The email said the blood samples will only be used for the study.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the discussions are focused "on a full resolution of any remaining issues, including the role of a population study."

The labor agreement that ended the NFL lockout in 2011 requires the league gain union approval before testing players for HGH. The union says it favors testing, but has reservations about the appeals process.

The union also has reservations about the way discipline will be handed out, and wants to collectively bargain that issue.

Supplemental HGH is a banned substance that is hard to detect and used by athletes for what are believed to be a variety of benefits, whether real or only perceived — such as increasing speed and improving vision.

Among the health problems connected to HGH are diabetes, cardiac dysfunction and arthritis.

In the union's email, it told the players that Dr. Alan Rogol has been jointly hired by the NFLPA and NFL to oversee the study and supervise two jointly retained biostatisticians. One of those biostatisticians, Donald Berry, will design the study protocol and conduct the analysis. The second will independently review both the protocol and the analysis.

MURRAY

From 1C

One of the reasons Dallas finished last season with the worst rushing attack in club history for a 16-game season (79.1 yards per-game average) is that Murray missed six games with a foot injury.

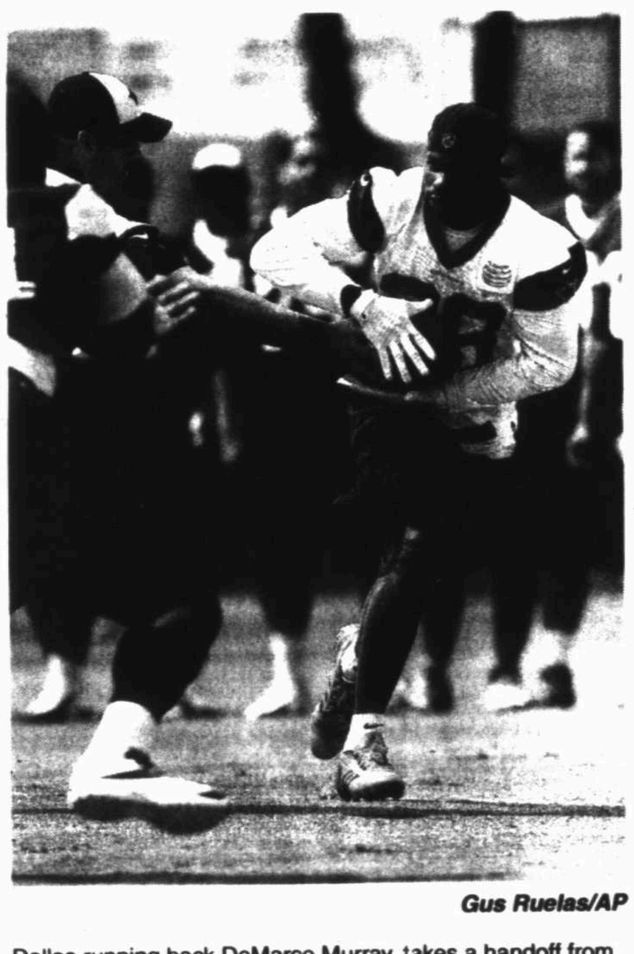
Now fully healed, he seems poised to finally top the 1,000-yard rushing mark after rushing for 897 and 663 in his first two seasons.

"DeMarco's got all the tools," tight end Jason Witten said. "More than just the ability to run and cut and the explosiveness he has, he is mature for a third-year player. He understands the bar is set high for him and he is embracing that role."

One thing that will definitely be different about the Dallas offense this season is there won't be a fullback in front of Murray. Dallas released Lawrence Vickers earlier this month, which wasn't a surprise considering its emphasis on two-tight end sets.

"It's a little different, but it's something I'm definitely looking forward to," Murray said. "I love running out of different type of personnel sets. Vickers was a great fullback and I wish him the best, but this is definitely something I'm looking forward to."

Asked why, Murray explained how the defense will be spread out with Bryant, Miles Austin, Witten and either rookie tight end Gavin Escobar or second-year tight end James Hanna on the outside.


Gus Ruelas/AP

Dallas running back DeMarco Murray, takes a handoff from quarterback Tony Romo, left, during Cowboys training camp Monday, in Oxnard, Calif.

"It's going to be hard for them to have seven, eight guys in the box," Murray said.

It's a plan that looks good on paper. And judging from Garrett's comments, the club will turn its talk into action.

"It's amazing how when you run the ball well," Garrett said, "the opportunities to throw the ball well present themselves and the opportunities to play better defense present themselves. You're better in the red zone. You tend to take care of the ball better. All those things.

"Again, the impact of the running game on your team is significant. We've just got to do it better and there will be a huge focus on it really every day in camp."

TEXANS

From 1C

veteran receiver Kevin Walter, who started the majority of games opposite Johnson for the past six seasons. He'll compete for the starting job with second-year receiver Keshawn Martin. DeVier Posey could also be in the mix after contributing on offense as a rookie last season. But he tore his Achilles tendon in Houston's playoff loss and is likely to miss time early in the season.

Hopkins was a two-sport star in high school, leading his team to a state championship as a senior. He also played for the Clemson basketball team as a freshman in 2010.

Second-round pick D.J. Swearinger, a safety, and offensive tackle Brennan Williams, taken in the third round, are Houston's picks who have yet to sign.

Also on Monday, the Texans released nose tackle Ra'Shon Harris, placed safety Orhian Johnson and linebacker Sam Montgomery on the active/non-football injury list, and placed defensive end Earl Okine on the physically unable to perform list.

Reports say Broncos' Miller faces 4-game suspension

By Eddie Pells and Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The latest distraction for the Denver Broncos comes from All-Pro linebacker Von Miller, who insisted Monday he did nothing wrong in the face of reports he could miss four games for violating the NFL's drug policy.

"I know I did nothing wrong. I'm sure this'll be resolved fairly," Miller tweeted, acknowledging he had seen the reports and adding he was disappointed the Broncos have to open training camp with this news hanging over them.

ESPN first reported the pending discipline for Miller. A person with knowledge of the situation confirmed the possible penalty to The Associated Press. The person did not want to be named because the league hasn't announced any punishment.

George Atallah, spokesman for the NFLPA, said the players union was working with Miller on his appeal, adding via Twitter: "I can also confirm that Von's case does not involve the Steroids and Related Substances Policy."

That would suggest Miller's case centers around recreational drugs instead.

Broncos spokesman Patrick Smyth said the team was unable to comment on the penalty, which could be overturned by an appeal. Miller and his agent didn't return messages left by AP.

Krzyzewski begins quest for third straight gold

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Mike Krzyzewski was fully convinced his Olympic duties were over. Team USA had just won its second straight gold medal in London, and he said he was done as coach.

But Jerry Colangelo, the managing director for USA Basketball, says Krzyzewski started showing signs of possibly returning just a few weeks after the London Games. He made it official in the spring and is in Las Vegas this week to begin early preparations for one more run.

The Americans are holding a four-day camp this week with a roster filled with young players who have no Olympic experience. But with no competition until next summer, there's plenty of time for grooming.

"Throughout the year I did not think I would be coaching (Team USA)," Krzyzewski told The Associated Press before the camp kicked off. "I just felt that that wasn't going to happen. But then after discussions, not just talking with Jerry, but my staff and my family, to be given that opportunity again, it's something I'm really excited about and feel very honored and privileged to have that opportunity."

When Krzyzewski leads the Americans at the Rio Olympics in 2016, he'll join Henry Iba as the only coaches in U.S. history to coach in three Olympics.

SCHARBAUER

From 1C

Scharbauer said. "We went to Keeneland in 1985. The first five we bought, four of them were stakes winners, and one was stakes-placed."

The 1985 group included a yearling son of Alydar that would be named Alysheba.

"He went for $500,000, and all the other Alydars were going for a million, a million and a half," said Jack Van Berg, the Hall of Famer who trained Alysheba. "He stood out, but he was in his everyday clothes."

Alysheba, who raced for Dorothy and the Scharbauers' daughter, Pam, would go on to win the 1987 Kentucky Derby, fulfilling a longtime hope of Dorothy's. He was champion 3-year-old male that season and in 1988 was voted Horse of the Year after a campaign topped by a win in the Breeders' Cup Classic, the last Scharbauer family stakes victory at Churchill prior to Fiftyshadesofgold. Alysheba, who retired with then-record earnings of $6,679,242, died in 2009. He was inducted into the Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1993.

"You get one of them in a lifetime," Scharbauer said.

Van Berg said he came to train for the Scharbauers after being recommended by the late Dr. William Lockridge, who knew the family through Carson. In the first few groups of yearlings the Scharbauers bought were Alysheba, Exclusive Enough, Penasco, Ridge Review, and Stalwart Sal.

"The Scharbauers, they loved their horses," Van Berg said. "Mrs. Scharbauer fed Alysheba mints every time they'd come to the barn. He'd nicker for Mrs. Scharbauer."

Fiftyshadesofgold is from the same female family as Alysheba. Her fourth dam is Bel Sheba, the dam of Alysheba. Her third dam is Alysbelle, a full sister to Alysheba that Scharbauer bought as a yearling and raced. Also trained by Van Berg, Alysbelle won the 1993 Grade 2 La Canada at Santa Anita and earned $355,875.

"We bought her at Keeneland, in 1990," said Carson, who in June was elected president of the Texas Thoroughbred Association. "From the moment the catalog came out that year, Clarence kept telling me about that filly. He said, 'Ken, she's the only full sister to Alysheba, and there'll never be another one.' So it was a huge deal to him. There was no question in my mind that when we left there we would own that filly."

Alysbelle ended up producing the filly Cats Meow, whose daughter Hadif Cat is the dam of Fiftyshadesofgold. Fiftyshadesofgold is a Texas-bred by the Unbridled's Song stallion My Golden Song, who stands at Valor Farm.

"I bred her mother, bought her daddy," Scharbauer said. "I raised all the family on the bottom. I'm not partial to any particular line, but I had to like the Alydar line a little bit. There was Alysbelle and I had another Alydar mare about the same age that was awful good, Jet Route."

These days, Scharbauer has 16 broodmares, Carson said. He keeps about six horses in training, among them Coyote Legend, the reigning Texas-bred horse of the year who surpassed $700,000 in earnings on July 6 when he won the $50,000 Assault Stakes at Lone Star.

Clarence Scharbauer Jr.

Born: July 6, 1925, Midland

Breeding operation: Valor Farm, a 393-acre showplace facility in North Texas, where he stands seven stallions including Crossbow, Early Flyer, My Golden Song, and Wimbledon

Scharbauer

Top horses raced: Alysheba, Exclusive Enough, Stalwart Sal, Alysbelle, Ridge Review, Devious Course, Coyote Legend, Gold Coyote, Fiftyshadesofgold

Honors: Scharbauer is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame, the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame, and he received the famed National Golden Spur Award, or national rancher of the year, in 1991; honored with the Texas Thoroughbred Association's lifetime achievement award in 2007

Scharbauer also stands seven stallions, including Early Flyer, whose offspring swept the first three spots in the $100,000 colts and geldings division of the Texas Thoroughbred Association Sales Futurity, also on July 6. Scharbauer bred all three runners, and races third-place finisher Check Ride. Early Flyer was the leading freshman sire in Texas in 2007, one of six stallions to earn that honor for Scharbauer since Hadif in 1995, according to the Texas Thoroughbred Association.

"Mr. Scharbauer and Valor Farm, they've been the heart and soul of Texas racing for a long time," said Bret Calhoun, who trains both Fiftyshadesofgold and Coyote Legend. "They've supported it with the farm and good stallions, even in a tough market."

Scharbauer was one of the first investors in Lone Star Park, said Corey Johnsen, the track's first general manager and past president and now head of Kentucky Downs. Johnsen said that when the Texas Racing Commission was making the decision on which license application would be awarded the Class 1 track in north Texas, Scharbauer played a starring role at the meeting.

"The Lone Star group had decided Clarence Scharbauer would be their key spokesperson," Johnsen said. "He's a very effective, passionate speaker. Many people there that day said he was the main reason that the Lone Star Park group was selected.

"When I look back at the opening of Lone Star Park, there's a handful of people that were extremely important in our development, and Clarence and Dorothy Scharbauer were right at the top of the list. I think everybody at Lone Star Park owes them a lot of gratitude for all their efforts and their tireless support."

Kingsbury joins Gundy as QB-turned coach in Big 12

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Tim Sharp/AP

Texas Tech football coach Kliff Kingsbury answers questions from the media during the Big 12 Conference Media Days on Monday.

DALLAS — Like Mike Gundy, Kliff Kingsbury is now head coach at the Big 12 school where he was previously a standout quarterback.

There is a big difference between the two.

Kingsbury is just getting started at Texas Tech, where this fall he will be the youngest coach in a BCS automatic-qualifying league. He will be 34 when the Red Raiders play their season opener Aug. 30 at SMU.

Gundy, meanwhile, is going into his ninth season at Oklahoma State. His Cowboys have been tabbed as the preseason pick to win the conference title.

"I've been very fortunate to be at Oklahoma State. I've said that, and I mean it," Gundy said Monday. "They took me on as a young player when I don't think most coaches would have. ... I don't know that I would have recruited me.

"They gave me an opportunity, and it worked out well. And obviously as an assistant coach and been fortunate enough to be the head coach," he said. "For me personally, and I think it's different for everybody, it means more to me to be at Oklahoma State."

On the first day of Big 12 media days, Gundy was the first coach to take the podium. Kingsbury was the fifth and last of the day. In between were Kansas State's Bill Snyder, TCU's Gary Patterson and second-year Kansas coach Charlie Weis. The league's other five teams — Baylor, Iowa State, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia — will be featured Tuesday.

Gundy was a Cowboys assistant for four seasons before becoming head coach, which was 16 years after his last game at quarterback. He threw for 8,473 yards from 1986-89, leaving as the Big Eight Conference career passing leader and with a school record that stood until Brandon Weeden broke it two years ago.

Kingsbury held several since-broken Big 12 records after his final game at Texas Tech in 2002, ending a four-season run when he threw for 12,429 yards and 95 TDs in 43 games.

Now only 11 years later, a season after serving as Texas A&M's offensive coordinator with Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Manziel, Kingsbury is the Red Raiders head coach.

"You have those (surreal) moments, but you try not to let it overwhelm you. You just attack each and every day, how can I make this program better today. That's all I've done since I've been there," Kingsbury said. "The first couple days you get the job, you sit in your office, what do I do next? It's been amazing. The reception we've had for Texas Tech and watching all the fans get back on board and pushing this program in the right direction has been incredible."

Oklahoma State has averaged 46 points a game over the past three seasons, and even with a new offensive coordinator, Gundy plans for his team to play even faster this season. The Cowboys do have two sophomore quarterbacks (J.W. Walsh and Clint Chelf) who started multiple games last season and receiver Josh Stewart (third in Big 12 with 7.8 catches a game last season).

Kingsbury will incorporate his own high-tempo offense with the Red Raiders, no surprise considering what he did as a player and as a coach at Houston and Texas A&M.

"Kliff is a smart guy. He's had success. He's obviously got good pedigree," Gundy said. "He's been trained by one of the best in the game, and I'm sure that he's very excited to be back in Lubbock, and will definitely bring more excitement for you guys and for the fans to Big 12 football."

The Red Raiders still have to determine a starting quarterback. Sophomore Michael Brewer or highly touted freshman Davis Webb are competing to take over for Seth Doege, who threw for 8,646 yards the past four years.

"We'll get them to fall camp and probably go two weeks, it varies, before we name a starter and try to get the scrimmage in," Kingsbury said. "See how the 7-on-7 is going this summer, seen how the film is, and just who separates themselves. We did that last year at Texas A&M and it worked out a little bit for us. Hopefully we have that same success."

Casey Pachall is back for his senior season at TCU, where he has started 17 of 25 games. But he played only four games last season before leaving school for substance abuse rehabilitation.

Patterson hasn't said yet if Pachall or Trevone Boykin, who threw for 2,054 yards and 15 touchdowns as a freshman last season, will be start for the Horned Frogs. Pachall was still picked as the preseason All-Big 12 quarterback in the media poll.

Bowlsby seeks change in how college sports should be governed

By Tim Griffin
San Antonio Express-News

DALLAS — Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby made the most forceful argument to date about a massive upheaval of the embattled NCAA.

Bowlsby told reporters Monday at the Big 12 media days that schools from the power conferences have informally discussed changing how college sports should be governed.

Bowlsby

Bowlsby advocates a special convention to achieve what he termed as "transformational change" in intercollegiate athletics.

"I really do think we need to reconfigure the leadership of the organization," Bowlsby said. "I don't think we can at this point in time move forward, and we certainly haven't been able to configure an agenda that made the changes we need to make."

His comments came at a time when the NCAA is under scrutiny in terms of enforcement and leadership in more direct terms than any in its 114-year history.

Among the changes Bowlsby advocated were governing each sport under its own rules.

"It's probably unrealistic to think that we can manage football and field hockey by the same set of rules," he said. "I think some kind of reconfiguration of how we govern is in order."

Bowlsby said he had met with commissioners from the four other power conferences to plot changes they would favor.

But the Big 12's commissioner's comments were the most direct call yet from anyone in a position of influence in college athletics.

He said that the NCAA is too big with too many Division I programs.

"I think we've permitted or even sometimes encouraged institutional social climbing by virtue of their athletics programs, and I think the fact is we've made it too easy to get into Division I and too easy to stay there," Bowlsby said. "There are about 75 schools that win 90 percent of the championships in the NCAA, and we have a whole bunch of others that don't look much like the people in our league, but yet through rule variation they're trying to compete with us."

Bowlsby even hinted at potential secession by the group of power schools, although he said it remains an unlikely scenario.

But the gap between resources within college athletics has never been wider and figures to continue to grow with the advent of the College Football Playoff.

"We haven't wanted to put the threat of secession on the table and I think, in all honesty, there aren't many that think it's a legitimate threat," Bowlsby said. "I don't see secession as a legitimate point of leverage except as a last resort."

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Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more Info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more Info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more Info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-6080

Minor League Baseball scorekeepers needed
What: Baseball Info Solutions needs scorekeepers for Midland RockHounds games
Qualifications: Demonstrate knowledge of baseball and baseball scorekeeping, computer proficiency and the ability to learn and use the provided software, and regular ability to attend nSight and weekend games in person.
For more info: Contact Don Masi at milb.scorers@yahoo.com or phone 210-471-1676 for information and website. All inquiries will be answered.

Midland Drillers Evaluation Day
What: Drillers will bk-ketBig an evaluation workout for players for the 2014 season
When: July 28; Ages 8-9, 2-3:30 p.m.; Ages 10-12, 3:30-5 p.m.
Where: Mid City Little League
For more info:-Contact 617-4487

West Texas ABA Fall Showcase Tryout
When: 9 a.m., Aug. 20 (incoming freshman and sophomores); Aug. 21 (incoming juniors and seniors)
Where: Lubbock
For more info: Go to www.ababaseball.com or call Ryan Brewer at 505-790-6879

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Lunch break Pick-up Basketball
When: Noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521

Monday Night Skills Training
When: Starting May 6; 1st hr. session: 3rd to 6th grade, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; 2nd hr. session: 7th to high school, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Where: Lifehouse Fellowship Gym: 300 Thomas St.
Cost: $15 per session
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant, venzanteddie@yahoo.com or 432-254-6894

Hidden Gems in West Texas Showcase
When: Aug. 9-10
Where: Big Spring
For: Middle school and high school age players
Cost: $75
Deadline: July 26
For more info: Contact Ray Green at 512-917-0945 or rgreen10@att.net

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5178 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Midland Christian Mustang Summer Camps
X-Factor Weight Clinic
When: 6-8 p.m., July 1-Aug. 8
For: Boys and girls entering grades 5th-8th
Tennis
For: Ages 4-8
Cost: $100
For more info: Contact jtarner@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fitcher Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatc.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-8633

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7355

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Yoga
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2385

Midland Lee Rebel Football Camp
When: Aug. 5-6
Where: Lee High School
For: 8:30-10 a.m., incoming 1st through 5th grades; 10:30 a.m.-noon, incoming 6th through 8th grades
Cost: $50 per athlete

Golf

Hogan Park Junior Golf Summer Program
When: Session III, Aug. 5-9; Check-in, 9:30 a.m. Clinic, 10 a.m.-Noon
For: Boys and girls ages 9-17
Cost: $100 per session
For more info: Call Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or jon@hoganparkgolf.com

Pee Wee Golf Summer Program
When: Session III, Aug. 5-7; Check-in, 8 a.m., Clinic, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
For: Boys and girls 4-8
Cost: $70
For more info: Call Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 at jon@hoganparkgolf.com

2-Person Low Ball
When: July 27-28
Where: Big Spring Country Club
Cost: $100 per player
For more info: Call the Big Spring CC pro sho at 267-5354

Ice Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: MCM Ice, Odessa
When: May through August
What: Hockey 101 Skills and Drill every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m., for beginners to advanced. Power skating every Saturday, 13 year olds, 8:30-10 a.m., 14 year olds, 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Cost: $15 per class, helmet required
For more info: Contact jaxyouthhockey@hotmail.com or call 661-3453

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Taekwondo
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday nights, Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Sanitillano at (915) 240-1030

Etiquette

When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructors is Natalie Cargile
For more info: Call 685-7355

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/Where: 7 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at The Detour. Playlist must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001. or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Mad Dog Rugby Club
What: Recruiting for 2012-13 season, no experience necessary
For: Participants 16 years and older, need shorts, t-shirt or jersey, cleats or running shoes, watch
When: Practice is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
For more info: Go to www.maddogrugby.com

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-782-1020 or 682-0988

Martin County EMS Labor Day 4 mile Run/Walk
When: Monday, Sept. 2; Registration, 8 a.m.; race begins, 9 a.m.
Where: 1101 Broadway, Stanton
Cost: $20 prior to Aug. 30; $25 after Aug. 31 and on day of race
For more info: Contact Bob Teveni at 661-8597 or Stacey Harris at 230-7228

We send out Hart's to Zambia 5K Fun Run/Walk
When: Registration 8 a.m.; race, 9 a.m.; Aug. 3
Where: Scenic Mountain State Park, Big Spring
Cost: $30
For more info: Contact Shawn Hart at 238-0642 or at ed_m101@yahoo.com or Lauren Hart at 213-0790 or laurenpfluger@hotmail.com

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members pain access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-8474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1995 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr Men's National Team coach, 801-244-7477 or Dave Parker, West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 634-8474 or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
When: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try-out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors. Ages 3-5: balloon tennis; ages 6-8: Quick Start (red ball); ages 9-10: Quick Start (orange and green ball); ages 11-18: junior development; all levels of adult programs
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call. 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

WTT/USPTA Junior Circuit
For: Boys and girls singles players, ages 10-18
When: Sept. 18, Oct. 10
Register: By the Thursday before each event
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Contact Lance or Kathy at 694-6321

Midland Tennis Club (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club for all ages, all levels. Tournaments are free for members. Non-members may play by paying a tournament fee
When: Aug. 17-18; Sept. 14-15; Sept. 21-22; Nov. 16-17
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: $65 Adults, $30 Youths, $140 Families
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer program
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, May 28 through Aug. 2
Where: Lee High School Track
For: Boys and girls 8-18 years old
For more info: Call Tony Goyang at 694-2424 or 349-1125

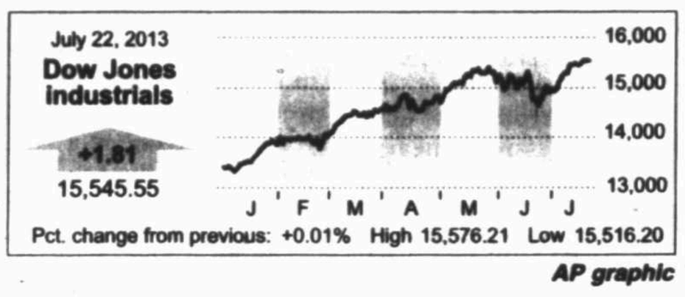
Tall City Christian Track Club
When: 6-8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, through Aug. 1
Where: Midland Memorial Stadium
For: Ages 7-18
For more info: Call Farris Strambler at 685-1179 or email MichelleBarnes@pbmhmv.com

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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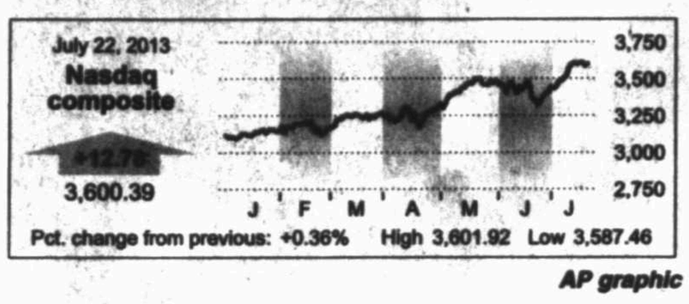

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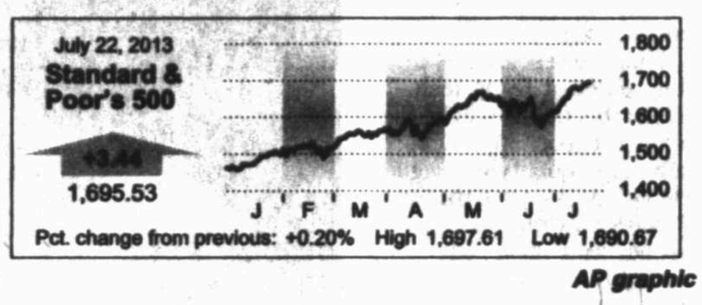

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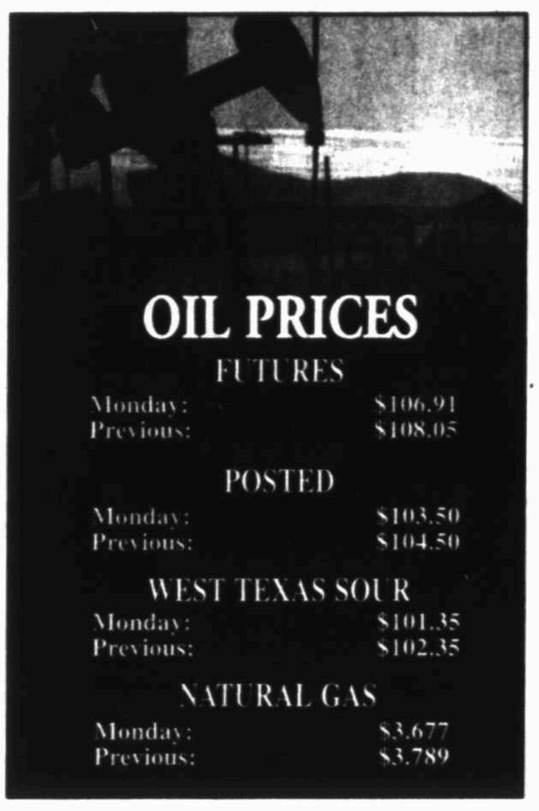

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $106.91
Previous: $108.05

POSTED

Monday: $103.50
Previous: $104.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $101.35
Previous: $102.35

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.677
Previous: $3.789

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioIAm	1102728	14.92	+.17
S&P500ETF	712799	169.50	+.33
iShEMkts	567887	39.67	+.40
AMD	485037	3.90	-.13
GenElec	408671	24.86	+.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
USEC rs	11.98	+5.93	+98.0
DxGldBll rs	7.81	+1.22	+18.5
Oi SA C	2.18	+.31	+16.6
CS VS3xSlv	6.29	+.81	+14.8
Willbros	8.14	+1.00	+14.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirDGldBr	74.06	-17.25	-18.9
PUSR1KV rs	49.03	-9.82	-16.7
CSVS3xInSlv	62.38	-11.06	-15.1
TowerIntl	19.85	-3.15	-13.7
FurnBrd rs	3.39	-.38	-10.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,728
Declined	1,305
Unchanged	126
Total issues	3,159
New Highs	326
New Lows	66
Volume	2,722,731,073

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AldNevG	63186	7.04	+.16
NwGold g	44246	7.38	+.35
DenisnM g	44077	1.32	+.07
Organovo	37249	6.33	-.39
CheniereEn	29859	30.14	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacBioM g	4.50	+.90	+25.0
TanzRy g	3.37	+.38	+12.7
UraniumEn	2.46	+.27	+12.3
NeoStm rs	7.47	+.82	+12.3
OnonEngy	2.72	+.28	+11.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Reeds	5.46	-.34	-5.9
Organovo	6.33	-.39	-5.8
SDgo plC	20.21	-1.22	-5.7
Oragenics	3.03	-.18	-5.6
MexcoEn	5.49	-.28	-4.9

DIARY

Advanced	219
Declined	192
Unchanged	24
Total issues	435
New Highs	17
New Lows	28
Volume	112,078,396

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	768930	32.01	+.61
Yahoo	407241	27.86	-1.25
Dell Inc	350916	13.02	-.12
Intel	350620	22.77	-.27
HimaxTch	347030	6.74	+1.57

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Biocryst	3.72	+1.26	+51.2
Trovag un	20.00	+4.77	+31.3
AlaskCom	3.12	+.74	+31.1
FedMogul	13.95	+3.27	+30.6
HimaxTch	6.74	+1.57	+30.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Epizyme n	34.62	-4.13	-10.7
Oxigene rs	2.93	-.26	-8.3
BimrDntl	18.07	-1.50	-7.7
AratanaT n	9.40	-.72	-7.1
Dataram rs	4.38	-.32	-6.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,473
Declined	987
Unchanged	133
Total issues	2,593
New Highs	296
New Lows	9
Volume	1,459,272,169

Natural gas prices are up; too low to inspire drilling

By Zain Shauk
Houston Chronicle

Natural gas prices were up nearly 60 percent in the first half of 2013, compared with the same period last year, but they were still too low to inspire new drilling in much of the country, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Contracts for future delivery of natural gas currently are selling at about $3.70 per million British thermal units, just below the $3.75 average for natural gas in the first half of 2013, the agency said.

In 2012, natural gas sold for an average of $2.39 through the first half of the year, the agency reported.

The 57 percent jump in prices was enough to push many power generators to switch from burning natural gas to using coal, since it is more economic at current prices, the agency said.

But $3.70 is by no means a high price, remaining too low to be of interest for most producers hoping to make a profit, said James Sullivan, senior analyst for Alembic Global Advisors, which has been tracking natural gas prices.

Natural gas prices would likely have to be near $5 to encourage more drilling for the resource, which most companies believing that producing it would not be profitable below that range, Sullivan said.

But the outlook for natural gas prices remains low in the near future, he said.

"In the shale era, the average value through the course of the year…should be somewhere between $3.50 and $4.50," Sullivan said.

Prices are staying low because of sweeping efforts to produce more oil from shale plays in the United States. Most of those shale oil wells produce oil along with large quantities natural gas, Sullivan said.

"There is a fair amount of gas supply being added that is not reliant on the gas price," Sullivan said. "In other words, oil and liquids-rich drilling in the Permian Basin and the Eagle Ford is producing as much as 30 percent, or in some cases 45 percent natural gas. That's natural gas that will be drilled at any gas price. As long as oil prices remain high people are going to drill that."

The only area that has seen growth in natural gas production, despite the low prices, has been the Marcellus shale region in the Northeast. Companies are still actively drilling there because the wells don't have to be very deep and are highly productive, making them economic, Sullivan said.

Halliburton 2Q profit tops expectations

Associated Press

DALLAS — Halliburton Co.'s second-quarter profit fell 8 percent as revenue declined in North America, but international growth helped the oilfield operator slightly beat Wall Street expectations.

The company also announced an expansion of its share-repurchasing authority to $5 billion from $1.7 billion earlier this year.

The shares, which had gained 32 percent this year heading into Monday's session, fell 75 cents to close at $45.08 Monday.

Halliburton helps other companies produce oil and natural gas both offshore and on land. In the last several quarters, domestic oil drilling has hit levels not seen in more than two decades, but a glut of natural gas has hurt that side of the energy business.

Its stock has risen sharply this year on growth in international revenue and expectations of more drilling and better pricing and profit margins in North America.

Halliburton's growth has slowed sharply in the last four quarters, but it hopes that higher U.S. natural gas prices will help it boost revenue again.

The Houston company reported a setback in its effort to put the Gulf of Mexico oil spill behind it. Halliburton provided well-cementing services for the BP PLC drilling rig that exploded in April 2010, and $637 million set aside to cover lawsuits from the incident pushed Halliburton to a net loss in the first quarter.

Halliburton has been negotiating to settle those claims, but chief financial officer Mark McCollum said on a conference call with analysts that those talks have slowed while BP challenges part of its own settlement. On Friday, a federal judge in New Orleans declined a request by BP to temporarily shut down a multibillion-dollar program for compensating spill victims to investigate BP's allegations of fraudulent payments.

"We continue to believe that a reasonably valued settlement is in the best interests of our shareholders," McCollum said, "but given the complexity of the current situation among other parties, it is difficult to estimate when or if a resolution through settlement can be reached."

Halliburton didn't set aside any more money for spill-related claims in the second quarter, but McCollum said that could change. He added that insurance has begun to cover some legal bills.

For the quarter ended June 30, Halliburton's net income totaled $679 million, or 73 cents per share. Analysts expected 72 cents per share, according to FactSet. A year ago, earnings were $737 million, or 79 cents per share.

Overall revenue edged up 1 percent to $7.32 billion from $7.23 billion a year ago, also topping expectations despite an 8 percent revenue slide in North America.

Oil lower after housing data

Oil fell Monday after the U.S. government said sales of previously occupied homes dipped in June.

Meanwhile the average price of gasoline in the U.S. stayed at $3.67 a gallon over the weekend after rising steadily for two weeks.

Benchmark crude oil dropped $1.14 to finish at $106.91 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Sales of previously occupied homes in the U.S. slipped 1.2 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.08 million. Any sign that the U.S. economic recovery is slowing can depress oil prices.

Oil is still up more than $13 a barrel since June 21, underpinned by sharp declines in U.S. stockpiles and concerns of supply disruptions in the Middle East.

Some analysts, however, said the fundamental rules of supply and demand alone do not justify the rise and speculators are also pushing the price higher.

"While crude oil stocks have declined for three weeks in a row, fundamentals in the gasoline and distillates markets appear less supportive," said a report from JBC Energy in Vienna. "Stock levels for oil products are in line or above the five-year average, and domestic demand is anything but impressive."

Gold posts big gain

Gold prices rose by more than 3 percent Monday, their biggest gain of the year.

Gold for December delivery jumped $43.30 to $1,337.30 per ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $55.06 Up 0.93

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $90.93 Up 1.45

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $40.21 Up 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $39.47 Up 0.11

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.76 Up 0.30

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.55 Down 0.22

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.83 Up 0.57

Ring Energy (RNGE)
Closing Price $11.35 Up 0.85

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	27	35.58	-.23	+5.5
Abraxas	...	...	2.44	+.01	+11.4
AdamsEx	.67e	...	12.44	+.04	+17.5
AMD	...	...	3.90	-.13	+62.5
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.12	...	+52.5
AlonUSA	.24f	6	13.63	+.03	-24.7
Amgen	1.88	18	108.95	-.44	+26.4
Anadarko	.36	66	91.05	-1.80	+22.5
Apache	.80	18	83.90	-1.08	+6.9
ApldMatl	.40	...	16.35	-.21	+42.9
ATMOS	1.40	17	43.95	-.06	+25.1
AutoData	1.74	25	73.16	+.28	+28.5
BP PLC	2.16	15	43.20	+.19	+3.7
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	16.25	+.08	+6.3
BakrHu	.60	20	47.51	-.29	+16.3
BcoBrad pf	.51e	...	13.06	+.52	-17.3
BkofAm	.04	27	14.92	+.17	+28.5
BaniPVix rs	...	...	15.83	-.34	-50.2
BarrickG	.80	5	17.56	+1.02	-49.8
BasicEnSv	...	31	14.62	-.03	+28.1
BerkHa A	...	18178	223.00	-52.00	+32.9
BerryPet	.32	13	41.30	-.27	+23.1
Biocryst	...	...	3.72	+1.26	+162.0
BlkHillsCp	1.52	19	52.85	-.19	+45.4
BlackBerry	...	...	9.08	+.11	-23.5
BostonSci	...	...	10.02	+.35	+74.9
BrihySq	1.40	48	45.00	+.81	+39.6
BrownFA s	1.02a	27	74.65	-.24	+21.4
BrownFB s	1.02a	27	72.75	-.25	+15.0
CVS Care	.90	19	61.82	+.19	+27.9
Cameron	...	21	65.51	-.25	+16.0
Caterpillar	2.40f	12	86.00	+.35	-4.0
Celestic g	...	22	9.32	+.02	+14.4
CntryLink	2.16	25	35.92	-.06	-8.2
ChesEng	.35	...	22.40	-.18	+34.8
Chevron	4.00f	10	127.03	+.12	+17.5
Chicos	.22	15	16.66	-.07	-9.8
Cimarex	.56	19	74.86	-1.06	+29.7
Cisco	.68	14	25.72	-.10	+30.9
Citigroup	.04	14	53.00	+.65	+34.0
ClayEng	...	...	55.06	+.93	+37.7
CocaCola s	1.12	22	40.84	-.25	+12.7
ColgPalm s	1.36	24	58.65	-.23	+12.2
Comcast	.78	19	44.93	+.36	+20.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	1.00	17	36.83	-.19	+24.8
ConchoRes	...	22	90.93	+1.45	+12.9
ConocoPhil	2.76f	11	65.83	-.17	+13.5
CrackerB	3.00f	20	98.75	-.33	+53.7
CrosTim	1.98e	12	27.58	-.01	+2.5
DCP Mid	2.80f	42	53.06	-.43	+27.1
DTE	2.62	18	70.48	+.21	+17.4
Dataram rs	...	...	4.38	-.32	+121.2
Dawson	...	28	40.21	+.03	+52.4
Dell Inc	.32	12	13.02	-.12	+28.4
DevonE	.88	...	57.29	-.60	+10.1
DxGldBll rs	...	...	7.81	+1.22	-85.8
Disney	.75f	19	64.40	-.76	+29.3
DowChm	1.28	42	34.59	-.08	+7.0
eBay	...	26	52.31	+.13	+2.6
EMC Cp	.40	21	25.22	-.30	-.3
EOG Res	.75	55	149.49	+.82	+23.8
EmpDist	1.00	17	24.04	+.02	+18.0
Energen	.58	19	56.83	-.09	+26.0
EngyTsfr	3.58	12	51.96	+.09	+21.0
EnPro	...	30	58.65	-.36	+43.4
EntPrPt	2.72f	23	64.02	+.37	+27.8
Ericsson	.43e	...	11.63	+.06	+15.1
ExterranH	...	...	31.90	-.05	+46.5
ExxonMbl	2.52f	10	94.83	-.34	+9.6
Facebook	...	...	26.05	+.16	-2.2
FordM	.40	12	17.04	+.28	+31.6
ForestOil	...	16	5.25	-.06	-21.5
FMCG	1.25a	9	29.15	+.59	-14.8
FrontierCm	.40	27	4.30	+.03	+.5
FrosnFd h	...	...	2.07	-.01	+132.6
GATX	1.24	17	45.49	+.31	+6.1
GabMultT	.80	...	9.96	+.01	+26.8
GAInv	2.00e	...	33.54	+.03	+20.5
GenElec	.76	18	24.86	+.14	+18.4
GenMotors	...	13	36.76	+.15	+27.5
GileadSci s	...	34	59.71	-.39	+62.6
Goldcrp g	.60	17	28.91	+1.58	-21.2
GtPlainEn	.07	16	24.53	+.03	+20.8
HalconRes	...	...	5.66	-.10	-18.2
Hallibrtn	.50	16	45.08	-.75	+30.0
HewlettP	.58	...	25.51	+.37	+79.0
HimaxTch	.25e	45	6.74	+1.57	+180.8
iShBrazil	1.36e	...	44.53	+.81	-20.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.98	+.03	+22.9
iShSilver	...	...	19.77	+.89	-32.7
iShChinaLC	.93e	...	33.77	+.04	-16.5
iShEMkts	.77e	...	39.67	+.40	-10.6
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	61.01	+.34	+7.3
iShR2K	1.75e	...	104.53	+.22	+24.0
IntegrysE	2.72	13	62.31	-.10	+19.3
Intel	.90	12	22.77	-.27	+10.4
InterDig	.40a	7	39.25	-.54	-4.5
ItauUnibH	.37r	...	12.95	+.38	-13.4
JPMorgCh	1.52f	9	56.56	+.40	+29.5
JohnJn	2.64	20	92.28	+.05	+31.6
Keycorp	.22f	14	12.37	+.33	+46.9
KimbClk	3.24	21	97.68	-1.81	+15.7
KindME	5.28f	31	86.05	-.26	+7.8
KindMM	5.28f	...	84.15	-.01	+11.5
Kinros$ g	.16	...	5.57	+.43	-42.7
LegacyRes	2.30f	24	27.76	+.30	+16.6
Lubys	...	40	9.16	+.07	+36.9
MGIC	...	...	6.67	-.10	+150.8
MktVGold	.46e	...	27.44	+1.58	-40.8
McDnlds	3.08	18	97.58	-2.69	+10.6
Merck	1.72	23	47.72	-.07	+16.6
MerMfMed	...	38	12.91	-.09	-7.1
MexcoEn	...	...	5.49	-.28	-14.7
MicronT	...	...	13.83	+.10	+118.1
Microsoft	.92	12	32.01	+.61	+19.8
Molycorp	...	...	7.46	+.49	-21.0
MorgStan	.20	33	27.61	+.01	+44.4
Nabors	.16	35	15.25	-.37	+5.5
NoVaCp	...	...	3.95	-.07	...
NOVArco	1.04f	13	73.67	-.38	+7.8
NstarGrid	3.16e	...	59.45	+.39	+3.5
NtlFuel	.80e	...	12.58	-.18	-17.3
NvPwr	.88	...	12.56	-.24	-15.8
NuvPI	.86	...	12.38	-.26	-17.3
NSTFI3	.63e	...	12.86	-.19	-12.1
NTXQI	.70	...	13.44	-.03	-15.2
OccIPet	2.56	17	91.97	-.12	+20.0
Oi SA s	.60e	...	2.04	+.23	-49.1
Oracle	.48f	14	31.87	+.01	-4.4
ParTech	...	...	4.26	-.04	-13.1
ParkDrl	...	49	5.80	+.32	+27.8
PattUTI	.20	13	21.80	-.38	+17.0
PennaRE	.72	...	20.65	+.03	+18.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Prmian	.76e	16	13.62	-.03	+11.1
Petrobras	.27e	...	14.32	+.36	-26.5
Pfizer	.96	16	29.35	+.26	+17.0
PioNtrl	.08	...	155.86	-1.98	+46.2
PlainsAA s	2.35f	18	56.63	+.24	+25.2
PwShs QQQ	.94e	...	74.81	+.22	+14.9
Praxair	2.40	21	117.01	-.13	+6.9
PrmEgy	...	8	39.94	+1.38	+73.7
ProctGam	2.41	20	81.22	-.15	+19.8
Qualcom	1.40	18	62.21	+.75	+.6
RangeRs	.16	...	77.98	-.57	+24.1
RegionsFn	.12	12	10.42	+.19	+46.1
Rowan	...	25	35.73	+.25	+14.3
RoyDShllA	3.60f	8	68.15	+.13	-1.2
SpdrDJIA	3.49e	...	155.11	-.01	+18.8
SpdrGold	...	...	128.84	+3.73	-20.5
S&P500ETF	3.33e	...	169.50	+.33	+19.0
SabnR	3.52e	14	51.39	+.25	+29.2
SanderFm	.68	29	69.11	-.21	+45.3
SandRidge	...	...	5.58	-.08	-12.1
Sapient	...	32	13.91	-.03	+31.7
Schlmbrg	1.25	17	83.81	+1.07	+20.9
SigmaAld	.86	22	83.98	-.49	+14.1
SiriusXM	.05e	7	3.68	+.04	+27.3
Smucker	2.32f	22	108.79	+.63	+26.1
Sprint n	...	...	5.92	-.15	+6.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SPDR Fncl	.31e	...	20.87	+.14	+27.3
SunocoLog	2.29f	14	61.66	-.25	+24.0
Synovus	.04	...	3.32	+.08	+35.5
TaiwSemi	.53e	...	16.62	+.13	-3.1
TelefEsp	...	...	13.26	+.29	-1.7
Tesoro	.80	10	53.24	+1.50	+20.9
3M Co	2.54	18	116.28	+.09	+25.2
Torchmark	.88	13	76.58	+1.03	+37.0
TrlContll	.71e	...	18.69	+.03	+16.4
TylerTech	...	72	77.79	+.71	+80.6
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Vale SA	.76e	...	14.11	+.29	-32.7
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VulcanM	.04	...	50.23	-.25	-3.5
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15,589.40	12,471.49	Dow Jones Industrials	15,545.55	+1.81	+.01	+18.63	+22.20
6,608.87	4,838.10	Dow Jones Transportation	6,578.01	-8.56	-.13	+23.66	+31.23
537.66	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	506.32	+.10	+.02	+11.75	+4.21
9,695.46	7,538.24	NYSE Composite	9,650.59	+32.06	+.33	+14.30	+25.81
2,509.57	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,369.60	+15.73	+.67	+.59	+1.38
3,624.54	2,810.80	Nasdaq Composite	3,600.39	+12.78	+.36	+19.24	+24.57
1,693.12	1,329.24	S&P 500	1,695.53	+3.44	+.20	+18.69	+25.55
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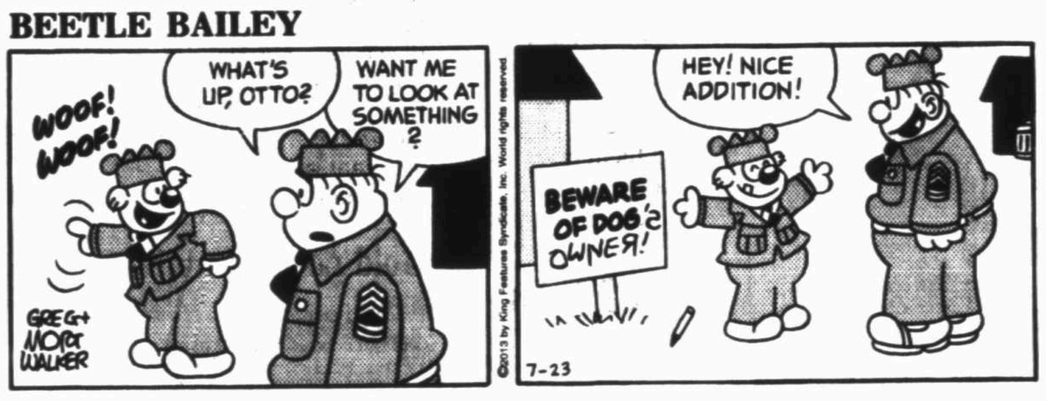

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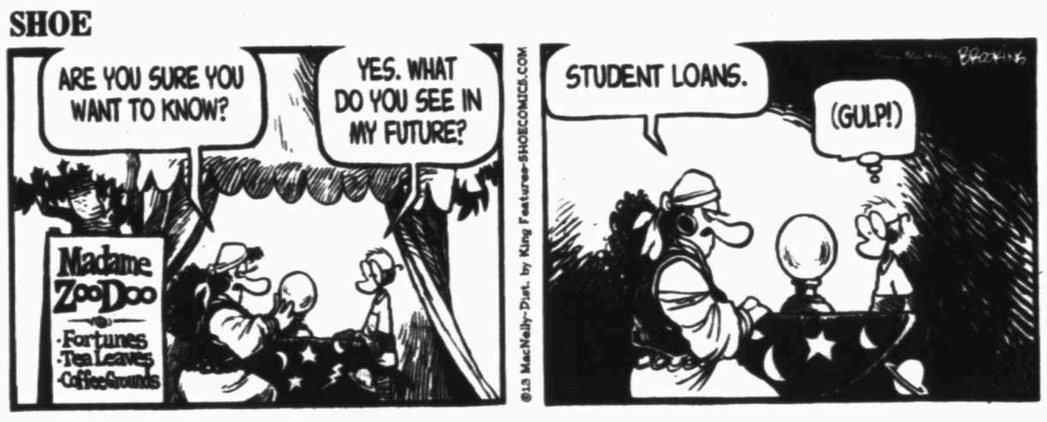

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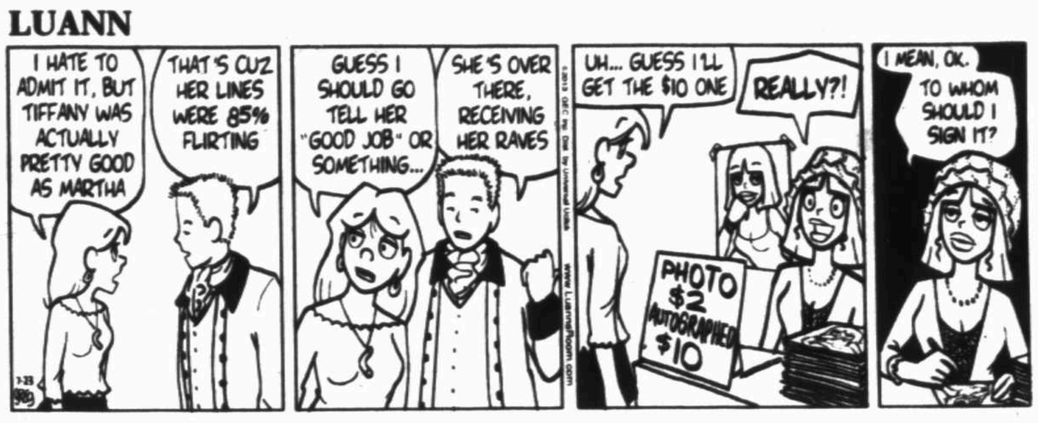

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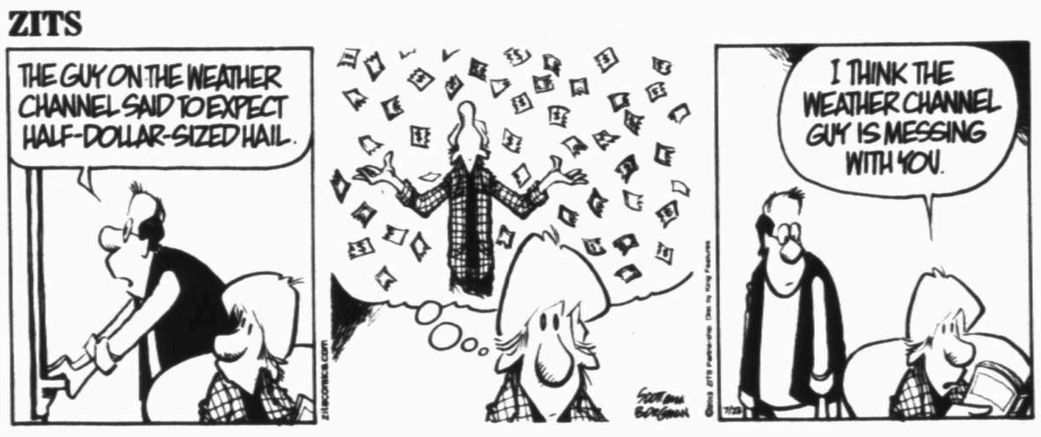

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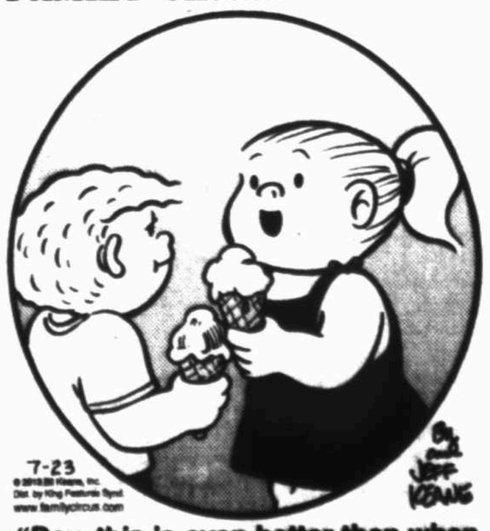

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

MTN Energy Operating LLC, 23 W. Industrial Loop, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is non-reductive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenburger formation.

Parks Well Number #1 The proposed disposal well is located 10 miles East of Odessa in the Spraberry (Trend Area), in Midland County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11300 to 14000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of **Texas Natural Resources Code**, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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City of Midland is seeking proposals for Specific and Aggregate Stop Loss for their self funded employee benefit plan.

Request for Proposals can be obtained by contacting the TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool via email at shawn.jackson@tmliebp.org or by calling 512-719-6754.

Proposals must be received by August 6, 2013 by 2:00 p.m.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0283544
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 15, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 766171
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. 16, Blk. 38 T3S, T&P RR CO/ GRAY, W T Survey, A-923, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 14.5 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, 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 :	DONALD L HUTT FEE
Lease/Unit Well No. :	138
Lease/Unit Acres :	4228.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1023.0

Lease Lines :	660.0 F NORTH L,	467.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	660.0 F NORTH L,	467.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) AZALEA (BEND), (2) AZALEA (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :	Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.
AZALEA (BEND) :	OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
AZALEA (STRAWN) :	GAS Special Rules 660/2640, 320.0 acres. OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11355 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, NORMA DONOVAN, at (972) 969-3643.

Personals

Nice Looking 53 year old male
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Opening for a CDA with at least two years of experience. We have a medium paced practice doing general dentistry, as well as orthodontics. We work Mon-Thurs. Paid vacation, retirement plan, great patients and a friendly environment to work in. If you are responsible, self motivated, quality conscious, with a desire to learn and grow, then call (432) 682-0786 or send resume to: 4305 North Garfield, Ste 221, Midland, Tx 79705.

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Dental Hygienist Dental office in Crane seeking hygienist. Excellent pay, commute costs will be covered. Fax resume to: 432-558-7299

Experienced Certified Dental Assistant
We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, certified dental assistant to join our team at Midland's premier dental practice. Please e-mail info@smilemidland.com, fax (432) 520-0720, or bring resume to Drs. Kaufman & Campagna at 3722 N Loop 250, Midland, TX.

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Needed for the Odessa area. Open position in marketing dept. Looking for a strong, motivated leader with experience. Please come by 1311 W. Florida, Mon-Fri 2pm-5pm or fax resume 432-570-0623.

MIDLAND SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.
is seeking **experienced** candidates for the following full time positions to join our team.

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Applicant must be able to perform CPT and ICD-9 coding and billing, schedule and pre-certify surgery and related testing, process medical record correspondence, interact with patients and handle heavy phones.

Both positions require excellent communication and clerical skills.
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Benefit package includes Medical, Life and AFLAC Insurance Coverage, PTO, and Retirement Plan.
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Midland, TX 79701

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Receptionist, Medical Assistant & Sleep Technician
Advanced Neuroscience Clinic & Somno Systems FT
Fulltime Receptionist and Fulltime Certified Medical Assistant needed. Experience required and must be bilingual. Also needed Sleep Technician experience preferred but will train the right person. Bilingual preferred but not required. Please email your resume to lrma@brainanc.com fax number 432-570-9991

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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.

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OTHER JOBS

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.

Caretaker
Confidental
Caretaker for small ranch and animals/dogs, horses. Salary and housing provided. Non-smokers. References required. Call 432-254-6151

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If you just want a job, this is not the place. If you would like to work, then we need you. Must be an eager worker who can do what's been requested without hesitation or complaint, can show up on time, and values cleanliness. If this description fits you, please apply in person at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Midland, TX. Immediate interview possible. No phone calls please.

Detailers
UNISEAL FT
Looking for experienced detailers at local Midland & Odessa dealerships. Can make up to $15 to $18 an hour. Please call 281-733-1967.

Kitchen Staff
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Kitchen help needed Mon-Sat. from 9am-2pm. Apply in person at Hog Pit Pub & Grub, 7400 West County Rd. 116. in Midland or call 432-561-9301.

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Confidential FT
Must be HVAC certified. Salary depending on experience. Send resume to M-11 Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

LEASING AGENT
Part time Leasing Agent. Apply within at 4415 Northcrest Drive, Midland, TX, 79707.

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.

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.

OTHER JOBS

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 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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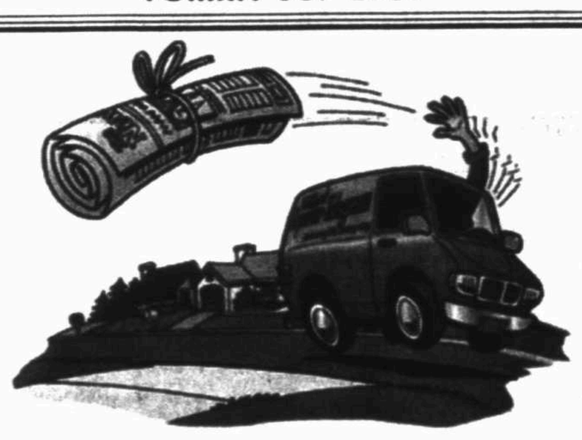

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General Manager
Western Auto FT
General Manager needed to oversee daily operations of busy Western Auto store. Competitive salary + quarterly bonus plan with a great benefit package! Fax resume & salary history to 281-681-7692 or email: **dvaughan@petroleumwholesale.com**.

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SALES JOBS

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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:

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- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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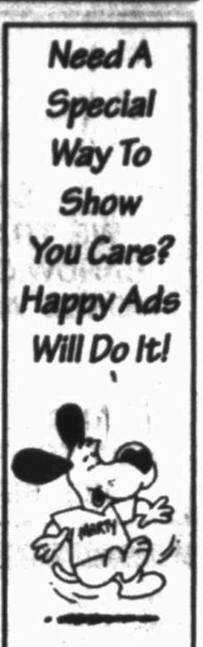

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A man walks by a collapsed house and debris March 11, 2011, at Sendai Port in Sendai, northeastern Japan, following an 8.9-magnitude quake. New research in the journal Science suggests that such powerful distant quakes can trigger minor shaking around wastewater injection sites in the U.S. Midwest.

TRIGGERING QUAKES

Study: Distant quakes can affect oil, gas fields

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES —

The powerful earthquake that rocked Japan in 2011 set off tremors around a West Texas oil field, according to new research that suggests oil and gas drilling operations may make fault zones sensitive to shock waves from distant big quakes.

It's long been known that large quakes can trigger minor jolts thousands of miles from the epicenter. Volcanically active spots like Yellowstone National Park often experience shaking after a large distant event.

Less is known about the influence of remote quakes on fault lines that have been weakened by man-made activity like the deep-disposal of wastewater at the Texas oil field. A new study led by researchers at Columbia University and published July 12 in the journal Science suggests a strong quake that strikes halfway around the globe can set off small to mid-size quakes near injection wells in the U.S. heartland.

"The seismic waves act as the straw that breaks the camel's back, pushing the faults that last little bit toward an earthquake," lead researcher Nicholas van der Elst said in an email.

There has been heightened scrutiny in recent years of quakes near industrial areas as drilling is ramped up to satisfy the country's energy hunger. Research has shown that wastewater disposal — the process of pumping fluids deep into the ground at high pressures — can weaken nearby fault lines and even produce quakes big enough to be felt. The practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, which uses high-pressure mixtures of water, sand and chemicals to extract natural gas or oil, also can trigger quakes, but they're typically microquakes — smaller than magnitude-2.

By poring through the quake archives, van der Elst and colleagues found evidence that faults near wastewater injection sites were loaded with stress when ripples from a faraway earthquake traveled around the planet.

They contend:

- The magnitude-9 Japan quake set off a swarm in the West Texas town of Snyder, where oil extraction has caused shaking in the past.
- The magnitude-8.8 Chile quake in 2010 triggered a magnitude-4.1 in Prague, Okla., home of active injection wells.
- The Chile quake also set off a series of small quakes in the Colorado town of Trinidad near the New Mexico state line known for extracting natural gas from coal beds.

In those instances, the triggered seismic activity was followed months later by a moderate quake and researchers said that could be a warning sign of stress on the fault. The triggered events are too small to relieve all the stress and some of that stress can be transferred to nearby faults, making a future larger event more likely, said van der Elst.

Not all sites near injection wells showed increased shaking after a strong distant quake. The team found the most affected areas were places where pumping has been going on for decades.

University of Utah mechanical engineer Sidney Green called the results interesting but "rather speculative" and said they need more study.

If the observations bear out, it could help oil and gas operators know "where it's safe to inject and where it's not," said Julie Shemeta, a geophysicist and president of Colorado-based MEQ Geo Inc., a consulting company.

Despite a history of man-made quakes near wastewater injection sites, only a small number of the country's 30,000 disposal wells are a problem, said U.S. Geological Survey seismologist William Ellsworth, who published an article in the journal reviewing the state of research.

Ellsworth said fracking does not pose a high risk for triggering quakes strong enough to feel. The largest man-made quake linked to fracking was a magnitude-3.6 in British Columbia in 2009.

In a third quake-related paper appearing in Science, researchers at the University of California, Santa Cruz, found increased seismic activity over a 30-year period around a Southern California geothermal plant located near the San Andreas Fault. The plant pumps water in and out of an underground reservoir to make steam that drives turbines.

Lead author Emily Brodsky said she has come up with a way to determine the rate of quakes from pumping at the site and plans to test the method at other geothermal plants.

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Science: http://www.sciencemag.org

New weather site is nearly perfect

Dear PropellerHeads: This sure is some weather we're having.

A: You do realize PropellerHeads don't actually leave their computers, don't you? I don't know if it is sunny or snowing out. Weather is irrelevant when dissing Xbox One on the blogosphere!

Seriously, although I would normally ridicule your lack of an actual question, my computing pleasure was recently interrupted by a storm for two whole days because of the downed power line in my backyard. So I am more in tune with the weather than usual.

And as fate would have it, I have a new weather site for your consideration: forecast.io.

I think forecast.io is one of the revolutionary moments in the Internet. Like when Google maps allowed you to drag the map around on the screen. Like when Hipmunk made searching for flights a lot less cluttered. I predict other weather sites will soon be making changes to match how clean and cool forecast.io presents the weather. It is that impressive.

The first thing that draws your eye is the colorful globe that pinpoints your location and current precipitation. What will really blow your mind is if you click on the globe. The precipitation starts to move! Yes, you get the forecasted precipitation movements for the next seven days. Or, if you're living in the past, you can go back seven days too. The animation is super seamless.

If the global view is not to your liking, there are regional and local versions as well, though I've noticed that local versions are not yet available worldwide.

To the right of the map you will see what the weather is right now, what it will be in the next hour, next day and next seven days. But the forecasts are written to be understandable, not the "Good Morning Vietnam" style nomenclature: "Tomorrow a chance of continued crappy..."

Below the map you get your seven-day forecast, again with brief, but informative descriptions of when it is likely to rain and a visual scale of the temperature variations.

But if that isn't sufficient for you, weather by the hour is easily accessible by clicking on the plus symbol next to each day. This will present a timeline for the day indicating what the weather was like and what it will be like. Plus details on the day's high and low and sunrise and sunset times are listed. Honestly, why are sunrise and sunset times not on every weather site already?

And if that is still not enough detail for you, click on the Details EKG and you will be able to drag the timeline's cursor to whatever time you want to see what the conditions were, or will be at that moment in time. This includes temperature, humidity, pressure, wind and visibility.

Still not impressed? Man you are a hard sell! OK, how about this? Up at the top there is something called the Time Machine. Enter a date in the past and you will be presented with the hourly detail timeline for that date in history. I'm not sure exactly how far in the past it goes but it seems to start up during World War II.

And if you put in a day in the future, forecast.io will use historical averages to predict the temperature during the course of the day. However, I was unimpressed that it didn't account for global warming.

The way I'm talking about forecast.io, it sounds like the perfect weather forecasting website. Better than the rest? Absolutely. Perfect? Not quite. If they added in the lunar cycle and tidal information somewhere, it would be even closer to perfect. And if they could add pollution, allergy and UV indexes into the mix then, yes — I think it might be perfect.

But there is one feature that I still haven't mentioned that may well convince you to use forecast.io right now: no ads! I'm sure that won't last forever, but I will enjoy it while I can, almost as much as I will enjoy those upper 70s, low humidity and clear skies tomorrow.

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