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President Obama and Gov. Perry meet to discuss immigration.

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Weekender

City looks to install traffic lights, roundabouts

Efforts will address growing population and subsequent traffic needs

By Joseph Basco
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The city of Midland has begun considering installing traffic lights in an area with large, developing subdivisions and roundabouts in future major thoroughfares to help adapt Midland's roads to its growing population.

On Tuesday, City Council approved two agreements with one of its on-call engineering firms, Savant Group Inc., for engineering services related to traffic lights at the intersection of Mockingbird Lane and State Highway 349 and three roundabouts tentatively planned for a Tradewinds Boulevard extension, Beal Parkway, and Mockingbird Lane and Oriole Drive. The city allocated $62,450 for Savant Group's work with the lights project and $28,010 for the firm's work with the roundabouts project.

"We're dealing with a staff shortage, and there's a lot of projects out there that we need to get completed," said city Director of Engineering Services Jose Ortiz.

The traffic lights at Big Spring Street and Mockingbird Lane would address the increase in traffic after large subdivisions, such as D.R. Horton's Adobe Meadows, are completed. D.R. Horton and two other developers constructing nearby subdivisions are building an estimated 1,387 homes into the north Midland area within the next few years.

Adding traffic signals to the intersection also helps the city's long-term plan in making Mockingbird Lane a major thoroughfare in north Midland.

Adobe Meadows' development, which is northeast of the SH 349 and Mockingbird Lane intersection, entails the extension of Mockingbird Lane east of SH 349. The extension would change the intersection from three-way to four-way.

So when the Adobe Meadows homes are complete, residents would add traffic to both SH 349 and the Mockingbird Lane extension, Ortiz said.

"Those individuals would have to get

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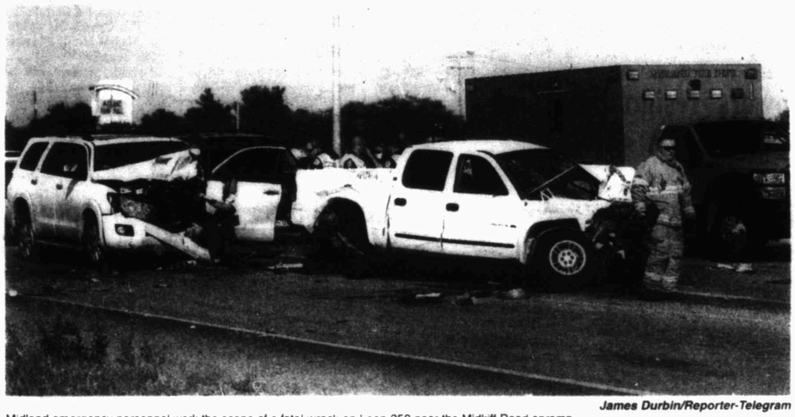
1 dead after loop crash



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Midland emergency personnel work the scene of a fatal wreck on Loop 250 near the Midkiff Road onramp.

Pickup crosses median, collides with SUV

By Tyler White
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One Midland man was killed and three other people were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital n Wednesday afternoon following a head-on collision involving multiple vehicles on Loop 250 near Midland Park Mall.

Donny Roberts, 38, was pronounced dead at the scene following the collision in the westbound lanes of Loop 250, according to Sara Higgins, the city's public information officer.

Midland emergency personnel responded to the scene at about 5:50 p.m. Wednesday.

Roberts was driving a pickup eastbound when he crossed the median and collided with an SUV in the westbound lanes, Higgins. Then a second SUV — traveling behind the first SUV — crashed into Roberts' pickup.

The driver of the SUV involved in the head-on collision and two child passengers — who are 8 and 3 — were transported to MMH. The driver suffered injuries that were serious but not life-threatening, Higgins said. The 8-year-old child was in critical condition Wednesday night, while the 3-year-old suffered minor injuries, she said.

Wednesday's fatality marks the 21st death on roads in Midland County this year.

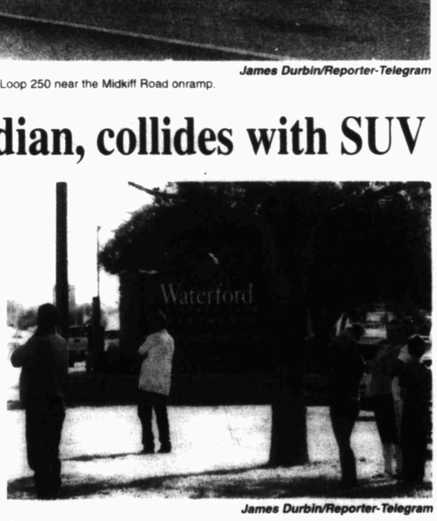
The most recent fatality occurred June 8, when a 22-year-old Midland man was ejected from his vehicle during a rollover crash on Highway 191.

Then a male pedestrian was killed June 2 after crossing the roadway into oncoming traffic on Loop 250 near the Midland Drive exit.

There have been two other fatal crashes on Loop 250 this year. A 46-year-old Midland man died May 27 after his vehicle collided with a tractor-trailer on East Loop 250 near Interstate 20. And a 19-year-old Midland woman died Feb. 23 after a one-vehicle crash on South Loop 250 near East County Road 60.

2014 fatal wrecks by month

January	5	May	3
February	3	June	2
March	4	July	1
April	3	Total	21



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Nearby residents look on as Midland emergency personnel work the scene of the fatal car crash.

Midland oil dynasty lands on list of wealthiest families

By Rachael Gleason
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Investing in the dusty expanses of West Texas more than 100 years ago has paid off for the Fasken family, which just earned a spot on Forbes' list of wealthiest dynasties.

The prominent Midland oil family ranked No. 127 on the list of billion-dollar fortunes with a net worth of $1.8 billion.

"In 1913, David Fasken Sr., a Canadian lawyer, purchased a ranch in West Texas that was later discovered to straddle a sea of Permian Basin oil," according to Forbes. "Four generations later, the Fasken family business, Fasken Oil and Ranch, is still making a killing off of West Texas crude."

After Fasken's grandson David Jr. died in 1982, he left the ranch to his wife, Barbara, who took over the company and was recognized in 2003 for her contributions to the family business, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

"By 1987, she had consolidated her oil and gas operations into one company directly under her ownership and control, which was involved in all aspects of exploration, production, and marketing oil and gas in the Permian Basin," according to the story.

The oil and real estate company, which celebrated its 100-year anniversary in May 2013, is one of the region's largest private energy producers with nearly 1,000 wells, according to Forbes.

Local parks, elementary schools and business centers bear the Fasken family name today, and there are two charitable foundations tied to different branches of the family.

Murray Fasken, whose father was a cousin of the family member who started the oil business, established the Fasken Foundation.

"The foundation has historically been a big a supporter of education," said Executive Director Jeff Alsup, noting that the first grant was given to a student. "It has given scholarships every year since to Midland students primarily going to Texas schools."

Forbes' list is topped by the Walton family, of Wal-Mart, and includes a total of 185 food, financial, energy and media dynasties.

Forbes top 5 wealthiest families

No. 1: Walton family (Wal-Mart), $152 billion
No. 2: Koch family (Koch Industries), $89 billion
No. 3: Mars family (Mars Inc.), $60 billion
No. 4: Cargill-MacMillan family (Cargill Inc.), $43 billion
No. 5: Edward Johnson family (Fidelity Investments), $39 billion

Source: www.forbes.com/families

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WTI Posted	$98.75 ▼	$1.00
WTS Posted	$91.90 ▼	$1.00
Natural Gas	$4.170 ▼	$0.034
Gasoline	$3.535 ▲	$0.005

The big number
In a Houston-area shooting,
4 children
were among the 6 slain. Read more on Page 3A.

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UT president resigning in 2015

Associated Press

AUSTIN — After years of clashes with Gov. Rick Perry and the group that oversees the University of Texas System, the president of its flagship Austin campus reached a resignation deal Wednesday that will keep him on the job until June 2015.

University of Texas President Bill Powers' exit agreement comes after system Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa met with Powers last week and urged him to resign effective in October or risk being fired. Powers offered to quit next June, a deal that Cigarroa accepted after Powers' allies on campus and in the state Capitol rallied behind him.

Powers had pleaded to stay on the job to finish a $3 billion fundraising campaign, aid the startup of the university's new medical school and help guide the university through state budget negotiations in the 2015 legislative session.

Powers said he met with Cigarroa and board Chairman Paul Foster to reach the deal, which was announced by the University of Texas System at the same time a school provost told a faculty meeting.

"I'm delighted with this. This is a plan that makes sense to me," Powers said.

Powers has led the 50,000-student Austin campus since 2006. He fought with governor-appointed regents over tuition and graduation rates and other higher-education policies, and had survived previous attempts to fire him.

Powers has been a popular figure among students, faculty and state lawmakers, who rallied to his defense this week with warnings that firing him would harm the university's reputation. Powers is chairman of the Association of American Universities, a consortium of top private and public research institutions. One alumni group had planned a pro-Powers rally outside the Board of Regents meeting Thursday, where his employment is still on the agenda.

On Monday, Cigarroa had described his relationship with Powers as "fractured" and cited a lack of trust between Powers and the regents. In accepting the deal that keeps Powers on the job another year, Cigarroa called him "an admired leader who, as I've said before, has advanced the University in many ways."

Powers has had several high-profile clashes with Perry and the regents over higher-education policies. One regent, Wallace Hall, is facing possible impeachment and removal from office over his relentless pursuit of university records and questions over Powers' leadership.

Cigarroa recently called for an external investigation into Hall's questions about whether Powers and some state lawmakers exerted undue influence over school admissions. The House panel investigating Hall had told the regents not to question potential witnesses — including Powers — during their investigation.

Hall did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Seliger: Powers' resignation is acceptable conclusion

From staff reports

State Sen. Kel Seliger said he considers Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa's acceptance of UT Austin President Bill Powers' resignation, effective June 2, 2015, to be an acceptable conclusion to the recent controversy.

Seliger said some people believe the public tension between Cigarroa and Powers could be damaging to recruitment at UT Austin, but he doesn't necessarily know if that will prove to be true.

Seliger said his Senate committee appointments as chair of the Higher Education and co-chair of the Joint Committee of Oversight of Higher Education Governance, Excellence and Transparency have led him to keep an eye on the situation.

"It is something I've paid close attention to because it's one of our flagship universities and in some ways the face of higher education in the state of Texas," he said. "But have I been involved in some way or another? No. That's one of the principals of smaller government. Whether you necessarily agree or not with what's going on, it's up to the regents to set policy for the university system."

Seliger concluded by saying he hopes the UT System can move past the turmoil and distrust it has recently experienced.

Obituaries

Alexandra Ann "Alex" Kennedy

Alexandra Ann "Alex" Kennedy, 22, of Gardendale, departed this life on Friday, July 4, 2014. She was born in Cedar City, Utah on November 9, 1991 to Marc Kennedy and Tiffany Ann Gough. She was a homemaker and a loving mother.

Alex had a generous and tender heart. She was a foster pet pareat and animal rescue volunteer.

Those left to cherish her love and memory are her son, Colin Harlan Mitchell of Gardendale; daughter, Adelina Nevaeh Kennedy of Gardendale; father, Marc Kennedy of Henderson, Nevada; mother, Tiffany Gough and husband Donald of Gardendale; maternal grandfather, Bobby Greeson of Blackfoot, Idaho; paternal grandmother, Anita Kennedy of Henderson, Nevada; and five brothers, Bridger Kennedy of Henderson, Nevada, Thomas Wacaster and Braden Wacaster, both of Gardendale, Barron Kennedy of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Saxon V. Kennedy of Henderson, Nevada.

Alex was preceded in death by her sister, Stormie Ann; her maternal grandmother, JoAnne Greeson; and her paternal grandfather, Richard Kennedy.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2014 at Acres West Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Peaceful Gardens Section of Ector County Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West and condolences to the family may be sent online at *acreswestfuneral.com*.

Death Notices

Bobbie Collier Badger

Bobbie Collier Badger, 61, of Midland, passed away on June 29, 2014 in Lubbock, TX. As per Bobbie's request, she will be cremated and no services held.

Bobbie was born on March 8, 1953, in Odessa, TX., to Robert & Buna Collier.

She is survived by her two sons; Robert Badger, Jr. and Matthew Badger; and one sister, Janice Harp.

Buddy Thompson

Buddy Thompson, 46, of Midland, passed away on July 8, 2014. The family will receive friends on Friday, July 11, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Services will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Midland Bible Church.

Buddy is survived by his mother, Susan Ray and husband, Bobby G. "Skipper" Ray; and father, Donald E. Thompson and wife, Jan Thompson.

Chester Coffman

Chester Coffman, 94, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 7, 2014. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Myers& Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Bryant and Janet Higgins; and one son, Ronald Coffman.

Eva Carrasco Yanez

Eva Carrasco Yanez, 64, of Big Spring, died Friday July 4, 2014. Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She is survived by her children, David Yanez, Jr., Cindy Rodriguez, Connie Yanez, Joseph Yanez, Christina Yanez, Sonya Gonzales, and Mario Yanez; one brother; and six sisters.

Lonna Kathleen Winkler Wise

Lonna Kathleen Winkler Wise of San Angelo, formerly of Midland, passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2014.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Allen; and by brothers and sisters.

A graveside service will be today at Resthaven Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m. A memorial service will be held at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church, San Angelo, Texas, at a later date.

Mary Ellen (Werthe) Pope

Mary Ellen (Werthe) Pope, of Big Spring, Texas, has gone to be with the Lord. At the age of 88, she made her peaceful journey on July 5, 2014.

Survivors include a brother; three sons, Jerry Pope, George Pope, and Ken Pope; and a daughter, Nancy Pope.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Marcy Place, 2301 Wasson Road, Big Spring, Texas.

A second memorial service and interment will be held July 24, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Mauldin United Methodist Church.

Wesley Charles Carroll, Jr.

Wesley Charles Carroll, Jr., of Lago Vista, Texas, went to be with the Lord on July 2, 2014.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Genie Carroll; his son, Tim Carroll; his daughter, Amy Carroll Shapiro; and by a sister.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at 10:00 at Trinity Memorial Park, 6900 South Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Mom also charged after her toddler's death

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — A North Texas woman whose boyfriend has been accused of killing her toddler daughter faces charges that she helped bury the body under a bridge, according to police.

Arlington city jail records show 17-year-old Alexis Botello was being held Wednesday on charges of tampering with evidence and injury to a child.

Botello was arrested Tuesday night with bond set at $125,000. She joins 20-year-old Joshua Markus Beard in jail. Beard was arrested earlier on a capital murder charge in the beating death of 18-month-old Tylea Moore.

Police believe the girl was killed Friday in Arlington and her body was buried near Springtown, 40 miles away. Relatives contacted police Sunday when they could not locate the child. Police have said the mother later led them to the body.

Jail records don't list attorneys for the couple.

Botello and Beard were at home in Arlington when an angry Beard began pushing and hitting the child, according to an arrest warrant affidavit. He threw the girl on a bed and repeatedly stomped on her, the affidavit said. She stopped breathing and the couple then tried to resuscitate her.

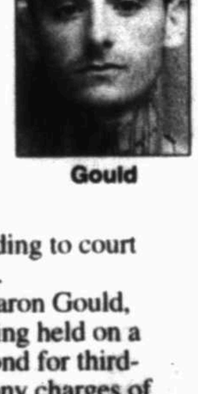
Botello had initially tried to file a police report claiming that her child was missing.

The baby's father, Chris Moore, defended Botello in an interview with WFAA-TV in Dallas. He said Botello was "a wonderful mother" who was in an abusive relationship and feared for her own life.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man arrested for threatening officer



Gould

An Odessa man was arrested Friday for threatening a Midland police officer and for public intoxication, according to court documents.

Bryce Aaron Gould, 21, was being held on a $20,870 bond for third-degree felony charges of obstruction or retaliation, possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and public intoxication. He posted bond and was released on Monday.

A Midland poliee officer was on patrol at about 2:50 a.m. Friday when he observed a pickup parked in front of the Rockin Rodeo entrance.

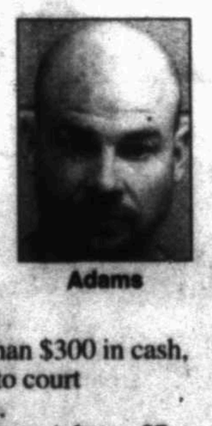
The officer identified the driver as Gould, who was passed out and smelled strongly of alcohol. As the officer was detaining Gould for public intoxication, he mumbled several times that he was going to beat up the officer, according to the arrest affidavit.

During Gould's transport to jail, he became verbally combative with the officer. According to the affidavit, that statement was a threat meaning murder of a police officer.

Gould continued to be uncooperative during his booking into jail, and staff found a bag of marijuana on him, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Gould faces up to 10 years in prison for each felony charge.

MPD: Man withdraws $300-plus with stolen debit card



Adams

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for stealing a woman's debit card and withdrawing more than $300 in cash, according to court documents.

Phillip Sean Adams, 37, was being held Wednesday on a $20,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of credit card or debit card abuse.

A woman reported on June 26 that her wallet had been stolen and that she searched her home and could not find it.

She said she went to her bank after learning there were seven ATM withdrawals made without her knowledge, according to the arrest affidavit.

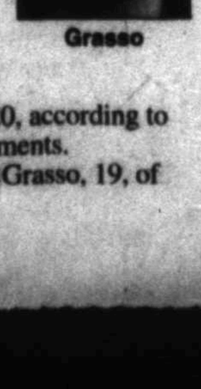
She said Adams, her husband's co-worker, was currently living with them and believed that he may have gained access to her wallet, according to the affidavit.

Investigators learned that the transactions totaling $337.50 took place at several convenience stores.

The investigators determined through camera footage that Adams was present at the various convenience stores at the time of each transaction, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Adams faces up to two years in prison.

MPD: Man arrested for firing gun during road rage incident



Grasso

An Arizona man was arrested Saturday for shooting a firearm at a vehicle while traveling on Interstate 20, according to court documents.

Fabrizio Grasso, 19, of Tucson, Arizona, was being held Wednesday on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A Midland police officer and detective responded to a road rage incident that occurred sometime on June 18.

The alleged victim said he was traveling east on I-20 at about 7:30 a.m. when he saw a white car driving in the left lane at about 68 mph. The alleged victim said the vehicle would not move over to the inside lane and the driver of that vehicle slammed on his brakes, but the victim swerved to the right and passed him. The alleged victim said he later got in front of the vehicle to tap his brakes and let the driver know that he needed to be in the other lane.

The driver of that vehicle then sped up on the right side of the alleged victim's vehicle and the alleged victim said he heard a "big bang," according to the arrest affidavit.

The investigators observed the man's SUV to find a bullet hole in the right rear passenger door.

The alleged victim obtained the other vehicle's license plate information, which officers used to track down and identify Grasso, according to the affidavit.

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

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Carlos Acuna-Polina, 23, of Midland was charged Tuesday with tampering with government records.

Phillip S. Adams, 37, of Midland was charged Tuesday with credit card or debit card abuse.

Edmundo Bermudes, 27, (no place of residence listed), was charged Tuesday with tampering with government school records, license, seals or permits.

Amanda Y. Gonzalez, 24, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Marcino Mendoza, 41, (no place of residence listed), was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Marciano Mendoza-Sigala, 41, of Odessa was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Jose G. Munoz, 38, of Midland was charged Tuesday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Henry Ramirez, 57, of Big Spring was charged Tuesday with possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Nekendra D. Washington, 22, of Midland0 was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Jeremy N. Welch, 28, of Dayton, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FORT WORTH

Texas city using treated wastewater for drinking

As much of Texas grapples with lingering drought, a second city in the Lone Star State has begun reusing treated wastewater in a state-approved recycling process to bolster drinking supplies.

Wichita Falls, near the Oklahoma border, on Wednesday began reusing millions of gallons of water at the River Road Waste Treatment plant that's been purified to meet government drinking standards. The water is then sent by a 12-mile pipeline to the Cypress Water Treatment Plant for additional purification.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved Wichita Falls' proposal for a toilet-to-tap reuse program for up to six months.

The West Texas town of Big Spring, whose spring dried up decades ago, implemented an indirect potable reuse program — where effluent flows into another body of water before being treated — earlier this year. The water is then filtered through reverse osmosis. The city of Brownwood, about 80 miles south of Abilene, has approval for a project similar to Wichita Falls' to treat 1.5 million gallons of water daily, but it has not started doing so.

Wichita Falls is operating under a Stage 5 drought catastrophe, in which outdoor watering is banned and conservation is urged. Demand for city water has dropped 45 percent, according to City Manager Darron Leiker.

AUSTIN

5 hurt in chartered bus, pickup wreck

Five people have been hurt in a Central Texas traffic accident involving a chartered bus and a pickup truck.

Austin-Travis County EMS reported the wreck happened late Tuesday night on Interstate 35 in Austin. Investigators were trying to determine what caused the accident that slowed overnight traffic along I-35.

Officials said the bus driver was seriously hurt and had to be extricated from the vehicle for transport to a hospital. Three bus passengers and the driver of the pickup truck have lesser injuries and were also taken to hospitals.

The bus carried about two dozen passengers. Further details on the vehicle and the destination were not immediately available.

AUSTIN

DPS checks thousands of vehicles during Roadcheck

Texas troopers have sidelined nearly 1,900 vehicles as part of the three-day nationwide safety effort called Roadcheck 2014.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Wednesday reported doing more than 8,700 commercial motor vehicle inspections during the June 3-5 safety push.

About 21 percent of the tractor-trailers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were taken out of service for safety violations, pending repairs. Issues with brakes and defective lighting were among the common problems.

DPS required 263 drivers to stop operating their vehicles for violations related to incorrect logging of on-duty time and not having the proper licenses.

HOUSTON

Boat used in rescue as van goes into Houston bayou

Seven construction workers have been rescued from a van that crashed through a highway barrier and plunged into a Houston bayou.

Emergency personnel using a boat and extending a ladder reached the victims Wednesday morning.

Authorities did not immediately release names of the men, who were transported to a hospital to be treated for apparent minor injuries.

Officials believe the workers were headed for a construction site when the white van went out of control and hit the water. At one point the seven men were seen on the roof or hanging out of the windows of the van left swamped up to the windows.

6 dead, 4 children, in suburban Houston shooting

Associated Press

SPRING — A man involved in a domestic dispute opened fire at a suburban Houston home Wednesday evening, killing six people, four of them children, and wounding a 15-year-old girl, authorities said.

The suspected gunman later surrendered after a three-hour standoff with deputies who had cornered him in a nearby cul-de-sac.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office issued a news release saying that precinct deputy constables were called to the house in the northern Houston suburb of Spring about 6 p.m. Wednesday and found two adults and three children dead. Another child later died at a hospital.

"It appears this stems from a domestic issue with a breakup in the family from what our witness has told us," Assistant Chief Deputy Constable Mark Herman of the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office told reporters.

Authorities did not release the victims' identities and did not say how they might be related to each other or the suspect.

The teenager who survived identified the shooter and directed deputies to him.

The suspected gunman had led a parade of almost two dozen deputy constables' patrol cars to a cul-de-sac shortly before 7 p.m. There, the suspect's boxed-in vehicle remained for hours. Finally, after hours of waiting and negotiations, the man emerged from his car, raised his hands and sank to his knees as deputies placed him under arrest.

Sheriff's Sgt. Thomas Gilliland described the man as in his 30s with a beard "and cool as a cucumber."

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MISD searching for new ECHS principal

By Tessa Duvall
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Early College High School at Midland College will have a new principal for the upcoming school year.

Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said he anticipates having the ECHS position filled "swiftly" and a new principal made official at the July 28 board of trustees meeting.

ECHS Principal Karen Murdoch is leaving the district for personal reasons, Warren said, adding that he appreciates how much she dedicated to the school.

Murdoch was a "very important part of making that campus a shining star," he said.

MISD has four additional campus principal vacancies remaining: Travis, Lamar, Burnet and Bonham.

The district has hired Lety Amalla, principal of Ector County ISD's Ross Elementary, and Monica Baeza, assistant principal of ECISD's Murry Fly Elementary, as elementary principals but has not yet assigned them to a specific campus.

Warren said he hopes to announce the remaining principals later this month.

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back onto SH 349," Ortiz said. "So our goal was to go ahead and design traffic signals at that intersection, so when warrants are met, we will have plans ready to go."

Some of the conditions Ortiz mentioned are the rate of traffic growth and the thoroughfare plan for Mockingbird Lane. If the city finds out that the traffic lights are not warranted, then they will not be installed.

As for funding of the traffic signals, the city plans to coordinate with the state because the Texas Department of Transportation maintains SH 349, Ortiz said the city is willing to install traffic lights whether the project is funded by the city, the state, or both.

As for the roundabouts under consideration, their purposes range from slowing down traffic to diminishing the likelihood of severe crashes in developing parts of town.

Savant Group will be reviewing the three roundabouts the city is considering, as the firm would be more knowledgeable on roundabouts than the in-house staff, Ortiz said. Because roundabouts are new to Midland and the three roundabouts are being designed by three different engineering firms, Ortiz said the city wants to ensure there is consistency with the designs.

The city is still in the design phase of the larger-scale projects that include the roundabouts. Ortiz said construction on some of the projects may begin in 2015, while no tentative date has been set on other projects.

"Trying to keep up with the growth is a challenge, but there are a lot of things the city is considering to mitigate the traffic we're dealing with," Ortiz said.

In other City Council news:

Concho Resources donated $400,000 to the city for the renovation of Fasken Park in central Midland.

The renovations will include playground equipment, lighting and irrigation upgrades, according to the council agenda.

Concho made the donation as a means of impacting the quality of life, Concho Director of Government and Public Affairs Scott Kidwell said.

"As we were thinking about things that have an impact on the community in a broad scope ... we thought a park would be a good fit," Kidwell said.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Midland Nature 101: Butterflies, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sibley Nature Center. 683-9453.

■ Summerland Tour with Everclear, Soul Asylum, Eve 6 and Spacehog, 8 p.m., La Hacienda. summerlandtour.net.

City pool hours

Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m. Family swim is 7-9 p.m.

Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana, noon-7 p.m.

Entry fee is $2; kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group meets noon, Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

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

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8643.

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

Community Calendar

■ Permian Basin Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting a volunteer open house 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. There will be a presentation for potential volunteers and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 553-1439.

■ The city's Parks and Recreation Division is presenting a concert noon Friday at Centennial Plaza.

The concert by E-Flat Porch Band — which plays a mixture of country and blues — is possible through a grant from and the Midland County Public Library.

For more information, call 685-7355.

Clinic to move

Midland Community Healthcare Services, which operates the Women's Clinic at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, will be moving to the third floor of the main campus effective Aug. 8. The clinic offers low-cost women's health and prenatal services.

MCHS is an independent, non-profit organization operating three clinics in the Midland area and is the area's only federally qualified health care center, according to a press release.

For more information, call 570-0238, email administration@midlandchs.org or visit www.midlandchs.org.

Correction

A misleading headline accompanied a story in Wednesday's edition about Midland International Airport's pursuit of a spaceport license.

The headline should have indicated that the prairie chicken's listing as threatened "complicated" the process.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Reporter–Telegram on radio

Editor Stewart Doreen discusses local news at 9:35 a.m. Thursdays on KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1).

Another sales tax revenue increase

The city of Midland is reporting the collection of $3,544,336 in sales tax revenue in July — a 14.55 percent increase, or a $450,165 increase, from July 2013.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2013-2014 ($35,608,617) is up 12.39 percent, or a $3,924,687 increase, from last year's totals at this time.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months prior to collection; July collection is based on May sales.

Source: City of Midland

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Daily 4 evening: 0-5-7-8
Daily 4 night: 9-0-1-2
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Powerball: 9-25-42-55-57 PB: 14
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All or Nothing morning: 1-4-6-7-11-12-13-15-18-19-21-24
All or Nothing day: 1-5-9-10-11-13-15-16-17-18-19-23
All or Nothing evening: 3-7-8-9-12-13-14-15-16-18-19-20
All or Nothing night: 3-4-8-9-10-11-12-15-16-17-20-24

Today in history

In 1929, American paper currency was reduced in size as the government began issuing bills that were approximately 25 percent smaller.

Obama to border critics: 'This is not theater'

Associated Press

DALLAS — President Barack Obama, seeking to keep a humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border from becoming a deeper political liability, pushed back Wednesday at critics who have cast his administration's response to the influx of unaccompanied children as slow and ineffective.

To those pressing Obama to visit the border during his two-day trip to Texas, he retorted: "This is not theater. This is a problem."

Among Obama's harshest critics has been Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a 2012 Republican presidential candidate who is mulling another run for the White House. Perry greeted Obama upon his arrival in the state Wednesday evening, then discussed the situation at the border with him privately and during a larger meeting with local officials and faith leaders.

Obama cast his meeting with Perry as "constructive" and argued that he is already seeking to do much of what the governor is calling for, including sending additional resources to the border to make the deportation process more effective.

"Bottom line is that there's nothing the governor indicated he'd like to see that I have a philosophical objection to," Obama said.

Perry, in a statement released after his meeting with Obama, made no mention of having any areas of agreement with the president.

"Five hundred miles south of here in the Rio Grande Valley, there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding that has been created by bad public policy, in particular the failure to secure the border," he said.

While much of the criticism of Obama has come from Republicans, even some members of Obama's own party were starting to make the case that Obama would be well-advised to visit the border and see the situation for himself.

"Going out there and talking to people who live this day in and day out — that's the perspective that's missing," said Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz.

For Obama, the border crisis has added another layer of complications to the already fraught debate in Washington over the nation's broken immigration laws.

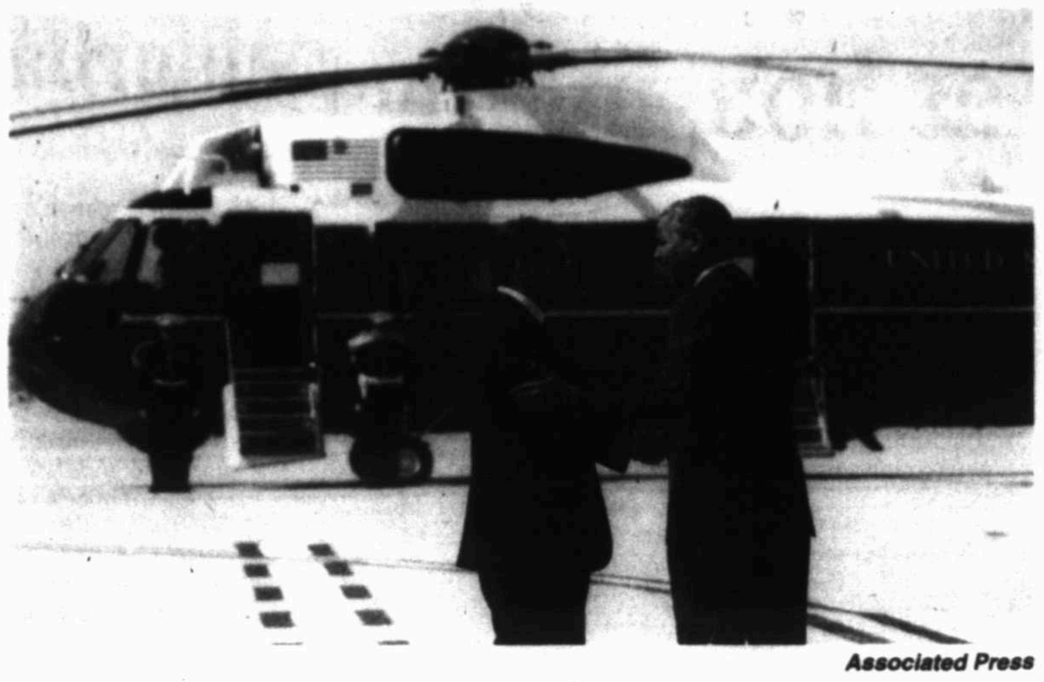
With no indication that congressional Republicans plan to take up comprehensive legislation, Obama has vowed to make needed changes through his executive powers. But the GOP argues that the action he took on his own in 2012 to allow some young people in the U.S. illegally to stay in the country is to blame for the current crisis, a contention the White House disputes.

The young people arriving at the border are in some cases fleeing violence in their home countries. But their arrival also appears to stem from rumors that they would be allowed to stay if they reached the U.S.

Obama, who is primarily in Texas to raise money for Democrats, said he was getting frequent updates about the situation from his staff and appeared to see little additional benefit in viewing the situation himself.

"There's nothing that is taking place down there that I am not intimately aware of," Obama said, noting that Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson was readying for his sixth trip to the border in recent weeks.

Perry, who has pressed Obama to go, has visited the Rio Grande Valley twice since the surge in unaccompanied child immigrants gained national attention. On June 23, he visited a Border Patrol facility and spoke of an "untenable situation." On July 3, Perry testified at a House Homeland Security Committee field hearing in McAllen, reiterating his call for Obama to come see the situation at the border.



Associated Press

President Barack Obama is greeted by Gov. Rick Perry as he arrives at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on Wednesday. The president later attended a meeting on immigration with local elected officials and faith leaders, inlcuding Gov. Rick Perry.

Rep. Conaway says he will oppose housing immigrant children

"Returning illegal migrants to their homes is an appropriate and humane deterrent to stem this tide and will help you regain control of the border. Should you choose not to pursue a policy of returning illegal migrants, I am writing today to make abundantly clear that I will oppose every effort to relocate any illegal aliens to the 11th District of Texas. I cannot support and I will not ask my constituents to bear the burdens of policy that encourages human trafficking, ignores your legal responsibilities, and fails to address the crisis at hand."

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, from a letter to Jeh Johnson, secretary of Department of Homeland Security, and Sylvia Burwell, secretary of Department of Health and Human Services

Colorado completes 1st legal pot market study

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado is smoking pot by the ton, and visitors are, too.

Colorado's pot regulators issued what is believed to be the world's first post-legalization market study for the weed on Wednesday. The study relied on sales data from Colorado's first three months of recreational marijuana sales, while previous pot market studies relied on survey responses because the drug is illegal.

"This study finds total marijuana demand to be much larger than previously estimated," Colorado's study concluded.

The study estimated that total market demand for marijuana in Colorado is about 130 metric tons a year. That's about 121 metric tons for residents and almost 9 metric tons a year for visitors. These figures include medical and recreational marijuana.

Marijuana has an average market rate in Colorado of $220 per ounce, authors concluded.

The estimates were nearly a third higher than one recently projected by the state Department of Revenue, which regulates the marijuana industry. Nations with legal or semi-legal marijuana sales, such as the Netherlands, do not track national inventory, making firm market analysis spotty.

Colorado concluded that visitors account for 44 percent of recreational marijuana retail sales in the Denver area. In the mountains and other vacation spots, visitors to Colorado account for 90 percent of recreational dispensary traffic.

Colorado's market numbers bore out survey estimates that most marijuana is consumed by heavy daily users. For example, survey authors estimated that a third of all Colorado's pot consumers use the drug less than once a month. But that group accounts for just 0.3 percent of the total market, analysts concluded.

"Heavy users consume marijuana much more often, and more intensely, than other consumers," the study concluded.

The study tapped into Colorado's new Marijuana Inventory Tracking System used by commercial growers and retailers to account for inventory. But the study's authors also included untaxed pot in the analysis because Colorado allows adults over 21 to grow pot at home. The survey also estimated production from the state's medical marijuana caregivers, who are authorized to grow medical marijuana on behalf of others and do not face state pot taxes.

So far, Colorado sells a lot more medical marijuana than recreational marijuana, and medical pot patients must be in-state residents. Survey analysts concluded that medical users generally have avoided recreational sales, which come with much higher taxes for the same product.

"Therefore, the retail demand is derived primarily from out-of-state visitors and from consumers who previously purchased" black-market or illegal weed, the study concluded.

Rift over religious exemption in anti-bias order

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the intensifying debate over religious liberty, President Barack Obama faces pressure from opposite flanks as he prepares to issue an executive order barring federal contractors from discriminating against gay and transgender people in hiring.

Many religious leaders and conservative groups want him to exempt religious organizations from the order. Liberal clergy and groups advocating on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people adamantly oppose such an exemption — and have pulled their support for a non-discrimination bill they long supported to drive the point home.

The upshot is a difficult balancing act for the White House, which says the executive order is still being drafted — nearly a month after Obama announced he would sign it. White House spokesman Josh Earnest declined to say whether a religious exemption would be included or was even being considered.

Within the past two weeks, scores of religious leaders of contrasting views have signed letters to Obama, arguing for and against an exemption.

One letter, signed by 14 faith leaders urging a "robust" exemption, was organized by Michael Wear, a Washington-based consultant who previously worked on Obama's re-election campaign and in the White House office of faith-based initiatives.

"It's a tough issue for the White House, and for me and many of the signers of the letter," Wear said. "It's about a tension between two constitutionally valid principles — protecting LGBT people from discrimination, and also protecting groups whose whole being is about religious belief."

He said the exemption sought by the 14 signatories of his letter would not establish new prerogatives for religious organizations, but would enable them to continue long-standing hiring practices favoring people who share the employers' faith. Among those signing were popular evangelical preacher Rick Warren, prominent mega-church pastor and Obama confidant Joel Hunter, and the Rev. Larry Snyder, CEO of Catholic Charities USA.

Opponents of an exemption say existing federal policy already allows some religious organizations the leeway to hire and fire based upon religious identity. However, that provision does not permit discrimination based on race, gender or disability, and gay-rights supporters say discrimination against LGBT people also should be barred.

"There is unanimity among every LGBT group that no new religious exemptions will be tolerated," said Fred Sainz, a vice president of the Human Rights Campaign. "Taxpayers dollars should not be used to discriminate."

Many large federal contractors already have employment policies barring anti-gay workplace discrimination, as do 21 states. However, the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School estimates that the executive order would extend protections to about 14 million workers whose employers or states currently do not have such nondiscrimination policies.

While few religious organizations are among the biggest federal contractors, they do provide some valued services, including overseas relief and development programs and re-entry programs for inmates leaving federal prisons.

"Some faith-based organizations' religious identity requires that their employees share that identity," said the letter organized by Wear. "We still believe those organizations can serve their country."

However, the letter acknowledged the complexity of the debate, saying, "There is no perfect solution that will make all parties completely happy."

In a contrasting public letter, more than 100 liberal faith leaders asked Obama to leave out a religious exemption in his upcoming order.

"The faith community that taught me never to throw stones should not have special permission from the White House to throw stones," said the Rev. Serene Jones, president of Union Theological Seminary. "It is simply theologically indefensible."

For Obama, the issue squeezes him between two communities whose interests he has sought to protect. While he has cultivated the support of gay-rights groups, he also has tried to stay on good terms with religious groups, in part to maintain their backing for an overhaul of immigration laws.

Utah to appeal gay marriage ruling to high court

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah is going directly to the nation's highest court to challenge an appellate ruling that gay couples have a constitutional right to marry, the state attorney general's office announced Wednesday.

If the U.S. Supreme court decides to take the case, it will be the first time the top court considers gay marriage since justices last year struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

"It is a milestone that when the Supreme Court reconvenes in October, there will be at least one (gay marriage) petition pending," said Jon Davidson, director of Lambda Legal, which pursues litigation on LGBT issues nationwide.

The high court is under no obligation to the take the case, and it could wait for rulings from one or more of the five other appellate courts with gay marriage cases pending, legal scholars said.

But legal experts predict the nation's top court will consider a gay marriage case sometime in 2015 or later.

Utah's appeal is of a June 25 ruling from a three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, which found states cannot deprive people of the fundamental right to marry simply because they choose partners of the same sex. The 2-1 decision marked the first time a federal appeals court weighed in on the matter. The panel immediately put the ruling on hold pending an appeal.

The Utah case is certain to pique the Supreme Court's interest, but the justices usually look for cases that involve split rulings from federal appeals courts, said Douglas NeJaime, a University of California-Irvine law professor.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments about Virginia's ban in early May, and a ruling is expected soon. Arguments are scheduled for August and September in two different courts for cases out of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Nevada and Idaho.

"My best guess it that the court will hang onto this for a while and see what happens," NeJaime said. "There are so many cases now, it will have a pick."

William Eskridge, a Yale University law professor, also doesn't expect a quick decision from the high court. The Supreme Court is under no deadline to make a decision and knows other appellate decisions are coming, he said.

Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes' office said in a statement the appeal will be filed in the coming weeks, to get "clarity and resolution" on the matter. The decision to go directly to the Supreme Court means a review from the entire 10th Circuit Court is off the table, no matter what the high court decides.

Gov. Gary Herbert has said the state already budgeted for a need to defend the law before the Supreme Court. It is expected to cost another $300,000 to have three outside attorneys handle the case — the same amount it cost to take the case to the federal appeals court.

Senate OKs San Antonio mayor as housing secretary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate easily confirmed San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro on Wednesday to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development, boosting the national profile of a Democrat with a compelling biography who's considered a vice presidential contender in 2016.

The 71-26 vote makes the 39-year-old Castro one of the government's highest-ranking Hispanics, a growing group of voters who lean solidly Democratic. His ascension comes two years after he got his first broad national exposure when President Barack Obama picked him to deliver the keynote address at the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

All 26 votes against Castro came from Republicans, including one of his home-state senators, Ted Cruz.

Castro grew up in a working-class San Antonio neighborhood, the Mexican-American son of a single mother who was a Latino rights activist.

He has a law degree from Harvard and is a three-term mayor of Texas' second largest city. His options for rising in Texas politics were viewed as limited in his Republican-dominated state, where no Democrat has triumphed in a statewide contest in two decades.

"Julian has lived the American dream in his own life, and I'm confident he will help Americans across our country seize their own piece of that dream for themselves and their children," Obama said in a written statement after the vote.

Castro will replace Shaun Donovan as housing secretary. Obama has chosen Donovan to become White House budget chief.

AP file photo

This June 17 photo shows Housing and Urban Development Secretary nominee, San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro testifying on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Senate has easily confirmed Julian Castro to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Wednesday's 71-26 vote makes the 39-year-old Castro one of the highest-ranking Latinos in government.

Castro's twin brother, Joaquin, is a congressman who represents much of the San Antonio area.

The Senate also used a voice vote to confirm William Adams as chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Adams, president of Colby College in Maine since 2000, will head an agency that finances cultural programs.

Top Senate Democrat blocks gun proposals vote

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid blocked a parade of campaign-season votes on gun rights Wednesday that could have been a political thorn for Democrats seeking to retain control of the chamber in this fall's elections.

The Nevada Democrat used Senate procedures to prevent votes on any amendments to a bipartisan measure expanding hunters' access to public lands and renewing land conservation programs. The dozens of thwarted proposals included Republican efforts to expand gun owners' rights and Democratic attempts to toughen firearms restrictions.

In April 2013, the Senate rejected an effort to expand background checks for gun buyers and to impose other firearms curbs, four months after the fatal shootings of 20 children and six staffers at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut. President Barack Obama and top Democrats promised the drive would be renewed, but they have lacked the additional votes and faced reluctance by some lawmakers to revisit the issue.

The wide-ranging bill the Senate debated Wednesday included provisions opening up more federal lands to sportsmen, letting hunters return 41 polar bear carcasses to the U.S. that they shot in Canada and heading off government curbs against lead bullets and fishing equipment. It would also renew a program letting the Bureau of Land Management sell some land and let federal agencies use the funds to buy other properties.

The legislation was seen as a political boon to Democratic senators from GOP-leaning states who co-sponsored the bill and face competitive re-election races this November. That included the chief Democratic sponsor, Sen. Kay Hagan of North Carolina, plus co-sponsors Sens. Mark Pryor of Arkansas, Mark Begich of Alaska, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, John Walsh of Montana and Mark Udall of Colorado.

The bill was co-sponsored by 26 Republicans, 18 Democrats and one independent, a measure of bipartisan harmony rarely seen at a time of sharp divisions between the parties.

But Reid said he'd been unable to reach agreement with Republicans on "a reasonable list" of amendments, which he said has been an oft-repeated pattern.

"They want to kill the bill like they've tried to kill everything the last six years," Reid said.

Improper payments by federal government top $100B

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tax credits for families that don't qualify. Medicare payments for treatments that might not be necessary. Unemployment benefits for people who are secretly working. Federal agencies reported making $100 billion in payments last year to people who may not have been entitled to receive them.

Congressional investigators say the figure could be even higher.

"The amounts here are absolutely staggering," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla. "It's over $100 billion each of the last five years. That's a staggering half a trillion dollars in improper payments."

Mica chairs the House Oversight government operations subcommittee, which held a hearing on improper payments Wednesday.

Each year, federal agencies are required to estimate the amount of improper payments they issue. They include overpayments, underpayments, payments to the wrong recipient and payments that were made without proper documentation.

Some improper payments are the result of fraud, while others are unintentional, caused by clerical errors or mistakes in awarding benefits without proper verification.

In 2013, federal agencies made $97 billion in overpayments, according to agency estimates. Underpayments totaled $9 billion. That adds up to $106 billion in improper payments, or 3.5 percent of all the payments made by the federal government.

The Obama administration has reduced the amount of improper payments since they peaked at $121 billion in 2010. The administration has stepped up efforts to measure improper payments, identify the cause and develop plans to reduce them, said Beth Cobert, deputy director of the White House budget office.

Federal agencies recovered more than $22 billion in overpayments last year, she said.

"We have taken an aggressive approach to attacking waste, fraud and abuse within federal agencies, and we will continue to seek out new and innovative tools to help us in this fight," Cobert told the subcommittee.

However, a new report by the Government Accountability Office questions the accuracy of agency estimates, suggesting that the real tally could be higher. The GAO is the investigative arm of Congress.

"The federal government is unable to determine the full extent to which improper payments occur and reasonably assure that appropriate actions are taken to reduce them," Beryl H. Davis, director of financial management at the GAO, told the subcommittee.

Davis said some agencies don't develop estimates for programs that could be susceptible to improper payments. She also said estimates by the Defense Department "may not be reliable."

The Pentagon estimates that less than 1 percent of its payments are improper. However, the GAO found last year that the Pentagon's estimates for 2011 "were neither reliable nor statistically valid because of long-standing and pervasive financial management weaknesses."

"We have reason to believe that the numbers are sound but we certainly understand why the skepticism exists," Mark E. Easton, the Defense Department's deputy chief financial officer, told the subcommittee.

"I hope you won't stand too strongly behind your numbers," Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., replied.

The largest sources of improper payments are government health care programs, according to agency estimates. Medicare's various health insurance programs for older Americans accounted for $50 billion in improper payments in the 2013 budget year, far exceeding any other program.

Most of the payments were deemed improper because they were issued without proper documentation, said Shantanu Agrawal, a deputy administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. In some cases, the paperwork didn't verify that services were medically necessary.

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OPINION

Dems to engender elections as gender battle

■ War on women? Currently GOP's Abbott leads Wendy Davis among female voters

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Texas has a chance to do something unprecedented this year, perhaps not something expected in a state with something of a macho reputation.

We could become the first state to simultaneously elect a female governor and a female lieutenant governor. It would take upset wins by Democrats Wendy Davis and Leticia Van de Putte to make that happen.

And that's why Texas Democrats, energized by their recent state convention, are eager to engender something of a gender battle, despite the fact that each major gender is well represented on each side. In fact, a University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll in June showed GOP gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott — up by 12 points overall — led Davis by 10 points among women.

Davis can't win with that kind of gender gap. Hence, this in the Dems' platform, a document that says they stand for "the complete inclusion of Texas women in our state's affairs":

"Over the past 14 years, the Republican Party of Texas has maintained a targeted attack on the rights and autonomy of Texas women. The value of Texas women as equal participants in our democracy has been undermined in the name of 'family values.' The Texas Democratic Party is committed to ending the damaging policies and laws that threaten Texas women's economic and physical health."

This is the "war on women" Dems want women to believe Repubs have waged, including female Repubs who Dems want you to believe have declared war on themselves. The hot core of this effort stems from Davis' unsuccessful 2013 filibuster against the GOP-backed abortion restriction bill.

Stripped of each side's abortion rhetoric, we're left with a simple, legitimate difference of opinion on the only thing that matters in the abortion fight — when does life begin?

The Texas GOP platform, in the second of 11 principles, says: "We believe in the sanctity of human life, created in the image of God, which should be protected from fertilization to natural death." The platform also lists legislation the party wants "until our final goal of total constitutional rights for the unborn child is achieved."

The Democrats' platform is equally clear: "Texas Democrats recognize that the product of a joined egg and sperm has no independent status, standing, entitlements or rights that would usurp or supersede in any way the rights, status, standing and decision of the mother or woman which are paramount."

Where one party sees human life entitled to constitutional protection, another sees "joined egg and sperm." Not much room for negotiation there.

In her recent convention speech, Davis said Abbott "fought to deprive basic health services to women across the state." Dems also are trumpeting Repubs' opposition to legislation on equal pay for women.

"It's not 1814," Davis said. "He needs to add 200 years. Women can go to college now. We can vote now. And we don't iron the pants anymore. We wear them."

Gender battles are perhaps inherent when a man runs against a woman.

Ann Richards was the incumbent, en route to losing to George W. Bush, when she warned participants in a 1994 Texas Girls State session not to count on Prince Charming "because Prince Charming may be driving a Honda and tell you that you have no equal, but that won't do you much good when you've got kids and a mortgage and he has a beer gut and a wandering eye. Prince Charming, if he does ride up on a Honda, he's going to expect you to make the payments."

The Bush camp decried Richards' advice as anti-family and anti-male. Whatever it was, Richards didn't get the female votes she needed. Exit polls showed she got 49.8 percent, only a half-point better than Bush.

Those kind of numbers won't get Texas anywhere near gender history at the ballot box this year.

Coming soon to Opinion
- Abbott steps in it on chemicals issue
- Davis lacking in performance so far

OUR VIEW

Council right to start over on Energy Towers incentives package

The Midland City Council decided it is time to start over on an incentive package for Energy Towers at City Center. We applaud members for going back to square one.

The Energy Towers project isn't the same one developers brought before the council last year. Its impact on downtown, the number of parking spaces available and its economic impact have changed. Therefore, the logical decision was to start over when talking about potential incentives and what this community will offer developers.

As Joe Basco reported first at mrt.com, the city is still in negotiations for a new term sheet. Is that an indictment on the Energy Towers project? No. There are members who have stated they will not support financing such a large percentage of public/private partnerships as the city has done in the past. Does that mean the council has become less business-friendly. No.

Our guess is, the next term sheet for the new Energy Towers project starts with:

- up to $10 million as part of an infrastructure agreement with the MDC.
- $15 million — money previously set aside by the city for Midland Center renovations before the Energy Tower announcement.
- $2.22 million to-$8 million — the cost of the former courthouse block and Midland Center block.
- the unknown amount having to do with waivers of various construction fees and landfill space.

Based on the $300 million project cost estimate, the incentive package at that point will be greater than 10 percent. That raises the question of how much higher will the council be willing to go? Again, we are all for that discussion, and we credit Mayor Jerry Morales and the new council for their decision to be as open as they have been when it comes to the Energy Towers project.

In our view, this community could benefit from a project such as Energy Towers at City Center. With the expected elimination of the TIRZ and other downtown projects coming to fruition, downtown valuations could approach $700 million by 2019. For those of us who remember Midland in 2001 — and downtown valuations sagging around $97 million — that figure is mind-blowing.

However, when a project drastically changes, it is not unreasonable to think that a community's approach will change. That's what happened Tuesday — nothing more, nothing less. And when a government entity can adapt when times change, that is a positive for the community.

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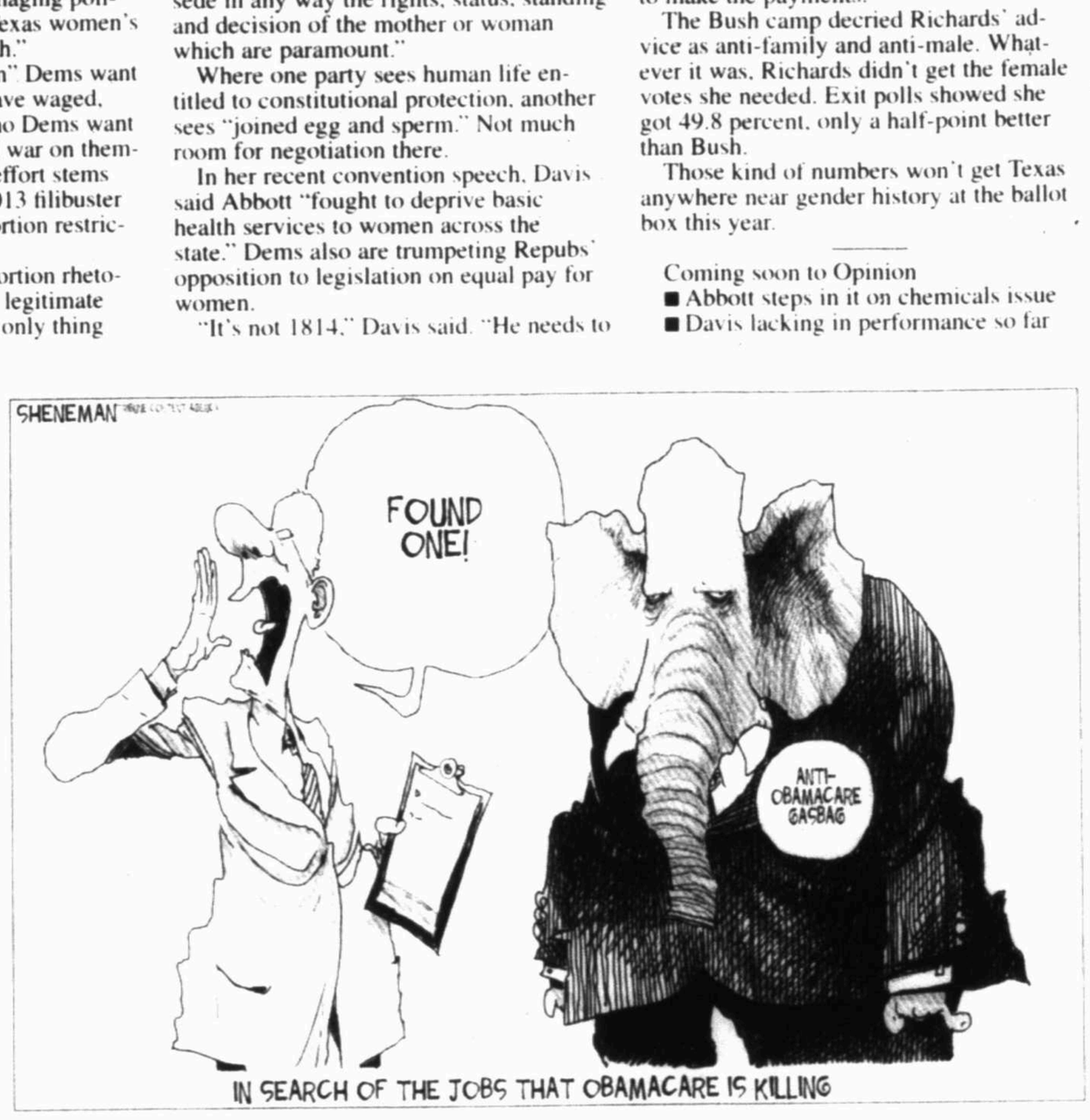

Tea party's embraces martyrdom

■ Mississippi's failed Senate candidate, a symbol of the shrinking movement, continues to go down in flames

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Hiroo Onoda, the last imperial Japanese soldier to surrender after World War II, hid in a jungle in the Philippines for 29 years, refusing to believe that the war was over. He finally turned himself in, wearing his sword, cap and patched uniform, in 1974.

Onoda died this year at age 91, but his passion for lost causes lives on — in the person of Chris McDaniel, a failed Senate candidate in Mississippi.

McDaniel, a tea party darling, lost a GOP primary runoff on June 24 to incumbent Sen. Thad Cochran but McDaniel gave an election-night speech with no concession. "There is something a bit unusual about a Republican primary that's decided by liberal Democrats," he declared, vowing that he was "not done fighting."

When a preliminary tally showed that Cochran had won by 6,693 votes, or 2 percentage points, McDaniel called the vote "a sham" and alleged "thousands of voting irregularities and a stolen election." Instead of providing evidence, he offered a $1,000 bounty to people who could find proof.

Finally, on Monday, the state Republican Party certified Cochran's victory, by 7,667 votes. That same day, McDaniel's campaign demanded an entirely new vote, and he sent out a fundraising appeal saying he was challenging the results because Cochran "used leftist tactics to steal the runoff election by soliciting illegal votes from liberal Democrats."

One pictures McDaniel emerging from Mississippi's Black Creek Wilderness 29 years from now, his suit muddy and his Don't-Tread-on-Me flag shredded by alligators, finally conceding to Cochran, who will then be 105 years old and preparing to run for his 12th six-year term.

Imperial Japan taught its soldiers that death was preferable to surrender. The tea party's code is similar: Stand firm, regardless of the odds of success or the consequences of failure. I've argued before that the struggle between the Republican establishment and the tea party is no longer about ideology — establishment figures have mostly co-opted tea party views — but about temperament.

It has become the amiable vs. the angry, the civil vs. the uncivil, a conservatism of the head vs. a conservatism of the spleen. The division now is between those who would govern and those who would sooner burn the whole place to the ground — and, in this struggle, McDaniel carries a torch.

As the economy continues its slow recovery, the ranks of the angry are shrinking, but there remains a sizable and outspoken minority that listens to conservative talk radio and embraces martyrdom. It should come as no surprise that McDaniel has been joined in his against-all-odds quest by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, the architect of last year's government shutdown. Cruz, on conservative host Mark Levin's radio show, called the Mississippi runoff "appalling" and condemned the "conduct of the Washington, D.C., machine." (Cruz, as vice chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, is part of that Washington machine, but he, like McDaniel, recognizes that his interests are in keeping faith with the tea party.)

McDaniel, a state senator, had a background as a bomb-thrower. As a radio host, he had blamed gun violence on "hip-hop" culture and spoke of Mexican women as "mamacitas." During the campaign, he more than once had to distance himself from white-supremacist supporters. Also, an image of Cochran's wife, in a nursing home suffering from dementia, appeared in an online video created by a pro-McDaniel blogger. Four men were charged, and one later died in an apparent suicide. McDaniel's campaign denied involvement.

After the runoff, in which Cochran's campaign had successfully encouraged African-Americans to vote for him, McDaniel accused Cochran of "race baiting" and "vote buying." An unidentified person crashed a Cochran campaign conference call with reporters, saying: "If black people were harvesting cotton, why do you think it's OK to harvest their votes?" McDaniel disavowed that sentiment but continued to claim Cochran "stole" the election with "fraud."

McDaniel's campaign suggests there could be thousands of illegal ballots cast by people who also voted in the June 3 Democratic primary. But legal odds are against McDaniel, because his campaign didn't contest those votes on Election Day, and because it would be nearly impossible to prove all those people voted for Cochran.

So why does McDaniel persist with a scorched-earth campaign that will damage the party and set a new standard for sore losing? Maybe he's thinking all will be forgotten by the time he gives his concession speech. In 2043.

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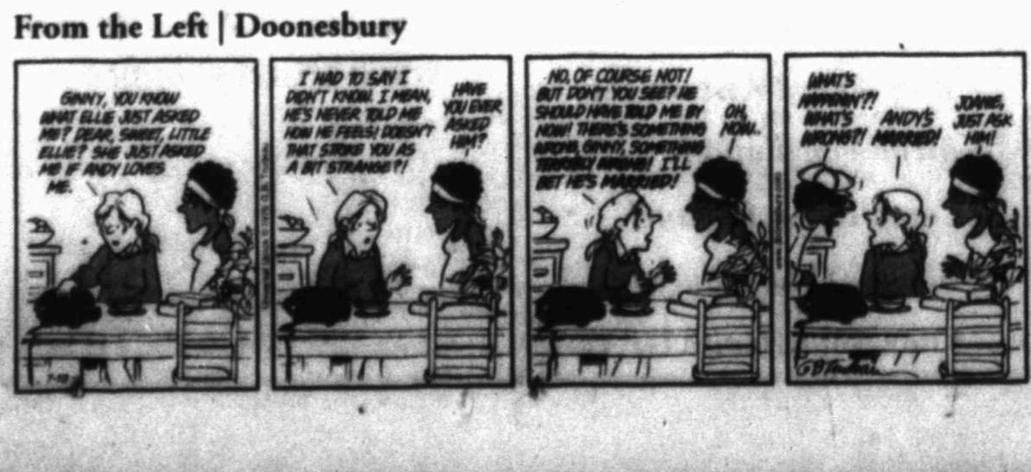

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Israel hits key Hamas targets in Gaza offensive

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel stepped up its offensive on the Hamas-run Gaza Strip on Wednesday, pummeling scores of targets and killing at least 22 people as Israeli leaders signaled a weeks-long ground invasion could be quickly approaching.

The military said it struck about 200 Hamas targets on the second day of its offensive, which it says is needed to end incessant rocket attacks out of Gaza. Militants, however, continued to fire rocket salvos deep into Israeli territory, and Israel mobilized thousands of forces along the Gaza border ahead of a possible ground operation.

"The army is ready for all possibilities," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said after holding a meeting of his Security Cabinet. "Hamas will pay a heavy price for firing toward Israeli citizens. The security of Israel's citizens comes first. The operation will expand and continue until the fire toward our towns stops and quiet returns."

The fighting stepped up as Egypt, which often serves as a mediator between Israel and the Palestinians, said it was in contact with both sides to end the violence. It was the first indication since the offensive was launched on Tuesday that cease-fire efforts might be under way.

The offensive has set off the heaviest fighting between Israel and the Islamic militant group Hamas since an eight-day battle in November 2012. As the death toll continued to rise, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accused Israel of committing "genocide."

Israeli leaders warned a ground invasion could be imminent.

"Despite the fact it will be hard, complicated and costly, we will have to take over Gaza temporarily, for a few weeks, to cut off the strengthening of this terror army," Yuval Steinitz, Israel's intelligence minister, told Israel Radio. "If you ask my humble opinion, a significant operation like this is approaching."

The government has authorized the army to activate up to 40,000 reservists for a ground operation. An Israeli government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was discussing Israeli tactical strategy, said the reservists would be sent to the West Bank to allow active duty troops to amass near the Gaza border.

Despite the tough threats, Israeli security officials are still hesitant about ordering a ground invasion due to the many risks. Entering Gaza could lead to heavy civilian casualties on the Palestinian side while putting Israeli ground forces in danger.

It remains unclear whether the international community would support such an operation, or how Israel would end it. Officials have little desire to retake control of Gaza, a densely populated territory of 1.8 million people from which Israel withdrew in 2005.

Since the offensive began Tuesday, Israel has attacked at least 560 sites in Gaza, the military said. Militants have fired more than 160 rockets at Israel, reaching further north than ever before.

Palestinian medics say a total of 49 people have been killed in Gaza, including 22 on Wednesday. Of the total dead, medical officials have confirmed at least 15 are civilians and 10 militants, with the remainder uncertain. The rocket fire from Gaza has not caused any serious Israeli casualties.

The Israeli onslaught has caused panic in Gaza. A number of airstrikes aimed at wanted militants have also killed family members and bystanders. Many residents have huddled indoors or moved from hard-hit areas to relatives in areas that are believed to be safer.

Gaza health official Ashraf al-Qidra said that an 80-year-old woman was among those killed Wednesday.

Hamas official Musheer al-Masri said Israel had "crossed all the red lines" and warned that Hamas would strike back fiercely. "What the resistance showed today is only part of what it is capable of," he said.

The increasing range of the rockets from Gaza has disrupted life across a wide swath of southern and central Israel, where people have been forced to remain close to home and kindergartens and summer camps have been forced to close.

Besides firing toward Israel's two largest population centers in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Hamas also fired one rocket that reached the northern Israeli city of Hadera for the first time, effectively putting the entire country under rocket range from the north and south. The city is more than 100 kilometers (60 miles) from Gaza and was struck in 2006 by missiles from Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon.

"We got it from both directions," said Maayan From, a 25-year-old Hadera resident. "Our enemies have developed and it is getting scary. We have to put an end to this."

On Wednesday, Hamas rockets reached even further north than Hadera.

"It's still hard to digest that we are within their range. It changed the way you think," said Ina Marchovsky, 43. "We are full of hope that was the first and last rocket we will see. But I don't know."

Israel and Hamas are bitter enemies and have fought numerous times over the years. But until recently they had been observing a truce that ended the previous hostilities in 2012.

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi spoke to the Palestinian president, Abbas, on Tuesday evening to review the latest developments, according to el-Sissi's office.

Abbas, who has minimal influence in Gaza, has appealed to Israel to halt its offensive. "Egypt has made extensive contacts with all active and concerned parties to spare the Palestinian people the scourge of Israeli military operations," el-Sissi's office said.

AP file photo

Palestinians carry bodies of seven people killed in a strike during their funeral in Khan Younis refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip, Wednesday. Israel stepped up its offensive on the Hamas-run Gaza Strip on Wednesday, pummeling scores of targets and killing over a dozen of people as Israeli leaders signaled a weekslong ground invasion could be quickly approaching. Hamas official Musheer al-Masri said Israel had "crossed all the red lines" and warned that Hamas would strike back fiercely.

The road to Samarra, glimpses of Iraq's new fractured reality

New York Times News Service

SAMARRA, Iraq — About 20 miles beyond the northern gates of Baghdad, on the way to the embattled city of Samarra, site of one of Shiite Islam's holiest shrines, the road empties out as if some invisible barrier has been passed.

From this point on boundaries are constantly shifting, with the Iraqi government's control extending only a little beyond the side of the road, and sometimes not even there.

The 75-mile drive from Baghdad to Samarra plunges the traveler into Iraq's precarious new reality. It is a world of Shiite militias, where many of the men carrying arms on behalf of the government have only the most tenuous ties to the Iraqi security forces. And it is a world where Sunni militants, who advanced to within 50 miles of Baghdad in their initial burst last month before their drive stalled, often are no more than a mile or so away.

Travelers must read signs that would be invisible to a newcomer: flags and uniforms signal safety or danger.

"You are entering a hot zone," said a gunman at a checkpoint near the town of Balad, about 25 miles south of Samarra.

The revered Askariya Shrine in Samarra holds the tombs of two Shiite imams, and Shiites have sworn that they will protect it. The Sunni militants' goal is to destroy or damage it, as they did in 2006.

Back then, the Shiites, after suffering more than two years of suicide bombings, turned on Sunnis. Western security forces say the Sunni extremist group leading the current assault, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, hopes that will happen again, and draw the larger Sunni community to their cause.

"This area is extremely vital," said Lt. Gen. Sabah al-Fatlawi, who heads the Samarra Special Force Command, which is leading the fight there and now includes hundreds if not thousands of Shiite volunteers and militiamen.

In the midday heat, all but a couple of the volunteers are sprawled in the entry hall in a deep sleep, as if they had been drugged.

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SATURDAY

LIVE @ THE LIBRARY
Storyteller Eric Strong and the E-Flat Porch Band will be at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

SUNDAY

MUSIC AT THE BALLPARK
Catch Christian artist Matt Maher at Security Bank Ballpark.

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Latino music legend to play Wagner Noel this fall, plus lineups for MISD Education Foundation concert and the upcoming Live on Stage season. **Page 3**

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: Opening: "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," "Tammy"
Closing: "Edge of Tomorrow," "The Fault in our Stars," "X-Men: Days of Future Past," "Jersey Boys"

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Closing: "Jersey Boys"

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City of Midland's next Movie in the Park will be "Jurassic Park." **Page 3**

HELP FOR FRIENDS

Hello Wheels step into place at Backyard BBQ show

By Rich Lopez
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Peter Shults has no problem with his band stepping in at the last minute.

Austin's Hello Wheels was a quick addition to Tall Townes' Second annual Backyard BBQ on Saturday at K.D.'s Bar-B-Q. When Wild Child was no longer available, Shults and gang took up to help out their friends by filling in.

WANT TO GO?

TallTownes Second annual Backyard BBQ, Saturday at KD's Bar-B-Q, 3109 Garden City Highway. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

"Well, we don't try to do things that way all the time, but it's not unheard of," he said. "It's just as simple as being available, but for our friends, we're happy to pick up the slack."

That was also a win for TallTownes Entertainment, which intended to have Hello Wheels return from the opening gig last year for Whiskey Shivers.

"We all really liked them," TallTownes' Nate Brignon said. "We always meant to bring them back, but it never came to fruition. We sent them an email last week and they volunteered."

Shults revealed sometimes that free spiritedness to their gigs translates into their music

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Everclear singer brings the '90s back with Summerland Tour

By Rich Lopez
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While grunge may no longer be a thing, the alt-music movement of the 90s hasn't completely gone away thanks to Art Alexakis.

The lead singer of Everclear has kept the feeling alive with his Summerland Tour that comes to La Hacienda today. Now in its third year, the 2014 edition features Alexakis' Everclear, Soul Asylum, Eve 6 and Spacehog.

While Summerland Tour has a criterion for bands to join that requires them to play their signature songs, Alexakis looked to create a combination of a rock show and nostalgia all in one. As the founder and tireless spokesman, he's created a viable annual tour that brings in audiences.

"I think it's a sign the show is branding, which I hate that term. It's icky and gross sounding, but people are interested in it. They read about it and come to the show, and even out of nowhere people know about it. That's a good thing," he said.

WANT TO GO?

Summerland Tour with Everclear, Soul Asylym, Eve 6 and Spacehog, today at La Hacienda, 12610 State Highway 191. Doors open 7 p.m. Tickets are $35. summerlandtour.net.

Alexakis said in today's market, it's adapt or die and that while his band came about in a pre-social media age, he's pushed to move with the times. And it's working. According to the singer, his audiences aren't always what he expected.

"We're speaking to a crowd out there who liked our stuff back then, but it freaks us out how many young people out there who know the words to our songs," he said. "So we're speaking to a bigger audience than we thought."

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Pickwick Players head down to '42nd Street'

By Rich Lopez
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Big dance numbers immediately come to mind at the mention of the musical "42nd Street," and the young cast of Pickwick Players isn't shying away from those expectations. They are stepping it up — with taps on.

"One of our goals was that every cast member would tap, and this has five tap numbers," choreographer Judith Giebler said.

With 29 in the cast, that could be lofty. But for Giebler and director Bill Williams, this is all about education. Well, that and putting on a show.

"Some of the cast had taken tap classes specifically for the show, so we give them that chance to utilize those tools," she said.

In the tale of a play within a play, a hyper director attempts to stage a musical during the Great Depression while ingénue Peggy Sawyer navigates her way through her first big break.

With such a disparity in generations, the Pickwick cast had to do some research. So they watched movies.

"We had movie nights that reflected different musicals and styles," Giebler said. "We didn't watch '42nd Street,' but they saw 'Singin' in the Rain,' 'Broadway Melody of 1940' and 'That's Dancing,' a retrospective narrated by Gene Kelly. They love it, and some were enthralled and now have a visual understanding of what we're doing."

Williams finds those older musicals

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CALENDAR

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

Brant Travis, The Rocking Piano Man, 7 p.m. today at Cafe at the Gardens. 687-1478.

The Crooks, 8 p.m. today at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Summerland Tour with Everclear, Soul Asylum, Eve 6 and Spacehog, 8 p.m. today at La Hacienda. summerlandtour.net.

The E-Flat Porch Band, noon Friday at Centennial Plaza. midlandtexas.gov.

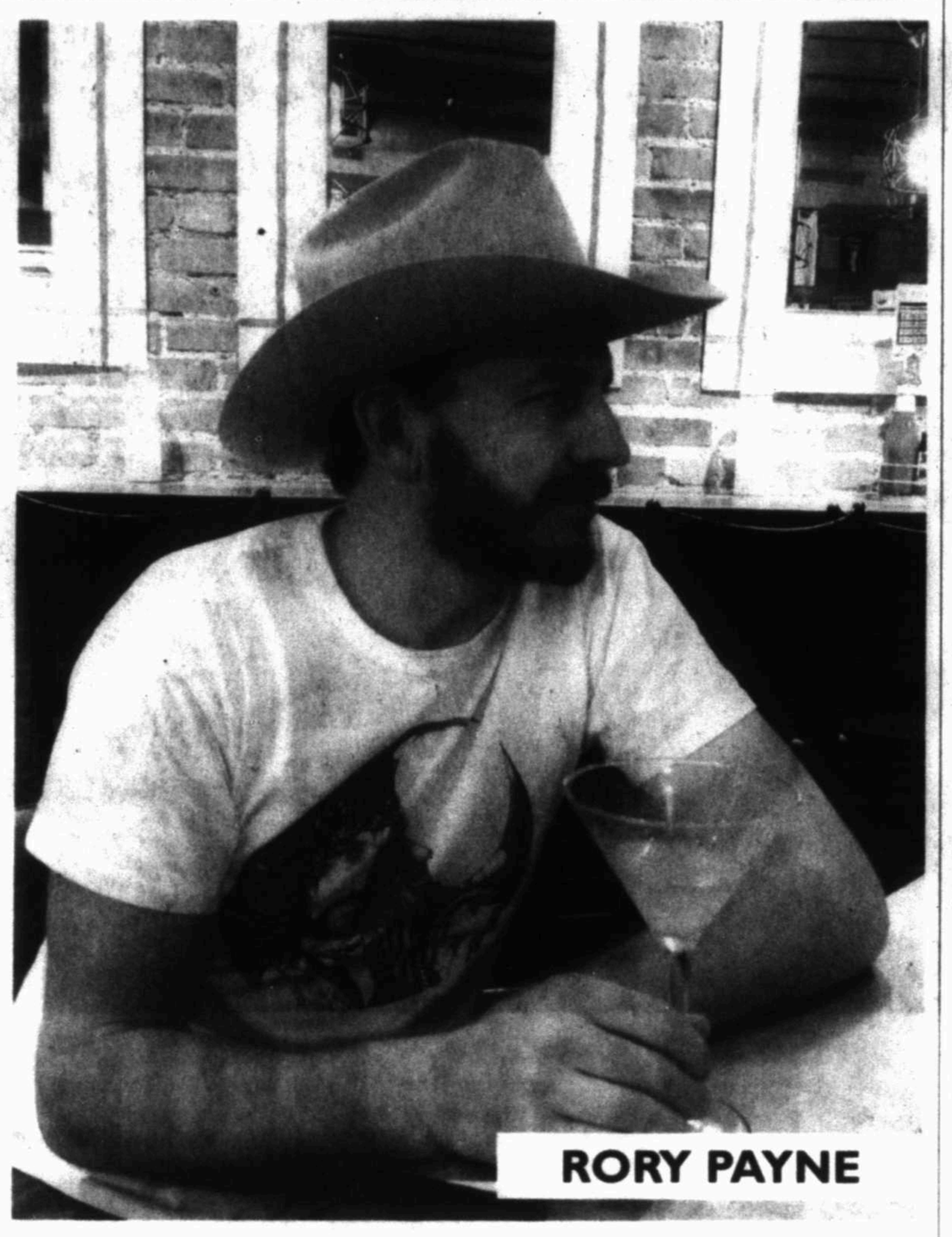
"Jumping Giants," 8 p.m. Friday at Noel Plaza in Odessa. mainstreetodessa.com/hotsummer.

E Flat Porch Band, 4 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

TallTownes Backyard BBQ, Saturday at KD's BBQ. talltownes.com.

Matt Maher, 6 p.m. Sunday at Cimarex Energy Pavillion. milb.com.

Rory Payne, 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.



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"Katie Maratta" exhibit opening, Friday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

GAMES & SPORTS

Shooters That SHARE 3rd Annual Clay Shoot, 9 a.m. Friday at Windwalkers Sporting Clays in Stanton. Benefits SHARE. spc.convio.net/shootersthatshare.

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

DANCE

Thursday Night Dance Club of Odessa with music by Showdown, 7:30-10 p.m. today at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

Ector County Thursday Night Dance, 6:30-10 p.m. today at North Side Senior Center in Odessa. 337-5281.

Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:20-10 p.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. 520-4343.

THEATER, FILM & COMEDY

"RiffTrax Live: Sharknado" film screening, today and Tuesday at Regal Tall City Stadium 14. fathomevents.com.

Pickwick Players present "42nd Street," Friday through July 20 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Summer Mummer's "Desert of the Dead," through Aug. 30 at Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

EVENTS

Midland Nature 101: Butterflies, 6:30-7:30 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center and 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, I-20 Wildlife Preserve and CAF Water-Wise Garden. 853-9453.

MAP Monster Trucks, Friday and Saturday at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Old Settlers Reunion, Saturday in downtown Stanton. 934-5520.

Storyteller Eric Strong, 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

West Texas Treasure Hunters Expo, Saturday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Treasure Hunters Expo offers chance to buy, sell, haggle

By Rachael Gleason
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X marks on the spot at the Horseshoe for Midlanders looking for hidden treasures this weekend.

The Wall St. Antiques West Texas Treasure Hunters Expo takes place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday featuring more than 60 booths.

Second-generation antiques dealer Allen Haff from the hit show "Auction Hunters" will share tricks of the trade and meet and greet local pickers, who will have the chance to buy, sell and haggle during the expo.

"It's all about finding hidden treasures — maybe it's your grandmother's old bowls or maybe an old toy," said Wall St. Antiques owner Teresa Newman.

More than 60 booths

are already registered for Saturday, and sellers have until Friday to sign up, Newman said. Applications are available at Wall St. Antiques, 3712 W. Wall St.

Television shows such as "Antiques Roadshow," "American Pickers" and "Pawn Stars" have brought attention to the hobby, said Pam Christian, online manager for Wall St. Antiques, in a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

"There's a collector out there for everything and everything out there for a collector," she said.

WANT TO GO?

Wall St. Antiques West Texas Treasure Hunters Expo, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Horseshoe Arena.

WEE-KENDER

Mommy & Me & Nature, 10-11 a.m. today at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Mini Day Camp: Bizarre Birds, Friday at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Family Friday: Artful Words and Storytelling, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Science class "Powered by Energy," Friday at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Little Chefs Cooking Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. midlandtexas.gov.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. www.museumsw.org 683-2882.

"Galactic Golf," through Sept. 21 at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumsw.org.

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

COMING SOON

JULY

Movie camp: "The Croods," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 15 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Midland Opera Theater DVD party "The Magic Flute," 5:30 p.m. July 15 at Blakemore Planetarium. midlandoperatheater.org.

Met: Live in HD presents Baroque pastiche "The Enchanted Island," 7 p.m. July 16 at Cinemark theater in Odessa. fathomevents.com.

Laura Bush Literacy Program free reading event, 4:30-5:30 p.m. July 17 at The George W. Bush Childhood Home. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Jason Eady, 7:30 p.m. July 17 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Genie Patterson, July 17 at Cafe at the Gardens. 687-1478.

Science class: "Master of Disaster," July 18 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

"Quebe Sisters Band," 8 p.m. July 18 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. mainstreetodessa.com/hotsummer.

Movie in the Park "Jurassic Park," July 18 at Hogan Park. midlandtexas.gov.

Mini Day Camp: Mammal Madness, July 18 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Family Friday: Color Me Creative — Travel Edition, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 18 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

West Texas Salseros' West Texas Salsa Festival, 8 p.m. July 18 and 1-4 p.m. July 19 at DoubleTree Ballroom. facebook.com/westtexassalseros.wts.

Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits, July 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"The Tempest," July 18-26 at The Globe Theatre in Odessa. globesw.org.

Boulevard Night Car Show, July 19 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com

Kid's Half Pint Triathlon, 10:30 a.m. July 19 at the YMCA. midlandymca.org

Odessa Celtic Concerts, July 19 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com

"Falsettos," production by Mark 10 Theatricals, July 19-28 at Black Box theater in Odessa. mark10theatricals.com.

"Monty Python Live (mostly)" screening, 1:30 p.m. July 20, 7:30 p.m. July 23 and July 24 at Regal Tall City 14. fathomevents.com.

Permian Basin Bridal Association Bridal Show, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. July 20 at Midland Center. themidlandcenter.com.

JazzBird, 7:30 p.m. July 20 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

Ringling Brothers Circus, July 21-27 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Movie camp: "The Jungle Book," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 22 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

The O's, 8 p.m. July 23 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Shane Smith & the Saints, 8 p.m. July 24 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Josh Wilson free concert benefitting MOSC, 7:30 p.m. July 24 at Lawndale Park in Odessa. betenbough.com.

Viva Big Bend Music Festival, July 24-27 in Far West Texas. vivabigbend.com.

Family Friday: Crafty Upcycling, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 25 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Mini Day Camp: Amazing Archaeology, July 25 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

"Into the Woods," produced by MRRRP Productions, July 25-Aug. 2 at Genesis Center of the Permian Basin. mrrrpproductions@gmail.com.

"Insufficient Funds," 8 p.m. July 25 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. mainstreetodessa.com/hotsummer.

SciFriday: "Looper," 8:15 p.m. July 25 at the Marian West and William Blanton Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Movie in the Park "Soul Surfer," July 25 at Doug Russell Pool. midlandtexas.gov.

Tall City Blues Fest, July 25-27 at Centennial Plaza. tallcitybluesfest.com.

Bill Cosby, July 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Cory Yeager Band, 7:30 p.m. July 27 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Movie camp: "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 29 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, July 30 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

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STAGE & SCREEN

Charming May-December romance from India tops this week

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Lunchbox" (PG) Worth a second watch to see the genuine emotion from its cast because you'll be too busy reading the subtitles the first time around. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"10 Rules for Sleeping Around" (R) Not that there are any A-listers in the film, but it's shocking to see the B-listers — what were you thinking, Michael McKean? — who signed on for what is easily the worst movie of the year. **F**

Reeled Stream

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MORE REVIEWS

"Afflicted" (R) The low budget shows, but the thrills are still quite effective. **B**

"Assumed Killer" (not rated) It's hard to care who did it in this tepid whodunit. **C**

"Doc Holliday's Revenge" (PG-13) No film — and especially not this one — will ever portray Holliday as memorably as "Tombstone." Val Kilmer set the bar and, all others pale in comparison. **D**

"Hairbrained" (PG-13) Cute, coming-of-age comedy is way better than its title implies. **B**

"Nearlyweds" (not rated) There are a few laughs in this by-the-book TV movie, but not enough to go out of your way to watch unless you're related to someone in the cast or crew. **C+**

"Neverlake" (not rated) Ignore the silly, pretentious opening — and it will take some effort — and the result is a pretty decent ghost story. **B-**

"Redwood Highway" (PG-13) The senior road trip subgenre had at least two offerings in 2013 and "Nebraska" bested this one by far. An inconsistent performance by the usually great Shirley Knight doesn't help, either. **B-**

"Scream Park" (not rated) There are a couple of interesting slasher deaths, but everything else from the acting, sets and other production values are boring and amateurish. **D**

"Two Lives" (not rated) The twists, turns and gut wrenching drama of this Norwegian gem are worth reading the German subtitles. **B+**

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Julian (Ben Rosen) tells Peggy (Carly Baker) she is fired from the show as Vera (Savannah Cantwell) and Billy (Jamie Edge) look on during rehearsal for the Pickwick Players production "42nd Street" on Tuesday at Midland Community Theatre.

PICKWICK

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more of an opportunity to showcase the talent compared to say the newer cookie-cutter types of shows today.

"It seems like these days, you just need a synthesizer and have a show. The songs in this show are so great. We'd done it years ago and felt like it was time to try again. We were so proud of it then, and it seemed logical to revisit," he said.

But he didn't push for any type of overstylized acting that may seem likely for this type of show. He let the cast work out their characters which, for this show, was doubly difficult.

"They had to learn to act like they're acting in a play, so they had to get a feel for doing so but they got a kick out of that," Wiliams said.

Thanks to the 1933 film, "42nd Street" is wondrously overshadowed by the choreography of Busby Berkeley. With his attention to detail and creation of kaleidoscopic production numbers, stage productions have taken on the task. Pickwick Players is no exception.

"People will have to come see what we've done I don't want to give it all away, but we did make efforts to create those styles along with the smaller numbers as well," Giebler revealed.

While "42nd Street" will be entertainment for the Midland masses for two weekends, both Giebler and Williams remain educators throughout the process.

"That's our main goal here," Williams said. "We want them to be proud of the hard work and putting the show together and that's what they'll carry with them the rest of their lives. And for me, it's a shared experience. Working with Judith and (musical director) Vivian Moss, I certainly learn a lot from them, so I always get a new experience."

"We're excited for the cast, and the tap show brings out certain energy. Our Pickwicks are effervescent, and I think the audience will see that," Giebler added.

WANT TO GO?

"42nd Street," Friday through July 20, Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Fridays-Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are $18-$24. mctmidland.org.

FILM CAPSULES

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) The wall-crawling superhero Spider-Man tries to balance his ordinary life as Peter Parker with his extraordinary responsibilities, while confronting powerful new enemies. Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx and Dane DeHaan. Written by Alex Kurtzman, Roberto Orci and Jeff Pinkner. Directed by Marc Webb. In 3-D and Imax.

Blended (PG-13) After a disastrous blind date, two single parents hope to never see each other again but end up stuck on the same family vacation with their respective children. With Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Kevin Nealon and Terry Crews. Written by Ivan Menchell and Clare Sera. Directed by Frank Coraci.

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13) While still adjusting to the modern world, the superhero Captain America returns to action alongside the Black Widow and a new ally, the Falcon, to thwart a conspiracy orchestrated by a formidable new enemy, the Winter Soldier. With Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan and Anthony Mackie. Written by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. Directed by Anthony Russo and Joe Russo.

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) A growing nation of genetically evolved apes is threatened by a band of human survivors of a devastating virus unleashed a decade earlier in this sequel to the 2011 film "Rise of the Planet of the Apes." With Andy Serkis, Jason Clarke, Gary Oldman and Keri Russell. Written by Mark Bomback, Rich Jaffa and Amanda Silver. Directed by Matt Reeves.

Earth to Echo (PG) After a construction project begins in their neighborhood, three boys start to receive strange coded messages on their cellphones, and their investigation brings them into contact with an extraterrestrial who needs their help. With Teo Halm, Brian "Astro" Bradley and Reese Hartwig. Written by Henry Gayden. Directed by Dave Green.

Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13) During an alien invasion in the near future, an inexperienced soldier is dropped into battle and promptly killed, only to wake up in a time loop and relive the battle over and over again, inching closer to victory each time. With Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt, Bill Paxton and Brendan Gleeson. Directed by Doug Liman. In 3-D and Imax.

The Fault in Our Stars (PG-13) Two teenagers meet and fall in love at a cancer support group in this adaptation of the novel by John Green. With Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort, Laura Dern and Sam Trammell. Directed by Josh Boone.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) A young Viking and his faithful dragon must protect both their kind from a power-hungry conqueror in this sequel to the 2010 animated film. With the voices of Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, Kit Harington and Cate Blanchett. Written and directed by Dean DeBlois. In 3-D.

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10 **Phillip Hermans and the Blue Law Band** @ Lone Star Bar

10 **Everclear, Spacehog, Soul Asulum, Eve 6** @ La Hacienda

10 **Brant Travis Rockin Piano Man** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden

11 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour

11 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center

11 **Los Cardenales de Nuevo Leon** @ Far West Event Center

11 **Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys** @ Lone Star Bar

11 **TJ Broscoff** @ Redneck's

11 **Rum Rebellion, Black Irish Texas** @ Blue Max

11 **Aaron Watson, Josh Ward** @ Graham Central Station

11 **Mildred Rubio, Chris Lee** @ Music City Mall

11 **Jumping Giants** @ Noel Heritage Park

11-12 **Crashing Pink Flamingos** @ Your Place

11-12 **Noel Olivas** @ The Bar

12 **The Greencards, Uncle Lucius, Wild Child, Doug Moreland, John Edward Baumann, Carl Miner** @ KD's Bar-B-Q

12 **All Stars, Richard Acuna, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Samuel Zachary, Martha Elliott** @ Music City Mall

12 **Midwest Tragedy** @ Redneck's

12 **Steven Mann and the Statesboro Revue** @ Lone Star Bar

13 **Rory Payne** @ Museum of the Southwest

13 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's

13 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., Tucker Binkley, Martha Elliott** @ Music City Mall

13 **Tantric, Kingshifter, Kilter, Rear Naked Choke** @ Blue Max

13 **Building 429, Matt Maher** @ Security Bank Ballpark

15 **Kyle Wilson** @ Blue Max

15 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club

16 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass

16 **Flagship Romance** @ Shack in the Back

16 **Bass Line Blues** @ Blue Max

16 **Wade Bowen, Randy Rogers** @ Graham Cental Station

LUBBOCK

15 **Chevelle** @ Lone Star Events Center

HELLO

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With their self-proclaimed style of stomp-folk, their songs are a bevy of spirited tunes and gorgeous harmonies. And when those harmonies hit.

"It's the coolest part. When that harmony locks in, it's unique and special, and getting to hear that is instantly fun," he said.

With harmonies becoming a part of Hello Wheels' chief sound, the band has learned to write music for that. They knew early on after a musical inventory of what all they can do.

"We all have decent voices and with no lead singer, we're a democracy," Shults said, laughing. "That's cool, and everyone gets heard even though sometimes there's not a clear victor."

The band is currently preparing its next album for release later this year or early 2015. With the music all recorded, all that remains are the finishing touches.

Shults said the album is a new direction for the band because — gasp — they've added a drummer. He said this allows more space to play. And with the vocals and chords recorded together live, he anticipates the record to be big.

"With all that coming together and the sonic real estate fitting in, that'll yield much more for the record," he said.

By adding drums, does Hello Wheels compromise their stomp-folk stamp?

"The coolest thing about having drums is that it's like a haircut. People say, 'There's something different about you.' Our drummer is special that way," Shults said.

The lineup for the Backyard BBQ also includes Uncle Lucius, The Greencards, Butch Hancock, John Edward Baumann and Craig Elliott. For this second time around, the planning has gone much smoother.

"That first time was all speculation," Brignon said. "Once we got to see it working, it was easier to go back and improve things we wanted to do."

Those improvements were simple touches like removing tables to foster a laid back festival atmosphere. He encourages people to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

The expectations for this aren't just about numbers for TallTownes but more about exposure — not just for them, but for Midland.

"Bands might have never heard of Midland, and agents and management may not know what type of crowd will attend. So when we're able to represent that we can draw up to 700 people, perhaps Midland can start making a name for itself," Brignon said.

As for Hello Wheels, they're looking forward to the gig. And the barbecue? Maybe.

"Well, two of us are vegetarians but we're not too worried about that. We love playing big shows and we still find something in those that touches us in new ways," Shults said.

WANT TO GO?

PARKING

The restaurant has a parking lot, but Brignon encourages people to come early for a parking spot and even a comfortable spot on the lawn.

TICKETS

Tickets are still available at talltownes.com for $20 plus fees or $25 at the door. Major credit cards accepted

FOOD

Tickets do not include food and drinks. KD's will be serving its full menu inside and a limited menu outdoors. All outdoor transactions — including merchandise, food and drinks — will be cash only, but credit card purchases will be an option inside the restaurant.

EVERCLEAR

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Another requirement is the bands on tour are continuously working. Everclear walks the walk as they are working on a new release. Alexakis aspires to write a great album, but is conflicted by how music is viewed today by consumers.

"I read that Taylor Swift said 'the album is coming back,' but it's not. It's still going to decline," he said. "I come from that school, though, who wants to write a great album in its entirety. Rock is more comfortable in that format and speaks volumes to credibility. I just don't see that a lot today. It's rare if I do."

For a short time, Alexakis was the music reviewer for The Evening Outlook, a small-circulation newspaper in Santa Monica.

Alexakis admitted he wasn't cut out for it, but did examining music shape his own?

"Oh, I was horrible at it because I was nice. Part of my ego was that I wanted to be the guy being written about, not writing. I don't think it shaped my work. Producing music has shaped how I listen to it, and I can try to figure how to work it out. I'm irritatingly precise," he said.

As Summerland revisits the alt-rock of two decades ago, Alexakis isn't sure about the impact it's had on current music — at least not yet.

"I don't know if it's shaped anything because then, it was a reactionary sound. We returned to a sort of rock from the '70s and early '80s. I just want to hear more guitars, and bands now sound very canned. I think we'll see more rock and rebellion compared to what's going on currently. If anything, maybe we've colored music for the next decade," he said.

SAVE THE DATE

Classic rock is on Midland's radar

From staff reports

Classic rock dominates in Midland as legendary musicians head west while "popera" music opens the Live On Stage! 2014-15 season.

SEASON SET

Live On Stage! announced its 2014-15 season which runs the spectrum from opera to country music. This will mark the group's 67th season. All shows will be at the Wagner Noel.

■ Singer **Fernando Varela**, opens Sep. 26 at 7 p.m. with his "popera" sound fusing classical and contemporary music. He and his tenor trio Forte competed on America's Got Talent in 2013.

■ **Simply Sinatra** featuring Steve Lippia follows on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

■ **Brian Roman** will perform his renditions of songs by the likes of Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and Rod Stewart on Feb. 6, 2015.

■ **Live From Nashville** featuring both classic country and newer hits will perform March 6, 2015.

■ "Little Darlin'" became the signature hit for classic pop quartet **The Diamonds**, who headline March 29, 2015.

■ Folk singer **William Florian** brings his new show Those Were the Days on April 23, 2015. The show is a musical journey featuring the songs of Peter, Paul and Mary, John Denver as well as his former band the New Christy Minstrels.

Season memberships are available now for $85 adults, $40 children and single seat tickets are $35. Call 552-4430 to purchase.

HALL OF FAMER

Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center announced **Santana** is scheduled to perform at the center this fall. The Grammy-winning band plays Sept. 28. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday and range from $82.50-$202.50.

With chart-topping albums since the 1960s, Santana has won three Latin Grammy Awards and 10 Grammy Awards.

In the 1990s he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and honored with the Billboard Century Award. He later received the Billboard Latin Music Awards' Lifetime Achievement honor and has been listed in Rolling Stone magazine's "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time." Last year Santana received the Kennedy Center Honors Award.

For tickets, visit wagner-noel.com.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

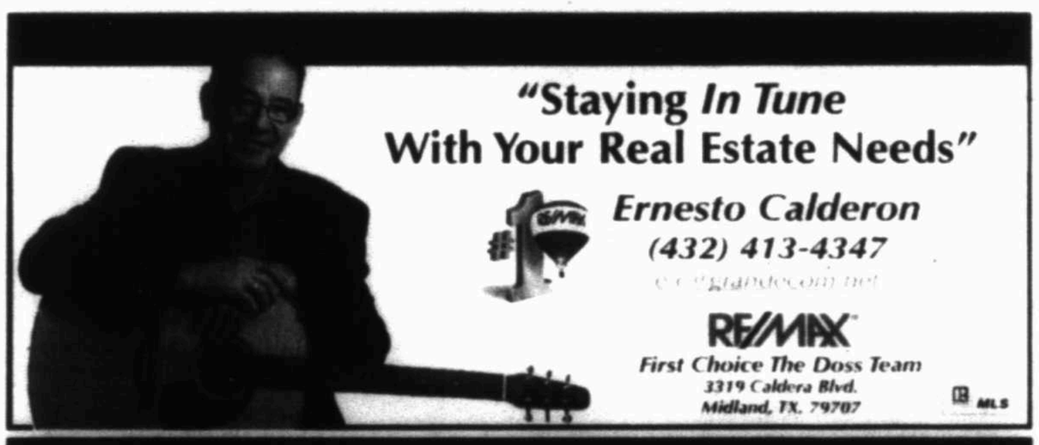
The **World Classic Rockers** will headline the Midland ISD Education Foundation's seventh annual Concert for Kids.

The supergroup includes former members of Journey, Steppenwolf, Boston, Santana and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

The concert is scheduled for Oct. 9 at Chap Center.

Previous headliners include Doobie Brothers, Styx and Three Dog Night.

For a chance to win four VIP tickets to the show, text "MISDROCKS" to 96000. Tickets will be on sale at the MISD administration building. Those interested in sponsor tables can contact Peggy Kuss at 685-9557.



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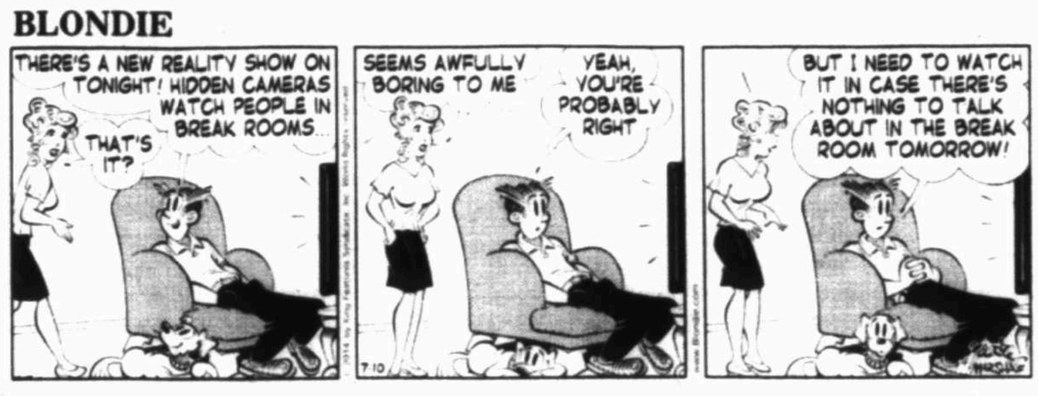

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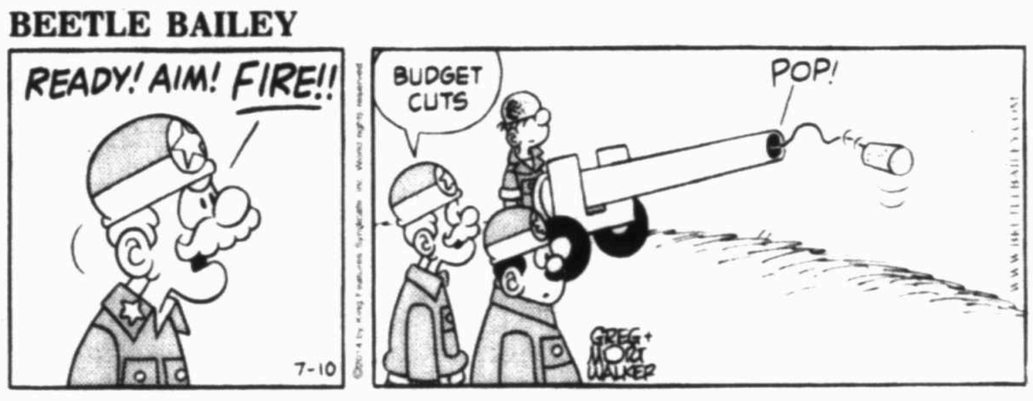

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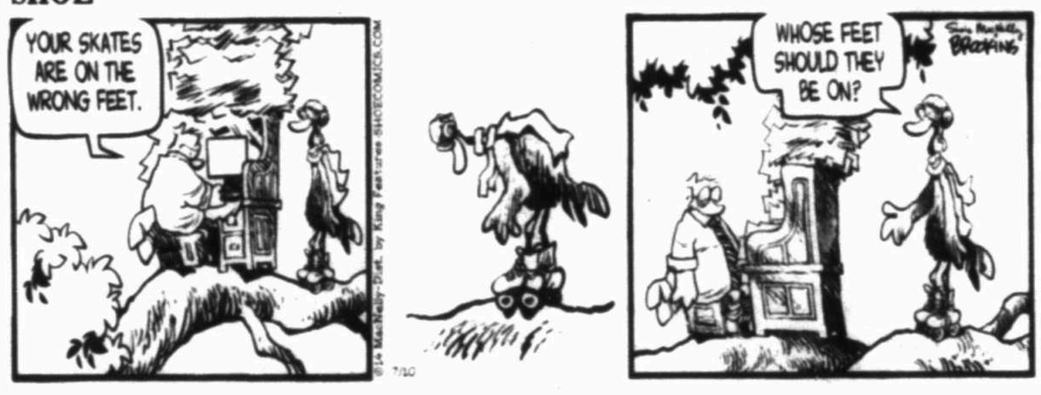

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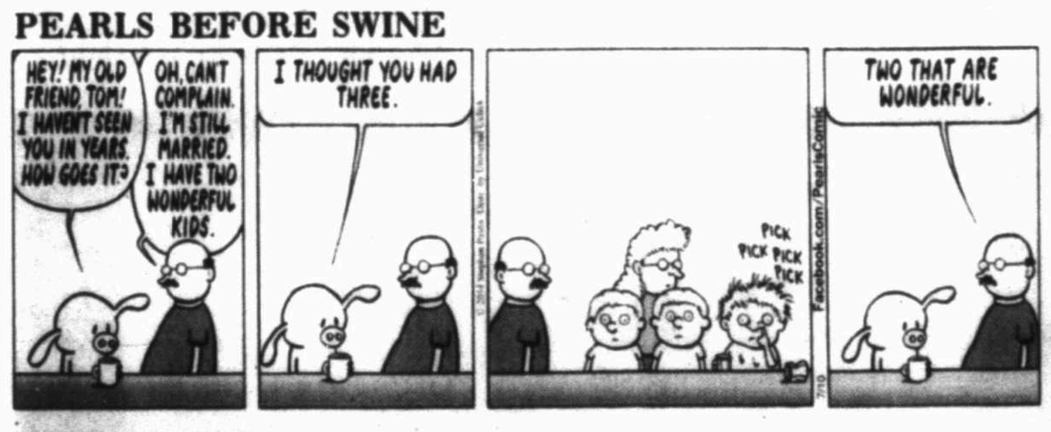

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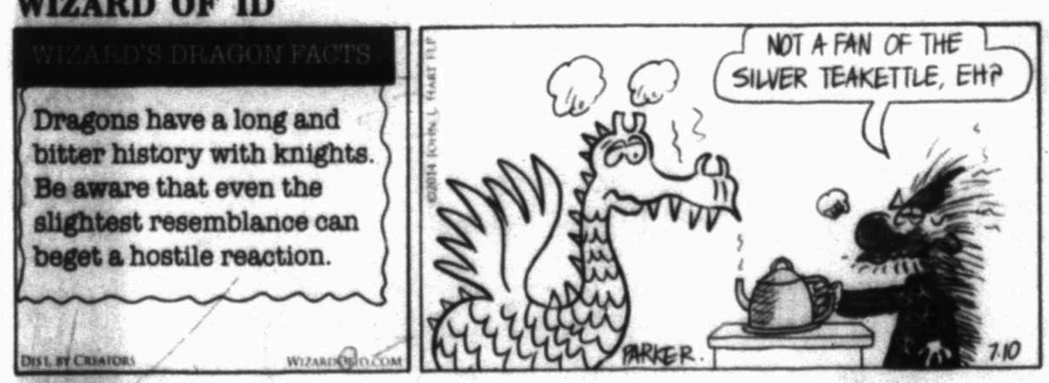

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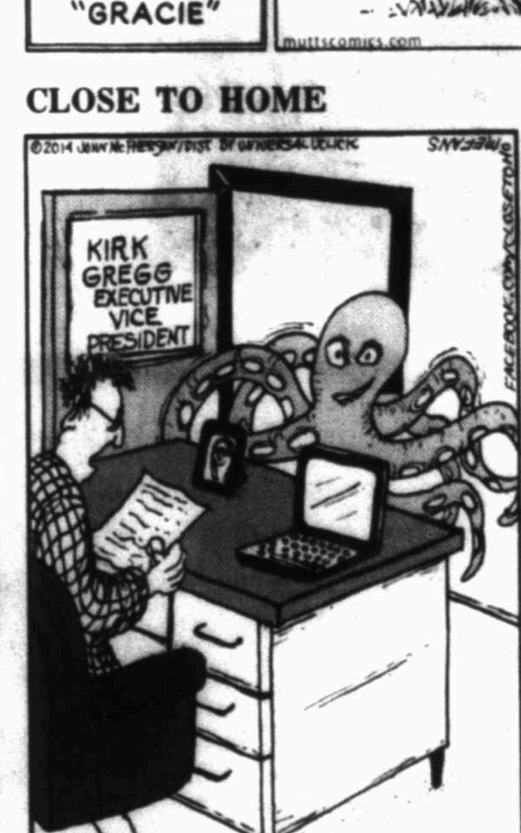

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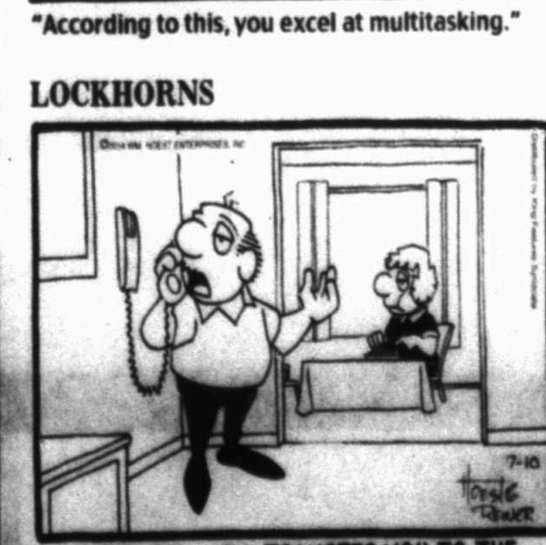

"HOLD ON... I'LL TRANSFER YOU TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy! Can't we send Billy to summer school or camp or somethin'?"

DINING

WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

ASIAN

BUSHIDO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE AND SUSHI BAR Watch chefs roll sushi and cook at Teppan Yaki grills or sit at the bar and watch the game. Extensive sushi menu. Grill combos with chicken, steak, seafood. More of a casual atmosphere than other Teppan Yaki restaurants. 4416 Briarwood Ave. 689-7900 | $$ | 4 spoons

CHINESE KITCHEN Eat-in or take-out Chinese food. Choose combination meals with one, two or three choices. 4200 W. Illinois Ave. 694-3922 | $ | 3 spoons

GENGHIS GRILL With a buffet that consists of countless raw ingredients to pile into a bowl and hand over for a chef to cook, the food at Genghis Grill is as good as you can make it. If you're knowledgeable in what spices complement what meats, veggies and sauces — or if you're just lucky — count on a great meal. For the not-so-confident, the restaurant offers recipe cards to guide your selections. 4517 Midkiff Road 520-5426 www.genghisgrill.com | $$ | 3 spoons

GRAND BUFFET Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet includes hodgepodge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, Jell-o, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

HUNAN GARDEN Chinese Restaurant Try the daily lunch buffet with about 10 options like sweet and sour chicken, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. 4410 N. Midkiff Rd, Building A., Space 1. 697-9818 | $ | 3 spoons

KING & I Authentic Thai food served at in the heart of Midland. Try the basil fried rice or Popcorn's special with angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and jalapenos. There's a reason the lunch crowd is often standing-room-only at the original location near downtown. It's worth the wait. 801 N. Big Spring St. | $ | 4 spoons

KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SEAFOOD Try steak, chicken or seafood grilled at Teppan Yaki tables or sushi with fresh seafood. Locations in Midland and Odessa. 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 617-7252 www.my-osaka.com | $$ | 4 spoons

SHOGUN RESTAURANT Japanese steak house that's been serving Midlanders for more than 20 years. Watch your food being cooked on the Teppan Yaki tables after you enjoy cucumber and shrimp salad and soup. Lunch prices are very reasonable, be prepared to splurge for dinner. 4610 N. Garfield St. 570-8888 | $$ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHINA SUPER BUFFET All-you-can-eat-buffet or order from menu. Senior citizen discount and children 3 and younger eat free. 4400 N. Big Spring St., #53, 684-5288 | $ | 2 spoons

MEXICAN

ABUELOS Mix of traditional Tex-Mex with unique menu items featuring steak and seafood. Tired of rice and beans on the side? Try papas con chile and espinaca casserole. 2908 W. Loop 250 N. 685-3335 www.abuelos.com | $$ | 4 spoons

AJUUA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT Tex-Mex favorites such as enchiladas, tacos, burritos and combination plates. Daily specials and menudo served on weekends. 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave. 694-4116 | $ | 2 spoons

CANCUN GRILL Stylish downtown Mexican restaurant inside Wall Towers. Start with the corn queso and then move on to the seafood enchiladas or one of the steaks. 223 W. Wall St. 618-0390 | $$ | 4 spoons

CARAMBA'S SPANISH INN Bustling Mexican restaurant with a variety of foods and combination plates. Tex-Mex favorites and burgers, steaks and seafood. 3116 W. Front St. 520-9724 or 520-9525 | $ | 4 spoons

CASA DEL SOL RESTAURANTE Y CANTINA Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice or try one of the West Texas specialties like country-fried steak, shrimp or catfish. 523 East Illinois Ave. 686-1118 | $ | 3 spoons

CASA LOPEZ CAFE Sports bar, restaurant and catering service with entrees like enchiladas and fajitas and appetizers such as bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. 4411 W. Illinois Ave. 699-7373 | $ | 4 spoons

CASA MADRID Established Midland restaurant serves fajitas, Mexican combination plates, tacos, tamales, flautas and enchiladas. 911 S. Big Spring St. 685-1350 | $ | 3 spoons

CHARLAS RESTAURANTE & BAR With a casual atmosphere and full service bar, Charla's serves enchiladas, shrimp nachos, tortilla soup and tropical salad. Delicious chips and salsa. 3330 W. Illinois Ave. 699-2440 | $ | 3 spoons

CHITO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT & SPORTS Traditional Mexican fare with sports bar atmosphere. Breakfast served on weekends. 4400 N. Midland Drive 689-8646 | $ | 4 spoons

DONA ANITA'S Some of the best chile rellenos in town. Or try the tacos or enchiladas. Heuvos con chorizo, menudo, huevos rancheros and migas on Sundays. 305 W. Florida Ave. 683-6727 | $ | 3 spoons

DOS COMPADRES We recommend the carne guisada or any of the enchiladas with a tangy and mild green sauce. 2200 W. Wadley Ave, #1 Oak Ridge Square 684-7239 www.Doscompadres.net | $ | 3 spoons

DOS MARGARITAS Extensive menu includes fajitas, combination plates, lunch specials and breakfast plates such as huevos rancheros and omelettes. 1501 North Big Spring St. 618-9536 www.dosmargaritasusa.com | $ | 3 spoons

EL BANQUETE Traditional Mexican cuisine such as soft beef and pork tacos. Breakfast burritos, fajitas and enchiladas. 1802 Rankin Highway 620-0123 | $ | 2 spoons

EL BURRITO RESTAURANT Serving burritos for more than 30 years. Breakfast and lunch burritos on homemade tortillas and other Tex-Mex favorites. Also known for their burgers. 1106 N. Big Spring St. 683-9701 | $ | 4 spoons

FAJITAS BRAVO Delicious and tender beef and chicken fajita burritos. Or try nachos, burgers, quesadillas or barbecue. 409 E. Scharbauer Drive 682-6848 | $ | 3 spoons

FREEBIRDS Create your own burrito, tacos, nacho, salad or bowl with fillings that range from cilantro lime rice, black beans and tomatillo sauce to carnitas, queso and pico de gallo. 3322 N. Loop 250 West www.freebirds.com 689-9100 | $ | 4 spoons

GARCIA'S BURRITOS Pick up a breakfast burrito for $2 starting at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Or try a fajita plate with beans, rice, guacamole and sour cream. 1306 N. Lamesa Road 684-4383 | $ | 2 spoons

GERARDO'S CASITA Try the tortilla soup or the fajitas. Don't forget a margarita from the full-service bar. 2407 N. Big Spring St. 570-8012 www.gerardoscasita.net | $ | 4 spoons

JAVI'S MEXICANO RESTAURANTE Mexican restaurant, bakery, tortilla and tamale factory serves wide variety of burritos and great burgers. 1511 Rankin Highway 684-4898 | $ | 4 spoons

JORGE'S CAFÉ Two locations in Midland serving Tex-Mex fare. Jorge's does a simple queso without chunks of peppers or tomatoes — you'll either love it or hate it. 3323 N. Midland Drive 689-0032 4400 N. Big Spring St. 683-6303 www.jorges.com | $ | 4 spoons

LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | $ | 4 spoons

LA HERRADURA MEXICAN CUISINE Go for breakfast and try the huevos rancheros with beans, potatoes and tortillas. Menudo, caldo de res and cabrito en salsa verde on the weekends. 1422 Rankin Highway 687-3000 | $ | 2 spoons

LA MISION Festive, colorful restaurant with great Tex-Mex favorites. In a hurry? Go for the lunch buffet. 1008 S. Big Spring St. 682-0320 | $ | 4 spoons

MANUEL'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD Home of the "Son of a Gun" plate — a 90 percent lean hamburger steak with onions, jalapeno gravy, beans, potatoes and tortillas — Manuel's also is known for its hot sauce. After you try it you can buy some to take home with you. 3905 Texas 349 www.manuelsdeli.com 682-2258 | $ | 4 spoons

PENO'S CAFÉ & CATERING COMPANY Try the tacos or the variety of breakfast burritos. Some menu items can be bought by the pound. Order tamales by the dozen. 4305 W. Illinois Ave. 262-5720 Facebook: Café J-Peno | $ | 3 spoons

REYNA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT An order of fajitas is too much for one person to eat, but they're so good you'll try anyway. 3601 W. Wall St. 699-2109 | $ | 4 spoons

ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 432-683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

OSCAR'S SUPER BURRITO Serving Lee High School students, and other loyal customers, for years, Oscar's offers almost endless choices of burritos and other Tex-Mex favorites for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Try the brisket and cheese burrito and don't skimp on the salsa. 4306 Neely Ave. | 699-0242 | 4 spoons

SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA Sit on the patio and enjoy drinks and chile con carne queso before your meal. Live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., # 45 www.sedona-mexicancantina.com 570-9600 | $ | 4 spoons

TAMPICO SPANISH INN Go early to get a table. Start with an appetizer like queso, quesadillas or avocado salad. 2411 W. Wall St. 682-5074 | $ | 4 spoons

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Sheppard to represent Lee at All-Star game

By Len Hayward
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Ciara Sheppard will head to Angelo State later this year leaving a lasting legacy for the Lee softball program and high school softball in West Texas in general.

On Friday, Sheppard will carry the banner for the Permian Basin as a high schooler one last time when she plays in the Class 4A/5A Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game in Arlington.

Sheppard, who graduated from Lee in May, is one of three players west of Abilene on the two all-star squads, but the only one from the Permian Basin.

Also from West Texas is Lubbock Coronado's Monique Garica and Canyon's Maci Smith.

Sheppard will play for the Blue team, which is made up mostly of players from the Houston area, and having that chance to play with players she hasn't seen before will be interesting and exciting.

"I think it's going to be really competitive and a good experience," Sheppard said. "It's the top high school girls, and I know that I'm playing on a team with all the Houston gils, and I didn't get on the team with the people from around here. I'm not going to know any of them."

Sheppard said that the other shortstop on the squad is Texas A&M signee Kristy Cuyos from Pearland, and getting to play with players of those caliber today will be a motivation for her.

"They are all bigger than me," Sheppard joked." I definitely have to go out there and show them what I can do, I guess."

Sheppard's final high school game comes after a stellar career at Lee where she started all four years in the infield, including the last three years at shortstop.

Sheppard was also named to the all-district team each of her four seasons at Lee, and just this past season was the District 2-5A Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Sheppard, who plans to major in education at Angelo State and become an elementary school teacher, said she has taken things a little easy this summer and is not playing on a team.

She said she has been

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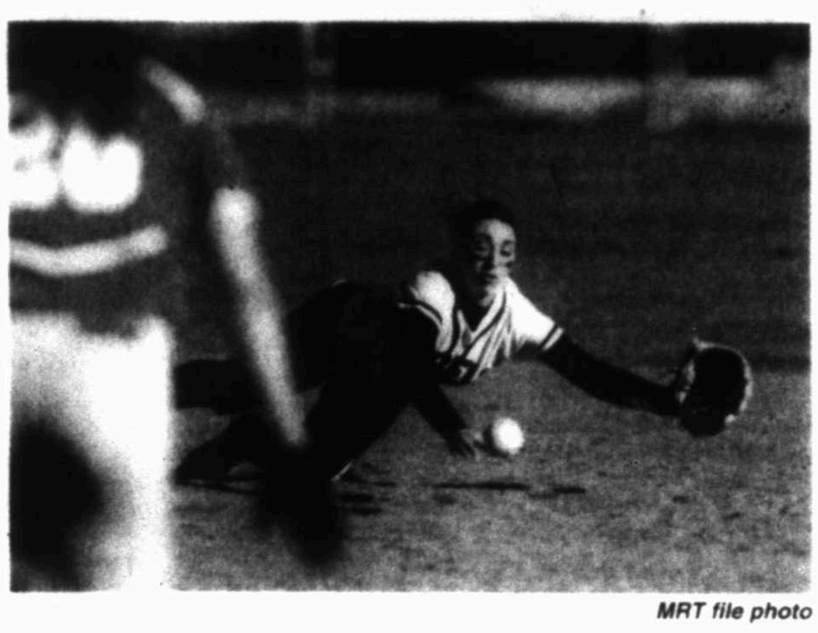

MRT file photo

Lee High's Ciara Sheppard (5) dives for the ball during the game against Lubbock Coronado on April 15 at Gene Smith Field

Stepping up their game

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

RockHounds' Billy Burns puts the ball in play against San Antonio on Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark

'Hounds win sixth straight, move into first place

By Oscar LeRoy
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RockHounds 10
Missions 6

Midland RockHounds third baseman Jefry Marte decided to feast on some fastballs against the San Antonio Missions.

Marte

Marte had one of the best games of his professional career Wednesday night. He went 5-for-5 with three doubles, two RBI and a run scored to lead the RockHounds to a 10-6 victory over the Missions at Security Bank Ballpark.

The win for Midland (11-7) is its sixth straight and it moves the RockHounds into first place by game in the Texas League South Division over the Missions (11-8).

The RockHounds needed Marte's production to hold off a late Missions' charge as San Antonio hit three home runs off the Midland bullpen.

"I was just looking for fastball every time and tried to get my pitch (to hit)," said Marte, the 23-year-old from the Dominican Republic. "I was just looking for a good pitch that I could drive. If they threw a fastball, hit it."

"It was a good night for him," said Midland manager Aaron Nieckula about Marte. "He's worked his butt off the last few weeks and has figured some things out offensively. Going 5-for-5 is a very, very tough thing to do. And they were not soft hits, they were pretty hard hits. He had some good (at-bats)."

Marte started a big rally for the RockHounds in the second inning against Missions starter Leonel Campos (0-3), who came in with a sparkling 2.08 ERA and had a 1-0 lead going into the frame.

Marte led off the inning with the first of his three doubles. Then with one out, the next eight RockHounds reached base. Marte's double was actually the biggest hit of the inning as the 'Hounds added four singles and four walks to chase Campos and take a 6-1 lead.

"We did a good job right there in the second inning," Marte said. "I started

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Texas Tech sells out of season tickets

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech athletic department announced on Wednesday that season tickets for the 2014 football season have been sold out for the first time school history.

In a release from the school, a record 38,502 season tickets were sold for this season. The previous record was in 2010 when 32,227 season tickets were sold.

Individual game tickets will be offered exclusively to Red Raider Club members and current season ticket holders. Due to a limited amount of tickets for Arkansas, West Virginia and Texas, the release said the school does not expect to have individual tickest available to the general public for those games.

The release added that there could be a limited number of seats for games with Central Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma on sale in August.

Astros escape cellar with win, sweep at Texas

Astros 8
Rangers 4

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Robbie Grossman snapped an 0-for-28 slide with a career high four hits and the Houston Astros climbed out of last place in the AL West, completing a three-game sweep with an 8-4 victory over All-Star pitcher Yu Darvish and the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Grossman and rookie George Springer homered for the Astros, who moved into fourth place by a percentage point over slumping Texas.

Springer also made an incredible running catch in the third inning. The center fielder leaped on the warning track, reached over his head and held onto the ball when he slammed into the wall.

Dallas Keuchel (9-5), one of five candidates for the final spot on the AL All-Star team, allowed four runs and eight hits over 6 2-3 innings.

The Rangers lost for the 10th time in 11 games and have dropped 18 of 21. At 38-53, their .418 winning percentage is the worst in the majors — just behind Arizona and Houston, both 39-54 for a .419 mark.

It is the first time in their two seasons since switching leagues that the Astros have not been in fifth place in the five-team AL West after mid-April.

Darvish (8-5), who had thrown 20 consecutive scoreless innings while winning his last three home starts, gave up a season-high 10 hits and six runs. He threw 109 pitches to get through six innings with eight strikeouts.

Against Houston at home in April, Darvish allowed one hit over eight scoreless innings. The Japanese ace also had two near no-hitters on the road against the Astros last season, one in which he retired the first 26 batters.

Carlos Corporan had a two-run double in the sixth to break a 4-all tie. An inning later, Springer hit his 19th homer, a two-run shot off reliever Jason Frasor.

Please see **ASTROS**/3C

Argentina reaches World Cup final after penalties

Associated Press

Netherlands' Wesley Sneijder watches as Argentina players celebrate after winning a shootout at the end of the World Cup semifinal soccer match between the Netherlands and Argentina at the Itaquerao Stadium in Sao Paulo Brazil, on Wednesday.

By Mike Corder
Associated Press

Argentina ..... 0(4)
Netherlands ..... 0(2)

SAO PAULO — Goalkeeper Sergio Romero saved two penalties Wednesday to send Argentina into the World Cup final with a 4-2 shootout win over the Netherlands after the game finished in a 0-0 stalemate.

A day after Germany lit up the World Cup with its clinical 7-1 destruction of host Brazil, the Netherlands and Argentina could not manage a goal between them in 120 minutes before the shootout.

Romero — thought to be a weak link in this Argentine team and not even a starter for his Monaco club most of last season — blocked penalties by Ron Vlaar and Wesley Sneijder. For Argentina, Lionel Messi, Ezequiel Garay, Sergio Aguero and Maxi Rodriguez all converted their spot kicks.

Argentina will play Germany in Sunday's final at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. That means Brazilians will have to watch their fiercest rivals play for the world title in their most hallowed stadium, bringing the country's World Cup to an extra bitter end.

It was the second straight penalty shootout followinga 0-0 draw for the Dutch. Against Costa Rica in the quarterfinals, coach Louis van Gaal brought on substitute goalkeeper Tim Krul in the last seconds of extra time to replace Jasper Cillessen and Krul saved two efforts.

This time, Van Gaal had used up all three substitutions by the end of extra time and Cillessen had to face the shootout.

The young Ajax goalkeeper got a hand to Rodriguez's decisive powerful shot, but could only deflect it into the roof of the net, and then collapsed onto his back in the goal. Krul walked across the pitch to console him and Van Gaal later gave him a pat on the back of the head.

Please see **ARGENTINA**/8C

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

'HOUNDS WATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 10, San Antonio 6

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San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.
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WHAT'S ON TV

BOXING
Welterweights, Erickson Lubin (5-0-0) vs. Noe Bolanos (25-9-0); light heavyweights, Humberto Savigne (12-1-0) vs. Jeff Lacy (28-4-0); champion Argenis Mendez (21-1-1) vs. Rances Barthelemy (19-0-0), for IBF junior lightweight title, at Miami, 9 p.m., FS1

CYCLING
Tour de France, stage 6, Arras to Reims, France, 7 a.m., NBCSN

GOLF
Women's British Open, first round, at Southport, England, 8 a.m., ESPN2
PGA Tour, John Deere Classic, first round, at Silvis, Ill., 2 p.m., TGC
USGA, U.S. Senior Open Championship, first round, at Edmond, Okla., 3 p.m., ESPN2
Web.com Tour, Utah Championship, first round, at Sandy, Utah, 5 p.m., TGC
European PGA Tour, Scottish Open, second round, at Aberdeen, Scotland, 4:30 a.m., TGC

LACROSSE
Men's amateur, FIL, World Championships, Canada vs. United States, at Commerce City, Colo., 8 p.m., ESPN2

MLB
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 11:30 a.m., WGN
Regional coverage, Oakland at San Francisco or Chicago White Sox at Boston, 2:30 p.m., MLB
Regional coverage, L.A. Angels at Texas or Detroit at Kansas City, 7 p.m., MLB

SOFTBALL
World Cup, United States vs. Canada, at Irvine, Calif., 8 p.m., ESPN

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Designated RHP Jelio DePaula for assignment. Assigned RHP Ramon Ramirez outright to Norfolk (IL). Reinstated RHP Bud Norris from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Jean Cosme and SS Derek Peterson on minor league contracts.
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP Brandon Workman to Pawtucket (IL). Designated C A.J. Pierzynski for assignment. Recalled RHP Rubby De La Rosa and C Christian Vazquez from Pawtucket.
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Artie Lewicki, Whit Mayberry and Adam Ravenelle on minor league contracts. Sent OF Andy Dirks to Lakeland (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Released RHP Jerome Williams.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned INF Grant Green to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled RHP Cam Bedrosian from Arkansas (TL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed RHP Masahiro Tanaka on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Zoilo Almonte from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned RHP Taijuan Walker to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Stephen Pryor from Tacoma.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed OF Cole Gillespie on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Recalled C Erik Kratz from Buffalo (IL). Assigned OF Brad Glenn outright to Buffalo.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Placed 2B Darwin Barney on paternity leave. Recalled INF Arismendy Alcantara and RHP Dallas Beeler from Iowa (PCL). Optioned LHPs Tsuyoshi Wada and Chris Rusin to Iowa.
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned LHP David Holmberg to Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Roger Bernadina on a minor league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Sent RHP Jim Henderson to Huntsville (SL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHP Gonzalez Germen to Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated RHP Dillon Gee from the 15-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP B.J. Rosenberg to Lehigh Valley (IL). Reinstated RHP Jeff Manship from the 15-day DL. Sent C Wil Nieves to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed RHP Gerrit Cole on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday, and OF Starling Marte on the bereavement list. Recalled RHP Brandon Cumpton from Indianapolis (IL). Selected the contract of 1B Matt Hague from Indianapolis. Designated RHP Duke Welker for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Gage Hinsz on a minor league contract and assigned him to the GCL Pirates.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Signed RHP Tyler Hale. Released C Connar O'Gorman and RHP Dayne Quist.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed INF Erik Castro. Released OF Tim Alberts.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed RHP Barry Fowler.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Released RHP Brandon Bargas.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed LHP Kevin McGovern.
Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed INF Chance Ross.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed UT Joseph De Pinto.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Named Pamela El chief marketing officer.
BROOKLYN NETS — Named Fred Mangione chief operating officer.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Agreed to terms with coach Gregg Popovich on a multiyear contract extension.
WNBA
NEW YORK LIBERTY — Acquired F Swin Cash from Atlanta for F DeLisha Milton-Jones.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Washington S Tanard Jackson indefinitely for violating the league's substance abuse policy.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Released Qb Jonathan Crompton.
SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS — Signed RB Jerome Messam. Signed CB Ciante Evans to the practice roster.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with Fs Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane on eight-year contract extensions.
MINNESOTA WILD — Signed F Cody Almond to a one-year contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed D Mattias Ekholm.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Re-signed G Cory Schneider to a multi-year contract.
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed D David Shields to a one-year, two-way contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed G Edward Pasquale to a one-year, two-way contract.
ECHL
UTAH GRIZZLIES — Re-signed F Brent Gwidt to a one-year contract.
MOTORSPORTS
SCCA PRO RACING — Announced the retirement of president and CEO Tom Campbell, effective later this year. Named Robert Clarke president.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Recalled G Jon Kempin from loan to OKC Energy FC (USL-PRO).
COLLEGE
BARUCH — Announced the resignation of softball coach Jose Negroni. Promoted Melanie Pellegrino to head softball coach.
CHESTNUT HILL — Named Andy Edwards athletic communications intern.
HIGH POINT — Named Connor Scarborough director of baseball operations.
LEHMAN — Named Toma Gojcevic men's soccer coach and Amanda Popoli women's soccer coach.
LIMESTONE — Named Mike Smith assistant athletic director for development.
LIU-BROOKLYN — Announced the resignation of women's tennis coach Asi Phillips.
SAMFORD — Named Michelle Moultrie assistant softball coach.
SOUTH CAROLINA-AIKEN — Named Demontric Doddles men's assistant basketball coach.
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN — Named Tom Howe defensive ends coach.
TUSKEGEE — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Leon Douglas.
WEST ALABAMA — Named Nicholas Woodruff men's assistant basketball coach.
WINGATE — Named Morgan Childers Caddell assistant softball coach.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	8	5	4	28	24	18
Sporting Kansas City	7	5	5	26	23	15
New England	7	7	2	23	23	23
Toronto FC	6	5	3	21	19	18
New York	4	5	8	20	26	26
Columbus	4	5	8	20	19	19
Houston	5	10	3	18	18	34
Philadelphia	4	8	6	18	26	30
Chicago	2	4	10	16	24	27
Montreal	3	8	5	14	16	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	11	4	2	35	33	24
Real Salt Lake	7	3	7	28	27	23
Colorado	7	5	5	26	24	19
FC Dallas	7	7	5	26	30	29
Vancouver	6	3	7	25	26	22
Los Angeles	5	3	6	21	19	13
Portland	4	5	9	21	30	30
Chivas USA	5	7	5	20	17	26
San Jose	4	7	4	16	15	16

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

Sunday's Scores
Sporting Kansas City 1, Chicago 1, tie

Friday
D.C. United at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Saturday
Colorado at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Houston at Toronto FC, 6 p.m.
Columbus at New York, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	13	5	.722	—
Indiana	9	10	.474	4½
Connecticut	9	11	.450	5
Chicago	8	10	.444	5
New York	7	11	.389	6
Washington	7	12	.368	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	13	3	.813	—
Minnesota	13	6	.684	1½
San Antonio	10	9	.526	4½
Los Angeles	7	10	.412	6½
Seattle	8	12	.400	7
Tulsa	7	12	.368	7½

Tuesday's Scores
Atlanta 83, Connecticut 71
Indiana 78, Tulsa 76
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Scores
Washington 72, Chicago 65
Phoenix 78, Seattle 58
San Antonio 80, New York 66

Today's Games
Connecticut at Indiana, 11 a.m.
Minnesota at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 75-83 degrees; 16.33 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, shallow running crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 75-83 degrees; 18.72 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 20.98 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 74-82 degrees; 14.51 feet low. Black bass are fair on Zara Spooks, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 75-84 degrees; 26.68 feet low. Black bass are good on shakyheads, jigs, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over deep cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 75-83 degrees; 22.70 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Carolina rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and chatterbaits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on chartreuse (use Wom-Glo) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 76-84 degrees; 37.96 feet low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics, Texas rigs, jigs and medium swimbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs shallow.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 74-81 degrees; 15.15 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and D22s. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on Humdingers. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 75-82 degrees; 25.69 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 41.57 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, and on watermelon seed and green pumpkin soft plastics in 18-20 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

ASU signs players with Tall City ties

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — The Angelo State women's basketball program announced the addition of four players recently, two of which have Midland ties.

Midland High grad Elaine Herrera is a a transfer guard from Jefferson College in Missouri. The former Lady Bulldog was a first team all-district selection four times at MHS. While at Jefferson College, she scored 8.5 points per game in 21 games. Herrera was seventh in the NJCAA hitting 47 percent from the 3-point line.

Diamalises Rivera, a transfer post from Midland College, averaged 10.1 points and 6.5 rebounds per game for the Lady Chaparrals. Rivera is originally from Carolina, Puerto Rico, and has been a member of the Puerto Rico national team. At Midland College, Rivera helped the Chaparrals advance to back-to-back Region V Tournament appearances and an NJCAA National Tournament appearance in 2013.

Red Raiders make CCL All-Star roster

From staff reports

Texas Tech sophomore pitcher, and Midland Christian graduate, Matt Withrow (San Luis Obispo Blues) was named to the California Collegiate League All-Star roster Wednesday.

Withrow is throwing out of the bullpen this summer and holds a perfect 0.00 ERA over four innings pitched. He has eight strikeouts and three walks allowed in three appearances.

The All-Star game will take place July 16 at 9 p.m. and will be broadcast on Fox Sports West.

Fellow Red Raider sophomore pitcher Matt Custred was also named to the team.

Au revoir, Froome: Tour champ drops out

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

ARENBERG, France — An injured wrist was just too much for Tour de France champion Chris Froome, in one of the most memorable and crash-marred stages in recent race history.

The Kenyan-born Briton ended his repeat bid Wednesday, dropping out of cycling's big event and dropping a bombshell on his competitors after crashing twice in a rain-, mud-, sweat- and blood-soaked fifth stage for the pack through nerve-wracking cobblestones along France's border with Belgium.

The 29-year-old Team Sky leader, already nursing pain in his left wrist a day earlier, first scuffed up his right hip, tearing his uniform, then scraped his face. Both falls happened even before he got to the start of 13 total kilometers (8 miles) over joint-jangling cobblestones.

He was the best-known of several big-name riders who crashed on Wednesday. They found out months ago, when the course was announced, what they would face on the roads from Ypres, Belgium to Arenberg Porte du Hainaut. It's the same big bumps known to racers of the celebrated Paris-Roubaix one-day race.

What they couldn't foresee was the rain, which slickened roads and unsettled many rider nerves — and psychology was crucial to surviving the stage. Before Froome crashed, Sky sporting director Nicolas Portal said it best: "His wrist hurts a bit, but it'll be a question of mental as well today," according to the Tour's Web site.

Before the stage, Froome had said that the biggest concern about the cobblestones was not riding over them, but the nervousness of the peloton as riders jockey to get up front, which is considered the safest place to be.

Froome didn't speak to reporters after his second spill on the day at around the halfway mark. Wincing and limping, he shook his head at a Team Sky staffer, walked over to a team car, and climbed in. The team said later that he was already on his way home.

On Twitter, he wrote that he was "devastated" to withdraw: "Injured wrist and tough conditions made controlling my bike near to impossible." Froome wished luck to new Sky leader Richie Porte of Australia and his other teammates for the rest of the race.

Sensing the danger from the rain, race organizers scrapped two of the nine scheduled cobblestone patches, and reduced the stage by three kilometers (two miles). But that still wasn't enough to stop many riders from tumbling.

"It's devastating for Chris and for the team," Sky boss Dave Brailsford said. "We really believed in Chris and his ability to win this race. But it's not to be this year."

The last time a defending champion abandoned the Tour was five-time winner Bernard Hinault of France in 1980, according to French cycling statistics provider Velobs.com.

The withdrawal of the pre-race favorite left the Tour wide open with 16 stages still left.

'HOUNDS

From 1C

it off with the double and my teammates hit the ball really good. We had the opportunity in that inning to get some runs."

Added Nieckula about the big second inning: "That was a huge inning. We had the bases loaded and we just nickled-and-dimed them. We didn't go for the big bomb there, it was just base hit, base hit, base hit. We just couldn't get that extra-base hit to clear the bases, but regardless we put up a six spot and we never relinquished the lead."

Meanwhile, Midland starter Chris Jensen (6-7) was solid on the mound through his six innings of work. He allowed one run on three hits with three walks and four strikeouts. The only drawback was his high pitch count — he left after throwing 100 pitches.

"Jensen was OK, wasn't at his best, but he made pitches when he needed to, minimized the damage and utilized a good, effective curve ball," Nieckula said. "He made pitches and he let them put the ball in play and let the defense make plays behind him. That was good baseball."

The Missions made it a closer game thanks to home runs by Cody Overbeck, Rymer Liriano and Hunter Renfroe against the RockHounds bullpen.

San Antonio had cut Midland's lead to 7-3 on Overbeck's two-run homer in the seventh, but the RockHounds responded with a three-run frame in the bottom of the inning that was highlighted by a two-run triple by Billy Burns to extend the lead to 10-3.

Even though it is still early in the second half of Texas League play, the RockHounds said it felt good to get the first game against the Missions in this key four-game series.

"We're taking it one game at a time in this series against San Antonio," Nieckula said. "We know what they're capable of doing, especially on the pitching side of things and we just got to go up there, continue to have good (at-bats), execute the fundamentals, bunt, run the bases, and just try to score some runs. Then the pitchers have to minimize the offensive opportunities for the opponent and the defense has to take care of the baseball."

'HOUND BITES: Some roster moves for the RockHounds were made before Wednesday's game: RHP Drew Granier was reassigned from Triple-A Sacramento, OF Chad Oberacker was reassigned to Single-A Stockton, and OF Jeremy Barfield returns to Midland after being reassigned from Stockton. Barfield, who played for the RockHounds from 2011-13, started the season as a pitcher but switched back to being an outfielder. …With the RockHounds experiencing so many roster moves in the last week - including top prospect Addison Russell's trade to the Chicago Cubs - but Midland manager Aaron Nieckula said it's just part of minor league baseball and teams have to adjust to the ever-changing personnel. "That's the name of the game; guys go in, guys go out," he said. "When a guy comes in, you just have to fit him into the program, run him out there and let them play. You're just trying to get them better and get them promoted." … San Antonio came into the series with the top pitching staff in the Texas League as the Missions sported a 2.95 team ERA.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: The RockHounds host the Missions in the second game of a four-game series at 7 p.m. Midland is expected to send RHP Sean Murphy (3-0, 2.19 ERA) to the mound, while San Antonio's probable starter is RHP James Needy (6-3, 2.24).

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TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	9	10	.474	—
Arkansas	8	11	.421	1
Springfield	8	11	.421	1
x-Tulsa	8	11	.421	1

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	11	7	.611	—
San Antonio	11	8	.579	½
x-Frisco	10	8	.556	1
Corpus Christi	10	9	.526	1½

x-clinched first half

Wednesday's Scores
Midland 10, San Antonio 6
Frisco 4, Corpus Christi 3
Tulsa 8, Arkansas 5
Springfield 4, Northwest Arkansas 1

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

MISSIONS 10, ROCKHOUNDS 6

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Spngnbrg cf-2b	5	1	1		Burns cf	5	2	2	3
Buschini 3b	3	0	0	0	Myers lf	4	0	2	2
Renfroe lf	1	1	1	2	Muncy 1b	3	1	0	1
McElroy 2b-3b	4	0	0	1	Marte 3b	5	1	5	2
Liriano lf-cf	4	1	1	1	Nakajima dh	5	0	1	0
Hagerty dh	3	0	1	0	Matthes rf	4	1	1	0
Hedges c	4	0	0	0	Crumbliss 2b	3	2	1	0
Asencio rf	3	1	1	0	Coleman ss	3	2	1	1
Overbeck 1b	4	2	1	2	Taylor c	4	1	1	1
Bixler ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	34	6	6	6	Totals	36	10	14	10

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Midland .... 060 100 30x —0

E — Coleman (14). DP — San Antonio 1. LOB — San Antonio 6, Midland 9. 2B — Spangenberg (6), Hagerty (14), Marte 3 (11), Matthes (10). 3B — Burns (3). HR — Overbeck (6), Lyriano (13), Renfroe (2). SB — Crumbliss (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Antonio						
Campos L 0-3	1.1	4	6	6	4	1
Yardley	2.2	3	1	1	1	2
Ibarra	2.0	3	0	0	0	2
Goff	1.0	2	3	3	2	0
Branham	1.0	2	0	0	0	2
Midland						
Jensen W 6-7	6.0	3	1	1	3	4
Doolittle	2.0	2	3	3	2	1
Walden	1.0	1	2	0	0	0

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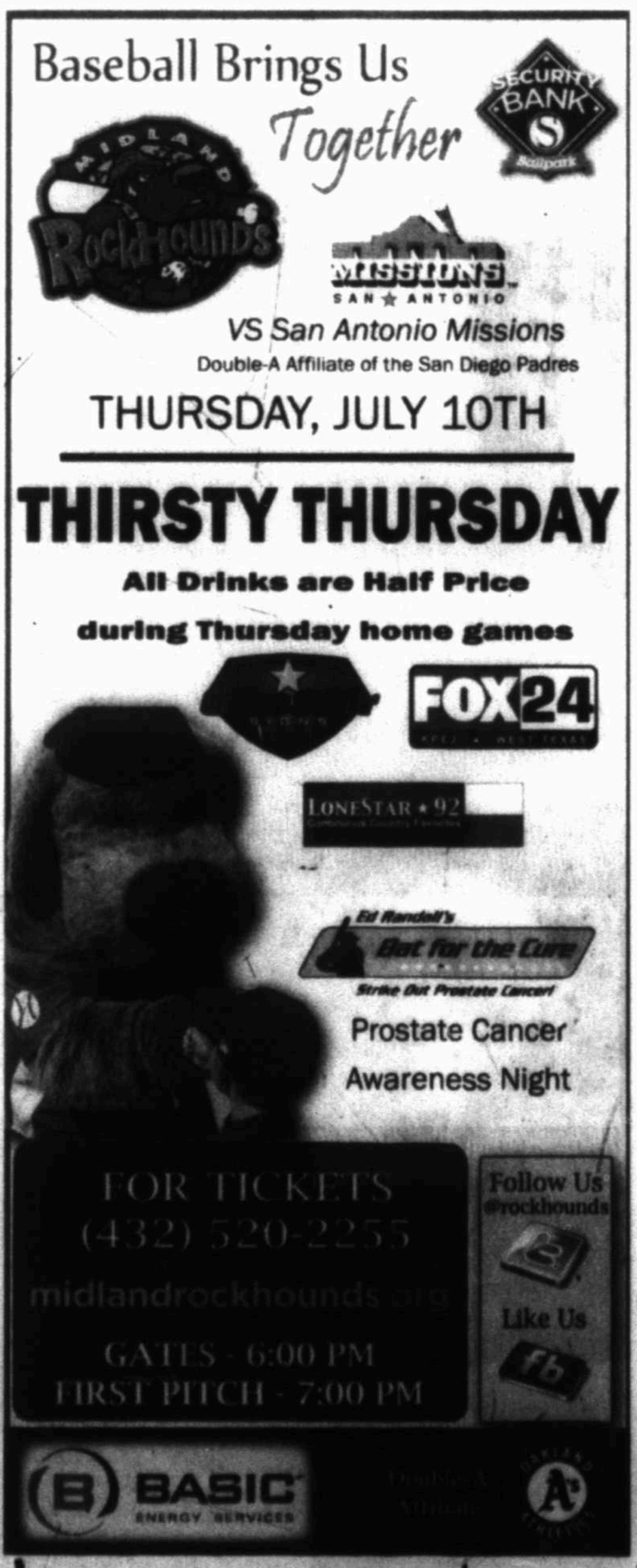

SHEPPARD

From 1C

working out often to keep her skills sharp, and is looking forward to starting her college career.

But on Friday, she's ready for one last time game to represent Lee and looks forward to the expectations of playing on an all-star team.

"I have pretty high expectations and I know I can't just go out there and wing it," Sheppard said. "They expect a lot out of me and I will have to try to show them how good I can play."

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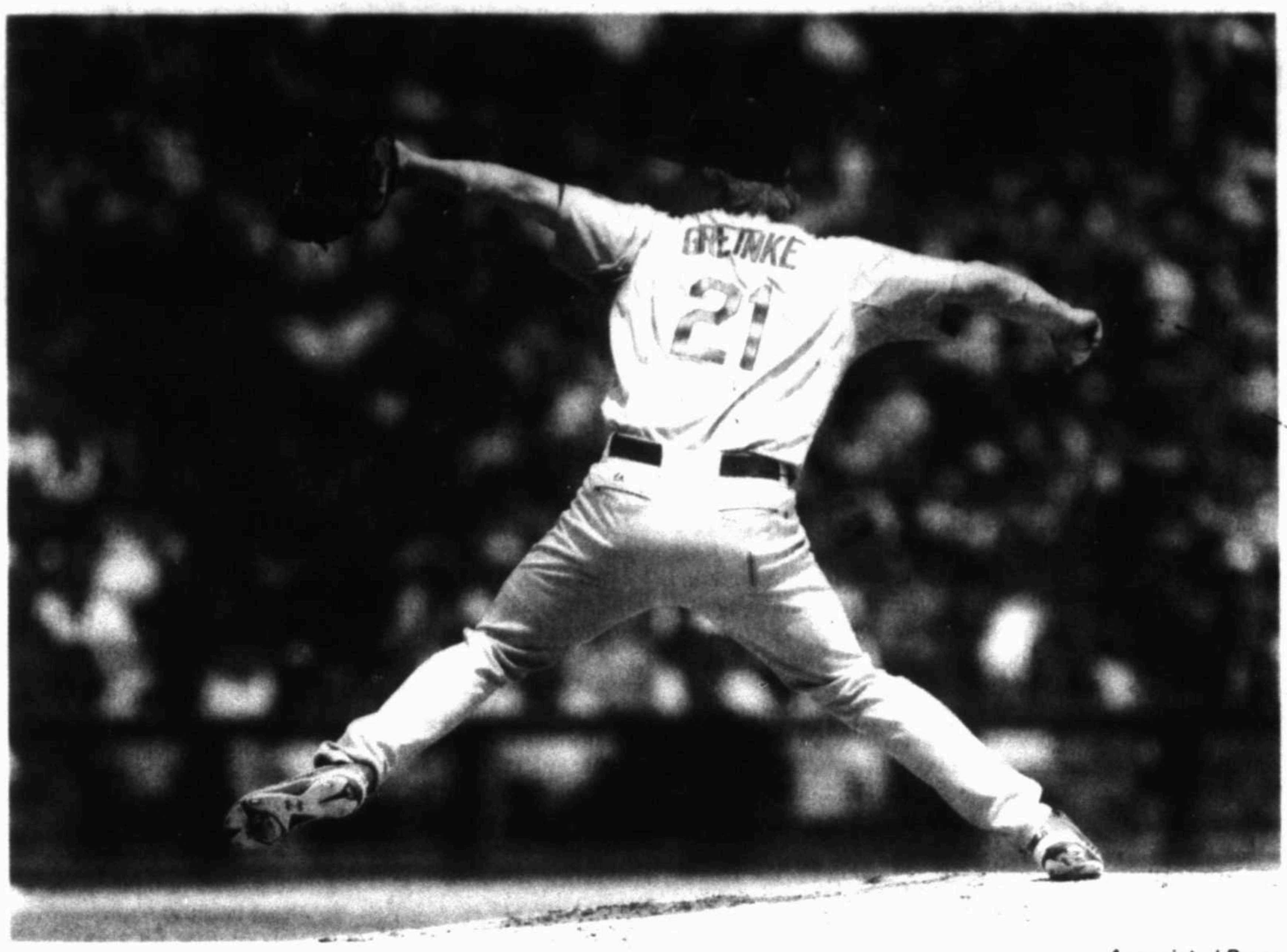


Associated Press

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Zack Greinke throws against the Detroit Tigers in the sixth inning in Detroit, Wednesday.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ANGELS 8 BLUE JAYS 7

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Albert Pujols hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning and Kole Calhoun also connected, leading the Los Angeles Angels to an 8-7 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday in the rubber game of the three-game series.

The Blue Jays took a 7-6 lead in the sixth on Dioner Navarro's two-out RBI single against Fernando Salas, making his second appearance off the disabled list after missing 19 games because of inflammation in his shoulder.

RED SOX 5 WHITE SOX 4

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox weren't getting much done this season. That's why the defending World Series champions turned to their youth.

With five rookies in the starting lineup, the last-place Red Sox chased Chicago ace Chris Sale and rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the White Sox 5-4 on Wednesday night. The victory snapped Boston's four-game losing streak.

"Once we got Sale out of the game, then we were able to create opportunities," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "Tip your hat to a very, very good pitcher. But we didn't roll over by any means."

ROYALS 5 RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Salvador Perez hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the ninth inning and the Kansas City Royals beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4 on Wednesday night.

Kirby Yates (0-1), the fifth Tampa Bay reliever, entered with runners on first and third with one out and gave up Perez's towering shot into the left-field corner.

It's been a big week for Perez, chosen Sunday to start at catcher for the American League in next week's All-Star game.

Aaron Crow (4-1) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win. Greg Holland got three outs for his 24th save.

The second-place Royals return home Thursday night to begin a four-game series against AL Central-leading Detroit, which has a 4 1/2-game lead.

Kansas City All-Star outfielder Alex Gordon (sprained right wrist) and third baseman Mike Moustakas (flu) were not in the starting lineup. In addition, left-hander Jason Vargas was taken to the hospital and scheduled for an appendectomy.

National League

ROCKIES 6 PADRES 3

DENVER — Troy Tulowitzki showed why he is an All-Star and the NL captain for the Home Run Derby next week.

More importantly, he is trying to show his young teammates the Colorado are still postseason contenders.

He hopes winning a series at home was a fresh start.

Tulowitzki hit two of Colorado's five home runs, and the Rockies beat the San Diego Padres 6-3 on Wednesday.

Drew Stubbs, Charlie Blackmon and Wilin Rosario also went deep for the Rockies, who won a home series for the first time in nearly two months.

"I'm careful about saying when wins are must-wins or what games are must-wins, but all things considered we needed to win that series," manager Walt Weiss said.

DIAMONDBACKS 4 MARLINS 3, 10 INNINGS

PHOENIX — Opponents pitch around Paul Goldschmidt at every opportunity.

The Miami Marlins had little choice Wednesday, and the All-Star first baseman made them pay.

Goldschmidt doubled in the last two of Arizona's three runs in the 10th inning, and the Diamondbacks rallied to beat Miami 4-3 to take two of three in the series.

Miami had taken a 3-1 lead in the 10th on Donovan Solano's two-run double off Brad Ziegler (4-1), who got the victory.

In a nine-pitch at-bat, Aaron Hill opened the Arizona 10th with a pinch-hit single off Steve Cishek. Ender Inciarte walked on four pitches, then David Peralta's RBI single cut the lead to 3-2.

On the next pitch, Goldschmidt hit one to the left-center gap for his major league-best 35th double and his fifth career walk-off hit.

"He's had to be real patient," Arizona manager Kirk Gibson said. "He got up there in a situation where they had to throw to him, and he really stung it."

Goldschmidt said he was just trying to get the tying run home from third.

METS 4 BRAVES 1

NEW YORK — Dillon Gee expected to pitch this well in his return from the disabled list. What surprised him was the new attitude in the New York Mets clubhouse.

David Wright ignited a tiebreaking rally in the seventh with a hustle double. Travis d'Arnaud gave Gee some cushion with a two-run drive later in the inning and New York beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1 on Wednesday night for its first four-game winning streak in a year.

In his first start in two months, Gee (4-1) pitched seven-plus dominant innings as the Mets won the first three of a four-game series against the Braves less than two weeks after being swept in Atlanta.

"It's very different," Gee said. "Guys are having a lot of fun."

The mood is shifting in the visitor's clubhouse, too.

The Braves went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position in their fourth straight loss, dropping them a game behind first-place Washington in the NL East after surging to the top of the division with a nine-game winning streak.

REDS 4 CUBS 1

CINCINNATI — Alfredo Simon leads the National League in wins. He's still hoping to be added to the All-Star team.

Simon became the NL's first 12-game winner and Billy Hamilton added to his sensational series with a tiebreaking triple Wednesday night, sending the Cincinnati Reds to a 4-1 victory over the trade-depleted Chicago Cubs.

The Reds won their fifth in a row — matching their season high — and moved a season-best seven games over .500. After winning the first four games of the series, they'll try for their first five-game sweep since 1976 on Thursday.

Cincinnati moved within 2 1/2 games of first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central, its smallest deficit since April 7. The Reds were a season-high 8 1/2 out on June 22.

PHILLIES 4 BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley homered to support Roberto Hernandez's solid start, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-1 on Wednesday night for their third straight win over the NL Central leaders.

Hernandez (4-8) needed just 84 pitches in eight innings to dispatch the aggressive Brewers, who have lost four straight and eight of nine. Hernandez allowed three hits, and Jonathan Papelbon pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save.

Interleague

TIGERS 4 DODGERS 1

DETROIT — When Max Scherzer is on the mound, the Detroit Tigers have a chance to win pretty much any game — even without their top two sluggers.

Scherzer pitched seven impressive innings, outdueling Zack Greinke and helping the short-handed Tigers beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-1 on Wednesday.

Detroit was without Miguel Cabrera, who was given a day off, and Victor Martinez, who is dealing with a lingering back issue.

"Baseball's that type of game," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "Even without your best player, you can go out there and win."

NATIONALS 6 ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — The Washington Nationals made themselves right at home at Camden Yards in an interleague duel between crosstown rivals and division leaders.

Doug Fister allowed two runs over seven innings and Washington hit three solo homers in a 6-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

The Nationals usually win with pitching, and Fister was more than efficient. But on this night Washington beat the hard-hitting Orioles at their own game, using home runs by Wilson Ramos, Ian Desmond and Jayson Werth to win this matchup between teams located 40 miles apart on I-295.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	49	41	.544	—
Toronto	48	45	.516	2½
New York	45	44	.506	3½
Tampa Bay	42	52	.447	9
Boston	40	51	.440	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	50	37	.575	—
Kansas City	47	43	.522	4½
Cleveland	44	45	.494	7
Chicago	44	48	.478	8½
Minnesota	40	49	.449	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	57	33	.633	—
Los Angeles	53	37	.589	4
Seattle	49	41	.544	8
Houston	39	54	.419	19½
Texas	38	53	.418	19½

Wednesday's Scores
Detroit 4, L.A. Dodgers 1
L.A. Angels 8, Toronto 7
Washington 6, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, late
Boston 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 5, Tampa Bay 4
Houston 8, Texas 4
Minnesota at Seattle, late
Oakland at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Oakland (Kazmir 10-3) at San Francisco (Hudson 7-5), 2:45 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-7) at Boston (Lester 9-7), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 3-4) at Cleveland (House 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 8-3), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 0-7) at Texas (Lewis 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 4-8) at Kansas City (Guthrie 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Pino 0-2) at Seattle (Undecided), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	49	40	.551	—
Atlanta	49	42	.538	1
Miami	44	47	.484	6
New York	42	49	.462	8
Philadelphia	40	51	.440	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	52	40	.565	—
Cincinnati	49	42	.538	2½
St. Louis	49	42	.538	2½
Pittsburgh	47	43	.522	4
Chicago	38	52	.422	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	42	.548	—
San Francisco	49	41	.544	½
San Diego	40	51	.440	10
Colorado	39	53	.424	11½
Arizona	39	54	.419	12

Wednesday's Scores
Detroit 4, L.A. Dodgers 1
Colorado 6, San Diego 3
Arizona 4, Miami 3, 10 innings
Washington 6, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 4, Milwaukee 1
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, late
Oakland at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 0-0) at Cincinnati (Bailey 8-5), 11:35 a.m.
Philadelphia (D.Buchanan 4-5) at Milwaukee (Garza 6-5), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 10-3) at San Francisco (Hudson 7-5), 2:45 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 8-3), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Harang 8-6) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 8-7), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Volquez 7-6) at St. Louis (S.Miller 7-7), 6:15 p.m.
San Diego (Despaigne 2-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-2), 9:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
ASTROS 8, RANGERS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	5	1	1	0	Choo lf	4	0	1	1
Grssmn rf	5	2	4	2	Andrus ss	5	0	1	0
Springr cf	5	1	2	2	Rios dh	5	1	1	0
Singltn 1b	4	1	1	0	ABeltre 3b	4	0	2	1
MDmn 3b	4	0	0	0	Smlnsk rf	4	0	3	0
Carter dh	4	1	2	0	Gimenz c	4	1	1	0
Corprn c	4	1	2	2	Odor 2b	3	1	0	0
KHrndz lf	3	1	1	1	Rosales 1b	2	1	1	0
MGnzlz ss	4	0	0	0	LMartn ph	1	0	0	0
DRrtsn cf	3	0	1	2					
C.Pena ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	38	8	13	7	Totals	36	4	11	4

Houston .... 021 012 200—8
Texas .... 130 000 000—4

E—Corporan (3), M.Dominguez (7), D.Robertson (2). DP—Houston 1, Texas 2. LOB—Houston 4, Texas 8. 2B—Altuve (27), Grossman (5), Corporan 2 (5), Rios (19), D.Robertson (3). 3B—K.Hernandez (1). HR—Grossman (3), Springer (19). SF—Choo.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel W,9-5	6 2-3	8	4	4	1	3
Veras	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Qualls	1	2	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Darvish L,8-5	6	10	6	6	0	8
Frasor	1	2	2	2	0	1
Cotts	1	1	0	0	1	1
S.Baker	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Keuchel, Darvish. Balk—Cotts.
T—3:05. A—31,161 (48,114).

ANGELS 8, BLUE JAYS 7

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Reyes ss	5	1	2	0	Calhon rf	4	1	1	2
StTlsn 3b	2	1	1	2	Trout cf	4	1	1	0
JFrncs ph-3b	2	0	0	0	Pujols dh	4	2	2	2
MeCarr lf	3	2	1	0	JHmltn lf	4	0	1	1
Bautist 1b	4	0	1	0	Aybar ss	4	1	1	0
Reimld rf	4	0	2	3	HKndrc 2b	4	1	1	1
Kratz c	5	0	0	0	Freese 3b	1	1	1	1
DNavrr dh	5	1	3	1	JMcDnl 3b	1	0	0	0
Mstrnn cf	2	1	0	0	Cron 1b	4	1	2	0
ClRsms ph-cf	2	0	0	0	Conger c	3	0	0	0
Kawsk 2b	5	1	2	0					
Totals	39	7	12	6	Totals	33	8	10	7

Toronto .... 001 501 000—7
Los Angeles .... 021 300 20x—8

E—Reyes (13), C.Wilson (2), H.Kendrick (8), Cron (1). LOB—Toronto 12, Los Angeles 5. 2B—Reimold (3), D.Navarro (11). HR—Calhoun (10), Pujols (20). S—St.Tolleson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Stroman	3 2-3	8	6	5	1	4
Redmond	2	0	0	0	1	2
Loup L,2-2	1	2	2	2	1	1
McGowan	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cecil	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
C.Wilson	3 2-3	8	6	3	3	1
Bedrosian	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Thatcher	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Salas	1 1-3	2	1	1	1	2
Grilli W,1-1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Jepsen	1	0	0	0	0	0
J.Smith S,12-16	1	0	0	0	0	2

Bedrosian pitched to 1 batter in the 5th.
WP—Stroman 2, C.Wilson.
T—3:47. A—35,726 (45,483).

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE

RED SOX 5, WHITE SOX 4
Chicago .... 110 100 100 —4 10 0
Boston .... 000 000 032 —5 9 1
Sale, Petricka (8), Guerra (8) and Flowers; R.De La Rosa, Breslow (6), Mujica (7), Tazawa (8), Uehara (9) and Vazquez. W—Uehara 5-2. L—Guerra 0-1. HRs—Chicago, J.Abreu (28), Gillaspie (3).

ROYALS 5, RAYS 4
Kansas City .... 100 100 003 —5 11 0
Tampa Bay .... 000 400 000 —4 8 1
Ventura, K.Herrera (6), S.Downs (6), Crow (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez; Cobb, Balfour (7), McGee (8), Boxberger (8), Jo.Peralta (9), Yates (9) and J.Molina. W—Crow 4-1. L—Yates 0-1. Sv—G.Holland (24). HRs—Kansas City, Hosmer (5), S.Perez (11). Tampa Bay, Kiermaier (8).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ROCKIES 6, PADRES 3
San Diego .... 000 120 000 —3 10 0
Colorado .... 200 100 03x —6 8 1
Stults, Boyer (6), Benoit (8) and Grandal; Rivera, Jurrjens, Kahnle (5), Brothers (7), Logan (8), Hawkins (9) and Rosario. W—Logan 2-1. L—Benoit 3-1. Sv—Hawkins (17). HRs—San Diego, Goebbert (1), S.Smith (10). Colorado, Blackmon (14), Tulowitzki 2 (20), Rosario (9), Stubbs (9).

DIAMONDBACKS 4, MARLINS 3
Miami .... 000 001 000 2 —3 9 1
Arizona .... 000 000 010 3 —4 9 0
Eovaldi, M.Dunn (8), Morris (9), Cishek (10) and Mathis; Collmenter, Stites (8), Ziegler (9) and M.Montero. W—Ziegler 4-1. L—Cishek 4-4.

METS 4, BRAVES 1
Atlanta .... 000 001 000 —1 8 0
New York .... 100 000 30x —4 6 1
E.Santana, Varvaro (8) and Laird; Gee, Black (8), Mejia (9) and d'Arnaud. W—Gee 4-1. L—E.Santana 7-6. Sv—Mejia (9). HRs—New York, d'Arnaud (6).

REDS 4, CUBS 1
Chicago .... 001 000 000 —1 5 0
Cincinnati .... 010 030 00x —4 7 0
Beeler, Grimm (6), W.Wright (7) and Castillo; Simon, M.Parra (7), Broxton (8), A.Chapman (9) and Mesoraco. W—Simon 12-3. L—Beeler 0-2. Sv—A.Chapman (19). HRs—Chicago, Rizzo (20).

PHILLIES 4, BREWERS 1
Philadelphia .... 100 002 100 —4 7 0
Milwaukee .... 010 000 000 —1 3 1
R.Hernandez, Papelbon (9) and Rupp; Lohse, Wooten (9) and Maldonado. W—R.Hernandez 4-8. L—Lohse 9-4. Sv—Papelbon (22). HRs—Philadelphia, Utley (8), Rollins (9).

INTERLEAGUE

TIGERS 4, DODGERS 1
Los Angeles .... 000 010 000 —1 4 0
Detroit .... 200 100 01x —4 8 0
Greinke, League (8) and A.Ellis; Scherzer, Chamberlain (8), Nathan (9) and Avila. W—Scherzer 11-3. L—Greinke 11-5. Sv—Nathan (18). HRs—Los Angeles, Rojas (1).

NATIONALS 6, ORIOLES 2
Washington .... 210 110 100 —6 7 0
Baltimore .... 100 100 000 —2 7 0
Fister, Storen (8), Detwiler (9) and W.Ramos; B.Norris, Brach (5), Matusz (7) and C.Joseph. W—Fister 8-2. L—B.Norris 7-6. HRs—Washington, W.Ramos (3), Desmond (16), Werth (9). Baltimore, Machado (9).

NCAA President calls for 'scholarships for life'

By Joseph White
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NCAA President Mark Emmert told a Senate committee Wednesday he supports "scholarships for life" and other reforms in how athletes are treated, then did such a good job of casting himself as a powerless figurehead that one senator told him: "I can't tell whether you're in charge or whether you're a minion."

Emmert faced a skeptical Senate Commerce Committee and said he feels college sports "works extremely well for the vast majority" and that the overall current model of amateurism should be preserved.

But he listed several changes he'd like to see enacted.

In addition to the end of the standard year-to-year scholarships, he said scholarships should also cover the full cost of attending college, not just basics such as room and board.

He also called for better health, safety and insurance protocols and said universities must confront what he called the "national crisis" of sexual assault.

Emmert said such changes could come about if Division I schools decide to remake their decision-making structure in the coming weeks, giving more authority to the five biggest conferences.

He reiterated that the schools themselves are in charge of the rules and emphasized the challenge of creating a consensus among college presidents, coaches and athletic directors.

That led to sharp words from Sen. Claire McCaskill, who leveled the "minion" statement and added: "If you're merely a monetary pass-through, why should you even exist?"

The Missouri Democrat was particularly concerned with research that showed a significant percentage of universities allow athletic departments to handle sexual assault investigations of athletes.

Emmert said he was "equally surprised and dismayed by" McCaskill's numbers and that he would work to put an end to the apparent conflict of interest.

The hearing came as the NCAA faces pressure from multiple fronts to reform how athletes are treated and compensated.

The organization is awaiting a judge's ruling following a three-week trial in Oakland, California, in which former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon and others are seeking a share of revenues from the use of their names, images and likenesses in broadcasts and videogames.

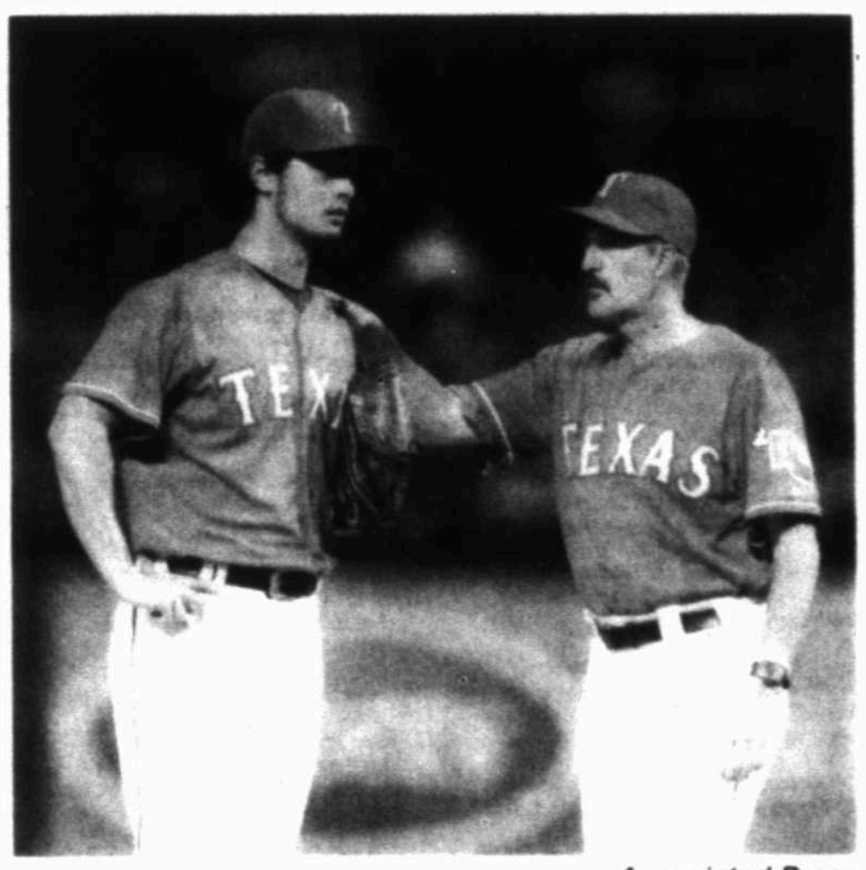
Also, former Northwestern quarterback Kain Colter is leading a push to form the first union for college athletes.

Emmert testified in the O'Bannon trial, where he opposed any effort to pay players because it would destroy the bedrock of amateurism on which college sports is based.

There have been moves, however, to pay more attention to the athlete's concerns. Emmert noted that multiyear scholarships were recently reinstated after being banned for close to four decades. The Big Ten last month came out in support of guaranteed four-year scholarships and improved medical coverage for athletes.

Also testifying was former University of North Carolina football player Devon Ramsay, who spoke of the red tape he had to endure to clear his name after allegations of plagiarism. UNC has been dealing with a long-running academics and athletics scandal, and Ramsay said he came to the conclusion that the school "was more concerned with penalties and losses of scholarships than protecting one of its own."

Ramsay also called for mandatory summer internships that would help prepare athletes for future careers.



Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Yu Darvish talks with pitching coach Mike Maddux, right, during a mound visit in the sixth inning against the Houston Astros on Wednesday in Arlington.

ASTROS

From 1C

Grossman's solo homer, about 329 feet into the right-field corner off Darvish, made it 4-all with two outs in the fifth. Grossman had a double in the first inning and an RBI single in the third.

Before getting recalled this week by the Astros, Grossman had an 18-game hitting streak at Triple-A Oklahoma City. But he was hitless over a span of 28 at-bats in the majors after going 0 for 4 on Tuesday night to start his third stint with Houston this season.

Adrian Beltre extended his hitting streak to 13 games with an RBI single in the Texas first. The All-Star third baseman is batting .494 (38 for 77) in his last 20 home games, and is second in the AL at .336 overall.

Houston took a 2-1 lead in the second by scoring twice with two outs. Corporan doubled before Enrique Hernandez tripled and came home on a wild pitch.

The Rangers loaded the bases with none out in the bottom half before Daniel Robertson's two-run double and a sacrifice fly by Shin-Soo Choo.

NOTES: Springer also made a running catch in the right-center gap to end the third. ... Beltre was called out on strike three in the third when he stepped out of the box but wasn't granted time. When he came to bat in the sixth, Beltre had an animated conversation with plate Bill Miller. ... INF Donnie Murphy, designated for assignment by the Rangers on Monday, rejected an outright assignment to Triple-A Round Rock and was placed on unconditional release waivers.

Riley, LeBron meet in Las Vegas

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Pat Riley has gotten his chance at convincing LeBron James to stay in Miami, said a person familiar with the situation.

The Miami Heat president met with the four-time NBA MVP on Wednesday afternoon in Las Vegas, the person told The Associated Press. James, his agent Rich Paul, Riley and Heat executive Andy Elisburg were at the meeting, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because neither side publicly announced who would be attending the meeting or when it would take place.

James

It was unclear whether James informed Riley where he would play next season, the person said.

The meeting took place more than two weeks after James opted out of his contract and elected to become a free agent and the day before free agents may begin signing contracts.

James spent part of his day before the meeting at his annual skills academy with some of the nation's top high school and college players, interacting and observing workouts. That was part of the reason why Riley had to fly across the country to make the meeting happen, with hopes that he would return to Miami from the gambling haven with a huge win — keeping James in Heat colors for at least another season.

Several teams have met with Paul during the free-agent process, but it appears James has only one decision to make: Cleveland or Miami, the same choice he pondered four years ago when he decided play with the Heat. With James, the Heat won four Eastern Conference titles and two NBA championships.

The Cavaliers didn't sit idle waiting for James and Riley to meet.

Cleveland created salary-cap space earlier Wednesday with a three-team trade with the Boston Celtics and Brooklyn Nets, ensuring they have enough to offer the James a maximum contract.

But James had said he would meet with Riley and the Heat before making his decision.

The meeting came nearly three weeks after Riley addressed reporters following Miami's loss to San Antonio in the NBA Finals, when he insisted that the Heat needed to make some adjustments to get better — but didn't need a massive rebuilding job to stay at a championship level.

"You've got to stay together if you've got the guts, and you don't find the first door and run out of it if you have an opportunity," Riley said on June 19. "This is four years now into this era, this team, four finals. It's only been done three other times before. And two championships. From day one to the end, it was like a Broadway show. Sort of ran out of steam, and we need to retool. We don't need to rebuild, we need to retool, and that's what we're going to do."

If James leaves, it'll be more than a retooling project that awaits Miami.

Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh — the other members of Miami's "Big 3" of the past four seasons — are also free agents, and neither has given any hint as to what they will do, though it's still expected Wade will not leave the Heat. Miami has just two players under contract for next season, one of those on a partially guaranteed deal. The Heat have also reached agreements with forwards Josh McRoberts and Danny Granger, but there's still plenty of jobs to be filled.

And the Heat have simply been in a holding pattern while waiting for James to make his next decision.

Now sober, De La Hoya still keeps fighting

TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

The day after winning the only gold medal for the U.S. boxing team in the 1992 Olympics, Oscar De La Hoya was pulled out of bed to sit next to swimmer Janet Evans and talk about the success of American athletes in Barcelona.

Little did U.S. Olympic officials know that the 19-year-old had gotten so drunk the night before while celebrating his win that his family had to carry him back to his room. Now he sat wearing dark sunglasses in front of a room full of journalists, so hung over that he couldn't stay awake long enough to answer the simplest of questions.

"I'm sitting at this little table and Janet Evans is next to me with I don't know how many golds," De La Hoya said, "And I just fall asleep. They're asking me questions and I don't know what was happening. I just kept hearing 'Oscar, Oscar.'"

The drinking didn't stop even as he became the Golden Boy and embarked on a spectacular pro career where he pocketed, by his own estimates, $300 million. When it finally ended in December 2008 with a beating at the hands of Manny Pacquiao, De La Hoya's toughest opponent hadn't changed.

The bottle remained unbeaten.

"When I fought Pacquiao, two weeks before the fight I was plastered out of my mind," De La Hoya said.

Boxing history is littered with similar tales of fighters and addiction problems. Most don't end well, though Sugar Ray Leonard and Julio Cesar Chavez overcame the odds to tell their tales of alcohol abuse and drug problems.

De La Hoya wants to tell his story, too. At 41, he finally seems comfortable with himself following a three-month stint in a Malibu rehabilitation center where he wasn't even allowed to see his wife and six children.

He says he's finally overcome his demons. It feels good to talk about them because he believes they're gone for good.

He's back fighting, this time in the board room instead of the ring. At stake in the battle with his former CEO Richard Schaefer is control of his boxing company, Golden Boy Promotions, and De La Hoya makes it clear that he's in this fight to win.

More importantly, though, he says he's taken control of his life after being lost for years.

Before his latest rehab, De La Hoya said, he was content to let Schaefer and others run the company while he tried to enjoy himself.

"I didn't want the responsibility," he said. "I'm the Golden Boy. I was supposed to have everything."

That it's taken two rehabs to get to where he is now isn't lost on De La Hoya, who in addition to his own career takes credit for launching the careers of some of his opponents — most notably Floyd Mayweather Jr. — into big pay-per-view successes. De La Hoya for years was the biggest draw in boxing of anyone not named Mike Tyson, and he says his fights grossed $700 million on pay-per-view sales alone.

AP Source: Cavs agree to 3-team trade

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Cavaliers have cleared a path for LeBron James to come back home.

The Cavs created enough salary-cap space to offer the superstar free agent a maximum contract by agreeing to trade guard Jarrett Jack, swingman Sergey Karasev and center Tyler Zeller in a three-team deal with Brooklyn and Boston, a person familiar with the deals told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because teams are not permitted to discuss trades until the league's moratorium ends today.

The moves are designed to open room under the salary cap so they can land the Akron-born James, the four-time league MVP and most sought after player on the market.

Not long after making the trade with the Celtics and Nets, the Cavs had exploratory discussions with the Minnesota Timberwolves about a possible trade for three-time All-Star Kevin Love, said a person with knowledge of the inquiry.

The Timberwolves would be looking for No. 1 overall draft pick Andrew Wiggins to be part of any potential package from Cleveland in order to consider parting with Love if the talks were to become more serious, the person said, speaking with the AP on condition of anonymity because neither team publicly announced the conversation.

Sterling testily takes stage in Clippers trial

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Donald Sterling, battling to stop the sale of his beloved Los Angeles Clippers, turned a courtroom into his personal stage, railing at a lawyer questioning him, denouncing doctors who deemed him incompetent and insisting he can get far more than the $2 billion price offered for the team.

Taking the stand Tuesday in a role he'll resume on Wednesday, Sterling alternately declared his love for his wife, Shelly, with tears and then demeaned her as a woman intimidated by the "bad NBA" and incapable of handling such a large financial transaction.

Sterling, himself a lawyer, exerted his control over the proceedings in the non-jury civil trial from the moment he took the witness stand and accused lawyer Bert Fields of asking him a compound question. Fields, one of the best known entertainment lawyers in Los Angeles, spoke so softly that Sterling complained he couldn't hear him.

The 80-year-old billionaire also called doctors who've declared he has Alzheimer's disease "hired guns," pleaded a faulty memory about some of his most controversial remarks and declared he could top the $2 billion offer for the Clippers by $10 billion by selling TV rights to Fox and winning an antitrust suit he's filed against the NBA.

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

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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 889-6080

Statisticians for RockHounds games needed
What: A major baseball statistics company is looking for scorekeepers for RockHounds game this season.
For more info: Email milb.scorers@yahoo.com

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

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Chaps Basketball Camps
When: For grades Kindergarten-8th grade, 10 a.m.-noon, July 7-10; Offensive skills camp for grades Kindergarten-12th grade, 10 a.m.-noon, July 28-31
Cost: $150 per camper each week
For more info: Contact Jordan Dreiling at 685-4577, jdreiling@midland.edu or go to www.midland.edu/chapsbasketballcamp

Lady Chaps Varsity Team Camp
When: July 14-16
For more info: Go to ww.midland.edu/varsityteamcamp

Lady Chaps Basketball Camps
When: July 17-19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., FUNdamentals Camp; Shooting Camp, 4-6 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12, FUNdamentals Camp; Shooting Camp for grades 7-12
Cost: $60
For more info: Call coach Ron Jones at 685-4581 or rjones@midland.edu or Ginger Gatliff at 685-6469 or ggatliff@midland.edu; Also go to www.midland.edu/ladychapsbasketballcamp

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 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 College girls basketball camps
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Session I: Fundamental Camp
When: July 17-19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
For: Grades 3-12
Session II: Shooting Camp
When: July 17-19, 4-6 p.m.
Cost: $60 (includes camp T-shirt)
For more info or to register: Go to www.gochaps.com/women_s_basketball/girls_basketball_camps.php

2014 MHS Strength and Conditioning Camp
When: Monday, June 9-Thursday, July 17 (Note, June 30-July 4 is a vacation week)
Cost: $75 for 5 weeks of workouts and instruction
Times: 9th-12th grades, 8-9:30 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 10-11:30 a.m.
For more info: Contact Craig Yenzer at 689-1195 or 689-1193

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer 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.pbbatx.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 520-6633

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 631-2395

2014 Bulldog Football Camp
When: July 28-31
Times: 4th-6th grades, 8-10 a.m.; 7th-8th grades, 9-11 a.m.; 9th grade, 10 a.m.-Noon; Registration is 30 minutes prior to first day's camp
Where: Memorial Stadium
For: incoming 4th throug 9th graders
Cost: $40
For more info: Contact Craig Yenzer at 689-1195 or 689-1193

Golf

Hogan Park Junior Golf Summer Program
When: Session III, July 21-25
For: Boys and girls ages 9-17
Times: Check in, 9:30 a.m. first Monday. Clinic 10-11 a.m.
Cost: $100 per session
For more info: Call Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or jon@hoganparkgolf.com

Hogan Park Pee Wee
When: Session III, July 21-23
For: Boys and girls ages 4-8
Times: Check in, 8 a.m., first Monday. Clinic goes form 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Cost: $70 per session
For more info: Contact Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360 or jon@hoganparkgolf.com

Big Spring Country Club Parent-Child
Format: 2-person scramble
When: 9 a.m. July 26, 1 p.m. July 27
Entry fee:$100 per team in the Open Division and $50 in the Trophy Division plus golf cart (private carts are welcome)
For more info or to sign up call: 432-267-5354

Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: MCM Ice Rink, Odessa
Hockey 101/Skills & Drills
When: Tuesday nights through July 29
Cost: $15
For: 13-under, 7-8 p.m.; 14-and-up, 8-9 p.m.
Power Skating
When: Saturdays through July 26th
Cost: $15
For: 13-under, 9-10:15 a.m.; 14-under, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Penalty Box Camp
When: Aug. 4-8
When: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-Noon
For more info: Call Donnie Margettie at 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, 8:30 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

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

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. Players 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 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 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Martin County EMS Labor Day 4-mile Fun Run
When: Sept. 1; registration 8 a.m.; race 9 a.m.
Where: Martin County EMS Building, 1101 W. Broadway, Stanton
Cost: $20 if postmarked by Aug. 28; $25 if postmarked after Aug. 28 or on day of race
For more info: Contact Bob Teveni at 661-8597 or pick up an entry from Dr. Pablo Teveni's office at 600 I-20 EAst, Suite D-105, Stanton, located next to Martin County Hospital

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 can 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 634-6474 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, 634-6474 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
Who: 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

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

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65; youth $30; families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

MTC Tennis Tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
When: July 12-13; Aug. 9-10; Aug. 23-24; Sept. 20-21; Oct. 11; Nov. 8-9
For more info: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Program
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m; Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, May 19-Aug. 2
Where: Lee High School Track, 3500 Neely
For: Boys and girls ages 7-19 years old
For more info: Contact Tony Goyang at 694-2424 or 349-1125

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

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For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	C	A	B	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Black Box "I Shall Be Released" (N)		Rookie Blue "Going Under" (N)		NY Med (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	The Millers	Big Brother		Elementary "The Marchioness"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Craig Ferguson
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome Kotter	Bosom Buddies	Bosom Buddies	Twilight Zone	Perry Mason	Dragnet
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "Five Chefs Compete" (N)		Gang "El Zorro y el Gallinero" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wedge	Rocks/Mineralnuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at p.m.		Hollywood Game Night (N)		Sweden (N)	Engels "Pilot" (N)	Comic "Challenge 2: Talk Show" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jimmy Fallon	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Parks and Wildlife	Daytripper	Last Tango in Halifax		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Toronto"		Charlie Rose (N)	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		340	65			165	(5:00) White Fang		★★★★ Ed Wood Johnny Depp.				(:10) An American Werewolf...		(:50) ★★★ Play Misty for Me			
HBO		300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) ★ 42 ('13, Bio) Harrison Ford, Chadwick Boseman.					The Leftovers		Cathouse		The Leftovers	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:45) Joe Louis		★ The Best Man Holiday Monica Calhoun.				(:15) ★★★ Oblivion ('13, Act) Tom Cruise.				Movie	
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(5:05) ★ City by the...		Big Love		Bill Maher		★ Clear History Eva Mendes.		(:45) ★★ Now You See Me			
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:50) ★★★ Stop Shot ('77, Com) Paul Newman.					★ Runner Runner		(:35) ★ The Great Bikini Bowl...			
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★★★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.				★ South Park: Bigger, Longer...		(:25) ★★★ Payback		(:10) ★ A Night at t...			
PLEX				96			(5:20) ★ Transylvani...		★★★ Forget Paris				(:45) ★★★ True Stories		(:20) ★★ Teen Wolf Too Jason Bateman.			
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Movie	★ Kidnapped for Christ ('14, Doc)			★★★ Crash ('04, Dra) Sandra Bullock.				Penn &..		★★★ Five Fingers Mimi Ferrer.	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Dark Skies		★★★★ Hustle & Flow Terrence Howard.				★★★★-Killing Them Softly		(:40) ★★★ Johnny Suede			
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Shattered"		The First 48 (N)		The First 48 (N)		Beyond Scared Straight (N)		Scared "Chester County, SC: Girls"		The First 48	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(5:45) ★★★★ Jaws ('75, Hor) Roy Scheider.						(:45) ★★★ Jaws 2 ('78, Hor) Roy Scheider.				(:15) ★★★ Jaws 3	
BET		58	26		40		BET Awards "BET Awards 2014"							BETX Recap SPX (N)		Game	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Kandi's Wedding		Kandi's Wedding		Social "Kandi's Wedding" (N)		TBA		Watch (N)	Wedding "Meet the Tuckers"		
CNBC		46	45		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Sixties		The Sixties		A. Cooper 360		The Sixties	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		MythBusters		MythBusters (N)		To Be Announced		MythBusters		To Be Announced	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Dog Blog	Jessie	Girl	★ Zapped ('14, Fant) Zendaya.				Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	FIFA Soccer World Cup				Softball World Cup (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	(3:00) CHAMPS Golf		Baseball Tonight (L)		F.I.L. Lacrosse World Championship (L)				Olbermann (L)		Olbermann	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	The Fosters		The Fosters		The Fosters "Play"		The Fosters		The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Food Network Star		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners...	Diners...	Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	OutdoorSouthwest	Words "Jim Nill"	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★ Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol ('11, Act) Tom Cruise.						Tyrant		★★ Takers	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ Hats Off to ...		★ Fir Crazy ('13, Rom) Craig Pryce.				★ Matchmaker Santa		Lacey Chabert.		★ Moonlight & M...	
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		HouseH	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Pawnog.	Pawnog.	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ Walking the Halls Doug Campbell.		★ A Sister's Nightmare (2013, Thriller) Natasha Henstridge, Kelly Rutherford.				★ The Good Mistress (2014, Drama) Kendra Anderson, Antonio Cupo, Annie Heise.				★ A Sister's Nightmare	
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				(5:30) Triathlon		Cycling Tour de France Stage 6 Arras - Reims						Motocross Highl. (N)		Cycling Tour de France	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam & Cat		Hathaway	Hathaway	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling				Cops	Cops	Prisoners: Control	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Stargate: C...		Defiance: Lost (N)		Dominion (N)		Spartac "Legends" (N)		Dominion		Defiance: Lost Ones	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Checks"	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Lisa Kudrow, George R.R. Martin		The Office	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	Movie	Playhouse	★ ★ Salesman Paul Brennan.				(:45) ★ The Times of Harvey Milk				★ Come Back, Africa	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Reina de Corazones		En otra piel		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	En otra piel	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Honey Boo Boo	Honey Boo "Safety!"	Honey Boo "Favorite Summer Moments"		Honey Boo (N)	Honey Boo (N)	Relative (N)	Relative (N)	Honey Boo Boo	Honey Boo Boo	It's All Relative	It's All Relative
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Under the Gun"		Castle "Punked"		Castle "Anatomy of a Murder"		Castle "3XK"		(:05) Murder in the First "Pants on Fire"		(:05) Perception "Possession"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	Queens	(:25) King of Queens		Queens	Queens	Loves Ray	(:35) Ray	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Recruit"		NCIS: Los Angeles "The Fifth Man"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	NCIS: Los Angeles "Greed"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Golfer Wie goes for encore at Royal Birkdale

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — As much as Michelle Wie prefers to look forward, this is one week when it's tempting to get caught up in the past.

That could include her recent tour of New York as the U.S. Women's Open champion or a decade ago when the teen prodigy from Hawaii got her first taste of links golf along the Lancashire coast of England.

Both are relevant memories this week at the Ricoh Women's British Open.

Wie is among the favorites when the LPGA Tour's third major of the year gets underway Thursday at Royal Birkdale and not just because she won the last major.

Wie has two victories among eight top 10s in her last nine tournaments. She has played in the final group at both majors. Her unique, bent over "tabletop" stance while putting has proven to be the perfect complement to her power. She has become a force in women's golf, capped off by her two-shot win at Pinehurst No. 2.

She was introduced at her press conference as the reigning U.S. Women's Open champion.

"It's never going to get old," said Wie, smiling "I think it's amazing that it will be there forever — my name will be on the cup. Once it's engraved, it can't really be taken back. It feels amazing. I'm extremely proud of myself."

AP file photo

Michelle Wie poses with the trophy after winning the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C. on June 22. The 24-year-old from Hawaii is ready to put her first major championship behind her. Wie is among the favorites when the Ricoh Women's British Open gets underway on Thursday at Royal Birkdale.

And now it's back to work.

"I let myself really bask in it for a few days," Wie said. "And after that ... just because I won a major, it doesn't mean that I'm going to play well in the future. It doesn't guarantee that I'm going to win the British or win anything."

Wie made her links debut just down the road at Formby when she played in the Curtis Cup at age 14. A year later, in her final tournament as an amateur, she closed with a 69 at Birkdale in cold, windy conditions and tied for third in the Women's British Open.

"I didn't know what hand-warmers were," she said. "And I remember playing with Catriona (Matthew) and I saw her with the hand warmers and I was like, 'What is that? That is so genius.' I have never been so cold in my entire life. That's what I remember from the first Birkdale."

The Women's British Open returns to Royal Birkdale for the sixth time, and it's enough to get the attention of every player — from defending champion Stacy Lewis to Laura Davies, the 50-year-old English star who has played them all at Birkdale.

A wet spring has made the links course lush. The course is already is 6,458 yards, which feels even longer at sea level and without getting as much roll in the fairways. And the wind has been ripping off the Irish Sea during the last two days of practice.

"Obviously, on a lot of these courses, you miss the bunkers," said Matthew, who grew up playing links golf in Scotland. "But here, you've got to miss the bunkers and the rough. So I think you're really going to have to play well to have a good score around here and especially if the wind blows."

Davies said there were a few times during her pro-am round where a golf ball just a few feet off the fairway could not be found.

Lewis is No. 1 in the world and the defending championship, finishing birdie-birdie at St. Andrews last summer to capture her second major. Royal Birkdale, regarded as the best of the English links, is nothing like the Old Course. The dunes along the Irish Sea are so expansive that it's difficult to see the entire course. The greens are small. The pot bunkers effectively are one-shot penalties anywhere except around the greens.

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LEVEL

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an R, and then rearrange the letters to spell something usually found in a bedroom.

S U P P L I E S

D E S S E R T

T E A C U P

Yesterday's Answer: HUGEST, SOAPED, EFFIGY 7.10

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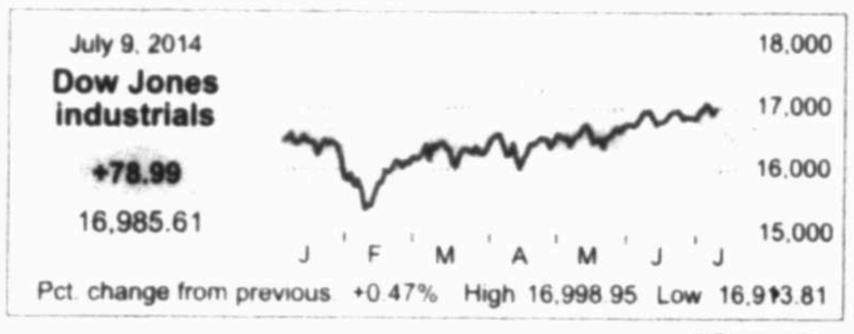
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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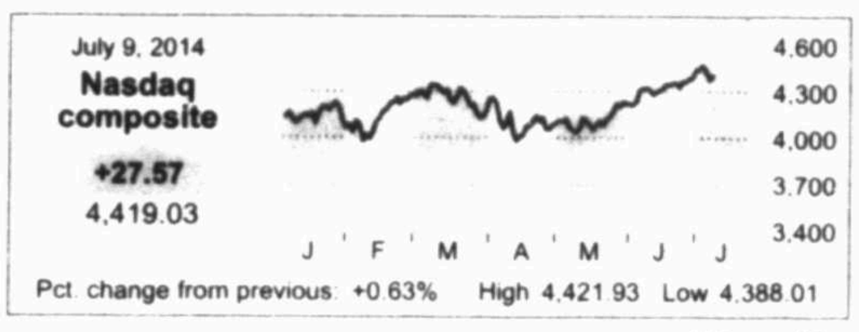

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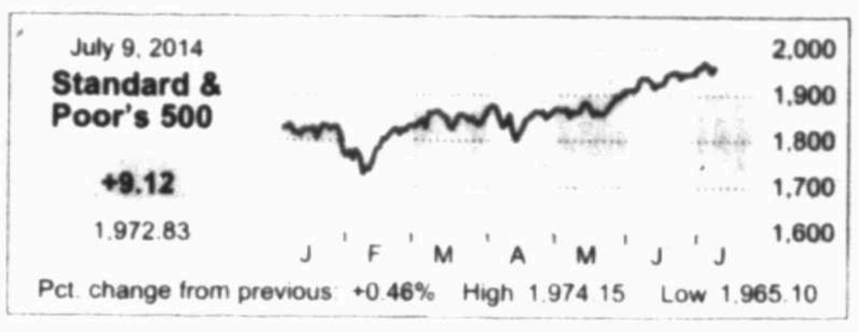

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday:	$102.29
Previous:	$103.40

POSTED

Wednesday:	$98.75
Previous:	$99.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday:	$91.90
Previous:	$92.90

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday:	$4.170
Previous:	$4.204

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CBS B	767069	63.93	+.54
S&P500ETF	654631	197.12	+.88
Alcoa	528781	15.69	+.84
BkofAm	451676	15.60	+.02
MktVGold	416740	27.15	+.69

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirGMnBull	32.81	+4.63	+16.4
BioAmber	13.40	+1.40	+11.7
Edenor	15.47	+1.57	+11.3
AMovilL	22.83	+2.09	+10.1
BcoMacro	42.62	+3.68	+9.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gigamon	12.29	-5.89	-32.4
DirGMBear	9.90	-1.58	-13.8
USEC Inc	5.60	-.71	-11.3
ContainSt n	24.80	-2.27	-8.4
SwEBioFu23	9.60	-.85	-8.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,801
Declined	1,292
Unchanged	125
Total issues	3,218
New Highs	102
New Lows	18
Volume	2,794,264,300

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TherapMD	134205	5.01	-.46
NwGold g	81445	6.50	+.32
AlldNevG	35121	3.86	+.13
Globalstar	32079	4.38	+.06
GtPanSilv g	27772	1.40	+.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvinoSG g	2.30	+.15	+7.0
CT Ptrs	11.69	+.70	+6.4
Pedevco rs	2.02	+.12	+6.3
SilvrCrst g	2.13	+.12	+6.0
Neuralstem	3.56	+.19	+5.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TherapMD	5.01	-.46	-8.4
Tofutti	4.60	-.28	-5.7
InspireMD	2.62	-.14	-5.1
iSIndiaSC bt	31.73	-1.57	-4.7
Fibrocell	3.45	-.17	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	216
Declined	173
Unchanged	34
Total issues	423
New Highs	10
New Lows	4
Volume	100,547,821

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	561259	3.35	-.01
Facebook	505487	64.97	+2.21
MicronT	387518	32.89	-.24
Apple Inc s	356190	95.39	+.04
Cisco	298242	25.44	+.37

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CymaBay n	7.78	+1.33	+20.6
CombiMtx	2.52	+.34	+15.6
Pixelwrks	8.73	+1.13	+14.9
AeroViron	35.05	+4.09	+13.2
GSI Techj	6.56	+.76	+13.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Viggle n	3.29	-.48	-12.7
Intelliph	2.95	-.43	-12.7
UBIC	14.47	-1.88	-11.5
EveryWr h	2.45	-.29	-10.6
Penford	12.25	-1.31	-9.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,454
Declined	1,182
Unchanged	145
Total issues	2,781
New Highs	37
New Lows	29
Volume	1,697,490,674

A summer goes without swagger for Hollywood

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hollywood's summer at the box office isn't just missing nearly 20 percent of last summer's revenue. It's lacking swagger.

Summer is the season for mega-budget, chest-thumping, globe-trotting monstrosities — films so big they lure droves of Americans with heavily promoted promises of shock and awe. But this season's blockbuster output has been curiously low on the summer's stock in trade: bigness.

Two months into the summer, there haven't been any $300 million grossers at the North American box office. The only movie to surpass $100 million in its weekend debut was "Transformers: Age of Extinction," and it did so by such a small smidge that some box-office watchers claimed it was artificially inflated. The Fourth of July, the customary launching pad for some of Hollywood's flashiest fireworks, was the worst July 4th weekend in at least a decade.

"The first half of the year was extremely strong, as was last year," said Dan Fellman, domestic distribution head for Warner Bros. "Then all of a sudden, it turned the other way."

Since kicking off in early May, the summer box office has totaled $2.25 billion, a 19.3 percent downturn from last summer. Propelled by hit sequels like "Iron Man 3" and "Despicable Me 2," last year was a record summer at the box office, despite a series of high-profile bombs such as "The Lone Ranger," "White House Down" and "After Earth."

But when you bet big, you can also win big. While Hollywood's summer has featured no shortage of major blockbusters, it has in some ways been more content to hit a double than swing for the fences. This summer's box office has been dragged down not so much by flops than by a slate of more modestly ambitious movies.

The only major new July 4 release was the Melissa McCarthy comedy "Tammy," made for just $20 million. (It debuted with a lackluster $21.6 million.) One of the season's biggest sensations, "The Fault in Our Stars," was a niche-based hit that appealed to the ardent fans of John Green's young adult book. A whopping 82 percent of its $48 million opening weekend was female. The ensemble comedy sequel "Think Like a Man Too" topped a weekend in June with $29.2 million despite little crossover appeal.

These movies will likely all be quite profitable for their respective studios due to their cost-conscious budgets. But they aren't superhero-sized hits.

Many of the blockbusters have seen revenue quickly tumble after the first weekend or two. Paramount's "Transformers" — the biggest movie of the summer — nosedived 63 percent in its second weekend. "X-Men: Days of Future Past" opened big with $90.8 million but slid 64 percent the following week. "Godzilla" bowed with $93.2 million only to drop 67 percent.

Large declines aren't uncommon in the blockbuster business, where so much of the marketing push is for opening weekend. But such steep fall-offs contribute to anxiety over the ability of movies to capture and hold the attention of moviegoers in an age of so many other entertainment options.

DreamWorks' "How to Train Your Dragon 2" was set up to be the big animated option of the summer following the popularity of the Oscar-nominated original. But it has seen an oddly muted reception, thus far totaling $141.7 million domestically, well below the $368 million domestic haul of "Despicable Me 2." DreamWorks Animation head Jeffrey Katzenberg has been cynical about the movie industry of late, calling it "not a growth business."

Instead, the studios have been banking on their biggest growth coming from overseas markets. Michael Bay's "Transformers" for Paramount emphasized China more than North America. It launched its global assault from there and it was rewarded by becoming China's all-time top box-office film, with $223 million in just two weeks.

Overseas, star power and spectacle often go further than in North America. Angelina Jolie and Disney's "Maleficent" has brought in $416 million internationally, while Tom Cruise and "Edge of Tomorrow" has nearly tripled its domestic total ($91.4 million) abroad ($248.6 million).

"We're in a global business today and if we lose a little ground in the domestic marketplace, we can pick it up internationally," said Fellman.

But overseas business is little use for North American theaters. Fellman notes it's the exhibitors "that are really suffering this summer."

Yet because of a strong spring led by "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" and "The Lego Movie" (the year's top two domestic releases at this point), the total 2014 box office is down only 3.9 percent from last year.

"We have 'Dawn of the Planet of the Apes' on the way and 'Guardians of the Galaxy,'" said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "Luckily there are what I think will be solid performers on the way. The summer's not over."

But, really, most of the optimism now has shifted to 2015, when Marvel's "Avengers: Age of Ultron" may become the highest grossing movie of all time. There's a general sentiment that the summer of 2014 is simply an in-between summer.

"Ultimately," said Dergarabedian, "it does come down to the product."

Oil on 2-week slide

The price of oil fell for the ninth straight day Wednesday as global supplies continue to flow despite unrest in the world's most important oil-producing region.

The prolonged drop could lead to lower gasoline prices for U.S. drivers in the weeks ahead.

In the Middle East, the insurgency in Iraq is far from resolved, but hasn't halted oil exports. The fighting now seems unlikely to spread to Iraq's major oil fields. Tensions between Israel and Hamas have escalated in the past week, but aren't threatening any major oil production.

On the supply side, Libyan crude exports appear poised to surge after an agreement between the government and local militias cleared the way for export terminals to open. And U.S. production continues to soar.

At the same time, refiners have already made much of the gasoline needed to fuel road trips for summer vacationers, so crude demand will begin to ebb over the next couple of months. Meanwhile, the nation's oil supply as of July 4 was 382.6 million barrels, up 2.3 percent from this time a year ago.

"We in the U.S are sitting on a ton of crude oil," said energy analyst Stephen Schork of the Schork Group. "We're at the point in the season we have a lot of supply and demand is about to fall."

U.S. benchmark crude fell $1.11 Wednesday to close at $102.29 in New York.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $133.04 Down 1.98

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $147.88 Up 3.38

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $27.78 Down 0.17

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $87.29 Up 1.32

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $31.32 Up 0.27

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.42 Up 0.31

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $31.46 Down 0.33

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.00 Up 0.94

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $18.23 Up 0.08

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.65	+.09	+1.4
AbbVie	1.68	21	55.01	-.68	+4.2
Abraxas	...	48	6.18	+.18	+89.5
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.86	+.05	+6.0
AMD		85	4.23	+.01	+9.3
Alcoa	12	37	15.69	+.84	+47.6
AlonUSA	24		12.36	+.03	-25.3
Ambev n	22e		7.12	-.03	-3.1
AMovilL	35e	18	22.83	+2.09	-2.3
AmAirl n			41.99	+1.73	+66.3
Amgen	2.44	19	119.57	-.39	+4.8
Anadarko	1.08f	...	107.50	+.01	+35.5
Apache	1.00	23	99.65	+1.19	+16.0
Apple Inc s	1.88f	16	95.39	+.04	+19.0
ApldMatl	.40	33	23.27	+.53	+31.6
ATMOS	1.48	18	51.26	-.27	+12.9
AutoData	1.92	27	80.47		-.4
BP PLC	2.28	8	52.32	-.06	+7.6
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.17	-.03	+1.6
BakrHu	68f	28	74.10	+.42	+34.1
BcoBrad pf	44e		14.60	+.19	+16.5
BkofAm	04	21	15.60	+.02	+.2
B iPVix rs			27.65	-.54	-35.0
BarrickG	20		18.90	+.21	+7.2
BasicEnSv			27.90	-.39	+76.8
BerkHa A	...	16	193040.00	+640.00	+8.5
BlkHillsCp	1.56	25	58.54	-.43	+11.5
BlackBerry			11.40	+.46	+53.2
BrMySq	1.44	28	47.92	+.06	-9.8
BrownFA	1.16	34	92.16	-.72	+24.9
BrownFB	1.16	31	94.09	-.13	+24.5
CBS B	48	21	63.93	+.54	+.3
CBS Outd n	1.48	...	32.66	+1.26	+10.7
CVS Care	1.10	20	76.84	+.31	+7.4
Cameron	...	24	69.03	+.15	+16.0
Caterpillar	2.80f	19	110.14	+.68	+21.3
Celestic g	...	18	12.42	-.02	+19.4
CntryLink	2.16	...	36.59	+.09	+14.9
ChesEng	.35	24	29.31	+.70	+14.2
Chevron	4.28f	13	131.39	+1.49	+5.2
Chicos	.30	22	16.87	+.11	-10.5
Cimarex	.64	27	144.58	+3.79	+37.8
Cisco	.76	17	25.44	+.37	+14.3
Citigroup	.04	11	47.38	-.04	-9.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ClayEng	...	58	133.04	-1.98	+62.3
CocaCola	1.22	23	41.95	+.01	+1.5
ColgPalm	1.44	30	69.65	+.15	+6.8
Comcast	90	20	54.73	+1.42	+5.3
ConAgra	1.00	42	30.56	-.08	-9.3
ConchoRes	...	50	147.88	+3.38	+36.9
ConocoPhil	2.76	14	85.80	-.24	+21.4
CrackerB	4.00f	19	99.86	+.24	-9.3
CrosTim	2.71e	13	33.38	-.27	+13.5
DCP Mid	2.98f	41	55.33	+.69	+9.9
DTE	2.76f	18	75.42	-.55	+13.6
Dataram h			2.93	+.02	+12.5
Dawson	.32	40	27.78	-.17	-17.9
DeltaAir	36f	3	36.96	+.52	+34.5
DevonE	.96	20	79.40	+1.26	+28.3
DrxSCBear	...		14.56	-.04	-14.2
Disney	.86f	22	87.22	+1.36	+14.2
DowChm	1.48	14	51.20	+.21	+15.3
EMC Cp	46f	21	26.69	+.26	+6.1
EOG Res s	.50	27	116.56	+.58	+38.9
EmpDist	1.02	15	25.03	-.05	+10.3
Energen	60	37	88.38	+1.77	+24.9
EngyTsfr	3.74f		56.61	+.39	-1.1
EnPro	...	67	72.91	-.33	+26.5
EntPrPt	2.84f	27	77.71	+1.26	+17.2
Ericsson	46e		11.68	-.04	-4.6
ExterranH	.60	28	43.98	+.23	+28.6
ExxonMbl	2.76f	11	103.55	+.72	+2.3
Facebook		85	64.97	+2.21	+18.9
FordM	50	11	17.43	+.32	+13.0
ForestOil		20	2.40	+.15	-33.5
FMCG	1.25	15	39.04	+.30	+3.5
GATX	1.32	17	66.51	+.24	+27.5
GT AdvTc	...		16.24	-.28	+86.3
GabMultT	.88	...	10.04	-.01	-19.1
GAInv	2.10e	...	37.02	+.17	+5.2
GenElec	.88	20	26.32	-.05	-6.1
GenMotors	1.20	20	37.97	+.39	-7.1
GtPlainEn	.92	16	26.28	-.12	+8.4
Groupon	...	...	6.58	+.30	-44.1
HalconRes	...	...	7.14	+.21	+85.0
Hallibrtn	.60	24	70.67	+1.01	+39.3
iShBrazil	1.55e	...	48.46	+.71	+8.5
iShJapan	.17e	...	12.13	+.08	-.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShChinaLC	.71e		37.97	-.18	-1.0
iShEMkts	.71e		44.18	+.25	+5.7
iS Eafe	2.23e		68.18	+.22	+1.6
iShR2K	1.48e		116.49	+.15	+1.0
IntegrysE	2.72	21	69.28	-.28	+27.3
Intel	.90	17	30.89	+.10	+19.0
InterDig	80f	41	47.00	+.22	+59.4
ItauUnibH	51r		14.58	+.41	+18.3
JPMorgCh	1.60f	14	56.02	+.26	-3.6
JohnJn	2.80f	20	106.04	+.32	+15.8
KimbClk	3.36	20	113.06	+.57	+8.2
KindME	5.52f	34	81.81	+1.08	+1.4
KindMM	5.52t	49	77.97	+.65	+3.1
Kinross g			4.35	+.13	-.7
LegacyRes	2.38f		31.32	+.27	+11.2
Lubys	...	...	5.45	+.08	-29.4
MktVGold	19e		27.15	+.69	+28.5
McDnlds	3.24	18	101.07	+.98	+4.2
Merck	1.76	39	58.55	+.38	+17.0
MeritMed	...	34	15.04	+.07	-4.4
MexcoEn		49	7.42	+.31	+7.5
MicronT		11	32.89	-.24	+51.2
Microsoft	1.12	16	41.67	-.11	+11.4
Molycorp			1.88	-.38	-66.5
Nabors	16	62	29.26	+.11	+72.2
NatGrid	3.48e	...	74.77	-.14	+14.5
NOilVarco	1.84f	15	84.50	+1.36	+17.9
NewLead rs	...		.10	-.03	-100.0
NokiaCp	.51e		7.54	+.14	-7.0
NvMAd	.80a	...	13.19	+.03	+8.5
NvPMI	.86	...	13.44	-.01	+8.6
NuvPI	.86	...	13.42	-.01	+8.8
NSTFI3	.63a	...	13.78	-.06	+7.0
NTXQI	.70a	...	14.25	-.02	+10.9
OcciPet	2.88	14	101.95	+.07	+7.2
Oi SA	.14e	...	.73	-.01	-54.2
Oracle	.48	17	40.26	-.30	+5.2
ParTech	...	...	4.10	+.10	-24.8
ParkDrl	...	25	6.65	+.03	-18.2
PattUTI	.40	31	34.98	-.05	+38.2
PennaRE	.80	...	19.33	+.19	+1.8
Prmian	1.06e	14	14.18	+.05	+10.3
Petrobras	.46e	...	14.98	+.51	+8.7
Pfizer	1.04	17	30.05	-.10	-1.9
PioNtrl	.08	...	226.04	+2.03	+22.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Pixelwrks	...	...	8.73	+1.13	+81.1
PlainsAAP	2.58f	25	58.25	+.45	+12.5
PwShs QQQ	1.30e	...	94.96	+.70	+8.0
Praxair	2.60	23	132.41	-.37	+1.8
PrmEgy	...	16	63.76	...	+26.3
ProctGam	2.57	22	81.67	+1.11	+.3
RangeRs	16	62	84.67	+.60	+.4
RiteAid		43	7.32	+.05	+44.7
Rowan	40	16	31.47	-.02	-11.0
RoyDShllA	3.76f	11	82.28	+.26	+15.4
SpdrDJIA	3.58e	...	169.58	+.74	+2.5
S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	197.12	+.88	+6.7
SabnR	4.05e	15	58.82	-.17	+16.3
SanderFm	.80	12	99.76	+.65	+37.9
SandRdge	...	...	6.97	...	+14.8
Sapient	...	26	15.73	-.13	-9.4
Schlmbrg	1.60	22	116.98	+.21	+29.8
SigmaAld	.92	25	102.31	+.29	+8.8
SiriusXM	...	56	3.35	-.01	-4.0
Smucker	2.32	20	106.60	-.06	+2.9
SPDR Fncl	.35e	...	22.80	+.06	+4.3
SP Util	1.47e	...	42.87	-.12	+12.9
SunEdison		...	23.06	+1.42	+76.7
SunocoL s	1.39f	33	45.93	+.43	+21.7
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	22.42	-.15	+28.6
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	16.99	+.20	+4.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Tesoro	1.00	18	59.00	+.77	+.9
TherapMD			5.01	-.46	-3.8
3M Co	3.42	21	144.68	+.12	+3.2
TimeWarn	1.27b	16	72.41	+1.66	+8.3
Torchmrk s	.51	14	55.11	+.13	+5.8
TriContl	.68e	...	21.06	+.07	+5.4
21stCFoxA	25	22	35.91	+.81	+2.1
Twitter n		...	38.06	+.65	-40.2
TylerTech	...	75	90.27	...	-11.6
UBWV	1.28	18	32.17	+.13	+2.3
Vale SA	84e	...	13.95	+.18	-8.5
ValeroE	1.00	9	49.28	+.11	-2.2
VangEmg	1.11e	...	44.17	+.26	+7.4
VerizonCm	2.12	11	48.90	+.14	-.5
VulcanM	.20	62	64.92	+.62	+9.3
Walgrn	1.26	24	71.95	+.83	+25.3
WellsFargo	1.40f	13	52.19	-.06	+15.0
WstnRefin	1.04	17	40.01	+.02	-5.7
WhitingPet	...	17	80.98	+.88	+30.9
WmsCos	1.70f	70	57.86	+.22	+50.0
XcelEngy	1.20	16	31.64	+.03	+13.2
Xerox	.25	13	12.47	+.27	+2.5
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8,298.17	6,237.14	Dow Jones Transportation	8,244.75	+43.91	+.54	+11.41	+28.94
576.98	467.93	Dow Jones Utilities	559.28	-.18	-.03	+14.01	+14.60
11,334.65	9,246.89	NYSE Composite	11,005.50	+42.34	+.39	+5.82	+17.82
4,485.93	3,475.39	Nasdaq Composite	4,419.03	+27.57	+.63	+5.80	+25.51
1,985.59	1,627.47	S&P 500	1,972.83	+9.12	+.46	+6.73	+19.38
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21,108.12	17,280.03	Wilshire 5000	20,903.70	+95.01	+.46	+6.08	+19.41
1,213.55	1,007.17	Russell 2000	1,173.81	+1.66	+.14	+.87	+15.03

TODAY: Sunny High: 94 Low: 74

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 91 Low: 74

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 94 Low: 74

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 97 Low: 74

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 97 Low: 75

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 98 Low: 73

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 94 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 74 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

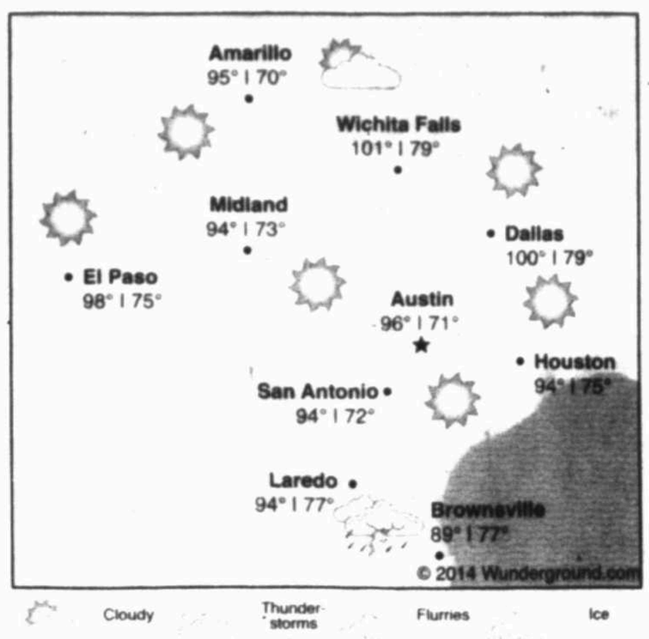
Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 91 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 74.

The high on Wednesday reached 94, while the low dropped to 71. The record high for July 9 is 104 set in 2009. The record low is 56 set in 1979.

National forecast

Drenching showers and gusty thunderstorms will stretch from the mid-Atlantic coast to the interior South and southern Plains on today. A stationary front will separate hot and humid air over the Deep South from warm but less humid air over the Midwest and interior Northeast. High pressure will settle over the Great Lakes, while spotty storms occur in the Deep South.

In the West, spotty storms will develop over the Southwest, the result of a buildup of humid air originating in Mexico.



Precipitation

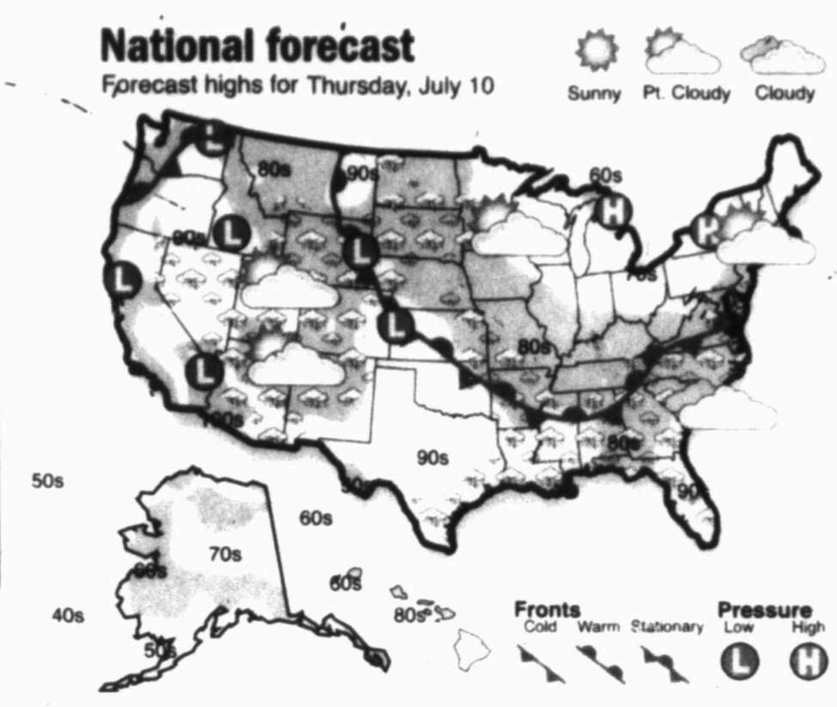
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
Year total	3.64 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.59 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	94
Low	71
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:51 a.m.
Sunset	8:57 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, July 10



Woman thinks bride-to-be's friendship worth the cost

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My best friend is getting married and asked me to be her maid of honor. She has also asked me to buy an expensive dress, host a lavish shower I'm afraid I can't afford and plan a destination bachelorette party. The cost will be exorbitant.

On top of this, she has asked me to be her "cover" when she lies to her fiance about where she is. She has admitted to me that she has cheated on him, and I think she's doing it again.

I know it's not my place to question her or tell her what to do, but this has made me hesitant to commit financially to her wedding. Should I talk to her about this? I don't want to lose my best friend, but I also don't want to put my money on the line for someone who isn't being honest. — DRAGGING MY HEELS IN NEW YORK

DEAR DRAGGING YOUR HEELS: Do not question your friend or tell her what to do, but DO convey to her that you can't function as her maid of honor because you can't afford the cost. And the next time she asks you to cover for her, tell her you no longer want to be a party to deceiving her fiance because you're having trouble looking him in the eye.

Your best friend sounds like a piece of work, and if it costs you the friendship you won't have lost much. This girl lacks both judgment and character, and you'll be better off to distance yourself. Both of you should mingle with people with whom you have more in common.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know where to start so I will just plunge in: I have five kids by five different men. I am not a terrible person. I have a job, take care of my babies and am working toward a degree. But sometimes I feel like the ultimate loser. I get judged all the time. I'm so ashamed of the choices I have made in life. Will it ever be better? — 5 KIDS, 5 DADS IN OREGON

DEAR 5-5: You will see an improvement as soon as you stop beating yourself up over the choices you have made. No one can change the past. All we can do is learn from our mistakes and make a conscious decision not to repeat them. And as to those who judge you, they should judge not, lest they, too, be judged.

DEAR ABBY: My husband thinks we should snuggle up and sleep together even when we're sick. I think it's common courtesy to keep a respectable distance from loved ones and to clean up after yourself when you have a "bug" that is communicable. I need to stay as healthy as possible to keep up with the needs of our child, the housework and my job while my husband is sick. Your thoughts? — MARRIED TO A MAN-CHILD WHO NEEDS A MOMMY

DEAR MARRIED TO A MAN-CHILD: Your husband may think I'm heartless, but I agree with you. While he may "need" you emotionally, his rational self should accept that with a child in the house and the demands of your job, you need to stay well and functional.

His tissues, meds and a pitcher of water should be by the bed. There should be a wastebasket for his tissues. He should wash his hands before touching anything, and you should use hand sanitizer liberally. You should sleep elsewhere. The "cuddling" can wait until he's no longer contagious.

P.S. And don't forget to sympathize.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Timing!

Both vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9
♡ 10
♢ A K Q 3
♣ A K 8 7 3

WEST
♠ 7 5 3
♡ A 8 3
♢ 8 7 4
♣ J 10 9 5

EAST
♠ K J 10 2
♡ K J 9 7 6 2
♢ 9
♣ Q 4

SOUTH
♠ 8 6 4
♡ Q 5 4
♢ J 10 6 5 2
♣ 6 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1	Pass	2	Dbl
Pass	3	Pass	3 *
Pass	4	Pass	5
Pass	Pass	Pass	

*Cue bid, forcing, tell me more

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

South was anxious to see the dummy, but he was pleased with what he saw. North had done well with his massive hand and the contract was reasonable.

West shifted to a low spade at trick two. Considering East's opening bid and West's opening lead, the spade king was sure to be offside. South played the nine from dummy, losing to the 10. East shifted to the nine of trumps, won in dummy with the ace and declarer continued with the trump king. When trumps failed to split 2-2, South started on clubs. He cashed the ace and king, then ruffed a club in hand.

A heart was now ruffed on the table, followed by another club ruff, establishing the long club. Declarer could ruff his last heart in dummy, but he could not return to hand to draw the last trump and drifted down one.

This contract could have been made with careful timing. South was correct to draw two rounds of trumps, but the second round should have been low to his jack. A heart ruff on the board would come next and he could then start on the clubs. Ace, king and a club ruff as before, but note the difference in timing. Declarer could now ruff his last heart with dummy's trump king and then ruff a club back to hand. The long club would be established and he would be in the right hand to draw the last trump, shedding the queen of spades from dummy.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 10, 2014:

This year you might naturally over-indulge and dote on others. When you reverse gears, which will happen at times, you could receive a snub or anger. Look at the monsters you could be creating. If you are single, others are drawn to you. If you are attached, you could opt to split from your daily life as often as you can to go off together alone. CAPRICORN needs security just as you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You easily could toss an associate into a tizzy, as he or she does not understand what you are doing. This person will approach you directly in his or her time. A family member means well. You are far more optimistic because of the support you get from your immediate circle. Tonight: Think weekend plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could be questioning the value of a certain relationship in your life. Is this a phase or long term? You cannot be sure just yet. Listen to another person's thoughts, but stay noncommittal if need be. You speak your mind as much as you can. Tonight: Your words seem to turn a situation much more in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You are full of information, and others seem to recognize that fact. Many of your callers seek out your thoughts as well as what you know. Let your ingenuity break through any problem that appears. Use care with spending. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are still in a very fortunate phase where the unexpected seems to fall in your favor. Be willing to express your true needs. A family member could be cantankerous. You see a situation involving funds as awkward. Tonight: Clear out errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your more playful side emerges when dealing with a difficult child or loved one. A friend means well and asks valid questions, even if you feel uncomfortable. Another person's generous nature could make you feel rather uncomfortable. Tonight: Help lighten up another person's mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Your sensitivities often take you to strange places, which might be difficult to discuss. You have a lot to consider involving your finances. Take charge of a problem and handle it. Your imagination helps you zero in on what you want. Tonight: Happily heading home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You will defend yourself vigorously if attacked or perceive that you were attacked. You feel cared about in a domestic situation and/or with family. Try to meet your expectations rather than those of others. Curb a tendency to overindulge. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Don't take an unnecessary risk with funds. You could be reading more into a venture than really is there. You could be quite angry at someone's intervention or nosiness. Establish stronger boundaries with this person and perhaps others. Tonight: Pay bills first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be surprised by another person's energy as exhibited in a meeting. Be smart, and don't try to control anyone. Just let everyone else be. Your intuition is right-on about a partner or joint financial matter. Tonight: Getting into the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You could sense a situation is building that you would prefer not to deal with. You might need to make an appointment with a doctor or dentist. The unexpected revolves around family and/or home. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Pace yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Friends nearly always surround you. Today a friend could dominate a situation more than you might like. Let this person see the interaction as you do by sharing more openly. Use your energy to accomplish what you must. Tonight: Be impulsive!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might not be in a position where you can be frivolous. You often strive to make a certain impression. Do not take down months of hard work with a moment of silliness or craziness. Maintain a perspective. Creatively postpone some fun. Tonight: Follow your pals.

BORN TODAY

Writer Alice Munro (1931), theologian John Calvin (1509), newscaster David Brinkley (1920)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Limo rider
6 Skilled
11 Old map letters
14 Smetana's "The Bartered Bride," e.g.
15 Super Mario World dinosaur
16 Own, to Burns
17 Like him or her
19 Morticia's cousin
20 Roman sun god
21 Bon __
22 Years in Madrid
23 Campfire remains
26 Cleaning tool
28 Easily perturbed
30 Reagan/Carter debate catchphrase
34 Disney film based on Chinese folklore
35 Steed's partner
36 Giant thing in a kids' game
37 Problem with pictures
38 Neeson of "Taken"
41 "Dead Souls" novelist Gogol
43 Summation symbol in math
44 Fail completely
47 Mobster's code of honor
48 Bart, to Homer
49 __-Mex
50 "Alice" diner
51 Nonetheless, briefly
54 "Oedipus __"
56 Completely
57 Weakening, in a way, or what 17-, 30- and 44-Across are literally doing
62 Inconclusive result
63 Edmonton skater
64 Gladiator's venue
65 Row
66 First name on a historic B-29
67 Long and lean

DOWN

1 Base bed
2 Bk. before Philippians
3 Hawaiian ring
4 Messes up
5 13, to many
6 Sailor's agreement
7 Temporary quarters
8 Canadian gas brand
9 Occasions for shooting stars?
10 Its chemical symbol is Sn
11 Illuminate, with "on"
12 Zen enlightenment
13 Certs ingredient
18 Sneaky tactic
22 Like cherubs
23 Alternatives to tellers, briefly
24 Close
25 "Light in My Darkness" author
27 Grapefruit cousin
29 Singer Carly __ Jepsen
31 Slender swords
32 Like some legends
33 Columbia garb
37 Add gradually to a cycle
39 Gallic girlfriend
40 Tailless feline
42 Young fox
43 Dakar is its capital
44 __ paste
45 Bloomer of bloomers fame
46 __ of plenty
52 Radiant ring
53 Hershiser of ESPN
55 Ad come-on word
57 Angst
58 Portfolio holding, briefly
59 Egg layer
60 Octopus defense
61 Bit of Senate dissension

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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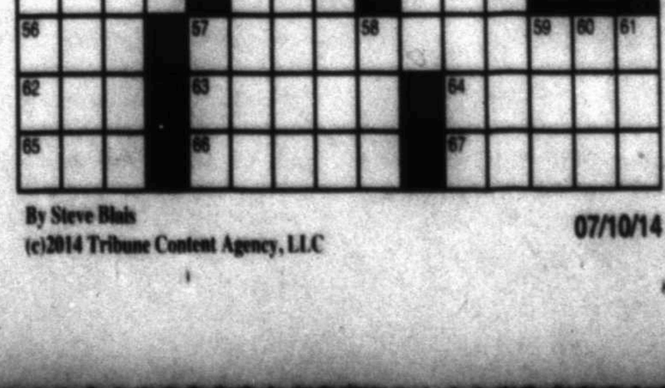

By Steve Blah
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Approaching the end of the road

Associated Press

Brazil soccer fans cry as they watch their team lose 7-1 to Germany at a World Cup semifinal match on a live telecast inside the FIFA Fan Fest area on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Tuesday.

Brazilians struggling to explain loss

By Tales Azzoni
Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Brazilians are having a difficult time trying to fathom how it all went wrong so quickly against Germany in the World Cup semifinals.

With the humiliating 7-1 loss still very raw for Brazil supporters, players struggled to find explanations for the country's worst ever World Cup defeat.

Brazil conceded four goals in a seven-minute span and trailed 5-0 at halftime on Tuesday, and never had a chance to mount a comeback at the Mineirao Stadium.

The dream of playing a home final at the Maracana was obliterated, and players knew they were going down in history for the wrong reasons at their home World Cup.

"We are still trying to understand what happened," right back Daniel Alves said. "I guess it's football. In six minutes you can be eliminated and that's what happened to us."

Germany scored its first five goals by the 29th minute as Brazil's defense self-destructed, shocking the crowd at the Mineirao and everyone else watching on television.

"It was a tough day," Brazil defensive midfielder Luiz Gustavo said. "We started well, with everybody doing what they were supposed to be doing, but then all of a sudden we conceded the goals."

Tuesday's result equaled the margin of its previous worst defeat — a 6-0 loss to Uruguay in the South American championship in 1920. It was the worst World Cup loss ever in numbers, and probably nearly as heartbreaking as the home defeat in the 1950 tournament, the so-called Maracanazo.

"It's difficult to explain," Oscar said. "I don't know what to say. All we can do is apologize. Nobody expected this."

Left back Marcelo added: "We were in shock about what happened. We were going through our worst day and they (the Germans) were going through their best day."

Although no one was making excuses, Brazil played without star striker Neymar because of an injury and captain Thiago Silva because of a suspension.

Silva said it was "almost impossible to explain what happened. It wasn't the Brazilian national team that we are used to seeing."

Bernard, who took Neymar's spot in the starting lineup, said "nothing went our away. It was atypical."

Brazil now has to play the third-place match on Saturday in Brasilia against either Argentina or the Netherlands.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said she was "very, very sad" after the loss. Pele said it showed that "football is a box of surprises."

"Nobody in this world expected this result," Pele posted on Twitter, already looking forward to the 2018 tournament. "We'll get the sixth title in Russia. Congratulations to Germany."

But many of the Brazilian players won't be back in Russia to try to rebound from the historic home defeat. Only seven players will be 30 years or younger in 2018 — Marcelo, Luiz Gustavo, Paulinho, Willian, Neymar, Oscar and Bernard.

"We know this will be remembered for a long time," veteran defender Maicon said.

Striker Fred, who struggled the entire tournament and was loudly jeered when he was replaced in the second half on Tuesday, said "our lives will be marked by this."

Germany delighted, astonished by Brazil rout

By Geir Moulson
Associated Press

Associated Press

German soccer fans celebrate after their team won the World Cup semi final being played in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, between Germany and Brazil at a public viewing event called 'Fan Mile' in Berlin on Tuesday.

BERLIN — Germans awoke on Wednesday to discover the 7-1 demolition of Brazil in their World Cup semifinal was not a delightful dream but a scarcely believable reality.

The front-page headline in the country's biggest-selling newspaper, Bild, read simply: "7-1. No words for it!"

The paper dedicated the next six pages to pictures of the Germany players scoring and celebrating, and marked veteran striker's Miroslav Klose's record-breaking 16th World Cup goal by offering readers a poster of "Miro Klose, Football God!"

When it finally got to words, it declared the team "immortal" and wrote: "This 7-1 is worth as much as a title."

Germany legend Franz Beckenbauer, who won the World Cup as both player and coach, tweeted: "What was that? Hard to believe."

The Sueddeutsche Zeitung broadsheet joined in the chorus of disbelief with the online headline: "Seven-one — is that really true?" And even the sober Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung daily added: "Unthinkable, inconceivable, incomprehensible."

United States coach Juergen Klinsmann, who coached Germany to third place when the country hosted the World Cup in 2006, wrote on Twitter: "The best German performance ever in a World Cup!! Simply fantastic!! Now get the Cup JOGI and TEAM!!"

Germany coach Joachim Loew, widely known as Jogi, was Klinsmann's assistant in 2006.

German President Joachim Gauck's office said Wednesday that both he and Chancellor Angela Merkel would travel to Rio de Janeiro for the final against Argentina or the Netherlands, who were to play in the other semifinal.

The chancellor was also in Brazil for Germany's opening match against Portugal last month, which it won 4-0.

Merkel's spokesman, Steffen Seibert, congratulated the team on what he said was "certainly an evening of football history."

"All our fingers are crossed, including the chancellor's," he told reporters in Berlin.

"What a game!" Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said via his ministry's Twitter feed, adding: "Thanks to the great Brazilian hosts."

ZDF public television, which broadcast the semifinal against Brazil, said an average 32.57 million people in Germany — which has about 80 million inhabitants — watched the match. The channel said that was a record for a German TV program.

Wet weather in much of the country during the match Tuesday night didn't dampen fans' spirits, with thousands still turning out to watch the match at Berlin's outdoor fan mile.

"It's the best that can ever happen, that Germany scored seven times. This hasn't happened since a long time," German fan Tamara Beck said.

"It's too bad for Brazil that they didn't win in their own country, but it is not our fault," she said.

Germany's biggest World Cup win since an 8-0 rout of Saudi Arabia in a 2002 group-stage match was greeted by honking car horns as the final whistle blew shortly before midnight local time.

World Cup entangled with Middle East conflicts

By Barbara Surk
Associated Press

BEIRUT — With the World Cup in faraway Brazil coming at a time of unprecedented sectarian violence and soaring tension in the Middle East, some Arab football fans have been reduced to watching matches in secret or even — and this is where it gets complicated — on a TV channel owned by Israel.

Since the World Cup kicked off three weeks ago, Sunni Muslim extremists have seized territory in Iraq and Syria and declared an Islamic state. Lebanon has been hit by a spate of suicide bombings. Israelis and Palestinians were pushed to full conflict after the murders of four teenagers. Egypt's political divide grew wider as hundreds of people charged with supporting the ousted Muslim Brotherhood group were convicted of terrorism-related crimes — including three journalists for Qatar-owned Al-Jazeera network.

Many accuse the Doha-based network of editorial bias in favor of the now banned Islamic group in Egypt and of Sunni insurgents fighting Shiite-dominated governments in Syria and Iraq.

Qatar's media conglomerate owns broadcasting rights to the World Cup in the Middle East, charging viewers from $110 to $320 for a three-month subscription that includes the 64 World Cup matches — a tournament that should have been a welcome escape for millions of football fans.

Most fans can't afford to pay for the satellite broadcasts of the World Cup, which was previously shown around the region on state free-to-air channels. Some Egyptians refuse to subscribe to Qatar's channel for political reasons.

Watching a recent match in a cafe in downtown Cairo, 21-year-old student Mohammed Mostafa said his family is boycotting Al-Jazeera and instead tunes in to an Israeli channel that has been broadcasting the World Cup for free, with commentary in Hebrew — a foreign language to most Arabs.

"My parents refuse to give money to the Brotherhood," Mostafa explained.

That kind of attitude has outraged officials in Egypt, where state media has lashed out at Israel by saying it has opportunistically barged into the Arab broadcasting market.

"Israeli media penetration into the Arab community is more devastating than its missiles," said Mohammed Shabana, the director of Egypt's Sports Writers Association. But he also criticized Qatar, saying the oil-rich Gulf state should have dismantled Israel's plot to win over Egyptian fans, and offered a subsidized deal to the Cairo government that would air the World Cup to its citizens for free.

Israel "is our biggest enemy," Shabana said. "If the only way (to avoid Israel's channel) is to give money to Qatar, then we should do it."

For Raaouf Sobhy, a cafe owner in Cairo's upscale Heliopolis district, choosing which channel to watch was a simple decision.

"I hate Qatar more than Israel," Sobhy said. "I don't think Israel is harming us as much as Qatar."

In south Lebanon near the frontier with Israel, some turn on the Israeli broadcast, even though Israeli TV channels have been banned since 2000 when Israel withdrew its troops following 18 years of occupation. Israel's arch enemy, the Shiite militant group Hezbollah, dominates south Lebanon and its fighters have fought on the Syrian government side. Qatar is not popular there, though, because of its support for Sunni rebels in Syria.

In the village of Ein Ibil, a man watching the Israeli channel with Hebrew — a language he does not understand — commentary blasting away said he neither cares about the ban nor the country broadcasting it to him.

"I just want to watch the game," he said on condition of anonymity for fear of harassment. "You don't need subtitles to watch football."

Israel welcomed viewers in neighboring countries, saying it was part of the Jewish state's diplomatic outreach to the Arab World.

Ofir Gendelman, a spokesman for the Arabic Media in the Israeli Prime Minister's office, posted on his official Facebook page a dictionary of Hebrew soccer terms translated into Arabic.

"Reactions were mixed, but a lot of people appreciated the gesture," Gendelman said. "I do find it fascinating that millions of Arab viewers are now watching the World Cup on Israeli TV while learning soccer terminology in Hebrew."

Few would dare tune into an Israeli channel in Syria, where Israel remains the primary enemy despite a raging civil war which pits predominantly Sunni Muslim rebels against the forces of President Bashar Assad, who belongs to a sect in Shiite Islam. As residents of the capital enjoyed a temporary lull in mortar attacks during the World Cup, fans seem to ignore the fact that Qatar — a country on top of Assad's black list for supporting the opposition — owns the tournament broadcasting rights that were obtained in Syria by two private companies.

There has been no World Cup viewing in public in Raqqa, a city in eastern Syria under control of a Sunni extremist group that considers most TV stations to be heretic, an opposition activist, who goes by the name Abu Ali, said in an interview over Skype. At home, the activist said, some have watched World Cup matches on a Turkish channel.

In the Iraqi capital Baghdad, fans have shunned cafes as a World Cup viewing option. Cafes have become favorite targets for Sunni extremists of the armed group that has declared an Islamic state in northern Iraq and in eastern Syria as it advances to Baghdad, the seat of the Shiite-dominated government.

Back in the West Bank, Palestinians flipped onto Hebrew-language channels to watch the World Cup, despite escalating violence in Gaza.

Hudaifa Srour, who lives in the West Bank village of Naalin, said most people don't care what language the commentators are speaking.

ARGENTINA

From 1C

Many of Argentina's players stripped off their shirts in the rain at the Itaquerao Stadium and danced in front of their fans.

Argentina, a two time World Cup winner, reached its fifth final, and its first in 24 years. It won the title in 1978 and 1986 and lost the championship matches in 1930 and 1990. It played West Germany in both the '86 and '90 finals.

The Netherlands, which has never won the World Cup, was seeking to reach its fourth final.

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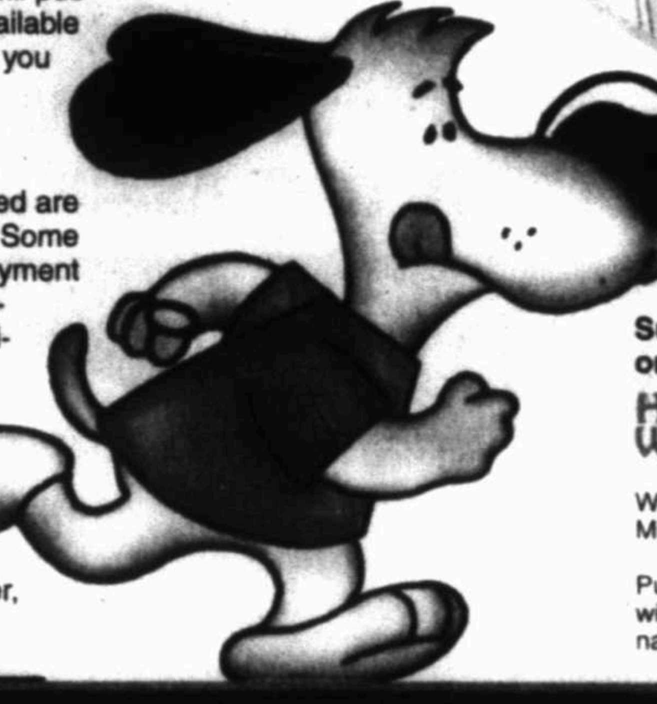
Please check your ad the first day it appears, and, if you find a mistake, please call our office at 682-6222 so we can correct the error immediately. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. If an error does occur, you can choose to rerun your ad once for free, or we'll gladly refund the cost of the portion of the ad affected by the error. If an ad is inadvertently omitted, we will assume liability up to the cost of the ad itself – consequently, we will publish your ad in our next available edition or refund the price you have paid.

Rate charges are determined at the time of placement. All ads accepted are subject to credit approval. Some classifications require payment in advance. Credit applications are required for business accounts.

We welcome suggestions or comments.
Please call:
Jeri Houston,
Advertising Sales Manager,
687-8894.



DEADLINES:

WORD ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	5p.m. Prior Day
Saturday	12p.m. Friday
Sunday	5p.m. Friday
Monday	5p.m. Friday

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PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Wednesday	3p.m. Monday
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Tuesday	3p.m. Friday

HAPPY ADS

Surprise your child, parent, or special friend with a Happy Ad!

Happy Birthday! Congratulations! Welcome Home! Graduation Day!

We'll help you design something unique and publish it in the Midland Reporter-Telegram Classifieds...whatever the occasion!

Publish a special memorial to mark the passing of a loved one with an "In Memory Of" ad. Include a poem, prayer, and/or the names of all who care. Also, express your appreciation to everyone who brought food, sent flowers, or was there for you when you needed them most with a "Card of Thanks." We'll help you design a respectful, thoughtful ad.

Ads containing art or photos need to be in our office 2 working days before the ad is to be published and we ask that you pay in advance.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RUTH HALLMARK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters testimentary were issued in the Estate of Ruth Hallmark, deceased, in cause no. P17817, now pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, on April 29, 2014, to Robert Karl Hallmark, whose address and post office address is 5008 Hilltop, Midland, Texas 79707. All persons having claims against said estate now being administered are hereby required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated May 8, 2014

Robert Karl Hallmark independent executor of the Estate of Ruth Hallmark, deceased

Classified CAN 682-6222

Legal & Public Notices

ALPHA CRUDE CONNECTOR, LLC ANNOUNCES SUCCESSFUL OPEN SEASON, PROJECT APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THE ALPHA PIPELINE PROJECT AND INITIATION OF A SECOND OPEN SEASON

Tulsa, Okla.-(BUSINESS WIRE)-Alpha Crude Connector, LLC ("Alpha") today announced a successful open season for the Alpha Crude Connector Pipeline (the "Pipeline" or the "System"), a new FERC regulated, crude oil transportation pipeline to be located in Lea and Eddy Counties New Mexico and Culberson, Loving, Reeves and Winkler Counties, Texas. Having received sufficient binding commitments, Alpha's owners have determined to proceed with the Pipeline.

The Pipeline will have the capacity to accept over 100,000 barrels per day of crude oil from numerous lease tank batteries and other field receipt points and a truck terminal in the northern Delaware Basin. Shippers will have the ability to deliver crude through the System to multiple downstream pipelines and a rail terminal, providing access to local refineries, Cushing and the US Gulf Coast. The Pipeline is projected to be in service in the second half of 2015

Second Open Season

Alpha intends to conduct a Second Open Season to explore obtaining additional binding long-term acreage or long-term volume commitments for this new crude oil transportation System. The Second Open Season will provide an additional opportunity for interested shippers to secure long term transportation commitments for certain capacity rights at competitive rates. "We are pleased to launch a Second Open Season for the Alpha Crude Connector Pipeline", said Dave Presley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Frontier Energy Partners, LLC. All interested parties who signed a Confidentiality Agreement for the First Open Season are automatically entitled to receive information relative to the Second Open Season.

Second Open Season Process

The Second Open Season is scheduled to begin on July 2, 2014 and end on November 4, 2014. All bids must be submitted to Alpha by 5:00 pm, Central Standard Time, on or before November 4, 2014. Certain additional information regarding the Pipeline and the Open Season can be found at www.frontierenergyllc.com. All requests for Open Season documents, presentation of bids, and other correspondence should be directed to:

Mindy Stephens
Vice President of Supply and Marketing
(918) 388-8403
mstephens@frontierenergyllc.com

Alpha Crude Connector, LLC
c/o Frontier Energy Partners, LLC as Manager
4200 E. Skelly Drive
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Tulsa, OK 74135-3256
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Disclaimer

This notification along together with any and all documents related to the Second Open Season is provided for informational purposes only. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this notification, any related agreements and any other documents related to the Second Open Season are not intended to constitute, nor shall they be construed to constitute, an offer or any binding obligation whatsoever on Alpha to proceed with the potential Pipeline project contemplated by the Second Open Season until Alpha has countersigned and delivered a fully executed Committed Shipper Agreement (as defined in the Open Season Procedures) to an interested party. Alpha reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, terminate or extend the Second Open Season, in whole or in part, at any time and without advance notice, including without limitation, any ensuing discussions with any recipient of any documents related to the Second Open Season. Alpha further reserves the right to modify or supplement any of the documents associated with the Second Open Season without notice.

Under no circumstances shall Alpha or any of its members or any of its or their affiliated companies or any of its or their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, advisers and representatives be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by any recipient of any documents associated with the Second Open Season or any other liability incurred by any such recipient in connection with any investigation or evaluation of the Pipeline project.

Legal & Public Notices

MOTOR MPO POLICY BOARD Meeting

Date: July 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
Place: Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
9601 Wright Drive
Midland, Texas 79706

The Policy Board of MOTOR MPO will meet to discuss the following: Status update on a draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan; approval of an amendment to the 2010-2035 MTP regarding FM 1788. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.

Notice of Application for Commercial Disposal Well Permit

Wichita Water LLC (P.O. Box 848, Levelland, Texas 79336) is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by injection into a porous formation **not productive of oil or gas.**

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the **San Andres / Glorieta formations, Roadrunner 349 SWD Lease Well No. 1.** The proposed Roadrunner No. 1 disposal well is located **9.7 miles southwest of Tarzan, Texas** in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in **Martin County.** The waste water will be injected into San Andres/Glorieta strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately **4670 to 6660 feet.**

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas ' Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal & Public Notices

West Coke County Hospital District
Robert Lee, Texas
Request for Qualifications

Construction Manager at Risk Services

West Coke County Hospital District (DBA Robert Lee Care Center) is currently seeking renovation construction services to renovate the existing East Wing Resident Unit and associated nursing support functions. The District will be using a construction manager at risk process that incorporates a guaranteed maximum price for the work. The project is estimated to include approximately 5,347 gross square feet in the existing nursing home.

The District intends to select a limited number of submitted companies for personal interview. Those firms who successfully advance to the second step of the selection process will be advised by August 25,2014 and asked for further detailed information. Companies with experience in the cost-effective construction of nursing homes and related elder care facilities are encouraged to respond.

The Request for Qualification statement will be available as of July 22,2014. Statements of Qualification shall be received by 5:00 PM, Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Robert Lee Care Center to be eligible for consideration. All qualified submittals must be delivered by hand, courier or mail. Electronic and fax submittals will not be accepted. West Coke County Hospital District Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to accept any or all proposals, and to waive all technicalities.

Request for Qualification is available by contacting Walter Curry via email at or by phone at (325) 721-2794.

General Announcements

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Lost & Found

FOUND German Shepherd near Cuthbert & A Street (Duck Pond) on 07/04/14. Call 432-559-4325 to identify

SMALL BLACK & white dog found at the intersection of Bluebird & Midkiff. Possible Boston Terrier mix. Extremely friendly & loving. 432-689-9949

LOST JULY 4th in Greenwood 14 year old small female solid black Corgi mix. Losing hair on tail, front leg turned in due to Arthris. Call 432-413-3700

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

BMW 2009 328i, silver with black leather, 64k miles, clean, garaged, new brakes, premium package, great car! $15,500. Call or text 432-528-2686

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Passenger Cars

NEW TODAY!
BMW 2011 328i. Loaded. White w/tan leather 46K miles, warranty to 55K miles or 2/15. Extended warranty available. All maintenance performed by BMW. One Owner. Perfect condition. $24,000 432-413-7618

CHEVROLET 2002 Corvette 44k miles great condition $21k obo 432-631-8691

LINCOLN 2006 TOWNCAR 50K miles. Immaculate condition. $11,500 432-230-6675

Fax It.. 682-6999

Passenger Cars

MERCEDES 2009 CLK350 v6 34K miles power everything sunroof black on black. Great gas milage. Call anytime 432-557-5744

TOYOTA 2013 Corolla S with only 13,400 miles for sale!!! $17k 432-559-4625

TOYOTA 2013 Tundra 16k miles like new TSS Package custom wheels and tires 3" lift kit. $36,000. Call 432-638-4581

WANTED!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs FREE pick-up 432-685-4078

Passenger Cars

FOR SALE black 2001 Mercedes SLK 320 Roadster. 65,000 original miles. $10,000. Retract convertible hardtop, shiftable 6 speed auto, 3.2 L fuel injected V6, RWD, factory wheels, AC, AM/FM/weather band, telephone options, remote CD changer, electric & heated leather seats, woodgrain trim, electric windows, carpet & mats, wind screen, original documentation & service history, excellent condition, sold as is. Call Jerry 432-853-9992

PONTIAC 1999 Trans am. Great condition, leather. T-Tops. 90k miles. 55k on motor. New clutch, tires and brakes. American racing wheels. JL audio system. Pioneer flip out touchscreen. MODS ls6 intake ls6 oil pump dual valve springs forged rods and pistons. ARP head studs and main bolts. 243cc ported and polished heads. hooker headers and exhaust. 3.73 gears. ms4 cam, short throw shifter. Jacob 432-553-7963. Asking $10,000

TOYOTA 2007 FJ Cruiser with 103,491 miles on it. We are selling because we are having another kiddo and have outgrown this vehicle. It's in great shape with low mileage tires. Please call Derrick at 432-556-5836 with questions. Sorry but we WILL NOT FINANCE. Thanks for looking!

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEASE LAND

On the 22nd day of July, 2014, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at a Regular Session of the Commissioners Court of Travis County, Texas, in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Travis County Administration Building, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, the Travis County Commissioners Court will open sealed bids for and may award an oil and gas lease in the following described real property, to-wit:

Tract 53 of the Travis County School Land, Survey, Abstract No. 254, as recorded in the Plat Records of Throckmorton County, Texas, at volume 2, page 16, and the Deed Records of Throckmorton County, Texas, at Book 60, page 73, specifically, Tract 53 which consist of Three Hundred Twenty (320) acres of land more or less.

All bids must be submitted to and received by Cyd V. Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent, P. O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767, located on the Eighth floor of the Travis County Administration Building, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, on or before 11:00 o'clock a.m., on the 21st day of July, 2014. Interested parties should contact Jason G. Walker, Purchasing Agent Assistant, Travis County Purchasing Office, P. O. Box 1748, Austin, Texas 78767, (512)-854-4562, to obtain bidding instructions and the County's standard oil and gas lease form.

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to loan documents executed by Oil Flats Leasing, L.L.C. ("Leasing") and by reason of the occurrence of events of default thereunder, Commercial State Bank, Midland, Texas, intends to sell as a foreclosing secured party, the office equipment and furnishings of Leasing to the highest qualified bidder or bidders at a public sale by live auction. A list of the specific items of collateral to be sold in public to the highest qualified bidder or bidders at the sale can be obtained from David Terry, Vice-President, Commercial State Bank, at (432) 550-0700 or d.terry@csbandrews.com. The property will be available to be previewed at 3110 Elkins Road, Midland, TX 79705 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on July 30, 2014. The auction will be conducted live at 3110 Elkins Road, Midland, TX 79705 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Midland, Texas time on July 30, 2014. Any questions about registration and inspection of the property, bids, participation, or bidding should be directed to David Terry, Vice-President, Commercial State Bank at the number and e-mail address stated above.

Dated: July 7, 2014.

By: /s/David Terry
David Terry, Vice-President
Commercial State Bank

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Bookkeeper/ Office Manager

Independent Oil & Gas Company seeks Bookkeeper/ Office Manager. Requires updated computer skills & experience in Quickbooks, Mircosoft Office & Excel. Must be knowledgeable in all phases of Oil & Gas Office Administration. Revenue Accounting, AFE's, JIB's, AR,AP & Division Orders. Must be reliable, self motivated, highly organized, have ability to resolve problems, & able to run modern office equipment. Looking for a take charge type personality to keep books, handle banking duties, organize & maintain filing systems, provide end of month reports, and work with companies CPA in tax preparation matters. Ideal candidate will be performing these duties presently. This will be a single person office and all resumes & inquires will be held in strict confidence. Salary package is DOE. Submit resume and any questions to MSDGBK@AOL.COM.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Admin Assistant

Covenant Testing Technologies seeking an Admin Assistant. Must have good computer skills. Experience with purchase order & filing paper work a plus. Full time hourly position. Contact Francisco Corral at FCorral@ctest.com or call 903-393-9188

Medical Transcription

Need Medical Scribes ASAP Medical Scribe Systems is hiring real-time transcriptionists aka "scribes" to work in the emergency department at a hospital in Midland,TX. Perfect job for students or anyone wanting to begin a healthcare career. Great exposure to clinical environment. Apply online at scribejob.com and an MSS recruiter will contact you for an interview.

Secretary

Secretarial position for oil field company. Experience with Excel, Adobe & Microsoft. Please send resume & salary requirements to P-120 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver

Animal Krackers FT/PT

Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Paid vacations & holidays. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Jarina at 432-687-4000.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Flowback, Well Testing & Drill Out Operators

K and B Oilfield Services, inc. is now hiring experienced flowback, well testing, and drill out operators. Apply online at: kandboilfieldservices.com.

PRODUCTION FOREMAN

Lario Oil & Gas Co., Wichita, KS, is seeking a **PRODUCTION FOREMAN** for its Western Kansas District near Garden City, KS. 5-10+ yrs oilfield experience. Having knowledge of downhole equipment is necessary. Familiarity with regulatory requirements & administrative duties related toward production. Well site supervision a plus. High School diploma or GED. Computer & strong communication skills. Submit resume to: **Production Foreman LARIO OIL & GAS CO. P.O. Box 1093 Holcomb, KS 67846**

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Nursing staff to fill the following Positions:
· 2pm-10pm Nurses · CNAs all positions · Housekeeping
$1,000 Sign on BONUS Apply in person.

Medical Assistant

Advanced Neuroscience Clinic FT

Hiring FT Medical assistant, bilingual preferred. Experience preferred **Bilingual Preferred**. Email your resume to: Irma@brainanc.com or Call Irma. 432-570-9991

MIDLAND SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.

is **expanding** our practice and seeking **experienced** candidates for the following positions to complement our team. All candidates must be able to work independently and possess excellent communication and patient skills.

RECEPTIONIST / MEDICAL RECORDS

LVN / MEDICAL ASSISTANT

PART TIME RN'S

BILLING AND COLLECTIONS SPECIALIST

Benefit package includes PTO, Health, Life and AFLAC insurance coverages, and 401-K
Office Hours M-F 8:30-5:30
Fax resume to: 432-697-1061 or email joann@msa.bz

NOW HIRING FULL-TIME-OPTICIAN

Sales and/or customer service experience required. Great hours and benefits Send resumes to **texascountryeyecare@gmail.com** or **2200 W Wadley Ave #22 Midland, TX 79705**

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Hiring All Positions

For our New **Holiday Inn Express I-20**, Midland, TX: **Assistant General Manager, Front Desk Manager, Front Desk Agents, Executive Housekeeping Manager, Night Auditors, Housekeeping, Houseman, Breakfast Host/Hostess, Maintenance**. Please E-Mail resumes to careers@insigniamgmt.com. FAX resumes to 432 699 0979 or stop by 4410 N. Midkiff RD Suite D-212 to pick up application.

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Maintenance

Now hiring **Maintenance** position for **SpringHill Suites**, Midland, TX. Please apply in person: **5716 Beauville BLVD Midland, TX**

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

INTERNET

Web Site Designer

Immediate opening, experience necessary in Design. Full time. salary based on experience. Apply at 306 E. 2nd St., Odessa or send resume & portfolio if available to clintgolden@yahoo.com

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR NEEDED in Midland, Tx

Experience not necessary but would be a plus; will train. Must be 21 years or older with mature judgment and clean criminal history. Video experience helpful; computer skills needed for reports. Must have dependable transportation and cell phone. Beginning pay $20/hr or more DOE. **Call Finley Investigations & Security at 432-561-5660. (License #C09211/7500 N CR 1294, Midland, TX 79707)**

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Bartender & Waitress

Fast Freddy's in Midland is now looking to fill several bartender & waitress positions. Bartenders must have at least 1 year experience. Apply in person at 4310 W. Illinois Suite 210. Ask to see Dustie or Brian

OTHER JOBS

Caters & other positions

Great Western Dining at Midland College now hiring: Full & Part Time Caters, must have good driving record, neat appearance, & good customer service. Will Train. Also hiring for other positions. Apply at the Jack E. Brown Dining Hall, Monday-Thursday 8am-2pm

Woolley Tool Inc.

Woolley Tool Inc. serving the Oil & Gas industry since 1933. Now excepting resumes to fill these positions: **Fishing Tool Supervisor, Dispatchers, and Outside Sales**. Experience is required. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance, and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 903-984-3556 or email to accounts@wftool.net (also cc:tevans@wftool.net).

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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Integra Plastics, is now hiring for our new facility in Midland. Integra Plastics is a well-established company of 23 years, with an aggressive growth plan. Integra Plastics core business is in the fabrication and conversion of plastic sheeting into covers, liners, and protective membranes. We are currently hiring for the following positions:

Production Manager: Oversee management of all areas of Manufacturing to produce products and direct activities so that products are manufactured on-schedule and within quality standards and cost objectives. 5 years supervisory or management experience in manufacturing environment.

Production Operators: We are looking for individuals that have a stable work history, good attendance and are quality conscious. Pit liner welding experience is a plus, but not required.

Maintenance Technician: 5+ years experience in electrical and mechanical systems. Knowledge of hydraulics, pneumatics, AC drives, PLC's, temperature controllers and bearing chain drive systems.

All full-time positions with Integra Plastics offer a competitive salary, 401K plan, Dental Insurance, Health Insurance, Holidays, Vacation, and Flextime.

To learn more about our company and complete an application: visit our website at www.integraplastics.com (you may find applications in the Company tab)

Please email resumes to mstubkjaer@integraplastics.com

Please mail applications to
Integra Plastics
Attn: Michelle Stubkjaer
500 12th St. SE
Madison, SD 57042

Machinist Trainee

D & D Machine looking to hire a full time machinist trainee. No experience necessary, willing to train. Ability to do basic math necessary. Benefits include: 2 weeks Paid vacation after one year, 401K, sick leave, and paid medical insurance. For more information, please contact 432-561-9429 or apply in person at 12001 CR 125 West, Odessa, TX 79765

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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ACCOUNTANT:

Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., a publicly-traded oil and gas company in Midland, Texas is seeking a Revenue Accountant. Excel proficiency a must. Experience in the following areas also helpful: Horizon operating systems and COEX. Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico severance tax reporting. This position demands an energetic individual who is conscientious, accurate and reliable. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Non-smoking environment.

Please mail resume to: hr@claytonwilliams.com.

No phone calls or agencies please.

Now Seeking: Executive Director

KEEP MIDLAND BEAUTIFUL, a well established local non-profit organization needs full time ED with good communication skills and love of community. Great opportunity and benefits. Send resume to **KMB@keepmidlandbeautiful.org**.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Cashier and Counter Help

Now hiring full & part time help. Cashier and counter help. Competitive wages. Apply in person at Michael's Charcoal Grill. 723 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas

Host, Bus Staff & Servers

The Garlic Press is hiring Host, Bus Staff and Servers.. Flexible hours. Great work environment and benefits.
Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield. 11-2 only

KITCHEN MANAGER

Tilted Kilt Restaurant- Midland. Exciting new position. 3 -5 years experience in high volume restaurant. Energetic computer savvy individual. Growth, advancement, and excellent salary. Benefits and profit sharing to the right candidate. Email resume to **msalgado@tiltedkilt.com**.

RETAIL JOBS

RETAIL MANAGER

Wally's Party Factory is looking for a fun, energetic assistant **RETAIL MANAGER**. At least one year of retail management experience is required. Must love parties, Halloween, and helping customers. Email resume to **HRGroup@erwindistributing.com**

SALES JOBS

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Immediate opening experience necessary in Design, Photoshop, PC Comp, must have working knowledge of Adobe CS2 (Design Illustrator, Photoshop) Word & Excel is plus. Full time, salary based on experience. Apply at 306 E. 2nd St,Odessa or send resume to clintgolden@yahoo.com.

Route Sales Reps

Schwan's Home Service. Now Hiring for Route Sales Reps. We are looking for High Energy Individuals with good work ethics. $40K starting salary. $60K+ potential. Full Benefit pkg. No CDL req'd. Please apply online at www.schwansjobs.com and/ or call 432.634.8724 Keyword: Odessa. EOE

Sales

ClearTalk Wireless is hiring for sales representative in our Midland market! Candidates must be aggressive, possess excellent communication skills and offer great customer service. Entry level positions AVERAGE 30K with excellent benefits; management positions depend on experience. Commissions and bonuses possible so you can control the size of your paycheck! Send your resume to kburrus@flatwireless.com

CLEARTALK wireless

SALES POSITION

Motorcycle sales, good hours, great pay & benefits. Apply @ Golden Suzuki Honda, 306 E. 2nd St,Odessa.

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply

SKILLED LABOR

Electrician Apprentice

Immediate opening for an **Electrician Apprentice SIGN-ON BONUS!** Please call 432-697-4439, leave message

Equipment Technicians

Air Drilling Solutions FT

Equipment Technicians needed: Responsible for assembly and maintenance of products in support of services. Rebuild used or faulty surface and downhole equipment. Operate crane and forklift. Downhole/hardband experience a plus. Must be mechanically inclined and a team player. Please contact 432-218-4709 or apply within at Air Drilling Solutions at 1517 E. County Road 120, Midland, TX. 79706

Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Permian Tractor Sales seeking **Experienced Heavy Equipment Mechanic**. Must furnish own tools. Vacation, Insurance, 401K, Uniforms. Competitive pay. Apply in person **210 E 67th Odessa, TX. 432-367-8628**

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS NEEDED

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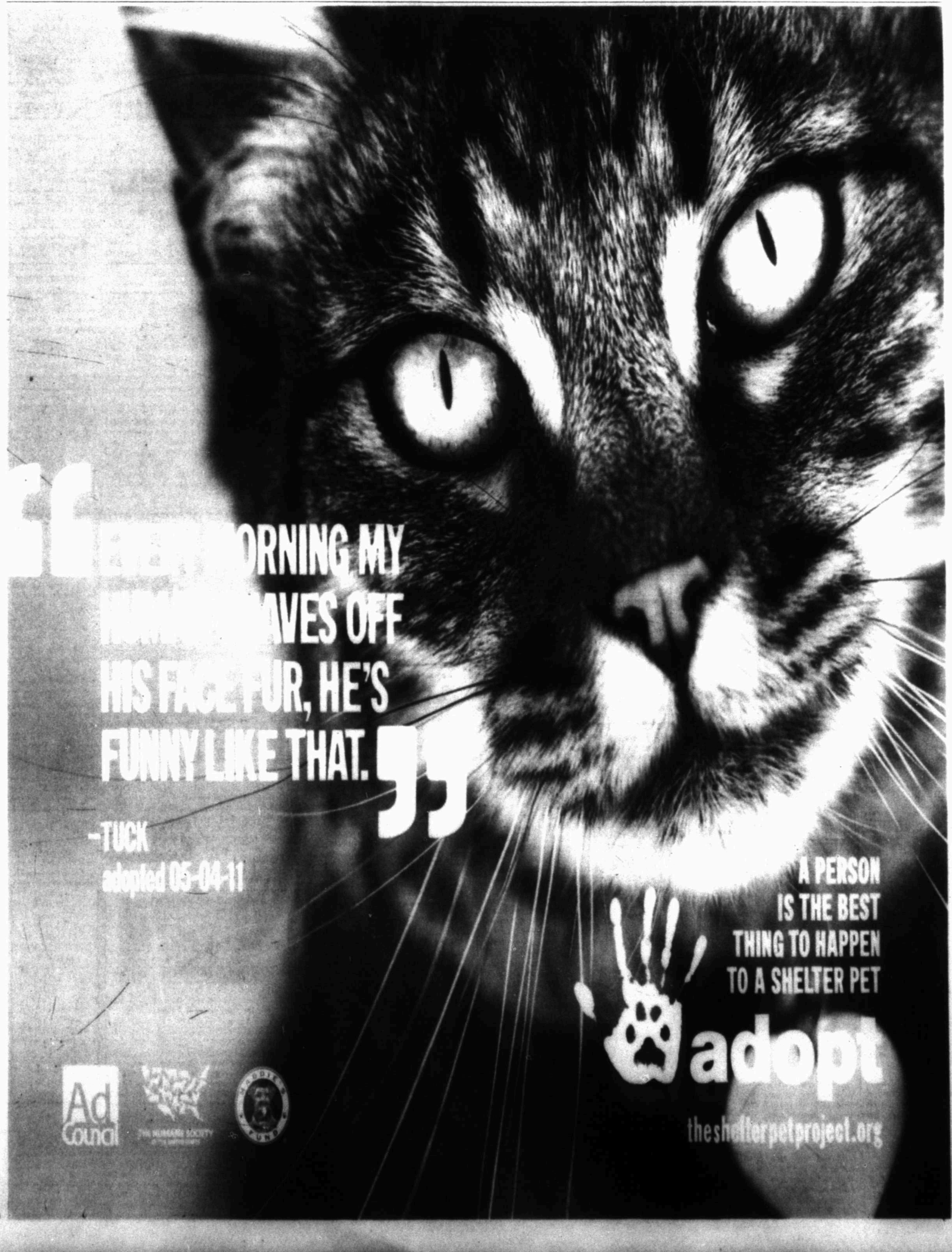

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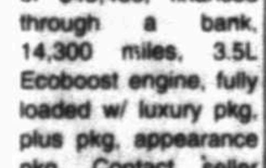

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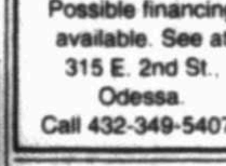

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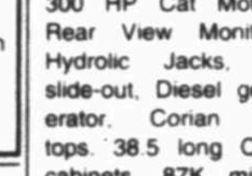

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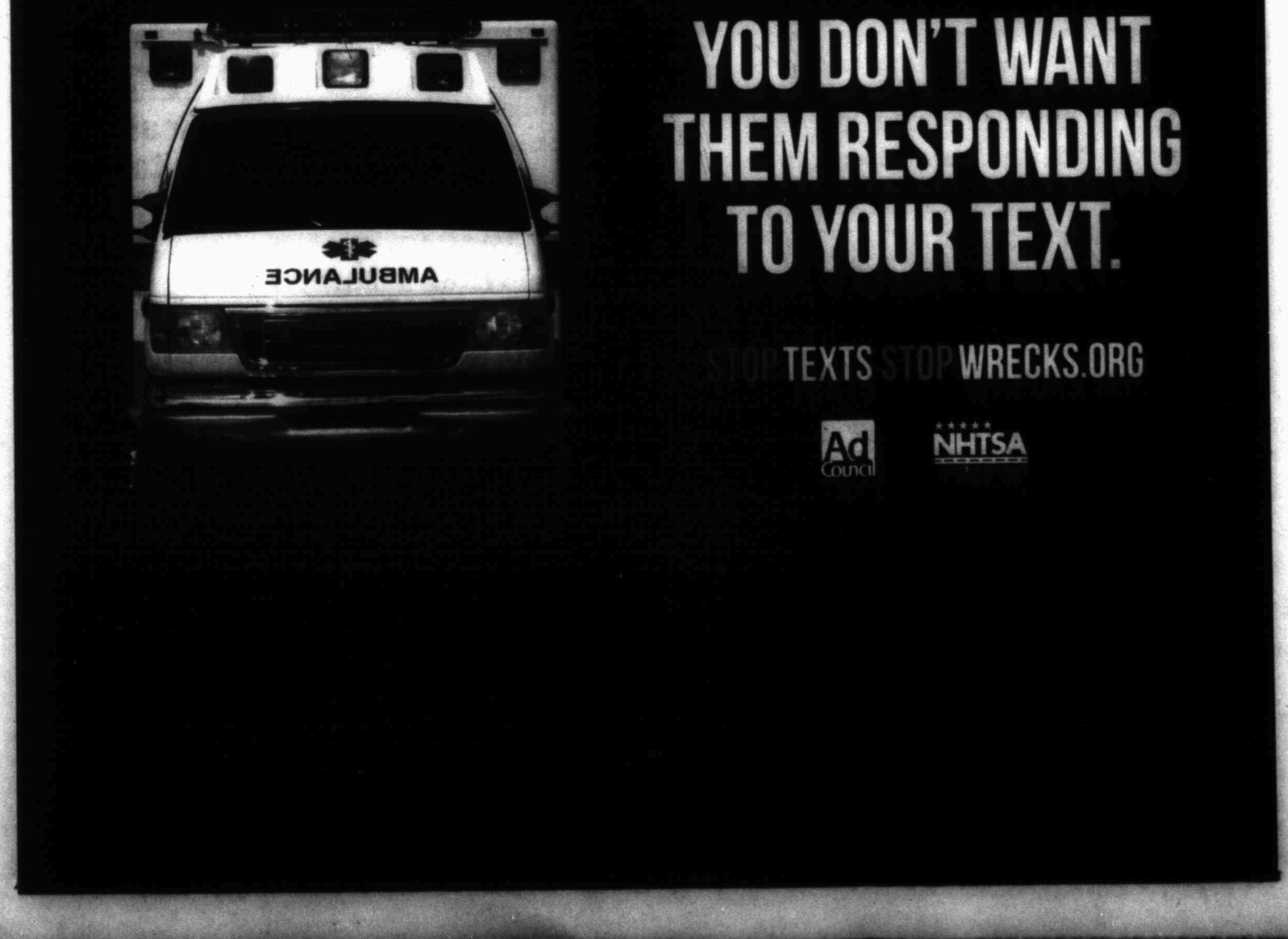

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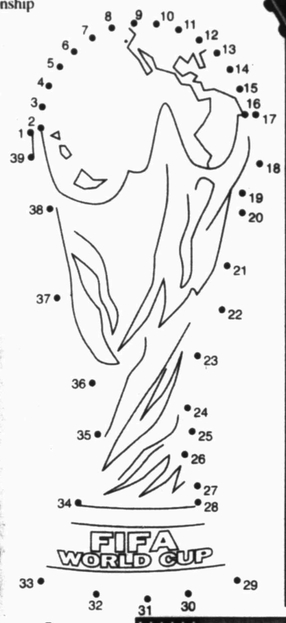
For the second time, The FIFA World Cup is being held in Brazil. **FIFA** stands for **Fédération Internationale de Football Association**. The World Cup competition is held every four years. The qualifying process started nearly two years ago with 209 teams from six continents competing. Only 32 countries compete in the World Cup Finals. The championship game will be held on July 13.

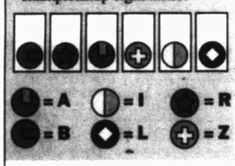
What does the World Cup look like?

The World Cup trophy is 14 inches tall and weighs 11 pounds. It is made of 18 carat gold with a malachite base. Connect the dots to see what it looks like.



Big Winners

The current holder of the trophy is Spain, winner of the 2010 World Cup. Use the code to discover the country that has won the World Cup championship eight times.



Missing Cup

The original World Cup Trophy was made for the first international competition in 1930. Thirty-six years later, the Cup was stolen, just before that year's competition.

Fortunately, it was found under a hedge. Do the math to discover who found the stolen World Cup trophy. The odd-numbered answer is the correct one.

16 + 4 + 8 =	3 + 8 =	15 + 2 – 7 =
Inspector Jacques Clouseau of France.	A dog named Pickles.	Detective Sam Spade of San Francisco.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Who competes for the World Cup?

Here are flags of just some of the 209 countries that compete for the World Cup. Unscramble the name of each country. *HINT: Use a world map for help.*

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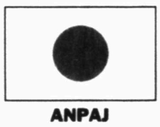
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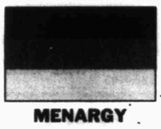
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Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cut out the various sentence sections, put them in the correct order and then glue them onto a piece of paper.

- But when the game first arrived in
- The rest of the world calls it football.
- game Americans already played here.
- wouldn't confuse it with the football
- needed a new name so that people
- That's why Americans call it soccer.
- the United States from Europe, it

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand that languages use patterns to communicate.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

COMPETING
COUNTRIES
CONTINENT
CONFUSE
MISSING
TROPHY
STOLEN
SPORTS
EIGHT
FLAGS
TIME
GAME
NAME
CUP
DOG

G	T	N	E	L	O	T	S	T	C
N	N	S	G	A	L	F	H	O	O
I	A	I	H	E	T	G	N	E	U
S	M	C	T	R	I	T	W	S	N
S	E	U	O	E	I	O	T	U	T
I	T	P	R	N	P	R	L	F	R
M	H	I	E	D	O	M	D	N	I
Y	P	N	M	P	L	A	O	O	E
Y	T	S	S	E	M	A	G	C	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

From the Kid Scoop Lesson Library

Teams in the News

Look through the newspaper for mentions of the countries playing in the World Cup championship. Are any of the participating countries having conflicts? How could the World Cup game affect these conflicts?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students use reading skills and strategies to interpret informational text.

Weekly Writing Corner

Sports Story

One time in Kerrville, TX in the middle of the night, my family and friends were playing volleyball. We were playing kids vs adults with a few adults on the kid's side. We played a couple of rounds, until it was my turn to serve. I really didn't like volleyball, but I wanted to have a fun time. So, I did an underhand serve and I did it perfectly. We kept playing and when my dad lifted up my sister, she spiked it and we won!

Gabby Estrada, 4th grade, St Ann's

I was playing baseball and it was the third inning. I threw the first pitch and it was a strike. I threw the second pitch and it was a strike as well and the batter was getting frustrated. I threw the third pitch and the batter hit the ball. Luckily, I stopped it and the ball rolled away. He was three feet away from first and I slid on my knees and grabbed the ball and threw it to first base. I got him out. The coaches were happy and everybody was cheering really loudly. Even though we ended up losing the games, it was still great!

Julian Pequeno, 4th grade, St Ann's

I am in diving. One day while I was diving I hit the board and smacked on a reverse dive. I hit the board because I hopped in. I smacked because I didn't jump. I've had some rough times in diving. Those are the times I've had.

Avery Mcquitty, 4th grade, St Ann's

One day I went to an NFL game with my mom. The stadium was huge. We got there at 6:00 pm. We went to the lobby and bought clothes for the game. Payton Manning scored seven touchdowns so Bronchos won the game! It was all because of team work.

Taylor Moralez, 4th grade, St Ann's

One day I was playing soccer against another team. When I got the ball, I slipped and the ball ended up in my face. When a girl came to get the ball, it hit my face again. I could not see for a few minutes. I was so embarrassed!

Alyssa Rodriguez, 4th grade, St. Ann's

Write On!

Healthy Habitat Ads

Select an animal and pretend it is looking for a healthy habitat. Write a classified ad for a healthy habitat for the animal you choose.

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